

Firefighters extinguish fire at single-family residence

Homeowner treated for smoke inhalation; damage estimated at \$100,000

The Villa Park Fire Department responded to a fire at a single-family home on the 1300 block of South Villa Avenue at about 2:08 a.m. on Oct. 30. The two-story home is located just south of Kolberg Court.

According to Villa Park Fire Chief Ron Rakosnik, the homeowner had a fire going in his fireplace. Rakosnik said it's possible that some combustible materials were located too close to the fireplace.

The homeowner was asleep in bed when smoke detectors activated and woke him up. Rakosnik said the homeowner tried to extinguish the fire with a bucket of water. Unable to put the fire out, he exited the home with his dog and called for help.

Firefighters responded to the scene and reported heavy fire on the first floor.

"Our people knocked the fire out pretty quickly," said Rakosnik. "The fire never got to the second floor."

The chief said that firefighters had to extensively search for hotspots because of excessive storage inside the home.

The homeowner was transported to Elmhurst Hospital, where he was treated for smoke inhalation. He was released from the hospital within a few hours. No firefighters were injured.

Rakosnik said estimated damage to the home and its contents was \$100,000. The fire left the home uninhabitable, stated the chief, who said the utilities to the home had been shut off.

The Villa Park Fire Department received assistance from firefighters from Lombard, Oakbrook Terrace, Elmhurst and York Center.



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Sister Mary Therese Krueger, originally of Villa Park, recently made her profession of vows as a Sister of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Sister Mary Therese attended St. Alexander School and Willowbrook High School. She is the daughter of Deacon James Krueger and Mrs. Ann Krueger of Villa Park. She is pictured with her parents at the celebration of her profession, which took place on Oct. 14 in Dubuque, Iowa.

Willowbrook presents its fall musical next week

The Willowbrook Theatre Department will present its fall musical—"9 to 5 The Musical"—next week. The three performances will take place on Thursday, Nov. 16, Friday, Nov. 17 and Saturday, Nov. 18. Each show will begin at 7 p.m. in the school's Doris White Auditorium.

Based on the 1980 movie of the same title, the musical comedy is set in the late 1970s and tells the story of three female co-workers. The women form a lasting friendship as they come together to take a stand against their boss—a self-centered, arrogant and chauvinistic bully portrayed by senior John DeAngelo.

Seniors Julia Cicero, Kathleen Cicero and Genevieve Corkery play the three co-workers.

"We have a tremendous group of talented young women in our theatre program, and '9 to 5' yields several female lead roles," said Willowbrook Theatre Director Regina Wathier in explaining why she selected the production. "The show also has a wonderful message that everyone

can make positive choices for themselves, and it reminds us we teach others how to treat us. It's about finding your voice, and I hope the audience leaves feeling empowered."

The musical, which is rated PG-13, has a running time of about 2 hours. There will be a 15-minute intermission.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Admission is \$3 with an Activity Pass and free for guests with a District 88 Senior Gold Card. The box office opens at 6 p.m. on the night of each performance.

For more information about tickets, call 630-782-2860, or e-mail rwathier@dupage88.net.

The Kiwanis Club of Villa Park will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser before the Nov. 17 presentation of the musical. The dinner will take place from 5 to 6:45 p.m. in the Willowbrook cafeteria. Tickets for the dinner, sold separately from the musical, are \$7 for adults, \$6 for teenagers and \$4 for children ages 6 to 12. Kids 5 and under eat for free.

Villa Park native a Presentation Sister

Sister Mary Therese Krueger, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, originally of Villa Park, professed vows of poverty, chastity and obedience as a Sister of the Presentation on Saturday, Oct. 14, in Sacred Heart Chapel, Mount Loretto, Dubuque, Iowa.

In celebration of her commitment, Sr. Mary Therese was joined at Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Rite of Profession and supper and a reception by her immediate family, a small group of friends and sisters from other congregations and her Presentation Sisters and Associates.

Scripture from the prophet Micah 6:8 was the theme for Sr. Mary Therese's celebration: Seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God. The Rev. Ross Epping, of the Diocese of Davenport, a college classmate, was the presider at the lit-

urgy. Currently of Chicago, Sr. Mary Therese is enrolled in graduate studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and is working as a physical therapist at Advocate Christ Medical Center, Oak Lawn.

During her year as a canonical novice, Sr. Mary Therese volunteered in Dubuque at Opening Doors Ministry (for homeless women, alone or with children) and Presentation Lantern Center (a drop-in center offering hospitality, educational opportunities and advocacy to adult immigrants, especially women).

The third of six daughters of Deacon James Krueger and Mrs. Ann Krueger, Villa Park, Sr. Mary Therese received her early education at St. Alexander's Catholic School and Willowbrook High School, Vil-

la Park; she earned a Bachelor in Exercise Science from St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa, and Doctorate in Physical Therapy, St. Ambrose University.

What most inspired Sr. Mary Therese to follow the call to religious life?

"I believe it was the continued journey of my faith through my parents at home, my Catholic education at St. Alexander's, youth group in high school, campus ministry at St. Ambrose University, and my young adult group after college," she shared.

"I discovered God was calling me to be the best version of myself in a place where I could live a life of service, living in community, and supported through communal prayer with the Presentation Sisters."



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Willowbrook High School seniors (pictured left to right) Julia Cicero, Kathleen Cicero, John DeAngelo and Genevieve Corkery rehearse a scene from the school's upcoming presentation of "9 to 5 The Musical." Performances take place Nov. 16, 17 and 18 in the school auditorium. Each show begins at 7 p.m.

Villa Park briefs

Musical performance at Villa Park Historical Museum on Sunday

Violinist Peter Herz and accompaniment will perform at the Villa Park Historical Museum at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12. The museum is located at 220 S. Villa Ave. The performance will take place following a brief annual meeting of the Villa Park Historical Society. Light refreshments will be served.

Donate extra Halloween candy through Sunday

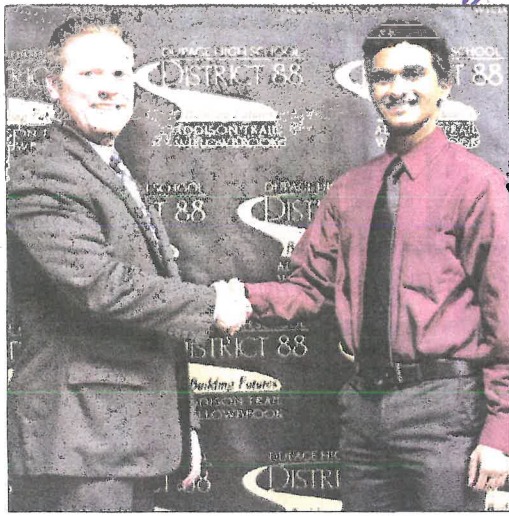
Barks and Boots, in partnership with Operation Support our Troops, is collecting excess Halloween candy to send to U.S. service members deployed around the world. Collection boxes will be available until Sunday, Nov. 12. The collection sites in Villa Park are: Pure Ambiance Salon, 5 W. Park Blvd.; Cornerstone Books, 22 S. Villa Ave.; and Ridgeway Precision Mechanical, 280 W. St. Charles Road.

Villa Park Office Equipment holds Thanksgiving food drive

Villa Park Office Equipment's sixth annual Thanksgiving food drive began last week. The drive continues through Nov. 15. Donations can be dropped off at the business's showroom at 1120 N. Villa Ave.

Kiwanis Club holds spaghetti dinner before Nov. 17 musical at Willowbrook

The Kiwanis Club of Villa Park will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 5 to 6:45 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17. The dinner will take place in the Willowbrook High School cafeteria just before the school's presentation of its fall musical—"9 to 5 The Musical." Tickets for the spaghetti dinner are \$7 for adults, \$6 for teenagers and \$4 for children ages 6 to 12. Children 5 and under eat for free. Tickets for the musical, which begins at 7 p.m., are sold separately and can be purchased in the foyer of the auditorium. Proceeds from the Kiwanis Club of Villa Park's spaghetti dinner go to special projects to help families and children of the community.



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District 88's Best for October

Willowbrook senior Taha Akhtar (right) was named his school's recipient of the 88's Best award for October. Akhtar, who is pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (left), was honored at the District 88 Board of Education meeting on Oct. 30. The district's board and administration created the 88's Best award to honor students for their achievements in and out of the classroom. The honor is presented to one student from each of the district's two schools—Willowbrook and Addison Trail—during each month of the school year. Akhtar consistently pursues the most rigorous courses available at Willowbrook. When he graduates next year, he will have completed 14 Advanced Placement (AP) college-level courses. Akhtar has been recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction. He's also been named to the Distinction Honor Roll in each of his semesters at Willowbrook. Akhtar is an inductee of the National Honor Society, the National English Honor Society and the Math Honor Society. He also serves as the historian of Willowbrook's social studies honor society—Civitas. Outside of the classroom, Akhtar is a member of Science Olympiad, Business Professionals of America, Scholastic Bowl and Econ Challenge. He also serves as secretary for the Muslim Student Association and is a volunteer at the Islamic Foundation, where he is a teacher assistant for fifth-grade students. Akhtar is in the process of applying to the University of Chicago, Yale University and Northwestern University. He plans to earn a pre-med degree and pursue a career as a physician.

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Warriors return to the state quarterfinals

Willowbrook pulls away from DeKalb to set up a meeting at Prairie Ridge

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW
STAFF REPORTER

For the second straight season, the Willowbrook football team will play in the quarterfinals of the state playoffs.

The 2017 Warriors earned a berth in the IHSA Class 6A quarterfinals with Saturday afternoon's 29-10 victory over DeKalb in Villa Park.

Willowbrook ran its winning streak to nine games with its win over the Barbs, who finished their season with an 8-3 mark. The Warriors improved to 10-1.

Willowbrook will travel to Crystal Lake for this weekend's quarterfinal showdown with undefeated Prairie Ridge (11-0), the reigning Class 6A state champion. Prairie Ridge advanced to the round of eight with Saturday's 17-13 win over Cary-Grove.

One year ago, the Warriors won two playoff games to reach the quarterfinals of the IHSA Class 7A level. They lost to eventual state champion East St. Louis in a quarterfinal game in Villa Park.

Willowbrook never trailed DeKalb during Saturday's meeting, which took place under cool and cloudy conditions. The Warriors took an early 3-0 when senior Betty-Ann Garrett kicked a 33-yard field goal in the first quarter. Senior Jack Jessen, who carried the ball 46 times for 213 yards and three touchdowns, added an 8-yard scoring run in the final minute of the first quarter to give Willowbrook a 9-0 lead. The Barbs blocked the extra-point attempt.

DeKalb cut the Warriors' lead to 9-7 with a 6-yard touchdown pass and the subsequent extra-point kick with about nine minutes left in the second quarter. The Barbs converted a fourth-and-10 pass play during their scoring drive.

Willowbrook marched 59 yards for a touchdown later in the period, with Jessen scoring on a 3-yard run with 1:07 remaining in the first half. The Warriors tried and failed a two-point conversion run.

Willowbrook misplayed a DeKalb



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

The Willowbrook football team advanced to the IHSA Class 6A quarterfinals with Saturday's 29-10 victory over DeKalb in Villa Park. Willowbrook, which improved its 2017 record to 10-1 with the win, will face Prairie Ridge in this week's quarterfinal meeting in Crystal Lake. One photo from Saturday's win over DeKalb shows senior Jack Jessen (No. 24-above) heading toward the end zone for his third touchdown run of the game. Junior offensive lineman Matthew Knudtson (No. 59, left) provides a block on the touchdown run. Willowbrook senior quarterback John Taylor (No. 15, background) makes the touchdown signal as Jessen heads for the goal line. Another photo shows senior receiver Sikander Zafar (No. 13-below right), who made five receptions for 114 yards. One more photo shows senior center Tyler Guerrero (below left) preparing to snap the ball.

punt in the closing seconds of the first half. The Barbs recovered the loose ball and booted a field goal to trim the Warriors' halftime lead to 15-10.

"What we did give them was self-inflicted," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth after the sec-

ond-round win over the Barbs. "We gave up a fourth and long, and we muffed a punt. We didn't have to make a ton of adjustments [at halftime]. There were some things we needed to do better."

The Willowbrook defense forced DeKalb to punt after three offensive

plays at the beginning of the second half. The Warriors pulled away from the Barbs with one touchdown in each of the last two quarters. Senior Chris Diaz delivered a 4-yard touchdown run with about one minute left in the third period. Jessen dove into the end zone for a 1-yard touchdown

drive with 9:32 to play in the game.

"I don't get tired at all," said Jessen after his busy day in the physical battle against the Barbs. In addition to carrying the ball 46 times, Jessen—a two-way starter—played linebacker on defense. An all-state wrestler for the Warriors who will attend Northwestern University on a wrestling scholarship, Jessen said his experience in that sport helps his stamina on the football field.

"It's because of wrestling, actually," said Jessen in explaining his football endurance. "The training with wrestling really prepares my conditioning. That makes me last for these football games."

"People talk about him getting stronger as the game goes on," said Hildreth of Jessen. "He's just the exact same all the time. All the regular humans get tired. We talk about the team that's tougher and wants it more is going to win. Nobody is tougher and wants it more than that kid."

While the running of Jessen and Diaz was a key factor in the win, Willowbrook also hurt DeKalb through the air. Senior quarterback John Taylor made two of his longest pass plays of the day to senior receiver Sikander Zafar, who hauled in five receptions for 114 yards.

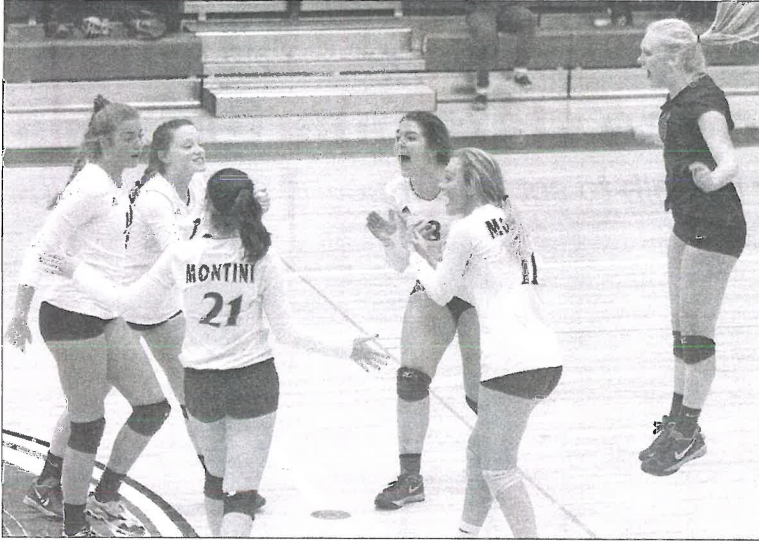
Willowbrook junior Scott Tumilty stopped DeKalb's final drive of the day when he made his ninth interception of the season with about three minutes left in the game.

"We stopped their run the whole game," said Tumilty. "Our coaches told us that as long as we did that, and played more physical than them, we'd win. Even though they had the momentum going into the second half, we knew we were going to get the win."

The Warriors will have their hands full in their quarterfinal meeting with Prairie Ridge. The Wolves went 14-0 on their way to winning the Class 6A state title in 2016.

"Every single week you have to do something to get more respect," said Hildreth. "They [the Wolves] have a very good program."





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The Montini girls volleyball team faced Chicago's Resurrection High School in last week's IHSA Class 3A sectional final at Timothy Christian in Elmhurst. The Broncos won the first game, but Resurrection won the next two games to capture the sectional title. One photo from the match shows senior Michelle Glover (No. 12-top right) celebrating after the Broncos won a point during the third game. Another photo shows (above-left to right) Junior Johanna Kingsfield, sophomore Julia Marciniak, junior Alexandra Quaglia, sophomore Tess Noonan, junior Caitlyn Meeks and junior Madeline Pickering (No. 16) after a winning point. Another photo shows Noonan (No. 8-right) keeping the ball in play. Also pictured are Kingsfield (far right-No. 14, foreground) and Meeks (No. 11, background).

So close! Broncos drop a three-game sectional battle

Bandits prevail in a match between the sectional's top two seeds

The Montini girls volleyball team's season ended with a three-game loss to Chicago's Resurrection High School in last week's IHSA Class 3A Timothy Christian Sectional final in Elmhurst. The Broncos won the opening game of the sectional final, but Resurrection prevailed in the next two games to earn a 14-25, 25-21, 25-22 victory.

Resurrection was the sectional's top-seeded team, while Montini was the No. 2 seed.

The Broncos finished their season with an overall record of 21-11.

Montini and Resurrection both advanced to the sectional final with three-game wins in the sectional semifinal round on Oct. 30. Montini edged Trinity High School 21-25, 25-23, 25-19, while the Bandits outlasted Fenwick 20-25, 25-18, 26-24.

The Broncos began the Nov. 1 sectional-title match with Resur-

rection with what head coach Steve Dowjotas described as one of their best games of the season.

"Our passing was perfect; our defense was great; our offense was great and our serving was great," said Dowjotas of Montini's opening game against Resurrection. "In game two it started sliding in the other direction. Hats off to them [the Bandits]. They started blocking better, and they started frustrating our hitters."

Montini played the final two weeks of the season without junior standout setter Joslyn Boyer, who suffered a broken toe late in the regular season. Earlier this year, Boyer committed to play volleyball at the University of Iowa, beginning in 2019.

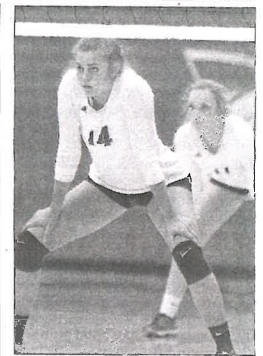
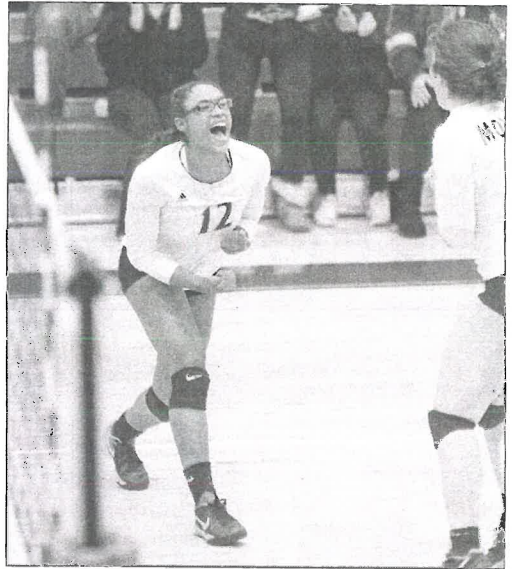
"We came in determined," said Montini sophomore Tess Noonan after the tough loss to Resurrection. "In the second game we kind of let up a little bit; they took that opportunity.

The third game was close. We just couldn't get that last bit of momentum."

The Bandits held an 8-3 lead in the third game, but Montini reduced the lead to 10-8. Resurrection continued to hold the lead for the remainder of the game. Its lead stood at 24-19, but Montini won the next three points before the Bandits closed out the match.

Two days after beating Montini, Resurrection defeated Chicago's Lat-in High School in two games at the IC Catholic Prep Super-sectional in Elmhurst. The Bandits advanced to the Class 3A state semifinals, which begin this week at Redbird Arena in Normal.

The Broncos advanced to the Timothy Christian Sectional by winning two matches to claim the regional title at Chicago's Northside College Prep High School.



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State meet competitors

Willowbrook junior Victoria Palma (bib No. 360-above right) and Glenbard East senior Katie Schaefer (bib No. 235-above left) competed in the IHSA Class 3A girls state cross country meet, which took place on Saturday at Detweiller Park in Peoria. Palma ran to a 77th-place finish in the 3-mile race, which she completed in 18 minutes, 1 second. Schaefer placed 89th with her finishing time of 18:08. Both Palma and Schaefer qualified for the state meet as individuals with their efforts at the Lake Park Sectional, which took place Oct. 28. Both runners are pictured during the sectional race. Two members of Montini's boys cross country team competed as individuals in Saturday's Class 2A boys state final in Peoria. Senior Jacob Mondschean delivered a 26th-place finish, covering the 3-mile course in 15 minutes, 20 seconds. Junior Jayden Gerlsen ran to a 60th-place showing in the race, which he completed in 15:50.



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League champions

The St. Plus X seventh-grade boys volleyball team won the DuPage Parochial League championship in its division. St. Plus defeated St. Irene in the title match, which took place at St. Francis High School in Wheaton on Oct. 28.

Not just another day at the office with Willowbrook's '9 to 5'

BY DANIELLE BRINK
DuPage High School District 88

For anyone who has ever felt out of place at work and been mistreated at the office, Willowbrook High School Theatre has a show you'll identify with — "9 to 5 The Musical."

Performances begin at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 16 to 18, at the school, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park.

Based on the 1980 movie of the same title, the musical is set in the late 1970s and tells the story of three female co-workers who form a lasting

friendship and bond as they come together to take a stand against their boss, Franklin Hart (played by senior John DeAngelo) — who's described as a self-centered, arrogant, chauvinistic bully.

The three women — Violet (played by senior Julia Cicero), Judy (played by senior Kathleen Cicero) and Doralee (played by senior Genevieve Corkery) — plan to take control of the office and, in a hilarious turn of events, end up living out their wildest fantasies.

"We have a tremendous group of talented young women in our theater program, and '9 to 5' yields several

female lead roles," Willowbrook Theatre Director Regina Wathier said of why she selected the production.

"The show also has a wonderful message that everyone can make positive choices for themselves, and it reminds us we teach others how to treat us. It's about finding your voice, and I hope the audience leaves feeling empowered."

Kathleen Cicero said it has been a fun challenge to be part of such a classic show.

"The characters are so well-known, and the movie is larger than life, so you want to fulfill the expectations of the

audience while adding your own elements as well," she said.

Genevieve Corkery added that the theme of the show is timeless and topical.

"The characters really grow and become comfortable with who they are," she said. "The lesson is to stand up for yourself and don't let others define you."

"9 to 5 The Musical" is rated PG-13. Tickets cost \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and \$3 with an activity pass, and are free with a District 88 Senior Gold Card. To buy tickets, go to dupage88.net/9to5Tickets.

If you go

What: "9 to 5 The Musical"
When: 7 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, Nov. 16 to 18
Where: Willowbrook High School, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park
Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 students, \$3 with an activity pass, free with a District 88 Gold Card
Info: dupage88.net/9to5Tickets

Run with Dodger and Fagin in Glenbard South's 'Oliver!'

BY PEG MANNION
Glenbard High School District 87

Glenbard South High School will present the classic musical "Oliver!" based on Charles Dickens' novel "Oliver Twist."

The Tony Award-winning musical has charmed audiences through the years. Orphaned Oliver is forced into an unhealthy apprenticeship of an undertaker that does not last long.

As a runaway, Oliver joins a group of thieves and pick-pockets who welcome him into their ranks. When Oliver is captured by the police for a crime he did not commit, the generous victim, Mr. Brownlow, decides to raise Oliver as his own.

However, to cover their tracks and ensure their safety, Fagin, Bill Sikes and Nancy plan to kidnap Oliver. In the end, the characters are forced to face their consciences to determine rights and wrongs. Performances begin at 7:30

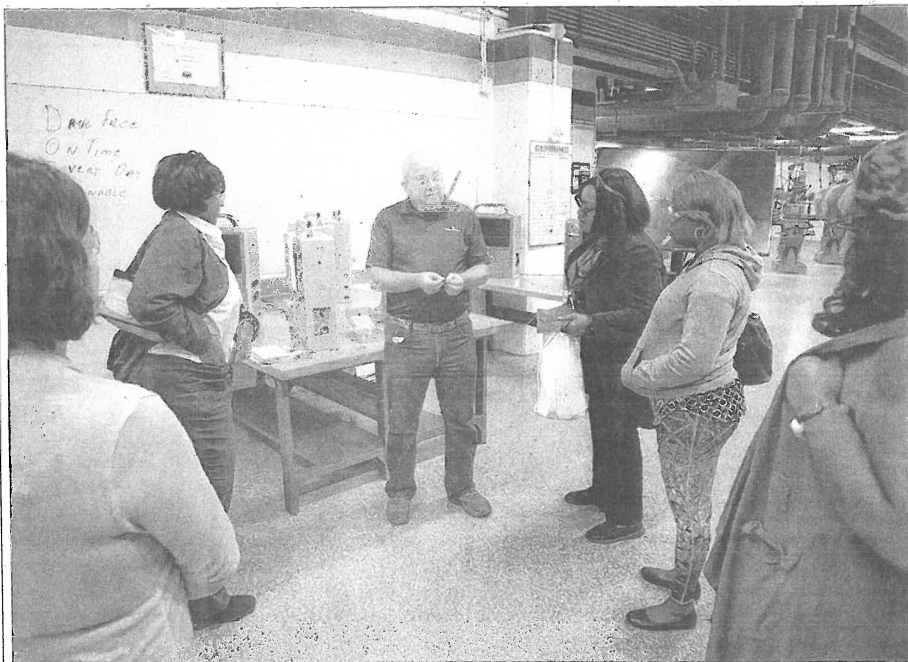
If you go

What: "Oliver!"
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Where: Glenbard South High School, 23W200 Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn
Tickets: \$10
Info: (630) 469-6500 or glenbardsouthhs.org

p.m. Thursday to Saturday, Nov. 16 to 18, at Glenbard South, 23W200 Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn.

Tickets, \$10, may be reserved at glenbardsouthhs.org or by calling Lisa Cooper at (630) 469-6500. Tickets are also available at Glenbard South before school and during lunch periods, as well as at the door before performances.

For information, contact Jessica Keuth-Rahjten at jessica_keuth@glenbard.org.



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Donna Craft Cain among 'Those Who Excel'

Pictured is District 88 School Board President Donna Craft Cain (second from left) with (from left) District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton; her husband David Cain; her daughter Rachel Cain; and District 88 Assistant Superintendent Jean Barbanente during the ISBE Those Who Excel Awards Banquet on Oct. 28.

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Opera made accessible to elementary students in Addison

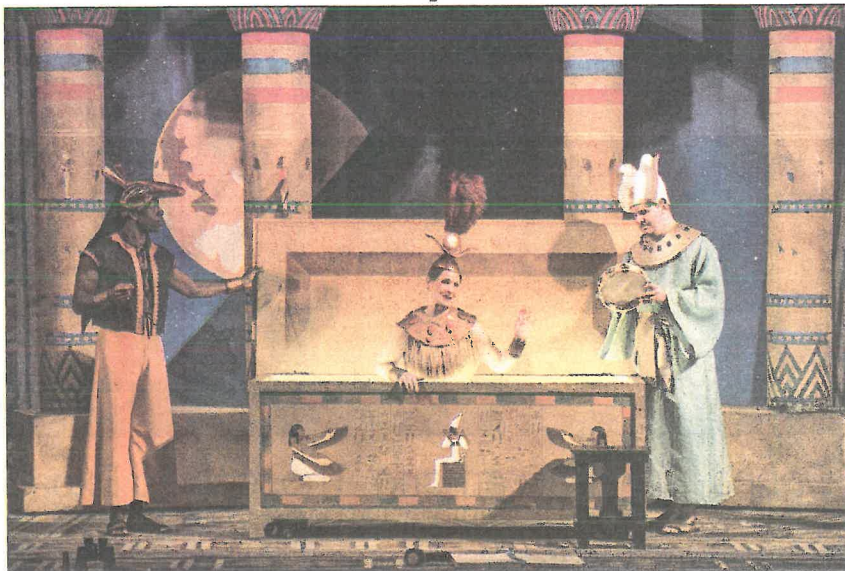
Excitement and energy filled the auditorium at Addison Trail High School as 1,894 elementary school students anticipated the production of "The Scorpions Sting" held on Oct. 26.

The Lyric Opera of Chicago's Lyric Unlimited performance is part of their "Opera in the Neighborhoods" initiative. Each student was given a guide to opera (defined as a play in which most or all of the words are sung). The age appropriate booklet called the Back Stage Pass explained details about the performance, including the cast, plot, costumes and scenery.

"The Scorpions Sting" is a delightful story that takes place in the Egyptian desert where a group of archaeology students try to find their professor who, unfortunately, has been stung by a scorpion. While attempting to find a cure to the professors wound, the group stumbles upon the Lost Temple of Isis, the ancient Egyptian Goddess of Healing and by reading the hieroglyphs the mythological story unfolds.

Addison Center for the Arts is proud to have been the first in the Chicagoland area to present the "Opera in the Neighborhoods" 23 years ago.

Since 1994, the center has presented the performances in collaboration with Lyric Opera of Chicago's Lyric Unlimited. This program is partially funded by the National Endowment for the Arts (Arts in the Commu-



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY MICHAEL BROSILOW Addison Independent

Over 1,800 elementary students were treated to "The Scorpions Sting" recently at the Addison Trail High School auditorium.

ties Grant), the Illinois Arts Council Agency and the Addison Center for the Arts.

"The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support the excellence and diversity of arts programs across the country, including organi-

zations like Addison Center for the Arts, that make the arts accessible to the students of Addison and further enhances the vitality of their community," said NEA Chairman Jane Chu.

The innovated interpretation has resonated with the youth and helps

with the mission of Addison Center of the Arts, "advancing arts in Addison."

A special thank you to Addison School District 4 for providing busing for the students and District 88 for providing the auditorium and stage crew.

China delegates visit Early Learning Center, Ardmore School

A delegation of visitors from China spent the afternoon on Friday, Nov. 10 observing students and classrooms at the Addison Early Learning Center and Ardmore School. The visitors got to see instruction in a number of different classrooms for students from age 3 to 10 (preschool through 5th grade).

District administrators shared information about the structure of the school day, class sizes, and the number of staff members. Small groups of the visitors toured the school building, getting to see examples of speech therapy, physical education, math, art, and reading classes, after which they discussed ways in which District 4's schools differ from schools in China.

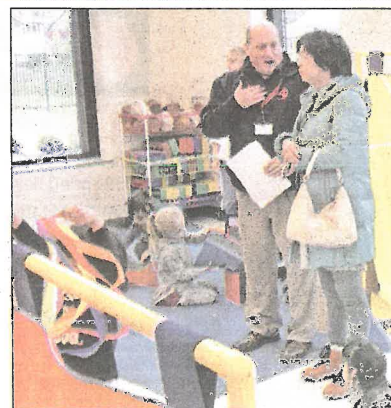


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Above: This group of students in Ms. Pelusso's 2nd grade class worked together, sorting words into lists that rhyme. It made the process of writing poetry much easier. The poems were later presented to the members of the Chinese delegation, which visited Ardmore School and the Early Learning Center on Friday, Nov. 3.

Right: Assistant Superintendent Chuck Wartman talks with a guest from the Chinese delegation on a tour of the Addison Early Learning Center's large activity room.

Left: This Ardmore 2nd grader shows her teacher Ms. Pelusso the poem she was able to put together using words written on small pieces of paper that could be moved around to arrange lines. The poems were written to welcome members of the Chinese delegation who visited Addison on Friday, Nov. 3.





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District 88 salutes veterans, first-responders

(top): On Nov. 10, Addison Trail welcomed veterans and first responders in honor of Veterans Day, Nov. 11. They are pictured with Addison Trail students who plan to serve in the military. (middle left): During the Veterans Day event, Addison Trail parent Mike Green (third from left) presented Addison Trail with a relic from the USS Arizona, a 12-by-12-inch piece of the deckhouse. This battleship that was sunk during the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. He also gave the school a copy of the book "All the Gallant Men," signed by co-author and USS Arizona survivor Donald Stratton, who is his stepfather. Green is pictured with (from left) his son Jonathan, District 88 Board of Education Member Mark Turk, his son Alec, District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton and AT Principal Michael Bolden. (middle right): Pictured are the items that were presented by Green.

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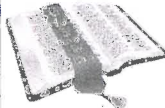
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District 88 hosts reception on Veterans Day

On Nov. 10, Addison Trail and Willowbrook High Schools welcomed veterans and first responders in honor of Veterans Day (Nov. 11).

Willowbrook hosted a breakfast for members of the Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2801 and other veterans, as well as the Villa Park Police Department, the Villa Park Fire Department and local service organizations. Participants also visited with social studies classes, and American flags lined the entryway to Willowbrook.

Addison Trail invited members of the Addison Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7446 and other veterans, as well as the Addison Police Department and the Addi-

son Fire Protection District, to a luncheon. Participants watched a video and saw a display in the media center that featured photos and items of veterans with a connection to Addison Trail or the Village of Addison.

Both schools also recognized current students who plan to serve in the military.

During those Veterans Day events, Addison Trail and Willowbrook were presented with relics from the USS Arizona (12-by-12-



inch pieces of the deckhouse), a battleship that was sunk during the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Each school also received a copy of the book "All the Gallant Men," signed by co-author and USS Arizona survivor Donald

Stratton. Addison Trail parent Mike Green is Stratton's stepson, and Green presented the items to Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden and Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause. Green also led the Pledge of Allegiance at Willowbrook.



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(top): On Nov. 10, Willowbrook welcomed veterans, first responders and local service groups in honor of Veterans Day (Nov. 11). They are pictured with WB students who plan to serve in the military. (bottom left): During the Veterans Day event, Addison Trail parent Mike Green (pictured) presented WB with a relic from the USS Arizona (a 12-by-12-inch piece of the deckhouse), a battleship that was sunk during the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. He also gave the school a copy of the book "All the Gallant Men," signed by co-author and USS Arizona survivor Donald Stratton, who is his stepfather. (bottom right): American flags line the entryway to Willowbrook in honor of Veterans Day.

by Jeffrey T. Boland
Licensed Orthodontic Specialist

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Thursday, Dec. 16 Library holds Spanish-language storytime

The Villa Park Public Library is pleased to present Cuentos en español from 6:30-7 p.m. Enjoy stories, songs, and movement activities in Spanish with us. This program is open to children ages 5 and under, accompanied by an adult. Registration is required for each session. Info: visit the library's website at vppl.info or call 630-834-

Ongoing events Gymnastics program

Parks and Recreation has announced a new gymnastics program in partnership with Tumbling Times Gymnastics, 400 Rohlwing Road. A wide variety of gymnastics classes are available for all ages and skill levels. Info: vprd.org or call 630-834-8970.

Villa Park Recreation classes for kids

Villa Park Recreation has sever-

al upcoming classes for kids to keep them busy this fall. Toddlers ages 18-36 months can participate with parents in Exploring Toddler where they'll have a great time moving and exploring colors, books, songs and other activities. Children ages 3-5 will enjoy Mad Scientists Laboratory where they will try experiments that will explode and erupt and Dino Hour, a fun-packed hour of dinosaur fun. Jugando Se Aprende ... Learn While Playing is a unique class for ages 4-6 that combines literature, art and large motor play as children learn Spanish. For specifics on these classes such as class day, time and fees, visit invillepark.com or call the Recreation Department office at 630-834-8970.

LEGO® DUPLO for younger children

All children ages 2-5 are invited to come to the library to build, play, and socialize with other kids and families at LEGO® DUPLO® Build + Play. Sessions will take place at the Villa Park Public Library on Fridays, Nov. 24, Dec. 8, and Dec. 22, from 10-10:30 a.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required for each session. For more information, visit vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Library holds Whole Foods storytimes

Storytime hits the road. Staff from the Villa Park Public Library are at Whole Foods Market Elmhurst once a month, telling stories and bring their enthusiasm for reading to share with all! Upcoming sessions will be held on Nov. 17, and Dec. 15, all Fridays, from 10-10:30 a.m. and is open to children

of all ages with an adult. Registration is not required. Info: vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Library holds storytimes at Cornerstone Books

Storytime hits the road. Once a month, Villa Park Public Library staff stops by Cornerstone Books (22 S. Villa Ave., Villa Park) to tell stories and visit the community. Upcoming sessions will be held on Nov. 27, and Dec. 18, all Mondays, from 9:30-10 a.m. Info: vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

VFW Friday Night Fish Fry

From 5:30-8 p.m. every Friday evening, the Villa Park VFW Post #2801, 39 E. St. Charles Road, holds its Fish Fry. Menu available for purchase includes fried shrimp, fish/shrimp combos, beef/sausage sandwiches, combos and hot dogs.

Widows or Widowers meeting

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of the Western Suburbs meets on the third Thursday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. Held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Road, Elmhurst. Admission: \$5. Info: (630) 620-4060 or www.cfsites.org.

TOPS meetings held on Friday mornings

Remember TOPS? Take Off Pounds Sensibly is still here helping and supporting people to lose weight. Meetings are held on Friday mornings at Grace Lutheran Church 950 S. York Road, Bensenville.

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Author shares weekend ideas at library

Author Moily Page helped program attendees answer the eternal question, "What are we doing this weekend?" at the Addison Public Library on Monday, Nov. 6. Page shared tips for planning a staycation, gave ideas for upcoming date nights, and taught about Chicago's hidden gems for the whole family to explore.

Eric Brant named new resource officer at Addison Trail

Seasoned detective hopes to be 'more than a badge' to students

A new School Resource Officer has joined the team at Addison Trail — but he's a familiar face to the community.

Addison Police Department Detective Eric Brant took on that role starting Oct. 16, and he succeeds Cristobol (Cris) Soto, who filled that position since May 2014. Brant might be new to Addison Trail, but he has been with the Addison Police Department for more than 12 years. Brant joined the police force after working in construction for 13 years. He said he always wanted to be a police officer and is thrilled to be pursuing that career.

Brant also served as a School Resource Officer at Indian Trail Junior High School in Addison School District 4 for five years and said he's looking forward to assuming that role again and having a positive impact on Addison Trail.

"My goal is to build on the strong relationship and partnerships that are already in place between the school, the students and the police department," Brant said. "I want the staff and students to view me as a resource and feel comfortable coming to me with questions and concerns."

He added he will work to gain students' trust, so they see him as more than "a badge." Although Brant's job is to enforce the law and school policies, he knows the position encompasses so much more.

"I want to be a positive light and influence for people to help them during good times and times of need," he said.

Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden said the school is thrilled to welcome Brant, and he knows Brant will continue the excellent work Soto and previous School Resource Officers have established.

"Our #1 priority is the safety and security of our students and staff, and the School Resource Officer position is one more way for us to ensure the well-being of everyone in our building," he said. "We look forward to working with Detective Brant and continuing a tremendous partnership with the Addison Police Department."



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Pictured is Police Detective Eric Brant, who is Addison Trail's new School Resource Officer.

Conroy votes for property tax freeze, expanded relief

State Rep. Deb Conroy (D-Villa Park) joined members of the Illinois House on Wednesday, Nov. 8, to pass a 2-year property tax freeze and expand property tax relief for DuPage County families and seniors.

"Property taxes in DuPage County get higher and higher every year, making our communities less affordable for so many working fam-

ilies," she said. "This bill provides some relief to the middle class and seniors while ensuring that homeowners in our community get the same property tax relief that those in DuPage County are already receiving.

Senate Bill 851 implements a two-year property tax freeze in the suburbs, including DuPage County. The bill also increases the general homestead and senior citizens

homestead exemptions to \$10,000 and \$8,000, respectively, to give homeowners additional relief. Cook County homeowners currently receive this level of relief.

"This legislation is a bipartisan effort to give homeowners a little bit of relief from unaffordable property taxes," Conroy added. "This is one step to provide relief to struggling families across the state."



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Pictured is Addison Trail physical education teacher Sheri D'Ambrose, who was honored as an Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Those Who Excel award recipient. She's pictured with AT Principal Michael Bolden.

District 88 Board President, AT PE teacher earn ISBE awards

On Oct. 28, District 88 Board of Education President Donna Craft Cain and Addison Trail physical education teacher Sheri D'Ambrose were honored by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) as recipients of the Those Who Excel Award.

That program recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to Illinois

public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools.

Craft Cain earned a Meritorious Service Award (the second-highest award level presented) in the School Board Member/Community Volunteer category, and D'Ambrose earned a Meritorious Service Award in the Classroom Teacher category.



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Youthful Addison Trail girls basketball team ready to roll

Blazers excited about returning seniors and abundance of junior talent

By Mike Miazza
CORRESPONDENT

The list of players who saw significant playing time for the Addison Trail girls basketball team isn't very long.

But that short list features a trio of key contributors for coach Rob Schader's squad, which is coming off a 2016-2017 season where it went 11-17 overall and 3-9 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action. Back for the Blazers with significant playing time a year ago under their belt are seniors Nicci Scorza (guard), Berenice Beruman (post) and Vincenza Zaccaro (guard).

"All three of them played signifi-

cant minutes last year," said Schader. Senior Sandy Herrera and junior Angelina Carreras also are back and will help the Blazers. "Sandy has a very smart basketball sense and Angelina is another player who will help us out," said Schader.

Juniors Joanna Garay, Brenda Beruman (Berenice's sister), Karime Martinez and Serena Gilliam are key newcomers.

"Joanna came up at the end of the year and ran the point for us and will be our starting point guard this year," said Schader.

"Brenda will be our backup point guard and will play significant minutes. Karime will be our sixth player

and might start for us a little bit. Serena is a post player who will start. We have quite a few juniors who will play significant minutes."

Scorza is in her third year on the varsity, while Zaccaro will be counted on for her outside shot. "Nicci will play some post and guard for sure for us," said Schader.

"Vincenza is a shooting guard who will hopefully hit some 3s for us. She plays great defensively as well." Gilliam, Martinez and Scorza will be counted on in the rebounding department. "Those three will be big rebounders," said Schader. "We are not huge, but we have some length depending on the lineup we put out

there." Schader enjoys the team's commitment to bettering its craft. "They work hard, that's one of our biggest strengths," he said.

"These are basketball kids who have come through our feeder program. This is one of the first true groups that has come through from the feeder program and we are reaping the benefits of that. They are true basketball kids."

Schader lists defense as a key component to the team's seasons. "We will have to grind it out on defense and hold teams," he said.

"We will play a lot of man and will pressure at times. We're going to play a lot of kids so that will help out. The

focus defensively is what will keep us in games."

In terms of the WSC Gold, Schader said Proviso East comes into the season as the favorite.

"Proviso has pretty much everybody back and they all are seniors," he said. "They have a couple pretty good guards. Downers South will be up there as well and Hinsdale South is not bad. They have a standout junior. Everybody else should be fairly even with the exception of Proviso and Downers. We are going to improve as the season goes on. With all the juniors playing, we are going to be a work in progress in the beginning. The good thing is they all work hard."

Lighting the lamp

Fenton's Barriga named Metro Suburban Blue boys soccer MVP after outstanding offensive performance

By Mike Miazza
CORRESPONDENT

Fenton senior boys soccer player Angel Barriga had a season to remember.

Barriga scored 35 goals and had 24 assists for a Bison team that went 17-7-1.

In doing so, Barriga earned an all-sectional nomination and was named the Metro Suburban Conference Blue Division MVP, while also receiving a certificate and patch for being named a player of the week in the month of September from the schedule and statistics website Max Preps.

"It's a pretty nice accomplishment," said Barriga of being named the conference MVP. "I definitely worked very hard for it."

Barriga said his motivation for this season was simple.

"This year is my last year," he said. "I wanted to go out with a statement. I was out to prove I was one of the best players in the state. I feel good about the season I had."

Barriga said the mental aspect of his game helped him put up the numbers he did. "My mindset helped me look forward and score goals," he

said. "I created many opportunities for myself."

But Barriga is quick to point out those gaudy numbers he put up would not be possible without the help of his Bison teammates, who he heavily praised.

"My teammates were a big factor," he said. "Without them I wouldn't have the MVP award. They were always helping me on the field and setting me up for big plays. I was able to help them as well."

Barriga said team chemistry helped Fenton rack up 17 wins this season. "What I liked the most about this team is the chemistry," he said. "We all got along on and off the pitch. We figured out together what we needed to change."

Barriga started playing the sport at the age of five. "My dad found me kicking a ball around in the yard so he put me in soccer," he explained. "I've been doing it ever since. My dad has been a big help to me. He helps me with soccer and does the best for me."

Barriga said he most definitely would like to play the sport at the next level and would like to study either business management, history or

secondary education.

"I'm really hoping to play the sport in college," he said. "I've contacted a lot of schools. Hopefully I can get into a good college. My goal is to play at a Division I school or a good Division II or Division III, but the goal always has been Division I."

Barriga, who plays for the Roadrunners club team, picked up a new sport last year when he tried gymnastics

and was part of the Fenton boys gymnastics team.

"I got into gymnastics last year and joined the team," he said. "My favorite event is the pommel horse."

Back to soccer, Barriga was asked the hard question of his favorite goal out of all the ones he scored this season.

"The best is probably against either Maine East or Maine West in the

finals of the Addison Trail tournament," he said. "I scored a goal that gave our team the lead."

And what goes through Barriga's mind when finds the back of the net?

"Happiness," he said. "Scoring a goal is excellent and I get happy and look forward to scoring the next one."

For Barriga, there were plenty of next ones this season.

AT-Willowbrook's Haake qualifies for state swimming finals

By Mike Miazza, CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail-Willowbrook girls swimming finished eighth at the recent Downers Grove North sectional with 68 points.

AT-Willowbrook junior Elissa Haake will return to the state finals meet in both the 100 and the 200.

Haake finished second in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:52.51 and also took second in the 100 with a time of 52:02.

Haake won both events last year at the sectional level to earn state berths. She will compete in the state finals meet this weekend at New Trier High School in Winnetka.

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Willowbrook's Palma focuses on improvement and reaps rewards

Cross-country and academic standout qualified for state meet this season

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Following an example of success opened Willowbrook junior girls cross-country runner Victoria Palma's eyes.

Palma cited the case study of Evanston senior runner Enyaeva Michelin.

"The Evanston girl who finished second in the state (this season) did the extra work and got down to the 16s (16 minutes)," said Palma. "She was in the 18:40s as a junior. Something like that is possible. It's possible to do that if you have a plan to work hard like that."

Palma, like Michelin, enjoyed her own improvement renaissance this fall, earning a spot in the Class 3A state finals meet earlier this month. She improved her state time 20 seconds from her sectional finish a week prior and finished in 77th place in Class 3A.

"The state meet was really cool weather," she said. "It was nice. It was foggy and there were nice sur-

Willowbrook football team loses to Prairie Ridge

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The quarterfinal round of the state football playoffs has not been kind to the Willowbrook football team recently.

For the second year in a row, the Warriors saw their season come to an end in the quarterfinals, this time via a 42-7 loss to host Crystal Lake Prairie Ridge in the Class 6A division.

Willowbrook finished the season with a 10-2 record. Prairie Ridge improved to 12-0 and will play in the state semifinals at Hoffman Estates (10-2) on Saturday with a berth in the Class 6A title game on the line.

Willowbrook, which lost to East St. Louis in the quarterfinals last year, reached the state quarterfinals in back-to-back seasons for the first time since 1974 and 1975 and also won the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title and its first outright conference title since 1982.

Prairie Ridge, the defending Class 6A state champion that has won 26 games in a row, led 7-0 after the first quarter and 14-0 at one point in the second quarter before Nick Sabatino caught a touchdown pass from quarterback John Taylor to cut the lead to 14-7.

That's as close as Willowbrook would get the rest of the way. Prairie Ridge scored the game's final 28 points to punch its ticket to the state semifinals.

roundings and I was running against the best runners in Illinois. It was crazy. There were a lot more people there—way more than I was used to seeing. I think I ran pretty well. Having good competition kept me motivated the whole race."

Palma said she has been working on not starting too fast in a race. "I tend to start way too fast," she said. "I used a strategy to start way slower, but my first mile still was 30 seconds faster. The first 400 was way more controlled. I usually go out way faster. You don't win a race in the first 400."

Palma ran 5:38 in her first mile and then turned in identical 6:11 times for the final two.

Palma said part of her improvement this season stemmed from focusing more on the craft.

"Freshman and sophomore years I was spread way too thin," she said. "I was doing youth orchestra in Elgin and was on the speech team at school. I didn't rest and I didn't dedicate. Focusing in on running helped out."

Palma added the workouts of Willowbrook coach Clyde Ware helped. "His workouts give me motivation," she said. "His workouts work for me really well."

Palma noted she's dropped two minutes off her time from the beginning of the year.

"We opened the season at Detweiler (home of the state meet in Peoria) and I ran 20:04 and I finished the season at Detweiler running 18:00 (18:01)," she said.

Away from school, Palma played

the cello from seventh grade to sophomore year in the Elgin youth orchestra program.

"My older sister played it and I thought it was pretty cool," she said. "The program there is amazing. It's a nice program and they pick really nice music. They make you understand the background of the music. Last year it was how music is political. It's not about only learning the notes there. You get to understand what's behind the music. They create a whole person, not just a musician."

Palma is no slouch in the classroom either where she is ranked first in the Willowbrook junior class.

"I like working hard in school," she said. "I'd like to think the hard work shows."

Palma, who is interested in running in college, got into running after participating in track as a middle schooler. "I got put into the 800 run and I did really good," she said. "I got serious about running in high school."

And Palma has made quite the transformation in just three years.

"It's been quite a dramatic improvement from freshman year," she said. "Now I'm running every day the past few years. I've grown and learned how to run effectively."

Palma is ready to take the next step forward for the Warriors.

"I really want to get into the 16s," she said. "I also want to help Willowbrook get better. I have great teammates. There has been a change of culture and girls are serious about running. I am really motivated for next year."

IC Catholic Prep football team headed to state semifinals

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

It's back to the state semifinals for the IC Catholic Prep football team.

The Knights continued defense of their Class 3A state title with a 46-21 victory over Wilmington in Class 3A state quarterfinal action at Lewis Stadium at Plunkett Athletic Complex in Elmhurst.

The win moved IC Catholic Prep to 11-1 overall and puts it in the semifinals Saturday against Byron, which defeated Williamsville 13-0 in another quarterfinal game.

IC Catholic Prep is the No. 5 seed on the top half of the Class 3A bracket, while Byron, located west of Rockford on Illinois 72, is the No. 3 seed. Byron is undefeated at 12-0. The winner of Saturday's game heads to the state finals at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb on Thanksgiving weekend.

In the win against Wilmington, a team the Knights also defeated last year in the playoffs, quarterback CJ West completed 5 of 8 passes for 91 yards and two touchdowns.

The Knights racked up 293 yards rushing on only 22 carries (13.3 yards per carry). Lazerick Eatman ran eight times for 227 yards and

scored three touchdowns. He had a 90-yard run and also scored a two-point conversion. West ran eight times for 52 yards and a touchdown, while Kyle Franklin ran five times for 11 yards.

Eatman has now run for 1,232 yards and has 19 rushing touchdowns, while West has 24 passing touchdowns against only three interceptions and has thrown for 1,681 yards.

Khalil Saunders caught two passes for 27 yards and a touchdown. Jacob Lytton had a 36-yard touchdown catch, while Kevin Cooke had two catches for 28 yards.

The Knights amassed 384 yards of total offense.

On defense, Cooke led the way with 17 tackles. Kemon Reese had eight tackles, while Michael Johnson and Kevin Akins each had seven. Ryan Malek had six tackles. Koby Reed recorded one quarterback sack.

Khalil Saunders had a 25-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown. Cooke caused a fumble and recovered one. Johnson also had a fumble recovery, while Khalil Saunders had a pass deflection.

The Knights now are 25-1 over the last two seasons.

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Why Kammerdiener was selected:

Birgitte Kammerdiener broke her 11-dive school record at the Downers Grove North Sectional, winning the diving competition with a score of 423.15. Kammerdiener's score is the 11th-best from sectionals of the qualifiers for this weekend's state meet at New Trier.

Kammerdiener, the Suburban Life Athlete of the Week sponsored by Gracik Makinney, spoke with sports editor Joshua Welge about the season. Here's an edited transcript.

Welge: How did you feel about your sectional performance?

Kammerdiener: I was actually really happy with it. I feel a lot of the dives I did were some of the best I've ever done.

Welge: Coach said you added some rather difficult dives this season. What were those?

Kammerdiener: So one of the dives I didn't have was a back 1 1/2. It's a back flip and you dive into it. That one was personally difficult for me because I have mental blocks going backward some of the times. I got consistently better to where I was scoring 5.5s or 6s. The other dive was

a back 1 1/2 half, which is a back flip with a half twist. That dive allowed me to win the [sectional] meet.

Welge: How did you get through the mental block?

Kammerdiener: I had an old teammate that did synchro with me, Katie Fischer. Having someone do it with me made me more confident. It allowed me to get off the board at the right time. We would count for each other. When she wasn't there I'd count to myself.

Welge: How did you get started diving?

Kammerdiener: I was previously a gymnast and I decided to move on to the closest sport. I joined a summer park district program called the Addison Frogs. After a summer doing that I joined Windy City Diving, based out of UIC. I've been training there for about four years.

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FOOTBALL

Jessen delivers inspired effort in Willowbrook's quarterfinal loss

By **BILL STONE**
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Willowbrook senior linebacker/running back Jack Jessen took the football field Nov. 11 with his wrists heavily taped and covered with inspiration.

Written on one were Biblical verses and the initials of his aunt who continues battling Stage 4 breast cancer.

On the other was 300 – his single-game goal as the program's all-time leader in season and career rushing yards.

During the second half, Jessen needed additional tape. His left ankle was injured in the third quarter and he was temporarily sidelined.

The season-ending 42-7 loss at undefeated defending champion Prairie Ridge in the Class 6A state quarterfinals may have been inevitable, but Jessen soon returned defensively. On offense, he repeatedly carried the ball on the Warriors' final possession.

"I told the coach, 'Hey, it's my senior year. Put me in. I've got this,'" Jessen said. "There was no way I was going to sit out. If I was going to go out, I was going to go out on my terms."

The senior class goes out as history makers. With a second straight trip to the quarterfinals, it's the Warriors' best playoff performances in consecutive seasons since back-to-back semifinal trips in 1974 and 1975 – the first two years of the IHSA playoffs.

This season's Warriors (10-2) captured the program's first West Suburban Gold title and outright conference championship since 1982.

"Of course it [stinks] not making it all the way, but it's great for our senior class and the program," senior linebacker Brandon Loth said. "It kind of sets that tone for the rest of the program. All of the younger guys, they know now to work hard enough to get here and what it takes."

Prairie Ridge (12-0) has won 26 straight games. The Wolves' vaunted triple-option led by Iowa-bound quar-

terback Samson Evans racked up 352 of their 407 total yards on 68 carries.

The Warriors were held to fewer than three touchdowns for the first time all season.

Willowbrook closed to within 14-7 with 1:11 left in the first half on a 57-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback John Taylor to senior Nick Sabatino. The Wolves responded with Evans scoring his second of four TDs on a 3-yard run just 2.4 seconds before halftime.

"If it didn't [hurt], then you didn't work that hard. I hope the young guys see that and keep building on what the expectations are," Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth said as his underclassmen embraced and congratulated the seniors. "It's always tough to replace guys. This is a group that has done things nobody else ever has. They've accomplished a lot and set the bar high and kind of changed what the expectations are for our program."

Jessen rushed for 77 yards to unofficially finish with 2,053 – easily surpassing his record 1,671 yards in 2016. With 1,067 yards as a sophomore, his career record is nearly 4,800.

"It's the biggest deal in the world for me," Jessen said. "I really couldn't have done it without the offensive line's help. They're the reason I have the yards."

As Jessen signed his national letter of intent on Nov. 15 to wrestle for Northwestern, Hildreth recalled first noticing him as a fourth- or fifth-grader during a combine-type event at the high school.

"He looked like a little man," Hildreth said smiling. "He's a once-in-a-lifetime kid as far as the kids you get to coach that just does anything you ever ask, that competes the way that he does, that plays as hard as he does. It's just a joy."

Jessen was the last player to leave the field Nov. 11.

"The Friday night lights. I think that's what I'm going to miss the most about [football]," Jessen said.

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Girls basketball: It's tipoff time

By **MATT LE CREN**
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The girls basketball season tips off this week. Here's a team-by-team preview.

Glenbard East Rams

COACH: Donald Finnie
2016-17 RECORD: 9-17

TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Faith Davies	sr.	F
Katie Hansen	sr.	G
Mattie Pusateria	sr.	G
Sam Dooley	sr.	G
Sommer Dolinski	sr.	F

Outlook: Davies is a hard-nosed rebounder and Hansen can handle the ball. They are both better known for their skills on the soccer field. Don't expect any high-scoring games from the Rams, who like to play at a snail's pace on offense to limit opponents' possessions.

"We are looking to be quick to the ball and be mentally strong," Finnie said.

IC Catholic Prep Knights

COACH: Kelsey James
2016-17 RECORD: 16-13

TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Claire Gibler	sr.	G/F
Sophie Zanoni	sr.	G
Jaida Smith	jr.	G
Josie Lytton	sr.	F

Outlook: Outside of the 5-foot-10 Gibler and 5-9 senior guard/forward Kiersten King, the Knights don't have much size, so they will look to defend tenaciously and score as many points as possible off turnovers.

"We are a quick team looking to push the ball up the floor and use our press to speed up the game," James said. "We look to use our defense for easy offense as often as possible. Our strengths are our speed and ability to attack the basket. Our weakness is our outside shooting."

Montini Lady Broncos

COACH: Jason Nichols
2016-17 RECORD: 33-2

TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Aaliyah Patty	sr.	F
Lindsey Jarosinski	sr.	F



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Montini's Aaliyah Patty shoots in a crowd against Benet in the championship game of the 8th Annual Montini Christmas tournament last season.

Ilysse Pitts	sr.	G
Sam Mitchell	jr.	G
Zoe Zacker	jr.	G

Outlook: The Lady Broncos suffered two major injuries last year – and still took third in Class 4A, losing to Edwardsville on a last-minute shot in the semifinals. Montini will be in the hunt again, with a great inside-outside game. Patty, a 6-foot-3 Ohio State recruit, and 6-5 Wake Forest commit Jarosinski provide size that few opponents can match. Zacker is due for a good season after returning from the second of two ACL injuries. Pitts, a Valparaiso recruit, and Mitchell

give Montini good guard play. Ashley Lynch, a transfer from Queen of Peace, is another player to watch. The Lady Broncos aren't particularly deep, but their top seven are legit.

Timothy Christian Trojans

COACH: Michele Strube
2016-17 RECORD: 13-15

TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Olivia Schuringa	sr.	F
Jordyn Strube	jr.	G
Emily DeBoer	sr.	C
Heidi Westra	jr.	G

Outlook: What the Trojans lack in basketball ability, they make up for with athleticism. Look for them to play tough defense and try to get a lot of points in transition.

"We are young, we like to run, we plan to out-hustle teams to make up for our lack of offensive strength," Strube said. "We do not have a lot of basketball players, but we have great athletes. We will work hard, and have fun doing it."

Willowbrook Warriors

COACH: Terry Harrell
2016-17 RECORD: 9-19

TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Katelyn McCann	jr.	G
Jayla Smith	sr.	G
Sydney Verdino	jr.	G
Megan Schmid	jr.	G
Maureen Schmid	jr.	F

Outlook: There is hope for improvement considering four juniors already have a year of varsity experience. Harrell said the group is young yet skilled and could be in the mix in the West Suburban Gold race along with Proviso East, Downers Grove South and Morton.

The Warriors lack size but should get a boost when last year's leading rebounder, 5-foot-9 junior forward Cece Lizasuain, returns from injury in early December.

York Dukes

COACH: Brandon Collings
2016-17 RECORD: 15-13

TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Danielle Dennis	sr.	G
Caylin Rufus	sr.	G/F
Kathleen Levins	jr.	F
Madison Park	sr.	G

Outlook: First-year coach Collings has a good foundation upon which to build. Dennis averaged 14 points, 6.3 rebounds and 1.7 steals last year, while Rufus, an Upper Iowa recruit, added 8.3 points and 5.1 rebounds. Collings expects the Dukes to compete for the West Suburban Silver crown.

"We have a strong and talented senior class," he said. "We are returning over 70 percent of our scoring. I am hoping that we can take advantage of all our experience and turn the close losses we suffered last year into wins this year."

Jessen, Willowbrook get physical in playoff win

By EDDIE CARIFIO
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VILLA PARK – Willowbrook has made a name for itself this season with a potent offense averaging almost 41 points per game.

On Nov. 4 in a second-round Class 6A playoff game, DeKalb found out what the Warriors could do on defense.

The fourth-seeded Warriors prevented the fifth-seeded Barbs from sustaining drives all day, and Jack Jessen did the rest. Jessen ran for 223 yards and three touchdowns on 47 carries in Willowbrook's 29-10 win.

The Warriors advanced to play No. 1 Prairie Ridge in the quarterfinals Nov. 11, and did so by being physical with DeKalb.

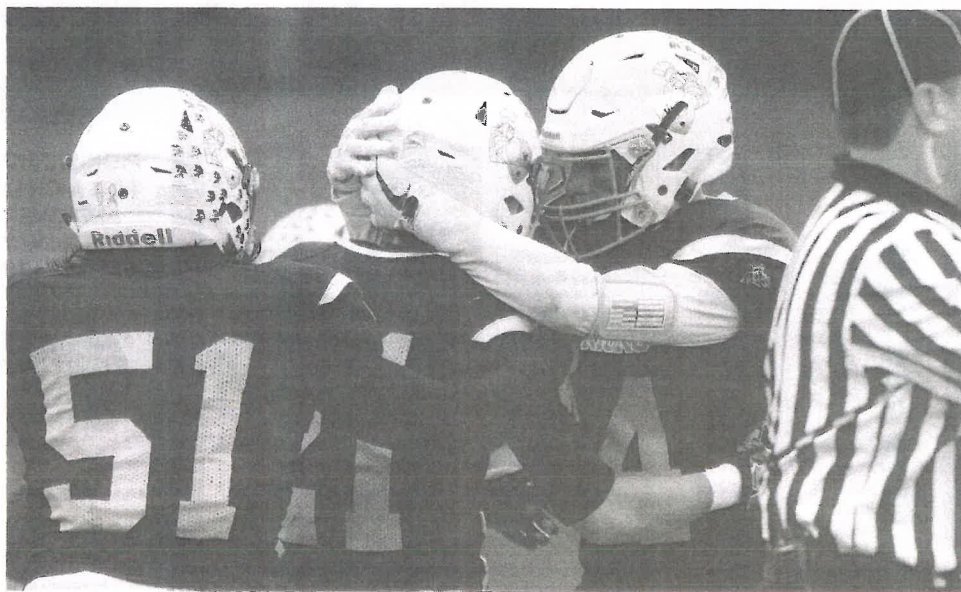
"These guys are big up front, man," Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth said of DeKalb. "So we wanted to contain that and be physical. We wanted to get our ground game going, and we didn't get it going how we would have ideally liked."

Trailing 15-10, DeKalb (8-3) had three drives in the third quarter. The first two were three-and-outs, but the defense responded each time by stopping the Warriors (10-1), including forcing an incompleting on fourth-and-4 from the DeKalb 25. That drive started on the Willowbrook 12, but Chris Diaz broke off a 57-yard run on the first play.

Still down five, DeKalb got the ball back and reached the 47, where it faced a fourth-and-1. Quarterback Noah Valin threw to an open Matthew Montavon, but the pass was offline and a diving Montavon dropped it.

On the next Willowbrook drive, Diaz scored from 4 yards out.

"Honestly, I'll say our defense gave us the opportunity to take the lead a couple times," DeKalb coach Matt



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Willowbrook players celebrate a touchdown by Chris Diaz (center) during their win over DeKalb on Nov. 4 in the Class 6A playoffs.

Weckler said. "We had some shots in the second half where we'd take the lead if we scored, then you never know what might happen. For us offensively we didn't move the ball, didn't maintain possession, didn't get first downs and that put the defense on the field, which allowed [Jessen] to run 40-what-ever times."

DeKalb got to around midfield on its next drive but no closer. The Warriors then scored early in the fourth on a 1-yard run by Jessen to push the lead to 29-10.

"I thought we did a good job of taking the jet away and containing everything," Hildreth said. "We didn't allow the quarterback to hurt us too much. He did in some spots. ... We had some spots where we put ourselves in some bad spots and short fields and we couldn't get ourselves out of it."

The Barbs finished with 289 yards of total offense on 66 plays. The Warriors ran 86 plays for 520 yards.

DeKalb quarterback Noah Valin threw for 177 yards with a touchdown and an interception. He also ran for 50

yards on 14 carries.

Hildreth said the Warriors wanted to be physical against the Barbs, and Weckler said they accomplished that goal.

"We couldn't maintain blocks long enough to get positive yardage after a yard or two," Weckler said. "They had guys that made tackles. I don't think they missed too many tackles until the very end of the game. That's a testament to their coaches and their fundamentals and them being ready to play football."

FOOTBALL PREVIEW OF AREA TEAM'S STATE QUARTERFINAL MATCHUPS

CLASS 6A No. 4 Willowbrook (10-1) at No. 1 Prairie Ridge (11-0)

When: 1 p.m. Nov. 11

Advancement: Winner plays winner of Hoffman Estates/Belvidere North

What to watch: Big stakes for the Warriors, and a big opponent in their way. Willowbrook, back in the quarterfinals for the second straight year, seeks its first semifinal berth since 1975 and what would

be a program record 11th win. Blocking that path is defending state champion Prairie Ridge and quarterback Samson Evans, an Iowa recruit. Prairie Ridge extended its win streak to 25 games in stunning fashion last week. Evans' 66-yard touchdown with 7.8 seconds remaining beat Cary-Grove 17-13. Evans ran for 187 yards. Willowbrook's Jack Jessen carried the ball 48 times for 247 yards and three TDs in the DeKalb win.

CLASS 3A No. 8 Wilmington (10-1) at No. 5 IC Catholic Prep (10-1)

When: 5 p.m. Nov. 11

Advancement: Winner plays winner of Byron/Williamsville

What to watch: A quarterfinal rematch from last year's game won by the Knights 48-14. ICCP's Lazerick Eatman is up to eight touchdowns in the playoffs after catching a 78-yard

TD from CJ West and running for two scores in a hard-fought 29-16 win at Peotone. Wilmington, Interstate Eight Large Division champs, beat Peotone 27-21 in Week 4. Conner Dempsey ran for 267 of Wilmington's 377 rushing yards in a 37-12 win over Farmington last week. ICCP receiver/linebacker Khali Saunders just received an offer from Central Michigan.

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Children's Museum (DCM). Our donation will support The Family Access Membership Program (FAM) that offers a deeply discounted membership to qualifying families and as well as sponsor the Art Is Instrumental, An Interact with Art Gallery Exhibition opening to the public on Saturday, November 11, 2017.

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McGraw: Only Simmons has been better than Markkanen

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has shown a variety of scoring skills, along with the athleticism to both put the ball on the floor and compete at the rim. He often seems to have the most basketball savvy on the Bulls roster and carries himself with the sunny disposition of a seventh-grader enjoying a school field trip.

Ball has had an uneven start to his NBA career. In a win over Denver on Sunday, he produced his second triple-double in 17 games as a Laker. Ball leads the team in assists, but is shooting just 31.3 percent from the field.

Last year at Arizona, Markkanen went 2-1 against Ball's UCLA Bruins, scoring 29 points when the Wildcats won a Pac-12 tournament semifinal.

In honor of the duo's first meeting as NBA players, let's rank the current rookie of the year standings, keeping in mind plenty could change:

1. Ben Simmons, 76ers: Barring an injury, Simmons is an easy favorite to win rookie of the year. He's not far from averaging a triple-double right now, with 18.1 points, 8.0 assists and 9.1 rebounds. Simmons was the top pick in the 2016 draft, however, missing all of last season with an injury. So while he may win the rookie award, he's not part of the discussion when it comes to best player in the '17 draft class.

2. Lauri Markkanen, Bulls: Rookie of the year candidates should be exempt from the "team success" criteria. Just like Elton Brand in 1999-2000, it's not Markkanen's fault he was drafted (and in this case traded) to a team beginning a rebuilding project. Markkanen already leads the Bulls in scoring

(15.6 points) and rebounds (8.0). After the Phoenix game, coach Fred Hoiberg mentioned for about the fifth time this season the need to get the Finnish rookie the ball more often. So his stats may only get better.

3. Kyle Kuzma, Lakers: This is clearly the biggest surprise of the '17 class and the one guy who can make a case for ranking ahead of Markkanen. While some mock drafts had him going much higher than No. 27 (yes, I'm plugging myself here), Kuzma leads the Lakers in scoring at 16.5 ppg. A Flint, Mich., native who starred at Utah, Kuzma has been athletic enough to play either forward spot and quickly turned into a reliable shooter, knocking down 50.7 percent of his attempts.

4. Jayson Tatum, Celtics: When Boston retooled this summer, there was a feeling the Celtics would take off whenever Tatum developed into a reliable player. Well, Boston's 15-2 record heading into Monday's action shows how that worked out. The former Duke star is averaging 13.9 points on a talented roster and has shot nearly 50 percent from 3-point range.

5. Dennis Smith Jr., Mavericks: Smith is in a tough situation, playing for a Dallas squad that expected to be better than 3-14. But he's flashed some of the same star potential he displayed at the summer league, averaging 14.5 points and 4.5 assists. He has the kind of athleticism that makes him seem like a junior Russell Westbrook at times.

6. Donovan Mitchell, Jazz: Another sleeper in the '17 draft, the former Louisville guard is averaging 14.8 points and helping Utah survive after

Scouting report

Bulls vs. Los Angeles Lakers at the Staples Center, 9:30 p.m. TV: WGN

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The Lakers have been holding their own this season with a 7-10 record after Sunday's big victory over Denver.

Rookie PF Kyle Kuzma is the team's top scorer at 16.5 ppg. This is the first time the Lopez twins will square off in the NBA with Brock not a member of the Nets. Brock Lopez is averaging 15.4 points after being traded to the Lakers, followed by PG Jordan Clarkson (15.2 ppg), SF Brandon Ingram (14.8) and PF Julius Randle (12.2). Rookie PG Lonzo Ball is shooting just 31.3 percent from the field, but he leads the team in assists (7.1) and is second in rebounds (7.1). Ex-Draft Local Deng is not injured, but has played in just one game this season. The Bulls have won their last two road games against the Lakers.

Next: Utah Jazz at Vivint Smart Home Arena on Wednesday, 8 p.m.

— Mike McGraw

losing Gordon Hayward in free-agency. The Bulls will see Mitchell on Wednesday in Salt Lake City.

One interesting fact to keep an eye on: Through Sunday there were nine NBA rookies averaging in double-figures. Last season, the highest-scoring player in the 2016 draft class was Sacramento's Buddy Hield at a relatively low 10.6 points per game.

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Little things help York past Rolling Meadows

By LOU NUNEZ JR.
Daily Herald Correspondent

A York squad that has nary a player taller than 6-foot-2 in either the starting five or its eight-man rotation will need to excel in doing the little things on the basketball court this season.

If Monday night's 55-45 win over Rolling Meadows is any indication, those efforts may provide the Dukes plenty of success as York earned a season-opening victory in Monday's nightcap at the Ed Molitor Thanksgiving Classic at Palatine High School.

"It was great to see everyone out there hustling tonight," York coach Vince Doran said. "To see our guys diving for loose balls, being able to out rebound (23-17) a well-coached Rolling Meadows team is something that only builds confidence for us, especially when we get into (West Suburban) Silver play."

That confidence appeared first in the form of 10-4 run that unlocked a 16-16 tie in the final

Boys basketball

4:02 of the first half when an Erik Cohn 3-pointer gave York the lead for good. After Rolling Meadows closed within 19-18 on a Javonte Warrener hoop, a Nick Kosich 3 followed by a John Milling putback, followed by a Kosich feed to Cohn put York up 26-20 at the half.

Milling's second bucket — a steal, drive and layup — coupled with consecutive 3s by 5-10 sophomore Nate Shockey had the Dukes up 34-20 a little over two minutes into the second half.

Kosich, a 6-1 junior who paced all scorers with 19 points, credits his team's success to strong defense. The Dukes held the Mustangs to just 37 percent shooting from the floor.

"It was definitely the difference," Kosich said. "We knew coming in that we would have to win the battle for those loose balls. We played a full game on defense by staying together out

there." Senior guard Angelo Martucci added 11 points for the Dukes, who next face Maine West at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Rolling Meadows was led in scoring by seniors Gio Carrillo and Ryan Carney with 9 points apiece. Next was 6-4 freshman Max Christie, who added 8 points and 6 rebounds in his debut.

For Rolling Meadows coach Kevin Katovich, his team's performance over the game's final seven minutes — when it outscored York 16-8 — that was encouraging.

"I'm very proud of our effort," Katovich said. "We have a very young, inexperienced team, and coming here to this tournament and playing teams like York and Jacobs only helps you to gain valuable experience. We kept fighting and clawing after things got away from us early in the third quarter. This game and this tournament provide you with such a huge learning opportunity."

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Football

State Finals
At Buskirk Stadium
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb
Friday, Nov. 24
Class 2A: Maroa-Forsyth (12-1) vs. Tuscola (13-0), 10 a.m.
Class 2B: Morris (11-2) vs. Rochester (13-0), 7 p.m.
Class 3A: IC Catholic (12-1) vs. Pleasant Plains (10-3), 4 p.m.
Class 4A: Morris (11-2) vs. Rochester (13-0), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 25
Class 5A: Chicago Phillips (13-0) vs. Danial (13-0), 10 a.m.
Class 6A: Prairie Ridge (13-0) vs. Nazareth Academy (17-1), 1 p.m.
Class 7A: Babbal (12-1) vs. Lake Zurich (13-0), 4 p.m.
Class 8A: Loyola Academy (12-1) vs. Lincoln-Way East (13-0), 7 p.m.

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Lisle — Cameron Stitt (WR/LB) Sr.; Jeff Marash (OT) Sr.; Ben Leiting (TE/LB) Sr.; Kevin Paz (OT) Jr.; Jared Hunter (RB) Sr. — Peotone — Chandler Garner (RB/LB) Sr.; Vaughn Valone (OL/DL) Sr.; Dillon Buggs (RB/LB) Sr.; Riley Koehn (OL/DL) Sr.; Jacob Johnson (OL/DL) Sr.; Carter Gradenius (OL/DL) Sr.; Chuck Sroka (OL/DL) Sr. — Reed Cluster — Cory McGroop (RB/LB) Sr.; Austin Sunday (RB/LB) Sr.; Logan Zacharias (OL/DL) Sr.; Brandon Grande (OL/DL) Sr. — Seneca — Logan Bruce (QB/RB) Jr.; Logan Vandenberg (OL/DL) Sr. — Wisconsin — Brenton Tanner (QB/LB) Sr.; Mike Thompson (OL) Jr.; Brenton Bakwin (DB) Sr. — Wilmington — Connor Dempsey (QB) Jr.; Josh Jones (RB/LB) Sr.; Blake Giese (OL/DL) Sr.; Matteo Lombardi (RB) Sr.; Jake Hill (OL/DL) Sr.; Will VanDyne (TE/LB) Sr.; Andrew Gramlich (TE/LB) Sr.; Brock Bolser (RB) Jr.

WEST SUBURBAN CONFERENCE

Elmhurst Park/Ridgewood Invits

ADDISON TRAIL VS. FORESTDALE 21
Addison Trail — Ciccia 4-4-15; Farrell 0-2-2; Palesch 2-0-0-6; Mehner 6-5-17; Rizo 2-0-0-5; Daniels 2-0-0-10; Totals 20-11-13-35.
Foreman — Rio 1-0-3; Simon 2-0-4-4; Walker 2-2-3-6; Stephens 2-0-3-4; Hughes 3-6-11-12; Heist 1-0-3-2; Totals 11-9-20-31.
Addison Trail 17 12 6 20 — 55
Foreman 2 8 17 6 — 31
3-point baskets: AT: Ciccia, Palesch 2; Rio: Fouled out: AT: Rizo.

Riverdale-Brookfield West VanderMeer Invits

HEATON NORTH VS. FORTSON 54
Wheaton North — Brend 3-4-11; Schauer 3-0-0-7; Anthony 4-3-12; Remp 5-3-4-14; Sorinson 7-6-6-21; Horner 1-0-0-3; Neprunas 0-0-0-0; Arneson 0-0-0-0; Totals 23-16-18-69.
Morton — Landrum 0-0-0-0; Murphy 5-2-2-13; Porter 0-0-0-0; Soltasser 5-6-7-17; Jordan 7-8-17; Lopez 0-0-0-0; Garner 3-1-2-7; Chandler 0-0-0-0; Perez 0-0-0-0; Totals 20-12-15-54.
Wheaton North 19 19 16 15 — 69
Morton 15 17 8 24 — 64
3-point baskets: Wk: Brend, Schauer, Anthony, Remp, Sorinson, Horner, M. Beicaster, Murphy, Fouled out: M. Jordan, Garner

Girls basketball

Monday's results

Waubesa Valley/West Aurora War-Hawk Tournament
Naperville North 66, Oswego 47

Fenton/Addison Trail Thanksgiving Tournament

ADDISON TRAIL VS. ELGIN 60
Elgin — Cooper 8-2-16; Ingham 1-2-4; Downing 1-1-2-4; Graves 4-7-12; Chen 1-2-4; Henry 1-2-4; Molloy 3-2-6; Totals 19-10-21-50.
Addison Trail — Curry 2-0-4; Ochoa 0-0-0-0; Cardenas 2-2-2-6; Soora 3-1-2-7; Br. Berumen 2-0-0-5; Zaccaro 5-6-6-15

Fenton at Glenbrook South Quad, 5 p.m.
Glenbrook South at Ft. Snugg, 5:30 p.m.
Maine West at Addison Trail, 5 p.m.
Metra Valley at Romeoville, 5:30 p.m.
Naperville North at Hinsdale Central, 6 p.m.
Oak Park-River Forest at Downers Grove North, 7:30 p.m.
St. Francis at St. Ignace Triangular, 4 p.m.
Whitson Academy at Geneva Kingsport, 5:30 p.m.
Willowbrook at Reis, 5 p.m.

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Hinsdale Central at Lyons (Rolling Lanes), 4 p.m.
Hinsdale South at Plainfield North (Plainfield Lanes), 4:30 p.m.
Addison Trail, Lake Park, Willowbrook at Glenbrook West, 6 p.m.
Downers Grove South at Downers Grove North, 6 p.m.
Fenton at Morton, 5 p.m.

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Boys basketball
Addison Trail at Elmhurst Park Invits, TBD
Benet at Fenwick John Malone Tournament, 5:30 p.m.
Downers Grove South vs. Schaumburg at St. Charles East Invits, 6:30 p.m.
Fenton vs. West Chicago at West Chicago Tournament, 7:30 p.m.
Hinsdale Central: Nequa Valley at Naperville North/Oswego Hoops for Healing Tournament, TBA
Hinsdale South at Lyons Thanksgiving Tournament, TBA
Morton at Northridge Prep Battle at the Ridge, 5 p.m.
Naperville Central at Bullitt Grove Bison Classic, 6 p.m.
Willowbrook at Stagg Invits, TBA
District 57 Tournament at Glenbrook West
Glenbrook South vs. Glenbrook East, 5 p.m.
Glenbrook North vs. Glenbrook West, 6:30 p.m.
Hoops for Healing at Oswego
Oswego East vs. Naperville North, 5:30 p.m.
Oswego vs. Proviso East, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball
Lisle Thanksgiving Tournament
Noville Christian vs. Timothy Christian, 6 p.m.
Evergreen Park vs. Westmont, 7:30 p.m.
Palatine at Molitor Thanksgiving Tournament
York vs. Maine West, 3:30 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Waubesa Valley, 5 p.m.
Whitson Academy Thanksgiving Tournament
Metra Valley vs. Streamwood, 4:30 p.m.
Lake Park vs. St. Francis 6:15 p.m.

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Lufkin Pool's future looks bleak after board votes down resolutions

Pool won't open in 2018 without a new liner

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW STAFF
REPORTER

The Villa Park Village Board voted down two resolutions last week regarding repairs to Lufkin Pool.

Barring any unforeseen changes, the failed resolutions mean the pool won't open in 2018.

The first pool-related resolution at the Nov. 6 board meeting called for the approval of a \$25,000 agreement with Williams Architects of Itasca for aquatic engineering services for filtration renovation at the pool, which is located at 1000 S. Ardmore Ave. The second resolution at the meeting called for the authorization of the purchase of a new liner for Lufkin Pool in the amount of about \$88,500.

The first resolution failed by a 5-2 vote. Trustees Chris Aiello, David Cilella, Don Kase, Cheryl Tucker and Robert Wagner voted against the resolution. Village President Albert Bulthuis and Trustee Nick Cuzzone voted in favor of the resolution. The board voted unanimously against the resolution regarding the purchase of a new liner for Lufkin Pool.

"Near the end of the 2017 pool season, the Lufkin Pool liner became very worn and detached from the concrete pool side in a certain area and had to be removed after the pool season," noted Villa Park Village Manager Rich Keehner after the meeting. "As noted by Williams Architects, the pool requires significant improvements to its main drain, slide, filtration system and acid storage. These improvements, including a replacement pool liner, are estimated to cost in total approximately \$440,000. The true costs would be known after going out for bids."

Keehner said during the board meeting that the board could reject whatever bids would be made on pool repairs. Speaking about the expenses to repair the village's aging pools, the manager said the village is down about 22 full-time positions since the economic downturn of 2008-09. He said that in the last five years, the village has focused its spending on public safety by replacing a fire truck, two ambulances, police squad cars and other vehicles.

The liner that failed at the pool earlier this year was reportedly installed in 1997.

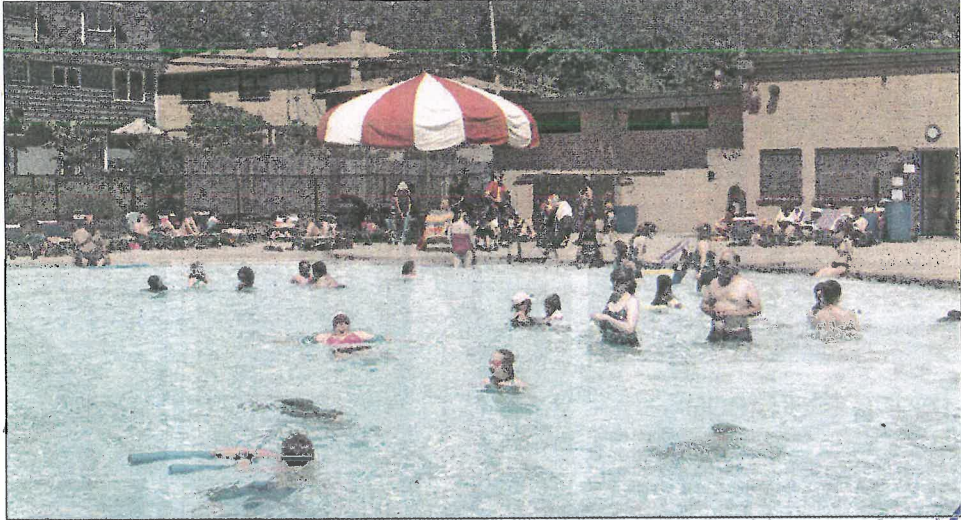
Keehner reiterated that Lufkin Pool, which was built in the mid 1950s, will not open in 2018 unless improvements are made. "Presently there is no pool liner to hold the water inside the concrete shell," said the village manager.

The village's other public pool—Jefferson Pool—located at 341 N. Harvard Ave., opened in 1966. Williams Architects conducted an evaluation of both of the village's public pools in 2013. The evaluation included lists of repairs needed at each pool.

In explaining the resolution about the \$25,000 deal with Williams Architects, Keehner noted during the meeting a litany of pool repairs the firm suggested in a submitted letter of a proposed agreement. Bulthuis then asked if any of his fellow board members would make a motion to discuss the issue. None of the six trustees made such a motion.

"Seeing none, the item dies," said Bulthuis.

Cuzzone then said the board needed to have some discussion of the issue. He said the board didn't have a good handle on how much



CHRIS FOX FILE PHOTOS Villa Park Review

Lufkin Pool, located at 1000 S. Ardmore Ave., will not open in 2018 without significant improvements, including a new liner. The Villa Park Village Board voted down two resolutions last week related to pool repairs. One resolution called for spending \$25,000 for aquatic engineering services. The other resolution called for spending nearly \$90,000 for a new liner. According to Villa Park Village Manager Rich Keehner, the total cost of the significant improvements needed at the pool, including a new liner, are about \$440,000. The true costs, he said, would be known after going out for bids. The file photo from this year shows patrons at the pool, which opened in the 1950s.



all of the repairs proposed by Williams Architects would cost. Keehner responded that estimates would be \$300,000 to \$330,000, not including the cost of the liner.

Trustee Wagner stated that he lives in the area of Lufkin Pool, and that his children used the pool when they were younger. Wagner noted the village's long-range parks and recreation plan, which calls for a new aquatic facility.

"Our job is to make a prudent decision," said Wagner, who expressed disappointment that the pool apparently won't reopen. He said that spending over \$400,000 on Lufkin Pool wouldn't bring the village any closer to a new

aquatic facility.

"I feel the disappointment and the loss of that pool," added Wagner. "I understand that. I'm just not sure it's wise to sink more money into that pool."

Greg Gola, the village's director of parks and recreation, noted that the village spends approximately \$150,000 per year on staffing, chemicals and supplies at Lufkin Pool.

Trustee Kase asked Gola what would happen to the pool if it did not reopen. Gola said the area could become an open space area that could also include a spray park. Gola and oth-

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Warriors' season ends

Senior Kevon Dobbins (No. 5) of the Willowbrook football team walks off the field after Saturday's 42-7 loss at Prairie Ridge in an IHSA Class 6A quarterfinal playoff game. The Warriors, who had won their previous nine games, finished the season with an overall record of 10-2. One year ago, Willowbrook won a pair of playoff games and advanced to the quarterfinals of the Class 7A post-season. The Warriors won two more playoff games this year. See the sports pages for more about Willowbrook football.

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Taking the stage

The District 88 Foundation held its inaugural Karaoke/Lip Sync Night on Nov. 3 in the auditorium at Addison Trail High School. Contestants performed songs from a variety of genres and artists. Willowbrook High School alumnus Nick Kokoraleis (pictured above) won the Best Performance award in the event's adult division. Willowbrook senior Marissa Marcello (pictured at right) won the Best Voice award in the student division. Proceeds from the event will benefit the District 88 Foundation, which provides assistance to Addison Trail and Willowbrook students. For more information about the foundation, visit dupage88.net/foundation.



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Villa Park briefs

Kiwanis Club holds spaghetti dinner before Friday's musical at Willowbrook

The Kiwanis Club of Villa Park will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 5 to 6:45 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17. The dinner will take place in the Willowbrook High School cafeteria just before the school's presentation of its fall musical—"9 to 5 The Musical." Tickets for the spaghetti dinner are \$7 for adults, \$6 for teenagers and \$4 for children ages 6 to 12. Children 5 and under eat for free. Tickets for the musical, which begins at 7 p.m., are sold separately and can

be purchased in the foyer of the auditorium. Proceeds from the Kiwanis Club of Villa Park's spaghetti dinner go to special projects to help families and children of the community.

Police department makes arrests during Halloween enforcement effort

The Villa Park Police Department made two impaired driving arrests and issued three seat belt and child safety seat citations during the recent Halloween enforcement effort.

Law agencies throughout Illinois participated in the effort to save lives by getting impaired drivers off

the roads and having more people buckle up during Halloween.

The enforcement crackdown took place from Oct. 27 through the early morning hours of Nov. 1. According to the police department, extra emphasis was placed on enforcement during late-night hours, when the most unbuckled and impaired driving fatalities occur.

The recent law enforcement crackdown, which is part of the statewide "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket," was made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Lufkin Pool (Continued from front page)

er trustees referred to a covenant on the land that calls for the area to be preserved as open space.

"I'd love to see it stay open but I can't see throwing all this money back into it," said Kase of the pool.

"It's a real tough question that I'm sure we've all been struggling with," said Bulthuis, who went on to state that it would be at least 10 years before the village would be in a financial position to build a new recreational facility that could contain a pool. The village president referred to the money the village has borrowed for two current projects—road repairs and the renovation and addition at the Villa Park Public Library.

In 2014, village voters approved a referendum to borrow up to \$23 million for road repairs.

Earlier this year, voters approved a proposal to spend over \$10 million for renovation and expansion of the library.

"We're maxed out," said Bulthuis. "We're not going to be going out and selling bonds for some time." He also noted the lack of a definite

location for a potential recreation center.

Kevin Wachtel, the village's finance director, said during the meeting that the village is repaying about \$3 million every year of the money it's borrowed for various projects. Wachtel said he didn't know an exact date as to when the village would be in a position to seek a referendum for a potential recreation center.

"People on the south side love that pool," said Bulthuis of Lufkin Pool. He noted that his wife and children frequently visited the pool when their children were young.

Trustee Tucker said that if the board didn't approve the resolution for engineering services, there was no point in approving the agreement for the liner.

In discussing the resolution about the liner, Kase asked Gola about how long Lufkin Pool's filtration system would last. Gola said it was tough to say, adding that he would hate to say it would last another two years and then have it fail next year.

"I just think this is throwing good money after bad," said Bulthuis shortly before the board voted unanimously against the resolution to purchase a new liner for Lufkin Pool.

A few residents spoke about the pool during the public participation segment at the beginning of the meeting. One of the speakers, Sara Kooima, stated Lufkin Pool was a great asset to the community. Kooima said her family, which includes three small children, uses the pool frequently.

Another speaker, Wendy Granrath, said she has lived in Villa Park for almost 40 years. She brought her children and grandchildren to Lufkin Pool.

Granrath said the pool just fits Villa Park. She agreed with Kooima that Jefferson Pool is not conducive to young families.

The residents who spoke at the meeting also asked about the estimated cost of demolishing the pool and what would be done to make sure the area doesn't become an eyesore.

Veterans day observance

Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801 held its annual Veterans Day service on Saturday morning. Longtime Villa Park resident Sid Bergh, a World War II veteran who served in the United States Navy, was the event's master of ceremonies. Speakers included Bill Reeves, a Vietnam War veteran and former Prisoner of War who served in the United States Army; and State Sen. Tom Cullerton, D-Villa Park, who served in the U.S. Army in the early 1990s. Bergh noted that Veterans Day originated with Armistice Day, which marked the anniversary of the end of World War I. That war formally ended 99 years ago, on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. At the end of Saturday's service, two members of the Willowbrook High School marching band—junior Emily McComb (right) and sophomore Collin Chuk—sounded taps from opposite ends of the post building.

End of the road; Warriors' season ends with a loss to Prairie Ridge

Team finishes season with a 10-2 record

By Chris Fox
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The Willowbrook football team's special 2017 season came to an abrupt end on Saturday afternoon in Crystal Lake. The Warriors finished the season with Saturday's 42-7 loss at Prairie Ridge in an IHSA Class 6A quarterfinal contest.

The Wolves' decisive victory snapped the Warriors' nine-game winning streak. Willowbrook completed the season with an overall record of 10-2.

The Warriors scored their only touchdown of the day late in the first half, when senior quarterback John Taylor connected with senior Nick Sabatino on a 57-yard touchdown pass. Senior Betty-Ann Garrett made the extra-point kick to cut Prairie Ridge's lead to 14-7 with 1:11 left in the first half. The Wolves drove down the field on their next possession and scored a touchdown with 2.4 seconds left in the half to build a 21-7 edge at halftime.

The Wolves added two more touchdowns in the third quarter and one more score in the final period.

"I think they [the Wolves] really handled us up front," said Willowbrook head coach Nick Hildreth after the game, which took place in cloudy and chilly conditions. "We weren't able to adjust to that and get into any flow or tempo, and we turned the ball over."

Undefeated Prairie Ridge—the reigning Class 6A state champion—improved its 2017 record to 12-0 and advanced to this week's Class 6A semifinal meeting with Hoffman Estates. The winner of that game will play either Nazareth Academy or Providence Catholic in the Class 6A title contest, which will take place Nov. 25 at Northern Illinois University.

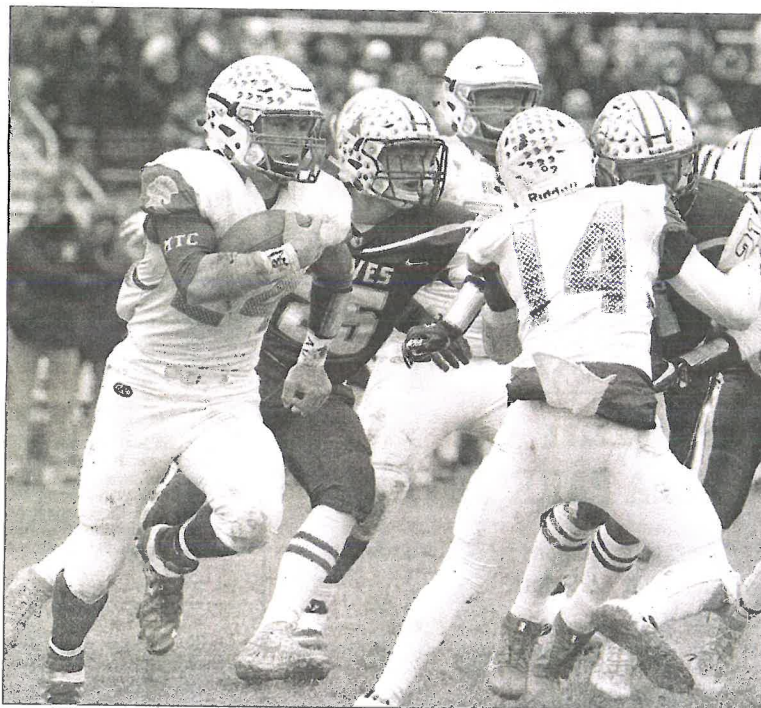
Willowbrook did not win a post-season game for over 25 years until it won a pair of playoff battles last year. The 2016 Warriors advanced to the Class 7A quarterfinals before losing to eventual state champion East St. Louis. This year's Willowbrook team also won two playoff games before bowing out in the quarterfinal round.

In addition to winning 10 games and advancing to the state quarterfinals, this year's Willowbrook team captured the West Suburban Gold Conference title for the first time in program history. The Warriors won the outright title with a perfect 6-0 conference record.

Willowbrook received the opening kickoff and punted after three offensive plays. Prairie Ridge then drove 65 yards for a score—a 1-yard touchdown run by senior standout quarterback Samson Evans with about four minutes left in the first quarter. Evans, who will play football for the University of Iowa, delivered a 13-yard run on a fourth-and-short play during the



The Willowbrook football team traveled to Crystal Lake to play the Prairie Ridge Wolves in Saturday's IHSA Class 6A quarterfinal playoff game. The Wolves, who won last year's Class 6A state title with a perfect 14-0 record, defeated Willowbrook 42-7. Prairie Ridge improved its 2017 record to 12-0. The Warriors, who entered the contest on a nine-game winning streak, completed their season with a 10-2 record. One photo from Saturday shows senior quarterback John Taylor (No. 15—above left) firing a pass during the second quarter. Taylor completed the pass to senior Nick Sabatino, who scored on a 57-yard touchdown reception. Sabatino (No. 14—above right) is pictured during the second half. Another photo shows senior Jack Jessen (No. 24—below left) breaking a 34-yard run during the second quarter. One more picture shows junior Scott Tumilty (No. 20—below right) running with the ball after making a reception.



“This is a group that's done things here that nobody ever has. They've accomplished a lot. They set the bar high and kind of changed what the expectations for our program are. Hopefully the younger guys see it—the process and the work that it takes to get to that point, and how abruptly it can stop if you don't take care of business.”

— Coach Nick Hildreth

touchdown drive. Prairie Ridge advanced to the quarterfinals with a 17-13 win over Cary-Grove on Nov. 4. Evans propelled the Wolves to that victory by running 66 yards for the game-winning touchdown in the closing seconds.

The Wolves, whose running-centered offense chewed considerable time off the clock, drove 84 yards for a touchdown on their next series. They scored on their first completed pass of the game—a 16-yard touchdown connection on a third-and-eight play with about seven minutes remaining in the second quarter.

The Warriors turned the ball over on a fumble late in the second quarter. The Wolves turned the ball over on a fumble on the next play. Moments later, Taylor looked to his right and fired to Sabatino, who caught the pass near midfield and

sprinted into the end zone. Prairie Ridge completed a long pass of about 40 yards on its ensuing drive. It appeared the Warriors might intercept the long pass, but a Wolves receiver won the battle for the ball and made the catch near Willowbrook's 5-yard line with 15 seconds left in the half.

The Wolves were out of timeouts on a third-and-go play from the 2-yard line with 9.3 seconds to play in the half. Evans rolled to his left and collided with Willowbrook junior Scott Tumilty near the goal line on the touchdown run.

"We got it to 14-7, and we gave up a big play," said Hildreth. "That hurts going into halftime. Two scores [the halftime margin] is a lot with the way they run their offense. They bleed the clock out. It forced us out of some of the things we want to do offensively."

Willowbrook senior Jack Jes-

sen suffered an ankle injury on a third-quarter run. Jessen fumbled the ball on the play, and Prairie Ridge made the recovery around the Warriors' 30-yard line. Jessen hobbled off the field but returned to action later in the second half.

"He really wanted to get back in," said Hildreth of Jessen, who rushed for about 4,600 yards in his three-year varsity career. "He's a once-in-a-lifetime kid as far as kids you get to coach; that just does anything you ever ask, that competes the way he does, that plays as hard as he does."

Jessen will attend Northwestern University, where he has accepted a wrestling scholarship. Speaking after Saturday's game, Hildreth recalled seeing Jessen for the first time a few years ago, when Jessen was a fourth- or fifth-grader. Hildreth could see the potential in Jessen, but he was aware that kids

don't always develop as coaches would hope.

"He's the first guy that's fully surpassed that," said Hildreth of Jessen. "He's gone beyond what you ever thought he would be."

At the end of Saturday's game, the Willowbrook players assembled in their customary post-game huddle to listen to brief remarks from Hildreth and the team's assistant coaches. Those remarks often point toward the team's next game, but after the outcome at Prairie Ridge, there was no game to look forward to. The coaches who spoke thanked the team's seniors for their leadership and congratulated the entire team on its memorable season.

"It wouldn't hurt if you didn't work that hard," said Hildreth as the emotional seniors lined up for brief one-on-one meetings with coaches and underclass players.

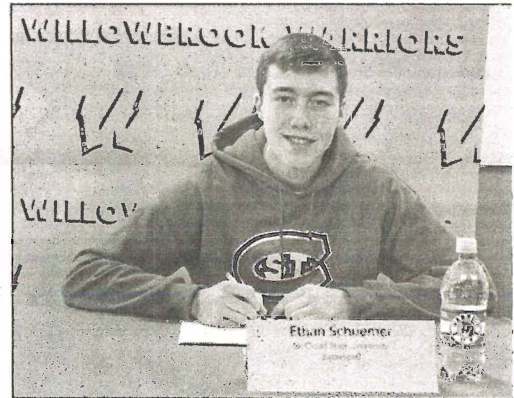
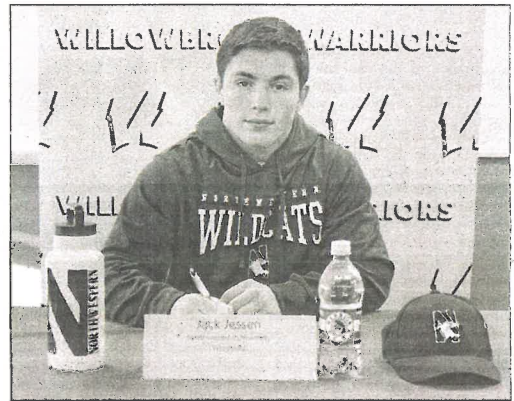
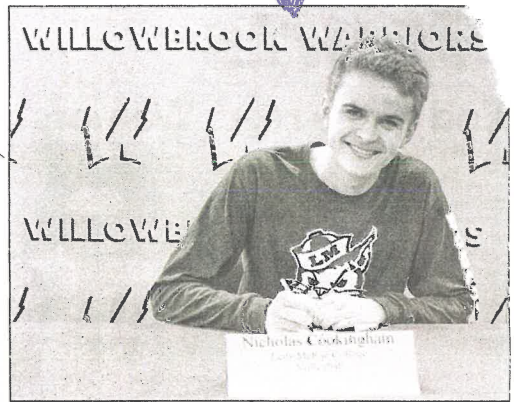
"It's always tough, said Hildreth, a Willowbrook graduate, of the end of the season. "This is a group that's done things here that nobody ever has. They've accomplished a lot. They set the bar high and kind of changed what the expectations for our program are. Hopefully the younger guys see it—the process and the work that it takes to get to that point, and how abruptly it can stop if you don't take care of business."



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Broncos playing at the next level

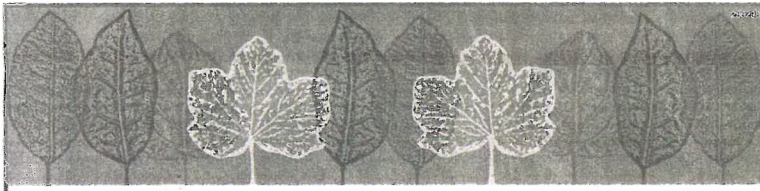
Montini Catholic High School congratulated 11 of its students on their commitments to continue their academic and athletic pursuits at the collegiate level on National Sports Signing Day. The student-athletes who signed letters of intent on Nov. 8 (pictured left to right) included: (front row, seated) Brianna Clifton (softball, Nichols State), Will Lewan (wrestling, University of Michigan), Aaliyah Patty (basketball, Ohio State University), Real Woods (wrestling, Stanford University), Nicole Lamantla (hockey, University of Wisconsin) and Joey Melendez (wrestling, University of North Carolina); (back row, standing) Nikki Cuchran (softball, DePaul University), Ilyse Pitts (basketball, Valparaiso University), Lindsey Jarosinski (basketball, Wake Forest University), Luma Medina (lacrosse, Stetson University) and Jake Karczewski (baseball, United States Naval Academy).



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Warriors sign letters of intent

Willowbrook High School held a ceremony on Nov. 8 for three seniors who have committed to compete in their respective sports at the collegiate level. Nov. 8 was a National Letter of Intent Signing Day. The three Willowbrook students who signed letters of intent were: Nicholas Cookingham (volleyball, Lees-McRae College-top), Jack Jessen (wrestling, Northwestern University-middle) and Ethan Schuemer (basketball, St. Cloud State University-bottom).



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AT hosts Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast

On Nov. 10, the Addison Trail High School Student Council hosted a Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast. The event, pictured here, was an opportunity for students and staff to thank Addison Trail's bus drivers and bus company, Ooltage Hill Operating Company.

Tanvir Dhillon named 88's Best for November by ATHS

Tanvir Dhillon has been named as Addison Trail's November recipient of 88's Best recognition for her highly improved performance. Dhillon, a senior, was recognized during the Nov. 13 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

After moving to Addison from India with her family, Dhillon joined Addison Trail during her junior year. Her parents have always wanted her to have the best education, so she began preschool at an English-speaking school in India and continued there until they moved to DuPage

County. Dhillon began as an ESL II student at AT two months after her arrival in the U.S. and flew through ESL II, ESL III and her sheltered core courses.

Much praise from teachers

"Dhillon came to my sheltered American history class last year after only being in the country for two months," said Mario Fernandez, social studies teacher. "She came from India with a goal in mind – to go into the medical field, and she does everything in her power to excel ac-

ademically to make that happen. The day I met Dhillon, I knew right away she was special; adjusting to a new school, country and people is not easy, but she handled it like a champ. She learned very quickly how to 'do school.'

"Dhillon went from Sheltered ESL courses to Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses in one year after she figured it out. She jumped into extra-curricular activities with both feet and has become an asset to every club in which she has participated. She has morphed

from a shy girl into a role model for all Blazers."

From the first day Dhillon stepped into the halls of Addison Trail and became a Blazer, she has made a positive impression on her teachers.

"Dhillon is really exceptional – her work ethic is stellar," said Patti Vendegna, Dhillon's ESL and Spanish teacher. "I had her in ESL III, and she worked hard to improve her English to get out of ESL and into regular classes. She wants to be a doctor and wanted to challenge herself in harder classes. She is pleasant and

polite, but a real tiger."

ATHS social studies teacher Jose Hernandez agreed.

"I had Dhillon in class and can say she is an amazing student and individual," he said. "Everything she does – whether it is an assignment, project, essay, activity or presentation – is always amazing. She puts so much effort into everything she does that she puts me to shame. I am very proud of her and I know she will do great things with her life."

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A group of government officials from Shenzhen, China, participate in a panel question-and-answer session on Nov. 10 at Addison Trail. The group visited District 88 and School District 4 to gain insight into the American education system. (Below) The panel members are (from left) AT Principal Michael Bolden; District 88 Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Dr. Adam Cibulka; Junior Wenyuan Zhang; senior Yingyu Zhang and sophomore Yuanxu Zhang.



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Jesse White visits Addison Library

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White (3rd from left) came to the Addison Public Library on Thursday, Nov. 16 to help the library celebrate the 26th year of Family Reading Night. Pictured are (from left): Illinois Literacy Foundation Chairperson Michael C. Mroz, Addison Public Library Director Mary Medjo Me Zengue, Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White, and State Representative Kathy Willis. The visitors came to Addison to help celebrate the 26th year of Family Reading Night at the library.

Chinese dignitaries visit Addison to learn about U. S. education

On Friday, Nov. 10, Addison Trail welcomed 18 government officials from Shenzhen, China, who visited District 88 and Addison School District 4 to gain insight into the American

education system.

The group met with Addison Trail and District 88 administrators, as well as three students from China who attend Addison Trail. During their visit,

they observed several classes, participated in a panel question-and-answer session and took a tour of the school. The event was coordinated through 21st Century Institute in Oak Brook.



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Pictured is senior Tanvir Dhillon with Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden. Dhillon was selected as ATHS's November recipient of 88's Best recognition.

88's Best (Continued from front page)

Contributing to the culture

Dhillon has made herself a part of AT's culture after school as well, and participating in extracurricular activities is nothing new for her. In India, she was in a few clubs and sports, including wrestling and tae kwon do. At Addison Trail, she is a member of Key Club, Interact Club, Student Council and Pay It Forward. She also has been a strong leader in our new Friday Night Connect program, a partnership between Addison Trail, the local area clergy, the Addison Police Department and governmental officials, to provide a place where students in grades 6-8 can come together and help one another grow and develop, while enjoying a fun environment filled with friends, food and games. Dhillon values the importance of community connections and wants

to help people as much as she can. Dhillon has particularly enjoyed the places she has visited with Key Club and Interact Club, including Ronald McDonald House and the DuPage PADS homeless shelter.

Her plans for the future

Dhillon dreams of becoming a cardiovascular surgeon, finding remedies for diseases and helping those who are less fortunate. In India, she had the opportunity to volunteer with doctors and found the work fascinating.

She plans to study at Loyola University Chicago or University of Illinois at Chicago and work at Rush University Medical Center. Dhillon wants to live out the unfulfilled dreams of her mother and is clearly very determined and capable of doing so.

Community calendar

Ongoing events

• Get your high school diploma

The Addison Public Library is now offering adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate online through a new program, Career Online High School (COHS).

The library is providing a limited number of free scholarships to qualified adult learners who are looking to advance their careers, prepare for workforce entry, or continue their education. You must live in Addison and be 21 or older. Call 630-458-3334 or visit addisonlibrary.org

• Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) meet each month

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of the Western Suburbs will meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Road, Elmhurst, starting at 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$5. Info: (630) 620-4060 or www.cfsites.org.

• Active Adults Senior Club

Adults, ages 55 or better, are invited to Park District's Active Adults Senior Club on Tuesdays from noon-2 p.m. at Community Rec Center, 120 E. Oak Street.

Addison Trail hosts 4th annual Latino food festival

Funds raised will benefit students

On Nov. 11, the halls of Addison Trail were transformed into a carnival – filled with vibrant decorations, the sounds of lively Latino music and the inviting aroma of traditional Latino dishes.

The event was the school's 4th annual Kermes (a Latino food festival), which was hosted by the AT Interact Club and Padres Latinos en Acción group. More than 300 people attended the festival, which raised about \$2,000 for student scholarships.

Along with the food, which was donated by Carnicerias Jimenez and La Huerta, the event featured a disc jockey (AT parent Marco Herrera), performances by AT's Energy Rush dance club and the AT young alum mariachi group, Folkloric dancing, a silent auction, face painting, games and more.

Addison Trail would like to thank all those who sponsored the event and contributed to the raffle and dessert selection.



On Nov. 11, Addison Trail hosted its 4th annual Kermes (Latino food festival). The event featured live entertainment, including Folkloric dancing (pictured at right) and the Addison Trail young alum mariachi group (pictured above).

Photo at right provided by Lyle Staab



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On Nov. 11, Addison Trail hosted its 4th annual Kermes (Latino food festival). (top left): AT junior Nataile Diaz paints a design on Riley Grice during the event. (top middle): AT junior Marina Herrera paints a design on her sister, Jessica. (top right): AT special education teacher Chris Grice helps his son, Daniel, play golf. (bottom left and right): Pictured are members of AT's Interact Club and Padres Latinos en Acción group, who helped coordinate the event.



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Senior citizens treated to Thanksgiving Luncheon at AHS



On Nov. 14, about 100 senior citizens from the community and the Addison Park District's Active Adult Senior Club enjoyed musical entertainment provided by the Addison Trail Jazz Band and a Thanksgiving lunch at Addison Trail.

Addison Trail partners with the Kiwanis Club of Addison and the park district to host the annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon. Students who are members of Addison Trail's Key Club volunteered to serve the meals, and the placemats were decorated by Addison School District 4 students.

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 (top left): Addison Trail sophomore Jeanine Farias pours a cup of coffee for Diane Palm of Addison (a parent of AHS graduates) during the school's annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon, which took place on Nov. 14. (top middle): AT senior Tanvir Dhillon assists Pat Bugielski of Addison (a parent and grandparent of AT alumni) during the event. (top right): (From left) Addison Fire Protection District Fire Chief Joe Leone and Dhillon serve Carol Marcatante and Peggy Hall, who attended the luncheon through the Addison Park District's Active Adult Senior Club. (bottom): AT Band Director and Music Department Chair Mark Corey conducts the AT Jazz Band.

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Playtime at the library

Babies and toddlers like these explored a variety of play stations at the Addison Public Library on Friday, Nov. 17. The sensory play experience was filled with tons of activities for children and caregivers to enjoy together.

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All-around contributor

Senior Martique Barksdale: Warriors special teams ace

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Special teams play can make or break a football team.

And the Willowbrook football team was fortunate to have one of those players on the "make side," in senior Martique Barksdale, who was named the West Suburban Conference Gold Division special teams player of the year.

Barksdale, who also played wide receiver, was part of a Warriors team that went 10-2, won the WSC Gold title outright and advanced to the state quarterfinals for a second year in a row, this time in Class 6A.

"Special teams are fun," he said. "Sometimes people don't take them as serious. If you slack off with special teams, you can lose a game. We

lost a game to Hinsdale Central this year because of a blocked punt. All it takes is one play."

Barksdale said the main rule for punt returns is rather straightforward. "The first thing is to catch the ball and make sure it doesn't hit the ground," he said. "And then you follow your blockers and the first hole you see you hit it as hard as you can."

Barksdale noted he had long punt returns this year against Addison Trail and in the state-quarterfinal game against Crystal Lake Prairie Ridge.

Barksdale said being the gunner on opposing kick and punt returns is a position that takes some mastering. "Being a gunner is harder than it looks," he said. "You get pressed

and you have to try and let go and get off the block so you can follow the returner and make the tackle. The key is following the ball. If you take the position serious, you can be successful. I did it in practice all the time. Our coach would try and beat me off the line. You have to try and get your hands off and try to make a move like faking going inside and then going outside."

Barksdale said a long return on a kickoff could be a key momentum shifter in a game. "It's usually a spark-plug," he said. "Say you are down by 14 points and you're not getting anything going, if you get a big return it gets the team energized. That's what I tried to do on punt returns. It can help you when you are in a slump. If nothing is going

the right way, you could change the game around with a good return."

Barksdale also was right in the thick of things on kickoffs. "I was one of the people running down. I'm right next to the kicker where you can try to recover an onside kick," he said.

If it sounds like Barksdale is enthusiastic about special teams it's because he is. "I take a lot of pride playing special teams," he said.

He also was a contributor this season at a slot receiver spot. "I got better catching the ball this year," he said. "I can count on one hand how many drops I had. Last year, I only played special teams. This was my first time playing receiver in my career."

Looking back, Barksdale, who

also plays basketball and volleyball at Willowbrook, noted the team takes great pride in what it accomplished this season in winning a conference title and returning to the state quarterfinals.

"Some people said we wouldn't be good this season because we lost some good players," he said. "We proved people wrong. We won a couple of games in the beginning of the season and then got on a roll and gained all the confidence in the world. We played together. Once we got to the playoffs we knew it would be a battle. We knew all teams were going to come at us as hard as they could. It was a lot of fun. The community supported us and so did the school."

AT-Willowbrook's Haake competes at state swimming meet

Willowbrook girls basketball team opens season

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Addison Trail-Willowbrook co-op girls swimmer Elissa Haake competed in a pair of events at the recent IHSA girls state swimming meet at New Trier High School in Winnetka. Haake finished 16th in the 200 freestyle race with a time of 1:53.50. She also finished 24th in the 100 freestyle with a time of 52.73. She did not advance to the finals in either race.

Earlier, Addison Trail-Willowbrook competed in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet at Downers Grove South High

School.

Haake set the conference record in the 100 with a time of 53.69, breaking a record that had stood since 1982 (53.94 by Downers Grove South's Beth Mars). Michelle Ramirez was sixth with a time of 1:01.67.

Haake won the 200 freestyle conference title in 1:55.81, narrowly missing the conference record held by Downers Grove South's Megan Bomicino, who swam 1:55.70 in 2007. Ramirez was fifth in 2:15.83. Haake's seed time was 1:56.31.

AT-Willowbrook was fourth in the 200 medley relay with a time of 2:10.12. That team included Anna Christiansen, Grace Roucka, Gabriella Panegasser and Nell Pawlowski.

Margaret Kwak took sixth in the 200 IM with a time of 2:41.07. Her seed time was 2:44.11. Pawlowski

was eighth at 2:50.81. Her seed time was 2:52.48.

Freshman Nancy Obrzut was fifth in the 50 with a time of 26.69 (seed time of 27.15). Christiansen took seventh at 27.47.

Roucka was seventh in the butterfly with a time of 1:12.00 (seed time of 1:14.69). Obrzut was eighth at 1:12.92 (seed time of 1:15.48).

Kaitlyn Fox placed fifth in the 500 with a time of 6:27.58. Brianna Richardson was eighth at 6:44.45 (seed time of 6:50.14).

AT-Willowbrook was third in the 200 free relay with a time of 1:46.01 with Haake, Christiansen, Ramirez and Obrzut. Their seed time was 1:46.72.

Christiansen was third in the backstroke with a time of 1:06.97. McKenna Gayon was eighth in 1:18.88

(seed time of 1:20.50).

Kwak was fifth in the breaststroke with a time of 1:19.40 (1:22.33 seed time). Roucka was seventh at 1:21.04.

AT-Willowbrook was second in the 400 relay with a time of 4:01.58 with Roucka, Obrzut, Ramirez and Haake.

AT-Willowbrook finished fourth at the varsity level with 215 points, took third at the JV level with 192 points and was third at the frosh-soph level with 191 points. Downers South swept all three conference titles.

Willowbrook girls basketball

The Willowbrook girls basketball team opened the season with a 48-37 loss to Glenbard North. Katelyn McCann had 16 points, seven rebounds and two steals. Jayla Smith added six points and two assists, while Emma Barrington had five points, three re-

bounds and one steal. Sydney Verdino had five rebounds.

Willowbrook trailed 8-6 after the first quarter and 20-12 at halftime.

The Warriors then lost 64-50 to Plainfield East at the Marist invitation. Plainfield East led 19-11 after the first quarter and 44-23 at halftime. Willowbrook outscored Plainfield East 19-7 in the fourth quarter.

McCann had 11 points, three rebounds and three steals. Verdino also had 11 points to go with nine rebounds. Barrington had seven points and eight rebounds, while Maura Henehan had seven rebounds and four rebounds. Smith had six points and four steals, while Samantha Knight had four points and four rebounds.

Willowbrook also lost 67-35 to Lincoln-Way East at Marist.

Fenton girls basketball team begins Mello era

Longtime school athletics coach excited about season

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Fenton's new girls basketball coach is no stranger to the school.

And Dave Mello, who also is the school's varsity softball coach and assistant varsity girls volleyball coach, inherits a team that has a mix of returning players and newcomers.

Back for the Bison are seniors Amari Benbow, Reyna DeLaTorre and Jamie Minard, along with junior Ashley Lira. Benbow is a returning all-conference player.

Key newcomers to the group are

juniors Isa Lozada, Julia Kaspari and sophomores Becky Millard and Ashley Milano.

Fenton is coming off a 2016-2017 season where it went 3-24 overall and 0-12 in Metro Suburban Conference Blue Division play.

Mello comes to Fenton after two years as the head coach at Bartlett where he went 34-26 overall.

In terms of on-the-court development, Mello has been happy with how the team's offense has progressed in a compressed time span. "The offense has come a long way in a short

amount of time," he said. "I didn't get hired until September and that didn't allow us to spend summer camp together building the offense."

Mello said Fenton is constantly working to improve on the defensive end. "Our defense is going to be aggressive," he said. "It will be a work in progress."

Mello added he's encountered a team willing to take instruction and improve. "Their work ethic is a big strength right now," he said. "They want to learn and improve."

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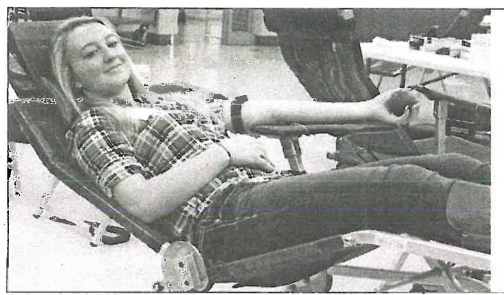
season, according to Mello, include limiting errors. "We need to limit turnovers and not be afraid to shoot the ball," he said. "We also need to consistently rebound on both ends of the court."

Mello noted the team's transition to him as new coach has been rather smooth, despite the fact he was hired after the start of the school year. "I like their ability to buy into what an entire new coaching staff is teaching them," he said.

And the first-year Bison coach noted there will be plenty of playing time

available throughout the roster. "All the girls on the roster will play so they all are girls to keep an eye on," said Mello. "The first month of games is going to be a chance for myself and Tara Lawson (Fenton assistant) to evaluate the girls in game situations."

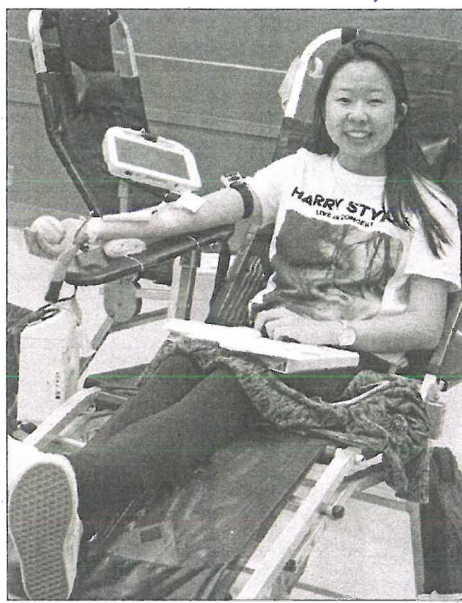
Mello sees Glenbard South as a team likely to be a MSC Blue title contender. "I'm thinking Glenbard South probably is a favorite, however each game starts 0-0. I feel we will fit right into the mix in the conference," he said. "We aren't planning to be a pushover for anyone."



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Blood drive at Willowbrook

Nearly 100 Willowbrook students, staff and community members took part in a recent blood drive at the school. The Nov. 10 drive provided donations for LifeSource. The Willowbrook Student Council hosted the blood drive, which collected 82 units of blood. According to LifeSource, each unit of blood collected supports three lives; the event at Willowbrook, therefore, could help save 246 lives. The photos show junior Danielle Lee (above) and senior Leah Gensel (right) donating blood during the event. Students, staff and community members are welcome to continue adding to Willowbrook's total at the Villa Park donor center at 100 E. Roosevelt Road. Donors should use code 530C. To show its appreciation for participating in blood drives LifeSource presents Willowbrook and its District 88 sister school—Addison Trail—with a check that provides scholarships for District 88 students.



Joyful Traditions takes place Dec. 2

The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Joyful Traditions celebration from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2. The event will take place near the Rugaard Gazebo located along the Illinois Prairie Path near Ardmore Avenue and Park Boulevard.

The free family fun festival which is co-sponsored by the chamber and the Village of Villa Park, features a tasting tent, a s'more station, horse wagon rides and a tree lighting ceremony. Children will be able to visit with Santa Claus in the gazebo. Members of the Willowbrook High School choir will sing Christmas carols.

Youth theater group performs holiday production Dec. 16-17

The Saint Genesius Productions youth theater group will perform "The Story of Holly and Ivy" Saturday, Dec. 16, and Sunday, Dec. 17, at Montini Catholic High School. Saturday's show times are 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday's performance begins at 2 p.m.

Twenty-five students from local Catholic grade schools and religious education programs have joined together to create this holiday performance.

"The Story of Holly and Ivy" is about wishing. Ivy, Holly, and Mr. Jones each have one powerful Christmas wish. Ivy, an orphan, wishes for a real home and sets out in search of the grandmother she's sure she can find. Holly, a doll, wishes for a child to bring her to life. Mrs. Jones wishes more than anything for a child.

Can all three wishes come true? This festive tale is filled with the warm glow of Christmas. The play has been adapted by Saint Genesius alumna Emily O'Brook and Saint Genesius Artistic Director Sara Corkery from Rumer Godden's classic children's book by the same name.

Tickets cost \$8 and can be purchased at the door, or ordered online at <https://www.brownpaperkettle.com/event/3172246>.

To learn more, visit stgenesiusproductions.com.

Saint Genesius Productions, founded in 2010, was created to bring the experience of professionally produced children's theater to Catholic grade school students throughout DuPage County. This volunteer youth theater group provides students in fourth through eighth grade with a performing arts education and the opportunity to appear in plays and musicals.

Police announce extra seat-belt patrols during Thanksgiving

As motorists hit the road to celebrate Thanksgiving, Illinois law enforcement will be working around the clock to make sure holiday travelers are buckled up and driving safely. The Villa Park Police Department is joining the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Illinois State Police to remind motorists to Click It or Ticket.

The goal of this high-visibility effort is to reduce motor vehicle crashes and resulting injuries and fatalities.

Correct seat-belt use is the most effective way to protect vehicle occupants. According to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the statewide seat-belt usage rate is at 93.8 percent.

"Wearing your seat belt is second nature for most," said Villa Park Police Sgt. James Cihak. "We're looking for the few Illinois motorists who skip this life-saving step."

Drivers and passengers can expect a ticket from The Villa Park Police Department if they are spotted without

a seat belt. Stepped-up patrols and seat belt enforcement zones went into effect on Nov. 17 and will continue through Nov. 27.

Last year, 11 people died on Illinois roads during the long holiday weekend from 6 p.m. the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to 5:59 a.m. the following Monday. Many of those fatalities could have been prevented with the click of a seat belt. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's research indicates that proper seat-belt use reduces the

risk of fatal injury to front-seat passengers by 45 percent and the risk of moderate to severe injury by 50 percent.

"Click It or Ticket is a message we've used for years to warn motorists of law enforcement's intention to issue citations to those who don't buckle up," said Cihak. "During Thanksgiving weekend and throughout the year, motorists on DuPage County roads can expect to be ticketed if they are unbelted or driving impaired or distracted."

Statistics show that nighttime driving comes with an increased risk for injury or death. Evening hours account for a higher percentage of alcohol-related crashes, a higher percentage of fatalities and a lower percentage of occupants wearing seat belts. According to NHTSA, among passenger vehicle occupants killed in 2016 daytime crashes, 41 percent were unrestrained. Nighttime crashes show a significantly higher number of unbelted occupant fatalities at 56 percent.

"Whether you're traveling across town or across the state this Thanksgiving, wear your seat belt. It's one of the easiest ways to ensure you arrive safely," Cihak said.

The Click It or Ticket enforcement effort is made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by IDOT.



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ALDI store reopens

The updated Villa Park ALDI store at 1630 S. Ardmore Ave., held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 16 to celebrate its reopening. Following the ceremony, the first 100 shoppers received golden tickets, with each ticket containing ALDI gift cards of various amounts. Earlier this year, ALDI announced it would spend nearly \$180 million to enhance over 130 of its stores in the Chicagoland area. The other Villa Park ALDI store, located at 400 W. North Ave., reopened in September. Both village stores were closed for several weeks for remodeling. The new ALDI stores focus on fresh items and larger produce, dairy and bakery sections. The remodeled stores also include open ceilings, natural lighting and energy-saving refrigeration and LED lighting.



Lindsay Masterson and Dr. Joe Lupo

Dr. Joe Lupo, Lindsay Masterson engaged

Mr. and Mrs. John Lupo are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Dr. Joe Lupo, to Lindsay Masterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Masterson of Shorewood, Ill.

Dr. Lupo graduated from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine and is a small animal veterinarian in Elgin, Ill.

Lindsay is a graduate of the University of St. Francis, and currently is an elementary school teacher in Plainfield, Ill.

A July wedding is planned.



Some SPEAK OUT caller claimed that Illinois has never been in this state of disarray since Bruce Rauner became governor, and called Rauner a fool. Oh, really? I'm no fan of Rauner, but this caller must be campaigning for Mike Madigan, or either is a public employee, working in public education or collecting a big, fat pension. Madigan and the Democrats have been in power and calling the shots in this state for decades—long before Rauner became governor. I think it's safe to assume this caller must be one of the fools who continue to vote Democrats into state office every two years.

This is Lombard calling. I was impressed with public works that applied the finish layer on many streets this summer. That should have saved a lot of money. The only problem was, they filled higher than some manholes and then a couple weeks ago, someone came and cut 4-foot holes around manholes and raised them up and put the blacktop on, higher than the street, over an inch too high, at least. The snowplow boys are really going to be having a time hitting them this winter. And, oh yes, the W stays up. Adios.

Your (street-related) comments were forwarded to the Village of Lombard for a response, which is as follows: "The Village of Lombard is aware of this issue. This project of paving Fairfield Avenue was contracted out. The village has contacted the contractor in regard to this concern and is awaiting work to correct the uneven surfaces. This issue should be addressed in the next few weeks. Please feel free to contact Public Works with any street related question for a quick answer at 630-620-5740."

I really wish the newspapers wouldn't print the names of children in pictures, especially last names. With so many child predators out there, it is way too easy to locate kids and pretend they know them. I know the parents probably have to OK it first, so stop. It's endangering your child. You never know who is watching.

It's obvious Obama got you to pay more for your health care because the current president vowed to destroy the system, to replace it with a system that covered everyone for less money that his majority party couldn't pass because their billionaire donors wanted to go back to the bad old days. Help yourself by getting more, not fewer Democrats elected. Start by paying attention to all the hard work Deb Conroy does. Hint: it won't be on FOX News. You have to do the research.

If you have a comment, question, suggestion, etc., you can call SPEAK OUT any time of the day or night. Call SPEAK OUT but do not leave your name or identify yourself in any way. If your comment or question concerns a particular town, please start your comment with "Lombard - I would like to know," or "Villa Park - whose job is it to." SPEAK OUT is a community service of the LOMBARDIAN/VILLA PARK REVIEW newspapers. When at all possible, we try to contact public officials to obtain the answers to questions that concern them, and residents are also encouraged to contact public officials with their inquiries. Due to space limitations, it may not be possible to print all calls. Calls are limited to one minute. Emails are limited to 200 words. We reserve the right to edit calls for length, clarity and subject matter. Please remember SPEAK OUT callers are expressing their opinion as they see it and may not be factual. For verification purposes, cite your sources when quoting individuals or statistics.

It's eventually going to snow — we all know it. I hope the Village of Villa Park will not be plowing streets with a dusting of snow as has happened too many times. It is not only a waste of payroll, but wear and tear on the machines and blades that ruin our streets that we are all paying so much to repair. Please, Villa Park, do not use up all the budgeted snow plowing money just because it was budgeted — that is unfair to all of us taxpayers, and just wrong anyway.

Your comment was forwarded to Village of Villa Park officials, who provided the following response: "The Village of Villa Park wishes to assure residents of its commitment to providing superior municipal services in a responsive, effective and fiscally responsible manner. To control the cost of manpower and equipment, snow plowing on arterial streets will only begin after the accumulation of two inches of snow, while secondary streets will only be plowed after accumulating four inches of snow. By and large, plowing will occur during normal business hours."

Villa Park. They just put a new, beautiful intersection in at Ardmore and Roosevelt, but in the southbound lane, north of Roosevelt, they put the sewer 2 inches below street level. For a multi-million-dollar job, this should be unacceptable. The taxpayers deserve better workmanship. Where are the inspectors? Thank you.

According to Villa Park officials, "The Village of Villa Park was not involved in the inspection of this intersection and sewer installation. This project was conducted by IDOT."

Hi, Villa Park, hi, Lombard. There's a new telephone scam going around that got my mom and her neighbors. These are people in their 80s and 90s. It's a phone call saying you will be arrested by the IRS. I looked into it with the police department and they said it's a scam; you're not going to be arrested. The area code for the scam is 717 and it's from Pennsylvania. I did find out by going online that if the IRS is going to come after you, you're going to get a registered letter. They do not call, they do not come to your house. It's a new telephone scam saying the local police will arrest you in 24 hours. It's a scam. Just stay away from it. Have a good day and have a great holiday. Bye bye.

Hi. I'm calling about being disappointed in the Lombardian. You know, there is a high school that isn't Montini in this town. I rarely see anything about Glenbard East or Willowbrook. Once again, I opened the paper today, nothing about Glen-

bard East. No homecoming pictures from either of those schools but we have tons of Montini pictures and it's about time you covered all of the schools, not just Montini and Sacred Heart.

I realize trying to talk to any Trump supporter is a useless feat because you all listen to FOX News and you can't actually check something out to find out if it's factually true or not. First of all, even though you would never admit this, ever, Trump is still riding on President Obama's coattails as far as unemployment is going. You talk about that the consumer confidence index is up, don't you realize why they're up? That's because you have a buffoon sitting in the Oval Office, offering all the rich people all these marvelous tax cuts so they can make twice as many billions as they're making now, so naturally everybody's flying high.

Hey, Lombard Park District. It was a shame to see that you couldn't make a little effort, a rake, a broom, to clean up that veterans memorial. Shameful. Not exactly gold medal quality or standards.

The person who called in to sup-

port or praise for President Trump and the Republican Party must be a millionaire or billionaire since on Nov. 16 they passed a bill that will lower taxes on millionaires and billionaires and raise taxes on people earning a whopping \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year. We should all be happy that at least Trump and Roskam will have a very Merry Christmas since they don't believe the Bible, Mark 10:25, and Luke 18:25. "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the kingdom of Heaven." Thank you.

Hello, God bless America. Lombard calling. To the person or persons who keep denigrating our president — who does tweet too much, by the way — oh my gosh. Let me ask you. Are you patriotic? Do you love your country, the United States of America? Because if you do, you'll understand this man has supported the military. Your man for the last eight years apologized for America. He slashed our military, did a lot of race baiting, making divisions instead of unions, totally ridiculous. It's not everything, but it's something; our economy is smoking and steaming.

Lombard calling: I noticed a couple of callers last week who want to see Trump impeached. One caller, in particular, said, and I quote, "It's very hard for kids to be respectful of the president when they are aware of all his public, disgraceful comments about other nations and other people." Well, you'd better come up with a better reason to get rid of him than that because the last time I checked, a president being arrogant, condescending and rude doesn't meet the criteria of treason, high crimes and misdemeanors. As far as I'm concerned, the five snowflakes in Congress who announced that they are filing articles of impeachment ought to be impeached instead, starting with Chicago's very own Luis Guterrez. This do-nothing big mouth has been in Congress for almost 25 years. What has he accomplished, other than wanting to give the same rights and benefits that U.S. citizens have to those who have entered this country illegally? Politicians like Guterrez who smugly thumb their noses at immigration laws that are already on the books and want sanctuary cities meet the criteria of treason, high crimes and misdemeanors in my book.

Opinion

District 88 Board approves Chromebook purchases

Beginning next fall, freshman will have a Chromebook to use in and out of school

District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton wrote the following column in last week's district newsletter:

As part of our mission to work for the continuous improvement of student achievement, we continuously evaluate best practices and models with regard to technology and providing a 21st-century learning environment for our students.

We are excited to share a new delivery model for instructional technology that will benefit our students. On Nov. 13, the District 88 Board of Education approved redirecting funds currently used to buy Chromebooks/laptops for carts that are checked out by teachers for student use.

That money will instead be used to provide each freshman (starting with the Class of 2022) with a Chromebook for in-school and out-of-school use, beginning in fall 2018.

The district will phase in this model (starting with the class of 2022) to ensure the most cost-effective, efficient and high-quality implementation.

The fee for the Chromebook will be divided over four years (a waiver will be offered to qualifying students), which will allow students to own their device after they leave District 88 (students who leave before four years would need to pay the fee difference). We are committed to analyzing and reducing other textbook and fee costs to control expenses for our families. More information and details will be sent home to parents/guardians.

We know enhancing technology in the classroom will provide teachers with more tools to enrich the high-quality learning environment for our students. Other benefits include:

- Students will increase their ability to use digital tools and be better prepared for the ever-changing technology landscape they will encounter in college and in the workforce.

- This model will minimize the "digital divide" within the district, as all students will have access to a device, regardless of accessibility outside of school.

- Students will be able to access classroom content at all times at school, home or in the community.

District 88's associated elementary school districts (Addison School District 4, School District 45 and Salt Creek School District 48) have one-to-one technology initiatives, which means members of the class of 2022 and their families will be familiar with this type of model. The district's current Chromebook/laptop carts will remain available for upperclassmen, but won't be replaced as they wear out. Addison Trail and Willowbrook also have six labs each with wired desktop com-

puters, which will be maintained as well. The district also is looking at other options for upperclassmen, and details will be shared with those students and families.

For questions or more information about District 88's new delivery model for instructional technology, contact District 88 Director of Technology, Teaching and Learning Dr. Aaron Lenaghan at alenaghan@dupage88.net or 630-782-3133. Thank you for your continued support of District 88.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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York Township honors veterans

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York Township Senior Nutrition Center presented a program Nov. 9 in honor of Veterans Day. The program featured Ely Junker, at the piano, who played patriotic music; and speeches by seven veterans who frequently visit the Nutrition Center for lunch. York Township Supervisor John W. Valle (far right) is pictured with Aria Calyn (seated) and her fellow veterans (left to right) James Gresak, Peter Gilea, Joseph Glazier Sr., Eugene Wojciechowksi, Jack Crippen, Robert Smith, Mike Mikulecky, Art Hrabec, Howard Jacklin, and Tony Maroney. "We just wanted take some time out to salute our veterans. We are proud of them and we thank them for their service," said Valle.

Happy Thanksgiving

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District 88's Best for November

Willowbrook senior Tomas Hernandez (right) was named his school's recipient of the 88's Best award for the month of November. Hernandez, who is pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (left), was honored at the District 88 Board of Education meeting on Nov. 13. The district's board and administration created the 88's Best award to honor students for their achievements in and out of the classroom. The honor is presented to one student from each of the district's two schools—Willowbrook and Addison Trail—during each month of the school year. Hernandez experienced a mix of success and challenges at the start of his high school career. During his sophomore year, he focused on improvement. He has since earned honor roll status in each semester. Hernandez is a member of Willowbrook's boys soccer team. He was named the team's most valuable player during the 2017 season. He also participates on the Warriors' boys track and field team. Hernandez intends to continue his education and soccer career at either Northern Illinois University or College of DuPage. He plans to study business law.

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Sports

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Warriors drop season opener to Glenbard North

The Willowbrook girls basketball team kicked off its 2017-18 season with a 48-37 loss to Glenbard North on Nov. 14 in Villa Park. The Warriors lost their next two games, both of which took place at a tournament at Marist High School. Plainfield East defeated the Warriors 64-50 on Nov. 15. One day later, Lincoln-Way East earned a 67-35 win over Willowbrook.

The Warriors trailed Glenbard North 20-12 at halftime of the season opener. Junior Katelyn McCann made two 3-point shots in the third quarter to cut into the Panthers' lead. A 3-point play by senior Kayla Smith trimmed Glenbard North's lead to 25-23. The Panthers rebuilt a 34-27 lead by the end of the period.

McCann's basket with about five minutes to play in the game cut the Panthers' lead to 36-35. Less than two minutes later, McCann's steal and basket dropped the Glenbard North lead to 38-37. That basket would account for Willowbrook's final points of the game.

McCann, who made three 3-point shots, scored a team-leading 16 points. She also grabbed seven rebounds. Smith scored six points, while junior Emma Barrington provided five points. The Schmid sisters—juniors Maureen and Megan—each scored four points. Junior Sydney Verdino scored two points and pulled down five rebounds.

Verdino scored 11 points and made nine rebounds in the loss to Plainfield East. McCann also scored 11 points. Barrington and junior Maura Heneghan both tallied seven points, while Smith scored six points.



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Willowbrook's girls basketball team started its season with last week's 48-37 loss to Glenbard North. Junior Katelyn McCann (No. 21-above left) made three 3-point shots and scored a team-leading 16 points for the Warriors. Senior Jayla Smith (No. 12-above middle) added six points, while junior Emma Barrington (No. 11-above right) scored five points. The Warriors fell to 0-3 when they lost their next two games at a tournament at Marist High School.

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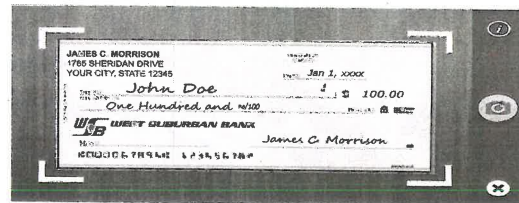
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Rams begin the season with a narrow loss

The Glenbard East girls basketball team opened its 2017-18 season with last week's 40-38 loss to Plainfield Central in Lombard. The Rams had a chance to win the Nov. 14 contest with a long 3-point shot in the closing seconds, but the shot missed its mark.

Glenbard East and Plainfield Central were tied at 9-9 after one quarter; the two teams were tied at 15-15 at halftime. The Rams held a 27-23 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Senior Katie Hansen scored eight points for Glenbard East. Junior Sophie Moore added seven points, while seniors Sam Dooley and Sommer Dolinski both scored six points. Seniors Bobbi Poke and Mattie Pusateri added four points apiece.

The Rams played their first of five games in the 22nd annual Rachel Bach Tournament on Nov. 16. Geneva, the defending IHSAA Class 4A

state champion, defeated Glenbard East 53-26 in Lombard. The Vikings held a commanding 23-2 lead after one quarter. The lead grew to 36-8 by halftime.

Hansen led the Rams in scoring with seven points. Dooley, Moore and junior Mackenzie Lyons each scored five points. Pusateri provided four points.

The Rams struggled in their second game of the tournament, a 45-12 home loss to Glenbard West. Glenbard East trailed the Hilltoppers 15-3 after one quarter and 30-6 at halftime. Junior Tori Tyler connected on a 3-point shot for the Rams' only points of the first quarter. Dooley's 3-pointer provided the team's only points of the second quarter.

The Rams complete the Rachel Bach Tournament with this week's games against Downers Grove North, Glenbard North and Glenbard South.



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Glenbard East's girls basketball team opened its season with three home games last week. The Rams began the season with a 40-38 loss to Plainfield Central on Nov. 14. Two days later, Glenbard East played its first of five games in the Rachel Bach Tournament. Geneva defeated Glenbard East 53-26 in the Nov. 16 contest. The Rams dropped their second game of the six-team, round-robin event when they suffered a 45-12 loss to Glenbard West on Saturday. Senior Katie Hansen (No. 10-top left, pictured in Saturday's game) was the Rams' leading scorer in each of the team's first two games. Also pictured during Saturday's contest are junior Sophie Moore (No. 14-above) and senior Sam Dooley (No. 5-left).



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State meet qualifier

Willowbrook junior Elissa Haake competed at the IHSAA girls state swimming and diving meet on Friday at New Trier High School in Winnetka. A member of the Addison Trail/Willowbrook co-op team, Haake swam in two events—the 100- and 200-yard freestyle races. She needed to finish among the top 12 swimmers in each event during Friday's preliminaries to advance to Saturday's finals. Haake posted a 16th-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle, which she finished in 1 minute, 53.50 seconds. She finished the 100-yard freestyle in a 24th-place time of 52.73 seconds. One year ago, Haake advanced to the consolation finals of the same two events at the state meet. She placed ninth in the 200-yard race and 10th in the 100-yard event. Haake qualified for this year's state meet by swimming under the qualifying standard times at the Downers Grove North Sectional. Two weeks before the sectional, Haake won the 100- and 200-yard freestyle titles at the West Suburban Gold Conference meet. She broke a 35-year-old conference meet record in the 100-yard race, which she completed in 53.69 seconds. She narrowly missed setting another conference record in the 200-yard freestyle, which she won in 1:55.81.



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State champion to attend Ohio State

Glenbard East senior Kolie Allen, who won the IHSAA Class 2A state singles tennis title in October, signed a national letter of intent last week to continue her academic and athletic careers at Ohio State University. Allen is pictured at the Nov. 13 signing ceremony with her parents—Jody and Maurice Allen. Allen, who began her tennis career by participating in Lombard Park District programs, completed her senior season with the Rams with a 33-0 record. She lost only one set all season—the second set of the state final. In three seasons at Glenbard East, Allen amassed an overall record of 100-6.

Weekly SUDOKU

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Conroy continues efforts to support PANDAS/PANS patients

Continuing her fight to support families of children suffering from a rare autoimmune condition, state Rep. Deb Conroy, D-Villa Park, passed House Bill 1277, which ensures insurance coverage and treatment for Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANDAS/PANS).

"I fought hard, along with families across the state, to make Illinois the first state to mandate insurance coverage for treatment of PANDAS/PANS," said Conroy. "The fight for children struggling with this disease has been long and difficult. This bill is an example of the kind of continued efforts we need to make, to ensure that insurance companies follow the laws we have set."

Earlier this year, Conroy worked with local parents to pass legislation mandating insurance coverage for PANDAS/PANS treatment, making Illinois the first state to require coverage. This

initiative was taken on four years ago when Kate Drury of Lombard and Wendy Nawara of Naperville shared with Conroy their families' struggle with PANDAS. After learning that despite the new law, some families were being denied coverage, Conroy passed House Bill 1277 to close a loophole that allowed insurance companies to delay coverage.

"It is not OK to deny or delay sick children access to necessary medical care ever, but especially after a law was passed with the intent of more readily providing insurance-covered care," said Lombard resident Kate Drury, whose son was diagnosed with PANDAS/PANS. "Children with PANDAS/PANS have a brain swelling, a kind of Autoimmune Encephalitis, and we as their parents, doctors and even legislators must do what we can in order to get them the medical care they need. We are so grateful to Rep. Conroy for her persistence and committed work on behalf of the children with PANDAS/PANS in Illinois."

SUBURBAN LIFE FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Willowbrook's Jack Jessen sets Gold standard

By JOSHUA WELGE
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Nick Hildreth noticed very early something different about Jack Jessen. He never imagined he'd be this special, though.

Hildreth, Willowbrook's football coach, had just got the job when he first met the fifth-grade Jessen at a combine-type event for the Lombard Falcons feeder program.

"He looked like a little man," Hildreth recalled with a laugh. "It speaks to his general presence. He wasn't even old enough for the combine. As a coach, you see kids with potential. He is the first guy we've had that totally surpassed expectations."

Jessen has indeed been a program-changer.

His freshman year, Willowbrook was 2-7. The Warriors' program hadn't won a playoff game since 1990, hadn't won an outright conference championship since 1982 and never had won

a West Suburban Gold conference title.

By the time Jessen was done, those droughts were over. Along the way Jessen, an All-American wrestler who will compete in that sport at Northwestern, rushed for nearly 4,800 yards. This season he ran for 2,050 yards and 24 touchdowns while leading Willowbrook in tackles defensively with 90.

And he led 10-2 Willowbrook to back-to-back playoff quarterfinals for the first time since 1976. For those efforts, Jack Jessen is the Suburban Life Player of the Year.

"I would love to say I'm surprised at what he did this year, but I'm not," Hildreth said. "The career he had, the type of kid he is, it's almost just become the norm. Which it totally is not."

Jessen said it was a huge deal to break the 2,000-yard mark.

He pushed for it in the offseason,



Jack Jessen

and pushed his linemen.

"Them doing their jobs is what got me 2,000," Jessen said.

It also got Willowbrook its first Gold championship and first outright conference title since 1982.

"Winning that conference title was a big deal not only for the seniors, but for the entire school," Jessen said. "We really put Willowbrook on the map. We showed that we're not here to get pushed over."

Jessen was inspired to push himself for school, and for family.

His aunt is battling stage 4 breast cancer. Jessen wears her initials on his wrists every game he plays.

"It really hit my family hard," Jessen said. "Seeing what she has to go through, all the surgeries, all the medications, it was really hard to watch. It motivated me to work harder and to push myself beyond the limits."

Jessen never seems to stop pushing.

A throwback who starts on both sides of the ball, Jessen reluctantly

gave up his spot on a few Willowbrook special teams. He was still in on punts, punt returns and kick returns. And he made Willowbrook's up-tempo spread offense go.

In Willowbrook's second-round playoff win over DeKalb, Jessen logged 46 carries.

"He just ran harder than everybody else did," Hildreth said. "He stayed the same at all times, and the regular humans got tired."

Jessen, who has played his last football game, played that way to the final whistle.

In Willowbrook's quarterfinal loss to Prairie Ridge, Jessen returned from a severely sprained ankle to carry the ball repeatedly on the Warriors' last possession.

"Coaches said, 'You're hurt. Wrestling season is coming up,'" Jessen said. "And I told them, 'No, I need to go back in. I loved playing football. Knowing that this was my last season I never wanted to come off the field.'"

SUBURBAN LIFE ALL-AREA FOOTBALL TEAM

OFFENSE

Matt Bjorson**Kinsdale Central, senior, tight end**

Indiana recruit was the West Suburban Silver Offensive Player of the Year and a Class 8A All-State pick. Bjorson had 25 catches for 411 yards and eight touchdowns.

Ben Bryant**Lions Township, senior, quarterback**

Cincinnati recruit and three-year starter was a Class 8A All-State selection. Bryant threw for 1,685 yards and 18 touchdowns during the regular season.

Lazerick Eatman**IC Catholic Prep, senior, running back**

Electric in the open field, Eatman has rushed for 1,277 yards and 19 touchdowns and has 17 catches for 458 yards and nine TDs for Class 3A finalists.

Jack Jessen**Willowbrook, senior, running back**

Class 6A All-State pick is an All-American wrestler committed to Northwestern. Jessen ran for 2,050 yards and 24 touchdowns and led Willowbrook in tackles.

Dylan Packer**IC Catholic Prep, senior, offensive lineman**

Three-year starter is a Class 3A All-State pick for the defending champion

Knights. Two-way starter at right guard and also as a pass-rushing defensive end.

Alec Pierce**Glenbard West, senior, wide receiver**

Two-time All-State selection holds offers from Western Michigan, Cincinnati and New Mexico.

Sam Singleton**Wheaton North, senior, running back**

Unanimous all-DVC selection and Offensive MVP ran for 1,641 yards with 18 rushing touchdowns.

Dre Thomas**Glenbard West, senior, running back**

Thomas ran for over 1,000 yards and had 20 touchdowns for West Suburban Silver champs.

Gavin Smith**Nazareth, senior, offensive lineman**

Offensive Line MVP in the East Suburban Catholic for the 6A finalists.

Destin Talbert**Kinsdale South, senior, wide receiver**

The West Suburban Gold Offensive Player of the Year. Talbert had 60 catches for 1,180 yards and 16 touchdowns.

DEFENSE

Gabe Berta**Lemont, senior, defensive back**

Two-year starter at free safety and Class 5A All-State pick had 81 tackles, eight for loss and four interceptions through 11 games.

Kevin Cooke**IC Catholic, sophomore, linebacker**

Cook had 138 tackles, two sacks and an interception and 115 receiving yards through 12 games for 3A finalist Knights.

Aidan Cruickshank**Kinsdale Central, senior, linebacker**

Broke single-season school record for tackles (131 in just nine games) that had stood since 1990.

Nick D'Ambra**Glenbard South, senior, linebacker**

Class 6A All-State linebacker for Raiders.

Isaiah Lee**Nazareth, senior, defensive lineman**

Iowa State recruit was MVP of Defensive Linemen in the East Suburban Catholic. Through 12 games, Lee had 57 tackles, 26 of them solos, and 15 tackles for loss.

Wesley Lones**Nazareth, senior, linebacker**

The East Suburban Catholic defensive MVP and a Class 6A All-State selection.

Through 12 games, Lones had a team-best 95 tackles with 12 tackles for loss for 6A finalists.

Devin Petersen**Benet, senior, linebacker**

Two-year starter at middle linebacker led Benet with 151 tackles through 11 games. Petersen also had two sacks and forced four fumbles.

Connor Reid**Benet, senior, defensive back**

Class 7A All-State selection had nine interceptions for the semifinalist Redwings. He also had 77 tackles at strong safety.

Jalen Siater**Montini, senior, defensive lineman**

Co-Defensive Player of the Year in the Chicago Catholic Green. All-State selection and two-way starter had 91 total tackles, 16 for loss, with nine sacks and two fumble recoveries.

Sergio Villalobos**Downers Grove South, senior, defensive lineman**

West Suburban Gold Defensive Player of the Year and a Class 8A All-State pick. Villalobos had 94 total tackles, 15 sacks, 22 knockdowns, 36 tackles for loss and forced three fumbles.

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Boys basketball: Hitting the courts

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The boys basketball season tips off this week. Here's the outlook:

Glenbard East Rams

COACH: Scott Miller
2016-17 RECORD: 3-26

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Kenny Adams	sr.	G/F
Alijah Nelson	so.	G
James Peterkin	sr.	C
Anthony Janega	sr.	C
Korvante Davis	sr.	F

Outlook: Miller, in his 19th year at Glenbard East, thinks the Rams have a chance for a big turnaround. The team can go 10-deep and has speed, quickness and solid guard play.

IC Catholic Prep Knights

COACH: T.J. Tyrrell
2016-17 RECORD: 21-8

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Kevin Cheng	sr.	G
Alex Meurer	sr.	F
Nico Gaudio	sr.	F
Kris Askew	sr.	G
Zen Tverdokhlib	sr.	F/C

Outlook: The Knights have three conference titles and two regional championships in five years under Tyrrell. Cheng is committed to Dennison. The 6-foot-3 Meurer averaged a double-double last season.

Montini Broncos

COACH: Daryl Thomas
2016-17 RECORD: 11-17

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Jamari Harris	jr.	G
Yousuf Mitchell	sr.	F
Luke Morrill	jr.	G
Matt Morrissey	sr.	G
Anthony Thompson	jr.	G

Outlook: Thompson, the Broncos' point guard, and the 6-foot-5 Mitchell and 6-4 Morrissey are back.

Timothy Christian Trojans

COACH: Scott Plaisier
2016-17 RECORD: 17-11

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Brandon Orange	sr.	C
Ty Merrick	sr.	G
Michael Thomas	sr.	G
Michael Martens	sr.	G

Outlook: Orange, a 6-foot-7 All-Metro Suburban Red pick, averaged 14.5 points and 8.3 rebounds last season.

Willowbrook Warriors

COACH: Chris Perkins
2016-17 RECORD: 24-5

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Ethan Schuemer	sr.	F
Marshawn Phillips	sr.	G
Matt Myers	sr.	G/F
Matas Masys	jr.	G
Neil Paxton Jr.	sr.	G

Outlook: The Warriors, who set a program win record last season and won the West Suburban Gold, return their entire starting lineup and sixth man. They are led by the 6-foot-6 Schuemer, who averaged 16.5 points and 9.4 rebounds last season.

York Dukes

COACH: Vince Doran
2016-17 RECORD: 14-16

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Angelo Martucci	sr.	G
Nick Kosich	jr.	G
Erik Cohn	jr.	G
Nate Lyons	sr.	G

Outlook: Nine players return. Martucci, Cohn and Lyons are all returning guards..

Suburban Life ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



KEMON REESE

IC CATHOLIC PREP
Junior | Football

Why Reese was selected:

Reese, a two-year starting linebacker, was busy in the Knights' 7-0 Class 3A semifinal win over Byron. He had 25 tackles and a critical fumble recovery to turn away a big Byron scoring opportunity. On the season Reese has 115 tackles, four sacks, two interceptions, two fumble recoveries and has forced two fumbles.

Welge: You had 25 tackles - that's crazy! What was your reaction when you heard that number?

Reese: It took me by surprise, actually. I really didn't think about it.

Welge: Did you sense that you would have a busy night against Byron's wing-T offense?

Reese: I went into the game with the mindset to stop the run and allow our offense to do the job.

Welge: Your fumble recovery, with Byron driving in a scoreless game, was a big one. What happened there?

Reese: In the middle of the drive the defense stopped and looked at each other, and we said, "We're not going home this week." Our nose guard Kobe Reed got a good push on the center, which caused the fumble. Kevin [Cooke] dove for the ball, and it popped up to me.

Welge: What is the key to your defense's success?

Reese: It all starts on Sunday, watching film, and then it's simple communication and understanding what the others have to do and putting ourselves in the position to make plays.

Welge: You said you've played full-back and defensive line. What do you like about playing linebacker?

Reese: It's the sense of being able to read the plays and fill the gap as it opens up.

Welge: What do you remember about last year's state championship game?

Reese: It was an electrifying feeling. I remember every play. Everybody enjoyed being there playing for that opportunity.

Welge: What's the scouting report on your next opponent [Pleasant Plains]?

Reese: They have good players. They are not to be underestimated. If we come out, read our keys, do our job, I think it will be a good game.

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Football

Saturday's results

INSA State Finals at Huskies Stadium, DeKalb

CLASS 8A Phillips 33, Durlap 7

CLASS 8A Prairie Ridge 28, Nazareth 21

CLASS 7A Batavia 21, Lake Zurich 14 (OT)

CLASS 8A Lincoln-Way East 23, Loyola Academy 14

Friday's results

CLASS 1A Lena-Wislow 21, Tuscola 20

CLASS 2A Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley 38, Maroa-Forsyth 32

CLASS 4A Rochester 24, Morris 21

CLASS 3A IC Catholic 35, Pleasant Plains 0

Boys basketball

Saturday's results

FOURTH GRADE BOYS, WHEELING 29

Addison Trail — Cicero 1 0-0; Parnell 6 2-2 15; Patesch 0 0-0; Mehrtens 3 0-3; Ried 1 0-0; Baniels 4 0-0; White 1 0-0; Troha 2 0-0 6. Totals 29 5-5-56.

Glendon District 87/Lyns Crossover Tournament

Maine South 77, Glenbrook East 47

Northfield North 59, Glenbrook South 47

Hinsdale South 63, Glenbrook West 54

Rich East 64, Wheaton North 75

Stagg Thanksgiving Tournament

Wilcox 73, Stagg 52

St. Charles East Thanksgiving Tournament

Downers Grove South 57, East Aurora 37

Wheaton Academy Thanksgiving Tournament

Wheaton Academy 57, Bartlett 50 (OT)

Batavia Ken Paddy Windmill Classic

WHEATON WAREHOUSE SOUTH 55, BATAVIA 49

WWSouth — Healy 5 7-17; Stebbins 5 0-0 13; Oudisler 1 2-4; Harts 1-1 3; Brodhead 2 2-3 8; Burton 1 0-0 2; Kratz 2 0-3 4; Ives 0 0-0 0; 12-17 51.

Batavia — Lefewer 3 4-12; Carlson 6 3-17; Bhaeas 0 2-2; Johnson 4 2-12; Deutsch 2 0-4; Alvin 0 0-0; Yager 1 0-0 2; Fabisz 0 0-0 0; 15-11 49.

WWSouth 14 8 14 17-51

Batavia 10 3 15 21-49

3-point baskets: WWS: Stobinski 3, Brodhead 2, B. Carlson 2, Johnson 2, Lefewer 2. Fouled out: None.

Coal City Oyster Inn

3RD PLACE IC CATHOLIC PREP 73, SERENA 46

ICPP — Twardak 2 0-4; Cheny 3 4-7 10; Gaudin 10 7-5 7; Shannon 0 1-2; Maurer 4 0-1 9; Campanano 0 3-0 2

2 0-2 4; Wojtowicz 4 2-12; Gaudin 0, 10 0-2

Serena — Watson 1 0-0 2; Lasey 1 0-2; Marker 3 0-2 7; Berggren 1 0-0 3; Franzen 7 0-0 15; Setchell 4 6-10 17; Pustari 1 0-0 3.

IC Catholic Prep 26 7 10 16-59

Serena 14 3 10 14-46

3-point baskets: IC: Maurer 3, Setchell 3, Marker, Franzen. Fouled out: None.

Fennick John Hinson Thanksgiving Tournament

CHAMPIONSHIP BEEKET 55, PENNINGER 38

Beeet — Petrovic 7 5-21; Penningers 3 3-4 12; Bub 5 1-1 12; Cutlers 0 1-4 1; Engels 0 0-0; Reiss 0 0-0; Cooney 0 0-0 0; Tomchack 0 0-0; Farrell 0 0-0; Totals 15 10-46.

Fennick — D. Nixon 2 3-4 8; O'Loughlin 2 0-3 4; A. Nixon 0 0-0 0; Steward 1 0-1 3; Bruns 1 1-2 4; Daniels 0 0-0 0; Kure 0 0-0 0; Kolovic 1 0-0 3; Totals 12 11-15 38.

Beeet 10 16 7 13-46

Fennick 8 13 14 4-39

3-point baskets: B: Bub 3, Penningers 3, Petrovic 2, F. Nixon 2, Bruce, Kolovic. Fouled out: None.

Lisle Thanksgiving Tournament

TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN 63, LISLE 46

Timothy Christian — Thomas 3 4-6 10; Merrick 3 2-2 9; Owens 5 2-4 13; Baez 1 0-1 3; Hutsem 3 0-0 6; Orange 4 1-4 9. Totals 18 9-17 50.

Lisle — SM 3 4-7 10; Webb 1 0-1 2; Barnight 0 2-2 2; Wilke 3 0-0 8; McSpahn 0 0-0 11; Kowal 4 0-0 8; Timco 3 1-1 7. Totals 18 7-11 48.

Timothy Christian 12 12 14 10-50

Lisle 15 14 9 10-48

3-point baskets: TC: Merrick, Owens, Baez, L. Wilke 2, McSpahn 3. Fouled out: None.

Palatine Ed Miller Thanksgiving Tournament

Waubesaue Valley 62, Main West 55

Waubesaue Valley 62, Main West 55



Batavia's Mike Caliendo, left, hangs on to Naperville Central's Colin Baumgartner in the 120-pound weight class at the Naperville Central Wrestling cup meet.

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Girls basketball

Saturday's results

BENET/NAPERVILLE CENTRAL TIE OFF Tournament

BENET 70, NAPERVILLE CENTRAL 63 (OT)

Benet — Matings 10 2-8 22; Schranke 4 4-4 12; Prasse 2 2-4 6; Shick 3 2-8 11; Holmes 3 2-4 10; Rogers 2 0-1 5; Farley 1 0-0 2; Vanickerson 1 0-0 2; Totals 26 15-26 70.

Naperville Central — DiChiaro 4 3-4 11; Melly 2 2-2 7; Schmidt 7 0-1 14; Kincaid 1 0-1 2; LaSalle 12 4-6 26; Gilligan 0 0-0 0; Spisak 0 0-0 0; Allen 0 0-0 0; Armstrong 0 0-0 0; Totals 28 14 63.

Benet 7 15 16 21 11-70

Naperville Cent. 15 12 11 21 4-63

3-point baskets: B: Holmes 2, Rogers, N. LaSalle, Melby. Fouled out: None.

Hinsdale South Brenna Whitsett Invite

7th place: St. Edward 56, Plainfield South 50

5th place: Hinsdale South 47, Nequa Valley 45

3RD PLACE: OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST 57, HINSDALE CENTRAL 42

Oak Park-River Forest — Sanchez 3 2-2 8; Coleman 2 2-6 12; Spencer 1 0-1 16; Nelson 4 0-0 8; Underhill 1 0-0 3; Holman 0 0-0 0; Fallon 0 0-0 0; Sclar 3 4-4 10; Williams 0 0-0 0; Cozzette 0 0-0 0; Galtieri 0 0-0 0; Covington 0 0-0 0; Totals 24 8-13 57.

Hinsdale Central — Sherman 0 2-2 2; Hughes 3 2-3 8; Lopez 5 4-14 14; Howell 0 2-2 2; Kuse 2 0-2 4; Revord 1 0-0 2; Nwanjia 1 4-4 6; Porter 0 0-0 0; Rivera 2 0-2 4; Bokoch 0 0-0 0; McLaughlin 0 0-0 0; Totals 14 14-19 42.

OPRF 18 8 17 14-57

Hinsdale Cent. 4 12 12 14-42

3-point baskets: OPRF: Underhill. Fouled out: None.

Huffman Estates Thanksgiving Tournament

MAINE WEST 55, LAKE PARK 37

Maine West — Pearson 1 2-2 5; Johnson 3 3-3 10; Kent 9 3-4 21; Morici 1 0-0 2; VanDusen 3 0-0 6; Fallon 4 3-4 15; J. B. Reed 3 0-2 6; Magnini 1 0-0 2; Totals 31 12-15 50.

Lake Park — Yotham 1 2-4; Vance 1 2-2 4; Kirkham 1 1-2 3; Skalski 2 0-6 8; Riser 0 2-5 2; Dickerson 1 2-4 4; Darne 0 0-0 0; Totals 10 8-15 37.

Maine West 22 18 19 21-60

Lake Park 7 11 12 7-37

3-point baskets: MW: Pearson, Johnson, Fallon 2, Albo, Alvarado. LP: Skalski 2, Tweedy 2. Fouled out: None.

Waubesaue Valley/West Aurora War-Hawk Tournament

1st place: Main West 45, West Aurora 45

5th place: Rockford Lutheran 67, DeKalb 44

3RD PLACE: NAPERVILLE NORTH 60, WAUBESAUE VALLEY 35

Naperville North — Platou 2 2-4 8; Rivard 3 5-6 12; Kwi-

Schurz — Garrio 0 0-0 11; Shelton 3 0-0 5; Brooks 2 0-0 5; Witherspoon 0 1-1 4; Hitcher 7 1-5 16; Abraham 1 0-0 2; Watson 2 1-2 3. Totals 19 6-19 53.

West Chicago — Boy 1 0-0 3; Gimre 4 1-2 13; Hanson 0 0-0 0; Nelson 2 6-8 16; Ricci 2 3-5 8; Seeman 1 2-3 4; Wilkins 3 0-0 3; Totals 13 12-18 46.

Schurz 7 14 12 20-53

West Chicago 3 15 18 10-46

3-point baskets: S: Osorio 3, Shelton 3, Brooks, Hitcher, WC: Boy, Gimre 4, Ricci, Wilkins 2. Fouled out: None.

Glenbard Rachel Bach Tournament at Glenbard South

GLENBARD WEST 52, GLENBARD NORTH 31

Glenbard West — Scane 1 0-0 2; Kuse 1 0-0 3; Ma Stuelberg 3 0-0 7; Heller 2 0-0 4; Thomas 13 4-6 30; Mo Stuelberg 1 2-4; Adams 1 0-0 2; Totals 22 6-8 52.

Glenbard North — B. King 1 0-0 2; Johnson 1 0-0 2; Capel 1 0-0 2; N. King 0 0-0 4; Miller 5 1-2 14; Cooney 1 0-1 2; Lee 0 0-0 3; Totals 13 3-11.

Glenbard West 17 8 11 12-52

Glenbard North 8 11 12 10-31

3-point baskets: GW: Kuse, Ma Stuelberg. GN: Miller. Fouled out: None.

Wrestling

Saturday's results

Barrington Moore-Pretzman Tournament

FEAR RESULTS

Liberthville 173, Barrington 167, Yorkville 165, Lockport 160.5, Marrison Academy 151.5, DeKalb 140, Glenbard East 135.5, Lincoln 126, Homewood 119, Slawson 117, Prospect 112.5, Plainfield South 110.5, Hinsdale Central 99.5, Grant 95.50, Fremd 92, Metea Valley 81.5, Wheaton North 78, Joliet Catholic 63, Lyons Township, Waubesaue Valley 61 each, Cary-Grove 60, Burlington Central, Plainfield Central 44 each, Lake Zurich 62, Prairie Ridge 31, Fenwick 25, Boylan 10, Lake Zurich 6.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

106- Hamit (JD) d. Sobro (MA) 10-8; 113- Ramos (LDOX) major d. Valdes (NW) 11-7; 120- Melton (LDOX) d. Frezza (STP) 12-9; 126- Macias (BO) d. Lopez (DEX) 6-5; 132- Chumley (MA) d. Previn (LBY) 6-5; Cassipio (HNO) 2-1; 145- Drury (RS) d. Biemer (FR) 6-5; 152- Hartman (BAR) d. Fernandes (LDOX) 5-0; 160- Skolna (HD) d. Kemp (FR) 3-2; 170- Jimenez (MA) d. Vedner (FR) 11-5; 182- Lagestes (HD) d. Roach (DEX) 3-0; 195- Meyer (BAR) p. Stommel (YRK) 3-0; 220- Fisher (YRK) major d. Clair (MA) 11-2; 285- A. Gassopp (HNO) p. Schmidt (LBY) 1-0.

College football

Saturday's results

NCAA D-II Playoffs - 2nd Round

UFL-OSHKING 42, KENTRI CENTRAL 21

North Central 7 0 0 14-21

UFL-OSHKING 7 28 7 0-42

SCORING PLAYS

NC — Ludo 1 run (Crony kick).

UWO — Todaro 21 pass from Kasper (Geisthardt kick).

UWO — Kallas 17 pass from Kasper (Geisthardt kick).

UWO — Mertkowski 14 pass from Kasper (Geisthardt kick).

Men's basketball

Saturday's results

BENEDICTINE 62, MARIAN 77

Marian — Polczyk 4 0-0 6; Pinson 3 0-1 8; Manhart 8 9-13 25; Biffert 3 0-0 8; Fouso 0 0-0 0; Rahn 2 0-0 5; Olevinski 4 0-0 11; McCullough 1 2-2 4; Martin 0 0-0 0; Wilson 1 0-2 3; Shaw 1 0-0 2; Vades 1 3-3 5; Totals 28 14-21 77.

Benedictine — Olson 11 8-11 37; Bogus 4 3-12 18; Dorney 4 0-0 11; Glendon 1 4-4 7; Grygo 1 1-1 3; Brooks 0 2-4 2; Washington 0 0-0 0; Hefflich 0 0-0 0; Daverson 0 0-0 0; Soderholm 1 2-4 4; Dietz 0 0-0 0; Kupus 0 0-0 0; Totals 22 25-36 62.

Marian 30 40 47

Benedictine 29 53 62

3-point baskets: M: Biffert 2, Rahn, Olevinski 3, Wilson, Olson 3, Bogus, Grygo 3, Glendon. Fouled out: M: Biffert, B. Grygo.

WILSON TOWNSHIP TROJANS 70

Wheaton — Francis 9 4-5 25; Eichelberger 7 1-2 17; Gunter 4 0-0 8; Samuelson 5 4-4 15; Peters 1 2-5 4; Holman 0 0-0 0; Kvan 1 0-1 3; Alosh 2 0-0 4; Spencer 2 0-0 4; Peterson 1 0-0 3; Totals 12 11-17 63.

Franklin — Anderson 3 6-7 14; Kennedy 0 0-0 0; Gutierrez 6 0-0 12; Robertson 0 0-0 0; Beineke 3 3-7 11; Morris 1 0-0 3; King 1 0-2 2; Jones 0 2-2 2; Odogans 3 5-7 11; Meyer 1 0-0 2; Diabatero 2 0-0 4; Totals 24 16-29 70.

Wheaton 45 38 43

Franklin 34 38 40

3-point baskets: W: Francis 3, Eichelberger 2, Samuelson, Kvan, Peterson, F. Anderson 2, Gutierrez 3, Morris. Fouled out: None.

Women's basketball

Saturday's results

BENEDICTINE 62, MARIAN 44

Marian — Magnus 0 0-0 0; Bender 6 4-6 18; Bates 0 2-2 2; Schultz 1 1-2 1; Serchen 7 3-3 16; Wilson 0 2-2 2; Risty 0 0-0 0; Moen 1 0-0 2; Jagello 0 0-0 0; Kelley 0 1-2 1. Totals 14 13-24 44.

Benedictine — Fischer 2 3-4 8; Alwakas 3 2-4 8; Parsons 4 0-0 12; Williams 5 0-0 12; Fuses 4 1-3 8; Amode 2 0-0 4; Camacho 0 2-2 2; Brown 0 0-0 0; Williams 1 0-0 2; Endres 1 3-4 8; Gaults 2 0-0 5; Dorio 1 0-0 2; Drain 2 0-0 4; Michnik 1 0-0 2; Currie 1 0-0 2; Much 0 1-2 1; Michaelis 3 0-0 6. Totals 32 12-21 65.

Marian 11 9 14 10-44

Benedictine 24 14 25 22-65

3-point baskets: M: Serchen, B. Fischer, Parsons 4, Williams 2, Endres, Gaults. Fouled out: None.

Upcoming events

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Chicago Christian at Timothy Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Downers Grove South at Lyons (Suburbanite Bowl), 4 p.m.

Chicago Christian at Timothy Christian, 7:30 p.m.

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Downers Grove South at Lyons (Fox Bowl), 4 p.m.

Girls basketball

Lisle at Westmont, 6:45 p.m.

Westmont at East Aurora, 5:30 p.m.

Boys bowling

Geneva at Naperville Central (Lisle Lanes), 4 p.m.

Lake Park at Larkin (Elgin Lanes), 4 p.m.

Sheperd at Hinsdale South (Woodridge Brunswick), 4:30 p.m.

Girls bowling

Fenton at Morton (Silver Lanes), 4:30 p.m.

Hinsdale Central at Nequa Valley (Parkside Bowling Center), 4 p.m.

Metea Valley at Plainfield East, 4 p.m.



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Schools losing students but adding teachers

Adding kindergarten classes, bringing special ed into districts cited



JAKE GRIFFIN
SUBURBAN TAX WATCHDOG

During a decade in which suburban schools lost thousands of students, the number of teachers is growing.

That's according to a Daily Herald analysis of Illinois State Board of Education report card data for 93 suburban school districts.

Taken together, the school districts' enrollment dropped by 7,097, or 1.5 percent, from 2008 to the end of the 2016-17 school

year, the analysis shows. At the same time, the number of teaching positions increased by 745, or 2.5 percent.

Most district leaders say the employment spike was caused by changes in curriculum, adding full-day kindergarten, returning special education classes to the district after previously outsourcing them, or hiring teachers in specific specialties to "close the

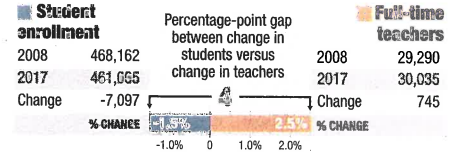
achievement gap" identified in annual statewide testing.

"Most of our hiring is related to overall student achievement and belief that closing the achievement gap earlier trumps later attempts to do so," said Naperville Unit District 203 Superintendent Dan Bridges. "Offering all-day kindergarten was one of the ways

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Teacher growth

Many suburban school districts increased teaching positions even as enrollment dropped, an analysis of data from 93 school districts shows.



Source: Daily Herald analysis of Illinois State Report Card data



Monday's sunset as seen in Geneva: The clouds certainly helped set the scene.

COURTESY OF DAN O'MALLEY

What's behind our dramatic sunsets



COURTESY OF CAROLYN WILLIAMS
An Elgin water tower was silhouetted against the sunset on Monday.

BY ELENA FERRARIN
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Spectacular reds and oranges flooded the evening skies Sunday and Monday, prompting people to pull over and step onto balconies to snap striking photos posted across social media.

So what's the reason for such eye-catching sunsets? Clear skies coupled with high, thin and wispy cirrus clouds,



COURTESY OF ANGIE DZIAK
Light takes a longer path at sunset, so more red, like here in Schaumburg.

said Jeff Frame, teaching assistant professor of atmospheric sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. "That orange and pink and red light associated with the

sunset illuminating the bottom of these clouds can yield very nice, very beautiful, very stunning sunsets," Frame said.

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N. KOREA BOASTS AFTER NEW MISSILE LAUNCH

All of the U.S. is in its range

BY ANNA FIFIELD
The Washington Post

TOKYO — North Korea claimed the entire United States mainland was within reach after "successfully" testing a new kind of intercontinental ballistic missile, which it called the Hwasong-15, and said could carry a "super large heavy warhead."

While Pyongyang is prone to exaggeration, its boast of having all of the United States in range is in line with experts' calculations that the missile launched Wednesday, which flew 10 times higher than the International Space Station, could theoretically reach Washington, D.C.

"With this system, we can load the heaviest warhead and strike anywhere in the mainland United States," North Korea's most famous newsreader, Ri Chun Hee, said in a special live broadcast on state television. "This missile is far more technologically advanced than July's Hwasong-14. This signifies that our rocket



A Tokyo TV screen broadcasts news of North Korea's missile launch Wednesday, showing North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

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3 charged after burglary, collisions in Elmhurst

BY JUSTIN KMITCH
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Elmhurst's north side. Deanthony Webb, 23, of the 6000 block of South Paxton Ave-

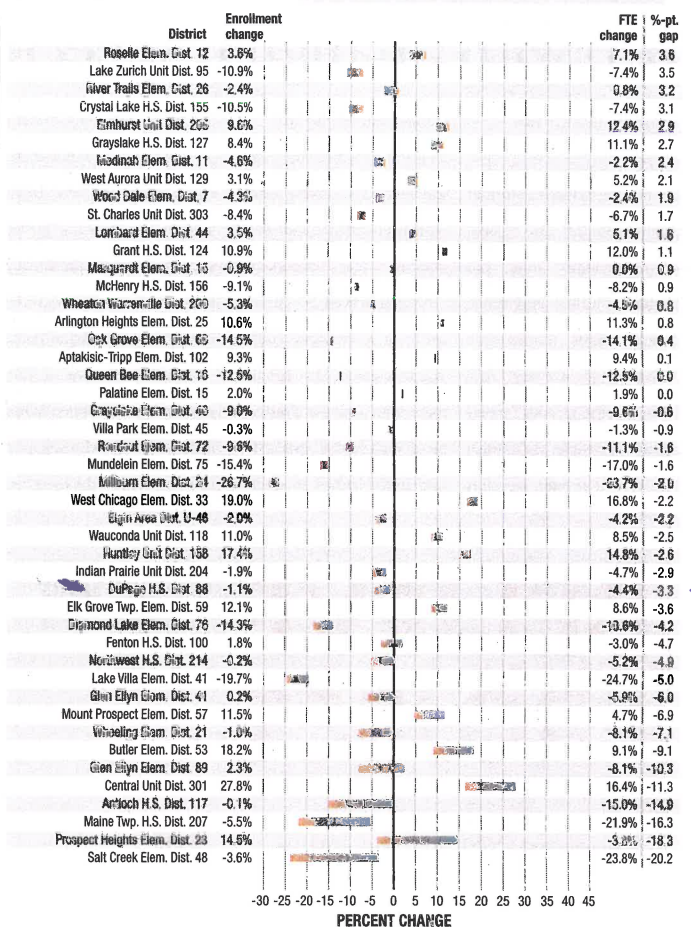
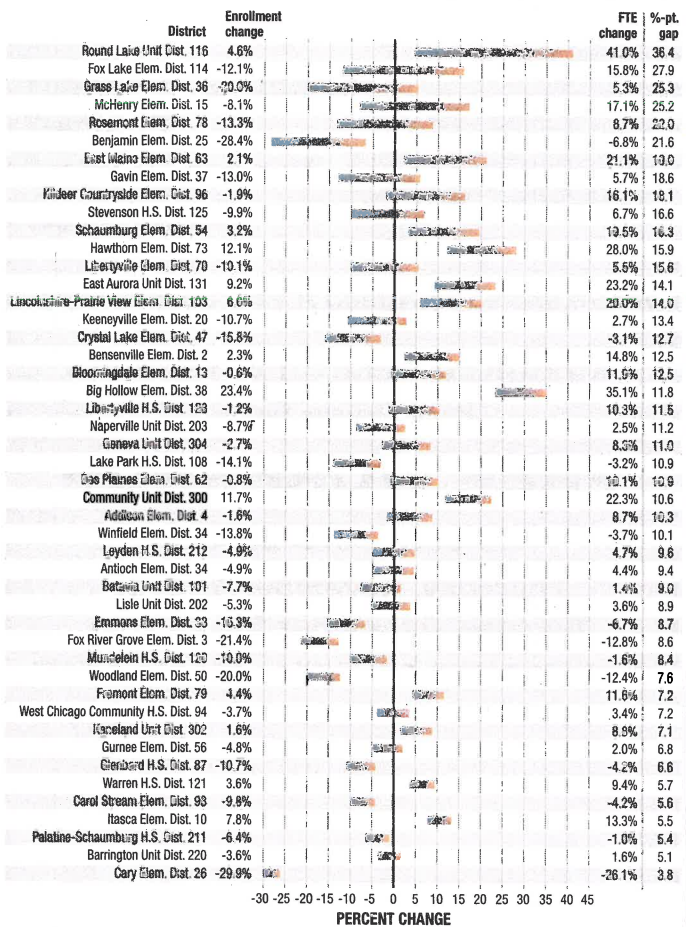
of possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Elmhurst police said they

and attempted to stop both cars. The drivers of both vehicles tried to flee and struck each other

Shutdown looms as Democrats

Hired hands

Several suburban school districts have continued to hire teaching staff despite dwindling or stagnant enrollment figures.



Sources: Daily Herald analysis of Illinois State Report Card data

Watchdog: Round Lake district shows biggest gap between teacher growth, student loss

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the board and administration felt we could do that, but that also nearly doubles the staff needed to operate those classes."

District 203 reported 1,586 fewer students last year than in 2008, but 27 more full-time teachers, according to the report card data. Bridges said in addition to the kindergarten teachers, the district added specialized "instructional coaches" to work with teachers and students at several grade levels.

Twenty-three of the 93 school districts lost students while adding teachers. Combined, their enrollment fell 5,009 while teaching positions increased by 316.

That baffles some education finance reform advocates.

"And this happens when public schools take up the biggest part of our property taxes," said Jim Tobin, president of Taxpayers United of America, a conservative anti-tax research group based in Chicago.

Twenty-nine school districts reported growth in both students and teaching positions over the decade, but at different rates. Many significantly increased teacher hiring while seeing modest enrollment growth.

Round Lake Area Unit District 116, for example, reported 143 more full-time teaching positions in 2017 than in 2008 — a 41 percent increase — even though enrollment grew by 313 students, or 4.6 percent. That's roughly one new teaching position for every two new students.

"The increase is not related to just one thing, but a combination," said Deputy Superintendent Donn Mendoza. "But one of the chief things was bringing special education programs back to the district." Several school districts

reported an uptick in hiring specifically related to special education programs that the districts are now offering in-house, rather than through special education cooperatives that required busing to classrooms outside the districts.

"Financially, it's pretty much a wash," said Jim Conroy, spokesman for Stevenson High School District 125 in Lincolnshire. "There were several reasons to bring those classes back here, but the big one was that when we sent students to (Special Education

District of Lake County) classrooms, we essentially lost control of the ability to monitor and properly evaluate the personnel working with our kids. And these kids also didn't feel part of Stevenson."

Stevenson reported 445 fewer students, or nearly 10 percent, last year than in 2008, but had 18 more full-time teaching positions, or almost 7 percent, according to the district's report cards. Conroy said the district and board made the changes with parent and taxpayer input.

"Any changes we made can

be easily justified," he said.

Thirty-eight of the school districts reported fewer teachers and fewer students compared to a decade ago. One had the same number of teachers as in 2008. Only two — Fenton High School District 100 and Glen Ellyn Elementary District 41 — reported more students with fewer full-time teaching positions.

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Addison Trail still unbeaten

BY BILL STONE
Daily Herald Correspondent

Boys basketball

As the only returning players for the Addison Trail boys basketball team with significant varsity minutes, juniors J.T. Daniels and Adem Mehmeti thought they could have only hoped for a start like this.

On Tuesday their finishes to complete personal-high performances carried the Blazers to a 63-56 victory at Glenbard North — and a still-perfect 5-0 record.

"It's awesome," said Daniels, who had 15 points and 8 rebounds.

"I'm just grateful," added Mehmeti, who delivered 20 points with 7 rebounds.

The opening possession of the fourth quarter may have been the most important.

With the game tied 38-38, Daniels drove the left of the lane and converted a three-point play.

Mehmeti's inside score off senior Connor Palesch's pass and a Daniels putback followed to put the Blazers ahead 45-38. They led by at least 5 the rest of the way.

"(The three-point play) was huge," Addison Trail coach Brendan Lyons said.

"Our start to the third quarter was not very good at all. Their physicality picked up and, to be honest, we weren't ready for that. I felt like the fourth quarter, getting J.T. established inside, getting Adem off the dribble kind of built our lead back up."

Glenbard North (0-5), which started five seniors, received huge games from Lee Rady, who had 28 points with four 3s,

and Darryl Creamer, who had 17 points and 7 rebounds.

Rady had 15 points with three 3s in the Panthers' 22-point third quarter — probably their best quarter so far this season. Creamer had 10 of the Panthers' fourth-quarter points with his three-point play closing the gap to 57-52 with 1:39 left.

Addison Trail held on with two pairs of free throws by Mehmeti and another by Palesch with 4.1 seconds.

"Overall effort-wise, something to hang your hat on. To get over the hump, there's two or three more possessions where we've got to do a better job," Glenbard North coach Joe Larson said.

"A lot of pride and execution in that third quarter that got us back in the game and, obviously, some good shooting from the perimeter. Defensively, I thought that's where we got back in the game. When you get stops, you give yourselves an opportunity."

So far, scoring balance has been a key in the Blazers' early success. Palesch added 12 points Monday with two 3s. Seniors Andrew Parnell and Vito Ciaccia have scored in double figures.

"We've been going about eight or nine deep consistently. Adem and J.T. have been two pretty good mainstays for us (offensively)," Lyons said. "It's good to see some guys coming in, getting some (varsity) minutes, to build that confidence with them. We're going to need that support."



Addison Trail's J.T. Daniels (32) drives around Glenbard North's Lee Rady (11) under the hoop in Carol Stream on Tuesday.

Boys basketball

Extra work keys ICCP

BY GREGG VOSS
Daily Herald Correspondent

On Tuesday afternoon IC Catholic Prep senior Alex Meurer and fellow senior teammate Kevin Cheng swung by the Elmhurst YMCA for a shootaround ahead of the Knights' game that evening against Lisle.

Good decision.

Meurer was a perfect 6 for 6 from the field, including five 3-point baskets, to lift the Knights to a 56-43 victory over the pesky Lions in a nonconference affair. ICCP improved to 4-1.

The key to shooting effectively, according to Meurer?

"It's just practicing every day," he said. "Today, me and Kevin after school went to the Y to shoot, and the more shots you put up, the better you feel. I shot fairly well (at the Y), but I shot better tonight."

And how. It seemed like Meurer continually put himself in the position of balling out his teammates as the Lions (2-3) crept closer behind the shooting of junior guard Jay McGrath, who finished with 16 points.

Meurer sparked a 12-2 ICCP run to end the first half with a pair of 3-pointers — from the left and right arcs — and for good measure added a fast-break jumper as time expired to give the Knights a 32-21 halftime lead.

Lisle climbed back to 41-33 to start the fourth quarter, but Meurer corrected for that with another 3 from the top of the key.

But arguably his biggest play of the night wasn't a scoring play. With 1:13 left and the Knights clinging to a 48-41 lead, after a 7-2 Lisle run that was sparked by a McGrath 3, Meurer found sophomore center Ryan Wojtalewicz on a pass down low. Wojtalewicz hit the layup and was fouled by senior forward Devin Tincu. He promptly made the free throw.

Ballgame.

"Alex is a key all-around guy for us," ICCP coach T.J. Tyrrell said. "He's very smart in his shot selection, and it showed tonight. Very high-percent-age shots, a lot of them were not contested, they were in rhythm, catch-and-shoot opportunities, and he just did a nice job of following through and knocking them down."

Bair, Glenbard S. start league play with win

BY STAN GOFF
Daily Herald Correspondent

Girls basketball

Maggie Bair and her Glenbard South teammates could not have started defense of their conference crown any better than they did Tuesday night at Wheaton Academy.

Bair made 7 of 9 shots in the first quarter while outscoring the Warriors by herself. The visitors built a 21-9 lead after one quarter on their way to a 53-39 victory in the Metro Suburban Conference Blue opener for both schools.

"I think this was a great way to start off conference play," said Bair, a 6-foot-2 junior, who finished the night with

26 points and 7 rebounds. "It's always nice to start with a win."

The Raiders (5-1, 1-0) were in control throughout, with Bair and Ally Dacca each causing damage down low and guards Lauren Cohen, Sarah Cohen and Mady Carli knocking down the occasional perimeter shot but more importantly frequently feeding the ball inside to their taller teammates.

"I think we reacted well to things they were doing," said Bair, who just finished up a solid volleyball campaign for

the Raiders. "We were cutting really well, and we moved the ball really well. We're moving the ball super well and (coach Morgan Kasperk) is teaching us to look down low when we're cutting. Everybody was looking for me at the basket and I just happened to be there."

The Warriors couldn't quite contain Bair and Dacca but battled throughout and countered with six 3-pointers — two each from Cassandra Bonga, Analise Richcreek and Imani Hillmer.

"She's a great athlete and she's a great competitor," first-year Wheaton Academy coach Erin Carwell said of Bair. "She's got great hands

and she's a great athlete, but we enjoy playing against her."

The 2-3 Warriors were paced by 10 points apiece from Hillmer and Lizzy Swoboda.

"I feel like we did really well battling and working together," said Hillmer, a sophomore forward. "I'm excited for the next few games. Right now we're real young so we've got some fresh legs and I'm excited to see how things go throughout the season. We're really working well together."

With Bair scoring 19 points through two quarters, the Raiders led 29-16 at the half and 40-23 after three quarters.



Maggie Bair

Freshman guard Lauren Cohen scrapped her way to 7 rebounds while adding 4 assists and 2 steals.

"Ally (Dacca) played well and we really pushed the tempo tonight," Kasperk said. "I thought Lauren Cohen did a nice job bringing the ball up and Sarah (Cohen) did too. So the girls were able to get their head up and run. That's something we really haven't done this season, so that was nice to see us push the ball."



Koenig pours in 22 in victory

BY ALLEN OSHINSKI

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offensively, and then defen-

Tiger Woods is back, but maybe not the guy on TV

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

NASSAU, Bahamas — Tiger Woods couldn't have scored more points with his two children than when he took them to Miami this summer to watch Barcelona in a friendly, and then arranged for them to meet Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez in the locker room.

He described it as a surreal moment to watch his kids in awe of their soccer heroes, especially Messi, their favorite. It was a reminder of his own place in the world of sports when he said to daughter Sam, "Isn't it neat to meet a living legend?"

Sam's reply: "Yeah. We live with one."

"I never thought my kids have understood what I've been able to do in the game because they always think I'm the 'YouTube' golfer," Woods said Tuesday. "They've never seen me in action."

His son, Charlie, was 4 when Woods won the Bridgestone Invitational for his 79th — and still his last — victory on the PGA Tour.

"Most of the stuff they've seen has been on highlight packages," Woods said. "I want them to see what I've been able to do my entire career. I don't know how long I want them to come to a few events. I want them to feel it. I want them to understand it a little bit more."

Woods is a YouTube sensation to more than just his own children.

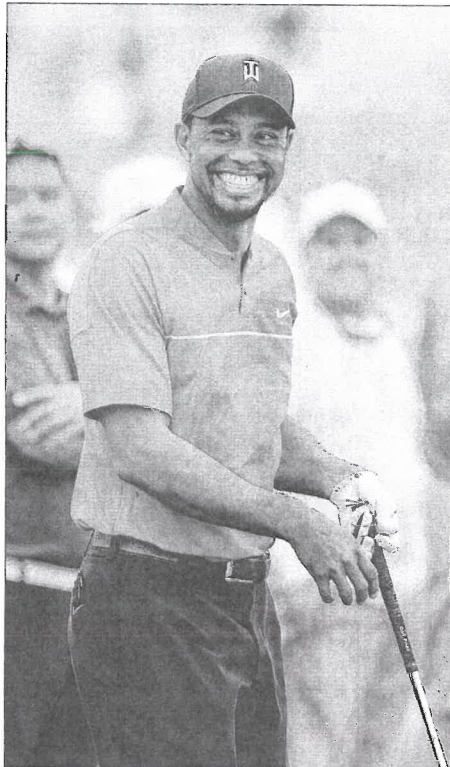
He might as well add PGA champion Justin Thomas, Hideki Matsuyama and Daniel Berger to that list. They weren't on the PGA Tour in 2013 when Woods last won a tournament. The list is even longer of players who don't know the Woods that dominated his sport like no other.

Thomas was 7 when he was at Valhalla for the 2000 PGA Championship and the great duel between Woods and Bob May that went to a three-hole playoff. Thomas recalls hearing the roar of the crowd when Woods made a 6-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to force a playoff, which Woods considers the most important putt he ever made.

That was Woods at his best. That was the Woods that inspired a generation he now has to beat.

That was mostly a memory. "I never played against that person," Thomas said. "All I know in terms of watching him actually play golf is what I've seen. Until you're there and you stand and you watch the golf shots, you hear the sound it makes, you watch the putts, chips, then you really get an idea. But I guess we'll have to wait and see."

Thomas will get that opportunity Thursday in the Hero World Challenge when Woods plays for only



AP FILE PHOTO/Dec. 4, 2016

Tiger Woods returns to golf this week to play in the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas. It's the 10th time he has returned after a layoff of 10 weeks or longer.

the fourth time in two years. Woods called him a few weeks ago and asked Thomas if he'd like to be paired with him for the first round.

What should Thomas expect to see? Not even Woods knows, having not teed it up in competition since Feb. 3 in Dubai.

Patrick Reed talks endlessly about the three years between the summer of 1999 and the summer of 2001, when Woods won 23 of the 46 tournaments he played around the world, including five out of eight majors.

"Not only did he beat people physically, he destroyed the guys in his group mentally. They completely unraveled," Reed said. "Nowadays, that's gone away. All of us got to know Tiger when he was going through injuries. We saw Tiger when he was his most vulnerable, when he was trying to play golf being injured. ... I would love to turn back that clock and pop out for the '99 to 2001 Tiger. Because I was growing up watching it. I'd love to play against it."

Reed is part of a generation that was inspired to play by watching Woods. In some respects, Woods trained the kids he now has to beat.

Do they think their games now are good enough to take on Woods in his prime?

"You'd be stupid to say you couldn't because you'd be

doubting yourself," U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka said. "He was very dominant. It's very intimidating when a guy wins so much. It must have been depressing when he showed up. You'd have a 1-in-3 chance of winning. I watched it growing up. I knew exactly how good he was. I wish I could have played against him."

Assuming his health allows him to play a regular schedule, Woods would love that opportunity, too.

"In an ideal world," he said, "I would like to have them feel what some of my past guys had to go against all those years."

That's a tall order, and Woods knows it.

He often says that "Father Time remains undefeated." He says the pain is gone after fusion surgery on his lower back. He appears to have freedom in his swing and power in his game. But he is not the same player on those video clips.

He turns 42 at the end of the month. He has gone through four surgeries on his back, four on his knee. He has gone 30 starts over four years without winning.

Can he ever be the guy on YouTube again? Can he be better?

"That's going to be hard," he said with a smile. "I mean, I was pretty good."

St. Edward defeats Timothy

Daily Herald Reports

With the centerpiece of last year's Class 2A third-place team, Maddie Spagnola and Katie Castoro, having graduated, St. Edward girls basketball coach Michelle Dawson knew there would be an adjustment period at the start of this season. So when the Green Wave lost its first three games Dawson wasn't too concerned.

The last two games have shown why.

The Green Wave (2-3) continued to find its groove on Tuesday, defeating Timothy Christian 61-40 at home for its second straight win.

Yssa Sto. Domingo led the way with 18 points for St. Edward.

"I know our record (1-3) at the Hinsdale (South) tournament didn't show it, but I was actually very pleased with the way we played," Dawson said. "I could feel each game we were figuring it out and the pieces were coming together. We are starting to elevate our game. I like the way we are playing unselfish and making

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the extra pass. I feel we are in a good place right now."

Sto. Domingo got the offense kick-started for the Green Wave as she scored the first 5 points of the game on a transition layup and a 3-pointer. She went on to score 13 points in the first half as the Green Wave built a 35-13 lead by halftime.

"I think we learned a lot from our mistakes at the Hinsdale tournament," Sto. Domingo said. "We know to win we have to work as a team. These last two games the ball movement has been much better. It starts with the first pass and it ends with an open shot. I just tried to do my part. Their defenders were giving me space and I saw some openings to either shoot or attack the basket."

Sto. Domingo had four 3-pointers and three layups in the game.

"She is a real leader,"

Dawson said. "The rest of the team feeds off her energy. It's just a pleasure to coach all these kids because they have a hard working mentality and want to get better."

The Green Wave's defense played a pivotal role in its success as it forced 17 turnovers in the first half and 24 in the game.

"I was telling my assistants after one of the breaks that I would hate to have to bring the ball up the court against our defense," Dawson said.

Timothy Christian (1-3) never got closer than 17 points in the second half. Emily DeBoer led the Trojans in scoring with 12 points.

— Scott Miller

Montini 63, Lincoln-Way East 28;

Montini ran its record to 6-0 on the season in the non-conference victory. It was the 500th win for coach Jason Nichols. Lindsey Jarosinski scored 20 points, Aaliyah Patty added 18 and Ilysse Pitts had 17.

Football

METRO SUBURBAN CONFERENCE

ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM (BLUE DIVISION)
Fenton — Carlos Mercado; Dylan Butts. **IC Catholic Prep** — Khal Saunders; Khal Saunders, Kemron Reese; Ricky Meyhew; Dylan Packer; Lazarik Edman; GJ West. **Glenbard South** — Nick D'Ambr; Jack Crouth; Ryan McCormick; Adam Hausman; Rod Rivers. **Riverside-Brookfield** — Hunter Hughes; Anthony Walsh; Nicolas De Noux; Stefan Girmanski; Joshua Ricchio. **St. Edward** — Nick Wright; Brett Kravak; David Muckton; Tyler Holt. **Wheaton Academy** — Dmitriy Skolokov; Sean Blum; Cristian Carleton.

Blue division team champion — IC Catholic Prep
Offensive player of the year — CJ West (IC Catholic Prep)
Defensive player of the year — Nick D'Ambr (Glenbard South)
ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM (RED DIVISION)
Aurora Central Catholic — Jackson Robert; Ryan Carzo; Jeff Albert; Adam Dickerson; Frankie Herrera. **Chicago Christian** — Harry Light; Matt McCarthy; Jake Swiney; Nate Wiggins; Jonathan Griffin. **Elmhurst Park** — Matt Baratta; Matt Bittner; Kris Diakic; Jackson Almodovar; Davis Schmidt; Andrew Rossas; Alex Lopez; Xavier Vieg; Luciano Martino. **Geneva Prep** — George Esauas; Gerald Crawford. **Ridgewood** — James Chahabe; Bernardo Trevino; Jason Zaleski; Marco Viala; Jason Kenney. **Walter Davidson** — Malik Whittier; Jerrette Gildersleeve; Ryan Jones. **Red division team champion** — Elmhurst Park, Ridgewood, Aurora Central Catholic
Offensive player of the year — Jonathan Griffin (Chicago Christian)
Defensive player of the year — Andrew Rossas (Elmhurst Park)

Boys basketball

Tuesday's results

Hinsdale South 48, Andrew 42
2-0-5, Dana 3-4-11, Oak 11-4-26, LaGrange 0-0-0, Sellers 2-0-4, Buckley 0-0-0. Totals: 22-74-53

ADDITIONAL TEAM: GLENHARD NORTH 0-6
Benet 61, Ridgewood 50

ADDITIONAL TEAM: GLENHARD NORTH 0-6
Addison Trail — Parnal 3-0-7, Palosch 3-4-12, Mchizeli 7-8-20, Rice 0-0-0, Daniels 1-1-15, Cassica 2-2-4-6, Casey 1-0-3, White 0-0-0, Troha 0-0-0. Totals: 23-13-63

Glenbard North — Orban 6-4-5-17, Lee 1-2-4, Callahan 1-0-3, Miller 2-0-4, Ray 12-0-26, Allen 0-0-0, John 0-0-0. Totals: 22-6-55.

Addison Trail — 15 16 9 25-63
Glenbard North — 7 9 22-56
3-point baskets: AT: Palosch 2, Parnal, Casey, GJ: Rody 4, Greiner, Callahan. Fouled out: CJK Greiner.

IC CATHOLIC PREP 56, LISLE 43
Lisle — Sitt 2-0-4, Grutznacher 0-0-0, Webb 1-0-2, Steinhilber 3-1-2, Wilke 1-0-1, McGrath 5-3-4-16, Tincu 3-1-7, Hean 1-0-2, Kowal 1-0-2, Totals: 17-5-43.

ICCP — Tverdokhina 0-0-0, Amersson 1-1-1, Chang 2-1-5, N. Gaudin 7-0-4, Askew 1-2-4, Shannon 0-2-2, Meador 6-2-4, Hight 1-0-2, Wojcikowski 3-3-9, D. Gaudin 0-0-0. Totals: 20-11-55.

Alida — 8 13 10-43
IC Catholic Prep — 9 23 15-56
3-point baskets: L: McGrath 3, Basingik, GJ: Kurzer 5. Fouled out: L: Sitt.

Girls basketball

Tuesday's results

Hinsdale South 47, Addison Trail 38
MONTINI 63, LINCOLN-WAY EAST 28
Montini — Patty 18 (pts), Jarosinski (20 pts), Pitts (17 pts)

FENTON OT, ELIJAH CHRISTIAN 44
Hilana Christian — Junker 11-10-12; DeYoung 6-1-5-13; Darcio 1-3-4-6; West 0-1-0; Smit 1-0-0-2; Boss 1-0-0-2; Mearns 0-2-4-10; Hight 1-0-2; Wojcikowski 3-3-9, D. Gaudin 0-0-0. Totals: 20-11-55.

Alida — 8 13 10-43
IC Catholic Prep — 9 23 15-56
3-point baskets: L: McGrath 3, Basingik, GJ: Kurzer 5. Fouled out: L: Sitt.

Hinsdale Central — McLaughlin 0-0-0; Bolch 0-1-2-1; Sheehan 5-0-4-16; Roward 2-0-4; Porter 0-0-0; Boggs 3-4-4-10; Lofler 3-2-2-8; Rivera 2-1-4-5; Neavins 0-1-2-1; Williams 1-0-2; Kuan 0-0-2-0. Totals: 19-10-45.

OPRF — Sanchez 3-2-2-8; Holman 4-1-2-13; Steier 2-2-2-6; Counts 0-0-0; Guarnio 0-0-0; Coleman 4-5-11; Spencer 2-2-12; Fuller 0-0-6; Coverton 0-0-0; Nelson 0-0-0-0. Totals: 20-0-18-55.

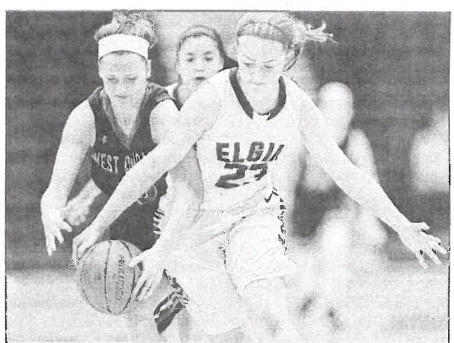
Hinsdale Central — 12 13 11 9-45
Underhill — 21 5 12 17-45
3-point baskets: HC: Sheehan 4, OPRF: Holman 4, Underhill. Fouled out: HC: Neavins.

ST. EDWARD 61, TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN 40
St. Edward — Santo Domingo 7-0-18; Niehaus 4-0-2-10; Kraft 4-0-8; Rejman 3-0-0-6; Franco 2-1-2-5; Armstrong 2-0-4; Wilson 2-0-4; Ellsworth 1-0-2; Hicks 1-0-0-2; Miller 1-0-0-2. Totals: 27-14-61.

Timothy Christian — DeBoer 3-2-12; Westra 2-1-2-6; Alex 3-3-9; Totals 14-8-33-40.

St. Edward — 17 10 10-61
St. Edward — 17 10 10-61
Timothy Christian — 5 8 14-40
3-point baskets: SE: Santo Domingo 4, Niehaus 2, TC: Alex 2, Gaudin, Westra.

L'EST CHICAGO 63, ELGIN 35
L'Est Chicago — Koenig 8-14-22; Redice 4-7-15; Patel 2-0-1-5; Wiegata 3-2-2-9; Culver 1-0-0-2; Miller 0-0-0-0; Lamanda 0-0-0-0; Ficarra 0-0-0-0; Callahan 0-0-0-0; Odenauer 0-0-0-0; Brown 0-0-0-0. Totals: 18-15-50.



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Elgin's Kyle Graves tries to take the ball from West Chicago's Sofia Radice on Tuesday at Elgin High School.

GLENHARD SOUTH 60, WHEATON ACADEMY 30

Glenbard South — C. Cohen 0-0-2, S. Cohen 3-0-7, Carl 2-0-5, Dacia 1-0-1, Sait 11-4-26, LaGrange 0-0-0, Sellers 2-0-4, Buckley 0-0-0. Totals: 22-74-53

Wheaton Academy — Bermudez 2-0-4, Bonga 2-0-6, L. Switkows 4-2-10, Richneck 3-0-8, Hillner 4-0-0-10, Blackmon 0-0-0, Verhutzen 0-0-0, B. Switkows 0-0-0-0, Southard 0-0-0 Totals: 15-2-33

Glenbard South — 21 8 11-63
Wheaton Acad. — 9 7 7 16-39
3-point baskets: GS: S. Cohen, Carl, Wk: Bonga 2, Richneck 2, Hillner, 2. Fouled out: None.

LEYDOL 47, WILLOWBROOK 29
Willowbrook — Barrington 0-0-1-0; Smith 1-3-5; Heneghan 1-2-4; McCain 3-3-5-9; Mh 1-0-2; Verdino 0-0-0-0; Tancop 0-0-0; Knight 0-0-0; Louison 3-1-5-9. Totals: 9-11-29

Laydon — 9 14 14 10-47
Willowbrook — 12 9 2 6-29
3-point baskets: W: None. Fouled out: W: None.

DAX PARK-RIVER FOREST 0-5, HINSDALE CENTRAL 4-5

Hinsdale Central — McLaughlin 0-0-0; Bolch 0-1-2-1; Sheehan 5-0-4-16; Roward 2-0-4; Porter 0-0-0; Boggs 3-4-4-10; Lofler 3-2-2-8; Rivera 2-1-4-5; Neavins 0-1-2-1; Williams 1-0-2; Kuan 0-0-2-0. Totals: 19-10-45.

OPRF — Sanchez 3-2-2-8; Holman 4-1-2-13; Steier 2-2-2-6; Counts 0-0-0; Guarnio 0-0-0; Coleman 4-5-11; Spencer 2-2-12; Fuller 0-0-6; Coverton 0-0-0; Nelson 0-0-0-0. Totals: 20-0-18-55.

Hinsdale Central — 12 13 11 9-45
Underhill — 21 5 12 17-45
3-point baskets: HC: Sheehan 4, OPRF: Holman 4, Underhill. Fouled out: HC: Neavins.

ST. EDWARD 61, TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN 40
St. Edward — Santo Domingo 7-0-18; Niehaus 4-0-2-10; Kraft 4-0-8; Rejman 3-0-0-6; Franco 2-1-2-5; Armstrong 2-0-4; Wilson 2-0-4; Ellsworth 1-0-2; Hicks 1-0-0-2; Miller 1-0-0-2. Totals: 27-14-61.

Timothy Christian — DeBoer 3-2-12; Westra 2-1-2-6; Alex 3-3-9; Totals 14-8-33-40.

St. Edward — 17 10 10-61
St. Edward — 17 10 10-61
Timothy Christian — 5 8 14-40
3-point baskets: SE: Santo Domingo 4, Niehaus 2, TC: Alex 2, Gaudin, Westra.

L'EST CHICAGO 63, ELGIN 35
L'Est Chicago — Koenig 8-14-22; Redice 4-7-15; Patel 2-0-1-5; Wiegata 3-2-2-9; Culver 1-0-0-2; Miller 0-0-0-0; Lamanda 0-0-0-0; Ficarra 0-0-0-0; Callahan 0-0-0-0; Odenauer 0-0-0-0; Brown 0-0-0-0. Totals: 18-15-50.

Elgin — Cooper 1-0-2; Untalan 2-0-2; Downing 2-0-0-5; K. Graves 1-0-2; Harvey 0-0-9; Moskov 3-0-1-6; Chen 2-1-2; Pierre-Louis 1-0-2; James 0-0-0; Ocampo 0-0-0-1; E. Graves 0-0-0; Gutierrez 0-0-0; Crawford 0-0-0-1; Khan 0-0-0. Totals: 16-19-35.

West Chicago — 11 13 15 14-63
Elgin — 18 10 6 1-35
3-point baskets: WC: Patel, Wiegata, E. Downing, Harvey. Fouled out: E: Untalan.

YORK 63, LYONS TOWNSHIP 38
York — Elliott 3-1-2-8; Bugalski 4-0-0-10; Lee 5-0-0-11; Fink 3-2-8; Allen 0-1-2-1; Toloski 16-4-39.

Troy — Park 1-1-2-1; Rufus 1-0-2-2; Dennis 2-7-11; Stark 3-4-13; Rubin 3-4-21; Vols 0-2-2-2; Lewis 1-2-4-3. Totals: 18-25-45.

Lyons — 11 3 6 18-38
York — 6 19 13 5-53
3-point baskets: L: Elliot, Bugalski 2, Lee 1, Stark 3. Fouled out: L: Bugalski.

Girls gymnastics

Tuesday's results

DOWNEYS GROVE NORTH 121.4, WILLOWBROOK 114.4, RIVERSIDE-BROOKFIELD 108

Vault — (RB) 8.7; Lucia (DN) 8.6; RB 8.5. **Uneven bars** — Stokki (DN) 8.5; Bowers (DN) 8.5; Nwaka (DN) 7.85; Fitzgerald (W) 7.85. **Balance beam** — Stokki (DN) 8.6; Lucia (DN) 8.45; Bowers (DN) 7.8. **Floor exercise** — Stokki (DN) 8.55; RB 8.5; Bowers (DN) 8.5. **All-around** — Lucia (DN) 33.3; Bowers (DN) 32.3; RB 32.25.

Upcoming events

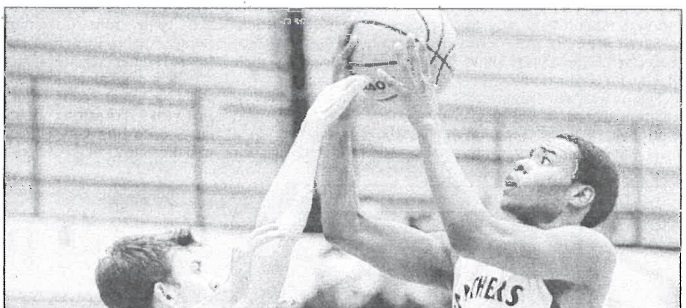
TODAY

Boys basketball
Elmhurst Park at Peotone, 7 p.m.
Downers Grove East at Glenbard East, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball
Benet at Downers Grove South, 6 p.m.
Wrestling
Wheaton Christian, Wheaton Academy at Lisle, 5:30 p.m.

Boys bowling
Fenton at Chicago Christian (Dundas Blvd), 5 p.m.
Hinsdale South at Oak Lawn (Patos Lane), 4:30 p.m.

Girls gymnastics
Glenbard South at Addison Trail, 6 p.m.



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Willowbrook's Jessen just keeps working

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Willowbrook's Jack Jessen, left, led his team to the 6A quarterfinals playing both running back and

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Class 6A quarterfinal: Scouting Willowbrook at Prairie Ridge



Jessen, Willowbrook advance to quarterfinals

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Batavia's 'brothers' savor their state championship dream

The text beamed into Nick Hildreth's cell phone sometime after midnight.

Mere hours after Willowbrook's football team claimed another Friday night victory, the Warriors' coach had forgotten to send the latest game film to his players to study.

Hildreth immediately knew the texter. It had to be Jack Jessen.

"Yeah, I knew it was him wanting to look at the film," Hildreth said with a laugh. "He played a whole game, probably sat in an ice bath afterward. And he still wanted to look at film that night. He never stops."

Jessen never stops.

Never stops running through level after level of defenders. Never stops leveling opposing runners while playing defense.

Never stops working. Never stops winning.

Jessen knows no other way.

"I've been like that ever since I was a little kid," he said. "Never able to sit down, always restless, always needing to do something. My parents told me when I was a baby I always had to be playing with a ball."

And he won't stop now.

With so much still to do, Jessen is the 2017 Daily Herald DuPage County Red Grange Football Captain.

"He was by far the best running back we faced, but we also always accounted for No. 24 on defense," said Downers Grove South coach Mark Molinari. "You just don't see kids like that who are that good on both sides of the ball. You see two-way players, but not that good on both sides."

Jessen...

All you need to know about Jessen's football motor is that he's a wrestler. There's no doubt the combination of the two sports helped him become one of the state's elite players the last three seasons.

"I instantly fell in love with both sports," said Jessen, who began competing in both when he was about 5 years old. "It took a lot of extra time and practice to get me where I am today, but putting in the extra work paid off.

"I definitely think wrestling helps out with football," he said. "I've been on big stages in wrestling and that's helped out with the bigger football games I've been in."

You also see the clear physical correlation. His explosion is similar in both sports, and it allowed him to shine on both sides of the ball.



Prairie Ridge wins second straight Class 6A state title



Another state title for ICCP to talk about



Batavia High School honors their state champion football team

This season Jessen rushed for 2,050 yards and 24 touchdowns -- both program records -- while leading the Warriors with 90 tackles at linebacker. The 5-foot-11 senior set four other program records, including most starts, and is the only Willowbrook football player to be a team captain for three years.

The Warriors made back-to-back quarterfinal appearances with Jessen leading the way, and this season they won the West Suburban Gold title for the first time. Credit that never-stop attitude.

"What he's able to do is pretty special," said Willowbrook senior Tyler Guerrero, a football player and wrestler who's known Jessen since they were in kindergarten. "I truly believe it's the wrestling mentality. We're taught to score from any position on offense or defense, and I think that carries over to football.

"It's his mental toughness and conditioning," he said. "He's just a great athlete."

...Never...

Jessen's assault on the season began last summer when he actually missed part of football camp. But it was for a good cause.

Jessen, who will wrestle at Northwestern University next year, was in North Dakota winning a Junior Greco-Roman national championship. He finished second in freestyle.

After placing second twice and third once in the IHSA state tournament, Jessen has his full focus on winning a state title at 182 pounds. According to Warriors wrestling coach Brandon Murphy, a long wrestling season would give Jessen a shot at the state record for all-time victories.

"Willowbrook's always had some great multisport athletes," Murphy said. "There's a grit and a toughness you have to have to make it through both seasons. When it comes to that third and fourth quarter and other players start to fade, he's not nearly as tired, and that's when he really starts to perform."

It often took three or four defenders to bring down Jessen. That's because of the immense training he has defending his legs on the mat. He's a good tackler because of his takedown prowess -- nearly 1,000 in his first three wrestling seasons with the Warriors.

"He's in wrestling shape during football season," Murphy said. "In terms of football, he's done all he can do. Now he'll try to reach the top of his sport in wrestling."

...Stops

Jessen didn't want to miss any football time last summer, but Hildreth helped his star player recognize the priority of the situation.

"The only days he's missing, he's actually working harder with the best wrestlers in the country," Hildreth said. "So we'll gladly take that."

They'll also take Jessen's expertise at time management and strong family influence from his parents, Dennis and Blanca, and younger sister

Emma. While excelling at everything he does in sports, Jessen also manages a 4.1 grade-point average on a 4-point scale.

"I just make time for everything, even if it means I'm not going out and doing stuff," Jessen said. "I might have missed out on some fun, but it's been worth it."

Being absent from anything is a rarity for Jessen, who said he hasn't missed a practice or a game since he had his tonsils taken out at about the time he started competing in football and wrestling.

This season Jessen averaged 24 carries and 7.5 tackles a game, including 48 carries in a second-round playoff win over DeKalb and 10 tackles in the season-ending loss to eventual Class 6A champion Prairie Ridge.

"I love the game of football and I love being out there as much as possible," he said. "I'm never really 100 percent, but I'm never hurt enough to miss a game. Being off the field just doesn't feel right."

Jessen's 33rd and final start didn't go as planned in a 42-7 loss to Prairie Ridge. His ankle was rolled up on and he wound up on the sideline, restless and practically begging to go back in the game.

With the game out of reach and time winding down, Hildreth let Jessen return to action.

"It looked bad," Hildreth said. "But he did not like the way he was going out. He wanted to end it on his terms."

Jessen limped back into the game. He got his last carry on the last play of Willowbrook's season.

Ten days later he returned to the wrestling mat to compete in the Warriors' first meet.


Once again, Jessen never stopped.

"I don't want to miss any of it," he said.

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