

Speaker presents 'How to Thrive in your Singleness' at Single Mothers event

Single moms along with your children are invited to the next Single Mothers Luncheon event scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 14 from 12:15-2:30 p.m. to hear a special guest speaker.

The program will be feature pediatric ER doctor and author/lecturer Lina Abujamra, who uses the same skills serving patients in the ER as she does helping women build their faith and manage critical decisions. She is the founder of Living with Power Ministries. Her deepest desire is to help people live life with power by connecting biblical answers to everyday life.

Abujamra's most recent book "Thrive" has taken her back to her birth country in the Middle East, where she provided medical care for the Syrian refugees. Lina still practices medicine, but spends most of her time speaking and providing Biblical truth to everyday life.

She is the author of three books: *Thrive: The Single Life as God Intended*; *Stripped: When God's Call Turns from Yes to Why Me?* and *Resolved: 10 Ways to Stand Strong and Live What You Believe*. Her website can be found at livingwithpower.org

The event will take place at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill Rd., just west of Elmhurst Hospital. Lina will speak at 1:10 p.m., at which time children will go to age-appropriate activities. There is no fee to attend. For more information about the event, visit elmhurstcr.org/she or send an email to: janeloe@aol.com.



Lina Abujamra

Addison Historical Museum will be open on school holiday Mondays

The Addison Historical Museum will be open on school holiday Mondays during the months of Jan., Feb. and March in addition to its regular Wednesday and Friday hours. The museum will have visiting hours on Monday, Jan. 15, (Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday), Feb. 19, (President's Day) and March 26, (Spring Break Week Monday). The museum will be open from Noon to 4 p.m.

The Addison Historical Museum consists of three historic buildings. The museum is housed in the 1892

Balzer Home and has displays on local history. The 1933 Coach House has exhibits relating to Addison's farming heritage. The 1893 Century House is a restored period home of German Lutheran school teachers.

The museum is located at 135 West Army Trail Bld. immediately south of Village Hall. Parking is available on the street or in the museum driveway off of May St.

Admission is free.

For more info: contact: senglish@addison-il.org or call 630-628-1433.

Addison man arrested in Elmhurst for aggravated assault

Charged after shouting profanities at police officer

On Dec. 30, the Elmhurst Police Department reported that a reporting officer had been notified of a possible altercation at the Schiller Parking Deck in downtown Elmhurst at

around 11:19 p.m.

The officer made contact with Fernando Saucedo, 24, of Addison, who allegedly became belligerent and uncooperative. Police said Saucedo aggressively approached the officer while continuing to yell profanities. Saucedo was charged with attempted aggravated assault.

ACA to host District 4 Art Exhibition

The Addison Center for the Arts will present the District 4 Art exhibition Jan. 17 - Feb. 2, at its gallery located adjacent to Addison Trail High School at 213 No. Lombard Road, Door #4.

The "Young at Art" show is a compilation of artwork from eight different elementary schools in Addison. Each school selects approximately 25 works from students K-8, highlighting their talents learned throughout the year.

A special thank you to the elementary art teachers in Addison for showing the students' different techniques and helping promote the creativity shown in the artwork. As Picasso once said,

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up."

The public is invited to celebrate these young artists at an artist's reception on Wednesday, Jan. 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. and during gallery hours through Feb. 2.

The gallery is open Wednesdays thru Saturdays from 1 - 4 p.m.

The Addison Center for the Arts is non-profit organization created to be an integral part in advancing the arts within the community. For more information, call 630-458-4500 or visit the ACA on facebook.

Community calendar

Thursday, Jan. 11

AAG monthly meeting

At 7:30 p.m., members of AAG will hold a Peer Critique with fellow artists critiquing art accomplished by others either as a finished product or in a developing stage. Meetings are held at Addison Village Hall in room 1301 A & B. Guests welcome.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

AAG artist's reception

From 5 to 7 p.m., the public is invited to an artist's reception for the "Young at Art" show at the AAG gallery, located adjacent to Addison Trail High School at 213 No. Lombard Road, Door #4. The show is a compilation of artwork from eight different elementary schools in Addison.

Thursday, Feb. 8

AAG monthly meeting

At 7:30 p.m., the Addison Art Guild will hold its regular meeting AAG at Addison Village Hall in room 1301 A & B. This month's program will be on Fibre Art presented by Sharon Malec. Guests welcome.

Sunday, March 11

PIE Foundation fundraiser

The Partnership for Inspired Education (PIE) Foundation will host its 7th annual din-ner/theater/auction fundraiser featuring Drury Lane's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." A 2 p.m. matinee performance is followed by dinner, silent auction, and

prize drawings. Proceeds serve to enhance student learning and education exploration in School Districts 4, 45, 48, and 88, including ATHS and WBHS.

Ongoing events ...

• AAG presents Young At Art show

From Jan. 17-Feb. 2, the Addison Art Guild presents the District #4 Art exhibition at its gallery located adjacent to Addison Trail High School at 213 No. Lombard Road, Door #4. The "Young at Art" show is a compilation of artwork from eight different elementary schools in Addison. Each school selects approximately 25 works from students K-8, highlighting their talents learned throughout the year.

• 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. For more information, contact Teresa Grodsky at (630) 233-7275, option #2.

• TOPS meetings held on Thursday evenings, Friday mornings

Remember TOPS? Take Off Pounds Sensibly is still here helping and supporting people to lose weight. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings at the Addison Park District building at 120 E. Oak St. Weigh in from 6-6:30 p.m., and then meet from 6:30-7:15 p.m. Or there is a weight-in Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. followed by a meeting from 10-11 a.m. Info: for Thursday meetings, email Sandy at sand.smithandcats@yahoo.com; for Friday meetings, email Millie at johnreiter@sbcglobal.net

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Addison Trail wrestling team continues to improve

Blazers put together recent string of six wins in seven meets

By Mike Miazga
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The Addison Trail wrestling team has proof of its recent improvement.

The Blazers recently put together a great stretch where they won six of seven dual meets.

The Blazers were 54-18 winners over District 88 neighbor Willowbrook in a West Suburban Conference Gold Division meeting. Addison Trail also downed York by a

51-20 count.

The only blemish during the span was a loss to Downers Grove South in WSC Gold action. Addison Trail then defeated Fenton 49-24, Elk Grove 56-18, Glenbrook South 75-6 and Leyden 68-10.

The wins put Addison Trail at 11-3 through late last week.

"We've been doing pretty decent," said Addison Trail coach Rob Serio. "The kids are wrestling tough. The team has been doing well as a whole. For as young as we are we have the experience and we're going out there and wrestling well. They have that experience in wrestling and they

know what it takes to win. They work hard."

Serio cited strong leadership as another reason for the team's success. "We have good leaders," he said. "Our captains do a good job."

Guillermo Juarez was 18-2 overall at 106 pounds through late last week. Brian Reyes was 21-3 at 138 pounds.

Others excelling for the Blazers include Adal Sanabria at 220 pounds where he is 14-6. Freshman Jake Matthews, who wrestles at 126 pounds, had an 18-3 mark to his credit.

Xavier Sierra was 14-9 at 170 pounds. "Xavier is doing pretty well out there as well," said Serio. "We have depth. The kids are doing a

great job, they really are."

Addison Trail also had numerous high place-finishers at recent tournaments.

At the 20-team Glenbrook South tournament, Juarez took second at 106, while Matthews wrestled up at 132 pounds and took second as well. Reyes went up a weight at 145 and took fifth place.

At Prospect in early December, Juarez placed third, while Matthews was third at 132 pounds again. Reyes took third as well and Sanabria was runner-up at 220 pounds.

Addison Trail's only loss thus far in conference came to Downers Grove South. "That was a little disappointing," said Serio. "Things didn't fall for us. The kids wrestled

tough in every match. We were right there, but it didn't end up our way. It was so close. Downers Grove South is a great team. Hats off to them, they wrestled a little better."

Serio added another key aspect to this year's team is its chemistry. "Our practices are not dull or boring," he said. "They aren't dreading to go to practice or just trying to make it through. They have a good time and they buy into what we are teaching them and they are improving. That is what makes a team good. They work hard, they want to be there and they are having so much fun, which is the most important thing."

Addison Trail wrestles Proviso East Friday and then heads to the Batavia tournament on Saturday.

Willowbrook boys basketball team goes 3-1 at Glenbard West tournament

Schuemer, Myers named to all-tournament team

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook boys basketball team wrapped up the 2017 portion of its schedule by going 3-1 at the Glenbard West tournament.

The Warriors lost to host Glenbard West by two points in the championship game.

"Glenbard West has a pretty good team. They played well," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins. "We didn't play well. They got out to a big lead, 14-3, on us. We cut into the lead and took the lead with about two or three minutes left. It was back and forth after that. We were playing catch-up most of the game."

Willowbrook advanced to the tournament final with wins against Glenbard North, St. Francis and Hoffman Estates.

"Those all were double-digit wins," said Perkins. "We were rolling defensively. Our full-court pressure and half-court traps helped us out a lot in those games. We were able to get a lot of transition baskets. Our defense created transition opportunities for us."

Perkins said a team effort paved the way on defense. "Our press is not necessarily one person," he said. "It depends on where the traps come from."

Perkins did laud Sikander Zafar for his defensive efforts throughout the season. "Sikander probably is our best defender," he said. "He's at the top of the press and does a good job in the half-court trap. Everybody else loads up and gets in those pass-

ing lanes."

Ethan Schuemer and Matt Myers were named to the all-tournament team at Glenbard West.

"Both of them have been consistent for us," said Perkins. "Ethan is a workhorse. He played well in the tournament. He got into foul trouble against Glenbard West and that prevented him from playing a lot in the championship. He had four points. Overall, he's been rebounding, playing great and finishing for us. Matt is a consistent playmaker for us. He gets others involved and he's done a good job rebounding."

The loss to Glenbard West put Willowbrook at 9-2 overall.

"I'm pleased so far," said Perkins. "Our two losses have come at Proviso East by two points in overtime at the buzzer and the loss to Glenbard West in the championship game in their own gym. That's two losses by two points each to respectable teams. I'm pleased with the first 11 games, but we have a lot of games to go before the playoffs."

Perkins noted between Jan. 6 and Jan. 30 the Warriors will play 12 games in that 24-day stretch.

"After those 12 games we will know a lot more about ourselves," he said.

Willowbrook again will head to Sterling during the Martin Luther King weekend for a tournament where it will play four games in a three-day span with two games each on that Saturday and Monday.

"That tournament always is a grind," said Perkins. "Hopefully we'll have some momentum here at the end of the month and then the schedule eases. We won't have as many games and that will give us time to practice and get ourselves ready for the playoffs."

Fenton girls basketball team makes national record books

Bison rain of 3 pointers gets notice; Benbow, Minard named all-tournament at Chicago Collins

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton girls basketball team's improvement this season under first-year coach Dave Mello now has been felt on a national level.

The Bison's proclivity for the 3-point shot has put them in the pages of the National Federation of High Schools record book.

Fenton recently took 73 three-point shots in a win against Westmont, which ranks third all-time for a single game according to NFHS. The Bison also took 67 threes in a game against Chicago Solario, which gives them the fourth most in national girls high-school basketball history.

Through the end of 2017, Fenton was 6-9 overall and 2-4 in Metro Suburban Conference Blue Division play.

In recent action, Fenton downed IC Catholic Prep 74-56 in a MSC Blue game. The Bison also beat the aforementioned Westmont 77-73, lost to Glenbard South 71-32 (in MSC Blue play) and then downed Chicago Solario 53-45, lost to Chicago Westinghouse 71-69 in overtime and defeated Chicago Roosevelt 77-20 at the Collins Academy tournament.

At the Collins, Fenton's Amari Benbow and Jamie Minard were named to the all-tournament team.

Mello was pleased with how his team played in the Chicago Westinghouse loss. "We rallied from down 18-2 and 24-6 to take the lead late and then came up just short in overtime," he pointed out.

Overall, Mello said the team has excelled in executing the game plan on a nightly basis. "We have really been running our system well," he said. "When I watch the games on film, it is easy to see that the girls have really gained an understanding of what we want them doing."

Mello noted Fenton has ramped things up particu-

larly on the offensive end. "The offense really has been clicking," he said. "During the past six games (through late last week) we are averaging just under 64 points a game. Last season, the girls averaged 32 points a game. Other than the game against Glenbard South, our system has been really effective."

Mello would like to see further advancements defensively. "We always can be better on defense," he said. "However, we were able to force Solario into 46 turnovers, which turned out to be huge in an eight-point game."

Fenton also has been hard at work on its free-throw shooting. "We really need to improve our free-throw shooting," said Mello. "For some reason, the free-throw line has been a big struggle for us."

Mello cited additional strong recent play from Jezalyn Tapia and Teagan Hansen. "Jezalyn has really stepped up at the wing position," he said. "She is looking for her shot a lot more and her defense has really helped force a lot of turnovers. Teagan, our tallest girl, has started to take advantage of her height and get us rebounds on offense and she also causes lots of trouble at the top of our defense."

Overall, Mello is thrilled with the team's play heading into the start of 2018. "When considering the circumstances of the whole situation (Mello being hired during the start of the school year), I couldn't be prouder of this team," he said. "They have surpassed the win total from the last two seasons combined, have won two conference games after a 36-game conference losing streak, have conducted themselves as a first-class team and are fully responsible for laying the foundation of the culture we want with this program. We also presented them with a system that none of them have ever even heard of. Let alone played, and they have fully embraced it and are having a lot of fun and success running."

Fenton played Walther Christian earlier this week and will face a busy stretch next week with games at Illiana Christian and Aurora Central Catholic sandwiched between a non-conference game against Plainfield Central. Fenton also has one game remaining against Chicago Collins in the Collins Academy tournament.

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Starting the new year by noting some milestones

We're happy, and not just because of the new year.

A flip of the calendar also means the return of our basketball edition of Eyes on Five. Kevin Schmit had a blast bringing you the latest football news in the fall edition, and he's back this winter to add his thoughts on boys basketball.

And, like past seasons, Orrin Schwarz returns for his takes on DuPage County girls basketball.

Get comfortable. We'll be here a while.

1. Catching up:

Let's start the new year by congratulating a few local girls.

Five players have reached the 1,000-point milestone this season: Jayla Johnson (WW South), Holly Lueken (Downers Grove South), Lindsey Jarosinski (Montini), Hannah Swider (Wheaton North) and Natalie Takahashi (Lisle). And that's just through this point. Others are expected to join them this year. Swider also became the Falcons' all-time scoring leader.

It's a sign of how good the basketball is around here that so many DuPage County girls have committed to play in college. Six seniors are committed to Division I schools for basketball:

Lindsey Jarosinski (Montini) Wake Forest
Mia Lakstigala (Naperville Central) Penn
Tsimba Malonga (Benet) Denver
Aaliyah Patty (Montini) Ohio State
Ilyse Pitts (Montini) Valparaiso
Antwainette Walker (St. Francis) Arkansas-Little Rock
Plus three Division II commits:

Ally Dacca (Glenbard South) Lindenwood
Caylin Rufus (York) Upper Iowa

Carson Vance (Lake Park) Illinois-Springfield
We'll add a couple of notable seniors opting for Division III ball:

Hannah Swider (Wheaton North) Wheaton College
Natalie Takahashi (Lisle) Monmouth College

Two juniors have committed to Division I schools also: Maggie Bair (Glenbard South) Drake
Frankie Kokkines (Montini) Southern Illinois
Congratulations to all.

2. The merry-go-round:

We haven't been keeping this stat over the years, but this season does seem notable for the number of new coaches. Ten of the 29 DuPage County girls teams have made



Kevin Schmit

Orrin Schwarz

changes at the top.

Some of these new coaches are seeing improved results already. For instance, Fenton and Waubensie Valley already have several more wins this season under Dave Mello and Brett Love, respectively, than they did all last year. Mello, the Fenton softball coach and assistant volleyball coach, left Bartlett's program to take over Fenton's girls basketball team also. Love coached Hinsdale South a couple of seasons ago.

Kristi Faulkner and Brandon Collings have Glenbard West and York, respectively, in the thick of the West Suburban Silver race. Faulkner, a former Hilltoppers star, has the Hilltoppers, ranked 11th in the Daily Herald Top 20, continuing the improvement that they saw the last three seasons under Karen Persinger. Persinger now is coaching Hinsdale Central, where she teaches.

Steve Wit has stepped in at Glenbard North for John Chamberlain, and Dan Vashinko is guiding West Chicago, which for the first time in a couple of decades is not being coached by Kim Wallner.

Erin Carwell moved up at Wheaton Academy after being a Warriors assistant coach a season ago. Rich Panitch is in his first season at Westmont.

Then there is St. Francis, where Melissa Taylor coached her final game Friday before departing for a career change. Assistant Sandy DeCraene will guide the Spartans the rest of the season along with Greg Webb.

3. Passing the torch:

Speaking of the 1,000-point club, that praiseworthy milestone was passed last month by Willowbrook boys basketball player Ethan Schuemer.

Schuemer, committed to St. Cloud State University, vaulted by 1K in grand fashion on Dec. 15 by scoring 20 points, grabbing 14 rebounds and blocking 10 shots in a key West Suburban Gold win over Hinsdale South.

The 6-foot-6 senior forward became the first player in program history to reach 1,000 points. In the season finale last year Schuemer became the Warriors' all-time leading scorer by finishing the

campaign with 906 points.

The Willowbrook legend he passed? Current varsity coach Chris Perkins, who ended his four-year varsity run in 2004 with 902 points.

"If people are going to break your record, let it be someone that you're actually coaching," Perkins said. "At least I was front row for every basket. I got to see it all."

4. 180:

For all the improvement made by several DuPage County boys hoops teams this season, Naperville Central gets the award for top turnaround so far.

The Redhawks couldn't find any rhythm a year ago while finishing 10-17 and in the bottom half of the DuPage Valley Conference. Offensively, Naperville Central simply didn't have enough playmakers.

That's changed this season. Naperville Central (11-2, 4-1) surpassed last year's win total last Friday by knocking off defending DVC champion Wheaton Warrenville South.

The effort was inspiring considering 6-foot-8 senior Ben Wolf, committed to Northern Michigan University, didn't get many touches on offense and scored 3 points — all from the line in the fourth quarter. The Redhawks still prevailed with an aggressive attack from the other players on the court.

Nick Baskin, Tyler O'Brien, Dillon Kane and Daniel Raab each scored double digits while accounting for 46 of the team's 55 points. Four players combined for 10-of-11 free-throw shooting down the stretch.

It's by no means a flashy group, but it's an effective one.

And with that win, the Redhawks are in position to grab a share of first place in the DVC with a Friday cross-town win at Naperville North (13-1, 5-0). Should be a rowdy night on the north side.

5. The stat:

Congrats to Benet boys basketball coach Gene Heidkamp on notching his 250th victory in last Friday's 52-49 East Suburban Catholic Conference win over St. Patrick.

It's a notable accomplishment because of the consistency in the success in recent years. At 10-4, Benet is halfway to reaching 20 wins for the ninth straight season.

Heidkamp's Benet teams have claimed five regional titles, three sectional titles and twice finished second in the state in Class 4A. The Redwings fell in those title games by a combined 8 points.



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Parker Robinson and Wheaton Warrenville South will host their annual tournament this weekend.

January brings twist to season

Boys basketball notes

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Trojans, Hinsdale Central and Wheaton North are part of the three-game event.

Gimre from downtown:

This happened in DeKalb over Christmas but West Chicago coach Bill Recchia hadn't seen it before and certainly not since.

In the first quarter of a 62-48 win over Ridgewood, Wildcats senior guard Jason Gimre went 8 of 8 from the 3-point arc and scored his team's first 26 points.

"He just kept finding open spots against their zone and kept knocking down shots. It was amazing," said Recchia, whose club entered Thursday 6-8 overall, 0-3 in the Upstate Eight Valley.

Gimre finished with nine 3s against Ridgewood. He went 8 for 8 from the foul line, collected 2 steals and scored 39 points.

Recchia, who as a Wildcat once scored 39 points against Marmion, said players from other teams sitting in DeKalb's stands cheered Gimre on.

themselves in sole possession of first place in the DVC on Saturday night.

The Huskies face their biggest test of the season this Friday when they welcome Naperville Central (11-2, 4-1) to the north side for a pivotal cross-town game.

Emotions will be high for the much-anticipated showdown that'll also feature a trile to Mark Lindo. The Huskies' former varsity basketball coach and current assistant baseball coach is retiring from teaching at the end of the school year.

"It should be a great atmosphere," Powers said. "Considering the records, I don't know how much more exciting it could get."

Fast start:

Westmont (13-1, 5-0 Interstate Eight) is off to its best start since the 1999-2000 season. That team, led by juniors Pierre Pierce, lost its first game then won 28 straight before losing in the supersection to Bishop McNamara.

"There were some really good other players on his side, but everything ran through Pierre. He was the

PREP ROUNDUP

Glenbard East's Kolie Allen wins USTA doubles tennis national title

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

Glenbard East senior Kolie Allen, who last fall went 33-0 to win the Class 2A singles title, won the girls 18s doubles title at the United States Tennis Association National Winter Championships on Jan. 2 in Orlando, Fla.

Allen, paired with Ivana Corley of Albuquerque, N.M., beat Christina and Clarissa Hand of Moorestown, N.J., 6-1, 6-4. Allen and Corley, the top-seeded doubles team, went unbeaten in the tournament and avenged a loss in November at the National Indoor Championship.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Montini

Aaliyah Patty poured in 27 points and 11 rebounds and Illyse Pitts added 18 points – including the game-winning 3-pointer with 49 seconds left in overtime – as Montini beat Milwaukee Rufus King 64-63 on Jan. 6 at the Chicagoland Invitational Showcase at Benet.

Lindsey Jarosinski added 11 points and seven rebounds for the Lady

Broncos (20-1).

York

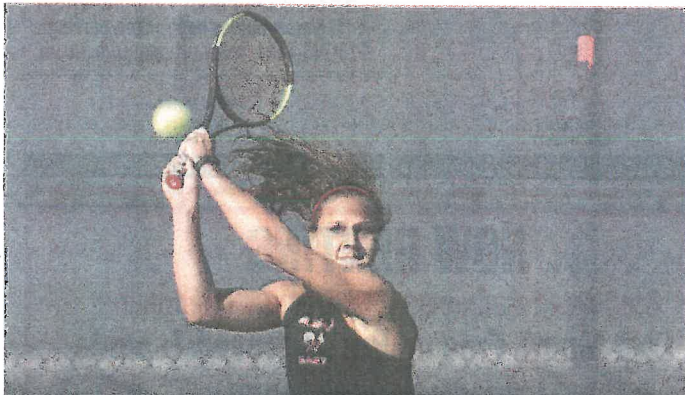
Danielle Dennis scored 17 points to pace the Dukes in a 60-58 loss to Oak Park-River Forest on Jan. 8. Matty Stark and Caylin Rufus each added 14 points for York.

BOYS BASKETBALL IC Catholic Prep

St. Patrick's Dominic Galati hit a game-winning shot with 1.1 seconds left, handing the Knights a 43-41 loss. Kevin Cheng scored 23 points and Alex Meuer added 11 for ICCP (11-5).

Willowbrook

Ethan Schuemer scored 13 points and grabbed 12 rebounds and Matthew Myers had 13 points and four rebounds in the Warriors' 60-48 win over Hinsdale Central on Jan. 6. Sikander Zafar and Matas Masys each scored 10 points. Schuemer had 14 points and eight rebounds and Myer had 10 points, five rebounds and four steals in Willowbrook's 47-44 loss to Morton on Dec. 9.



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Glenbard East's Kolie Allen rips a shot during the state girls tennis tournament in October. Allen teamed with Ivana Corley to win the girls 18s doubles title at the United States Tennis Association National Winter Championships on Jan. 2 in Orlando, Fla.

Suburban Life ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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Why Cheng was selected:

Cheng, a senior guard committed to Denison University, scored 17 points to lead the Knights past Montini in the championship of the ICCP/Westmont Christmas Tournament. Cheng followed that up with 23 points on Jan. 5 against St. Patrick.

Cheng, 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 do you feel about where the team is at right now?

Cheng: I think we are meshing at the right time. We struggled early on, kind of feeling each other out. I feel like the St. Patrick game was a game we should have won. We lost our way a little, but coming out of it I still feel great with where we are headed.

Welge: How big of a deal was it to win your tournament?

Cheng: It was pretty big. We hadn't won it in a couple years. When we didn't win it last year I was very disappointed; I remember that day like it was yesterday, it was a bitter loss. I had that tournament marked on my calendar for a while.

Welge: You had a nice game against St. Patrick at the free-throw line (12 for 16). Is that a part of your game you take pride in?

Cheng: It's a big focus, especially that game. It's just a matter of being aware. Late in the game I want to try to get to that free-throw line.

Welge: Coach mentioned that you're a vocal leader. What does that involve?

Cheng: I guess just being conscious of yourself, and being able to say things that aren't necessarily comfortable. Being a leader is being able to go outside of your comfort zone, being conscious of what you are doing and pushing yourself, always considering different viewpoints.

Welge: You're the youngest of five siblings. Did you all play sports?

Cheng: Yes. My sister is the oldest, she ran track and played volleyball. Three of my older brothers played basketball.

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Willowbrook's Jack Jessen hungry for more

Northwestern recruit searching for state title to cap off storied career

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He already has established himself as one of the most decorated wrestlers in the history of the sport.

But there is a hard-to-fathom missing ingredient to the storied career of Willowbrook senior Jack Jessen: an individual state championship.

The Northwestern-bound 182-pounder has a national championship to his credit – the Greco title – as one of eight All-American efforts the past three-plus years at the famed Fargo tournament. But Jessen has suffered three of his seven career high school losses in either the finals or the semifinals of the Class 3A state wrestling tournament.

"I think about it every day," Jessen said of his twin runners-up and one third-place result at the state meet in Champaign. "To come that close and not get [one state title]. I relive the things I could have done differently, the little mistakes I made."

Jessen is in a customary spot as the last third of the wrestling season comes into focus.

After extending his season-long winning streak to 34 matches with yet another tournament triumph in Sycamore last weekend, Jessen is ranked No. 1 in the authoritative illinoismatmen.com rankings among large-school 182-pounders.

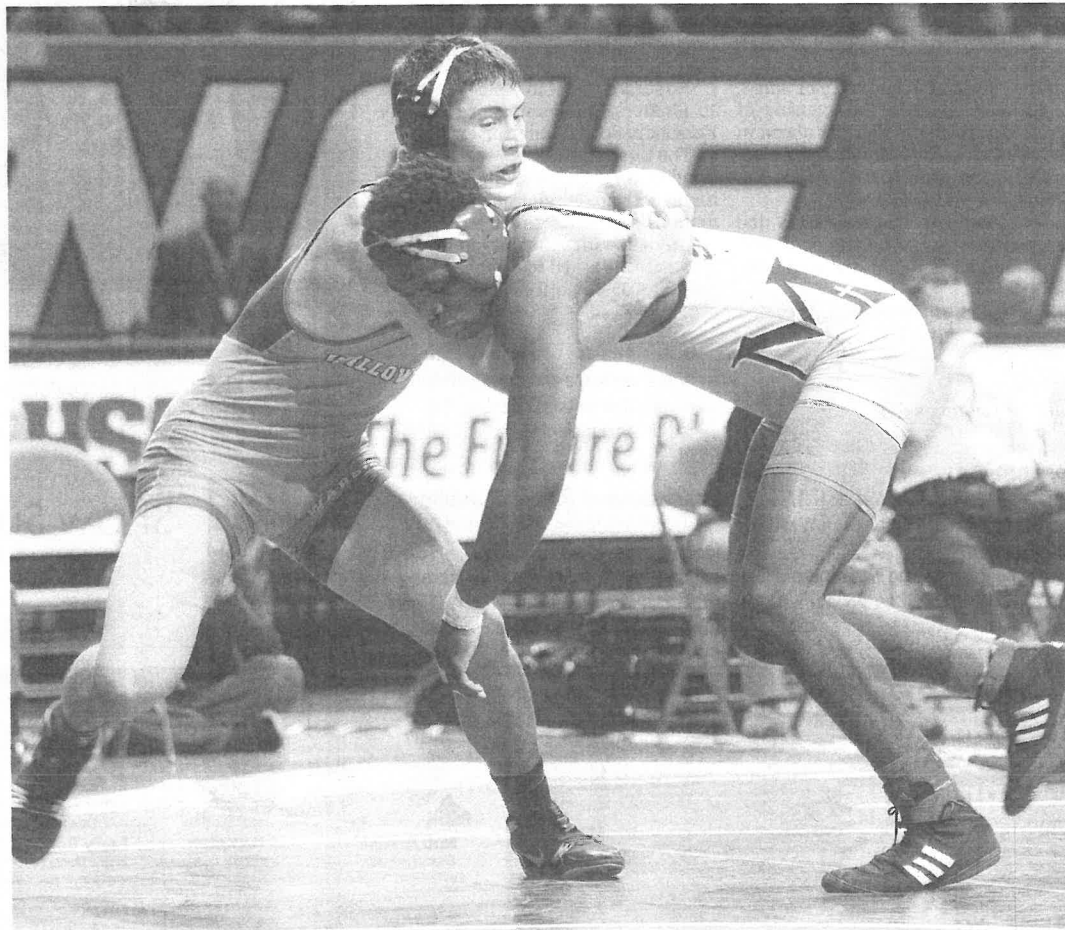
Jessen was 50-0 last season heading into his state championship match, only to be denied by Marian Catholic senior Kordell Norfleet in the finals.

After concluding an equally remarkable football career at the Villa Park high school last fall with nearly 5,000 total rushing yards, Jessen is ranked third in the nation at his weight class.

Jessen has made quite a name for himself in the West Suburban Gold during his wrestling career.

"He's not just good in the state, but also nationally," Hinsdale South coach Bobby O'Brien said of Jessen. "He is so technically sound."

"In my opinion, he's the best kid in the country," Addison Trail coach Rob



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Willowbrook's Jack Jessen (left) tries to throw Marian Catholic's Kordell Norfleet in the Class 3A 182-pound state championship match last season. Jessen suffered his first loss of the season in the match and placed second, finishing the season with a 50-1 record.

Serio said. "He's that good."

"He is relentless," Downers Grove South coach Sean Lovelace said.

Jessen accumulates wrestling points like a pinball-machine phenomenon.

After averaging exactly 50 wins per season in his first three years, Jessen currently has 184 career wins.

Only four wrestlers have eclipsed the 200-win plateau in state history.

"It would be amazing to get to that 200-win club," said Jessen, whose seven career losses have all come at the hands of eventual state champions.

Jessen also has set the program career pin mark that previously was held

by two-time Class AA state champion Mike Behnke. Jessen also became the first athlete in Willowbrook wrestling annals to exceed 1,000 takedowns.

"Those are the benchmarks Jack is looking for," Willowbrook coach Brandon Murphy said of adding the career win total [201] to his legacy. "He is doing unique things."

Murphy has twin agendas for Jessen as the Warriors have fallen out of contention for a conference championship.

Nationally ranked and consensus state top-ranked Montini is a prohibitive favorite to represent the area programs in the dual-meet team state series. Individuality, thus, takes center

stage for Jessen.

"That's the stat we don't like," Murphy said of Jessen also finishing runner-up as a freshman and third as a sophomore. "His plan this year is to [win state] and get ready for college."

Jessen inked his letter of intent to Northwestern during the early signing period last fall after orally committing to the Big Ten program as a junior.

Jessen also considered North Carolina, North Carolina St. and Stanford.

"I visited [the Evanston campus] and I instantly fell in love with it," Jessen said. "I didn't want to go anywhere else. Being so close to home, I get to represent Illinois and Chicago."

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This year's Huskies hall class? Petersen has seen them all

The latest class to be inducted into the Naperville North Athletic Hall of Fame includes a man who began his career before there was a Naperville North.

Bill Petersen started out in 1966 at Naperville Community High School, now Naperville Central. A math teacher and assistant boys basketball coach, he transferred to Naperville North in 1974 three years before it would house its first graduating class.

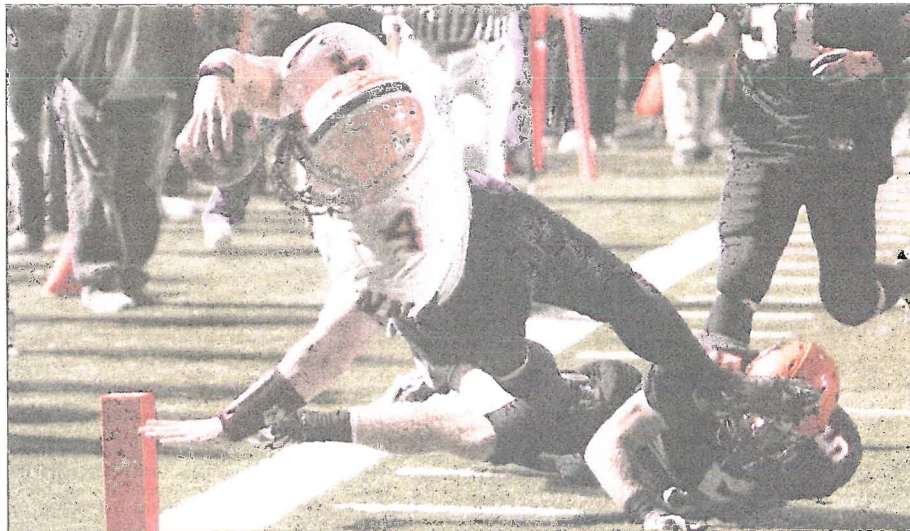
Taking over as Huskies sophomore boys basketball coach, Petersen maintained that position until he retired in 2003. He continues in the program as Naperville North's official scorer and added football statistics as well, with stats partner Howard Phelan.

We heartily agree with the reason he's stayed in the game this long after his retirement. "High school athletics to me is the ultimate. It's the purest thing," Petersen said.

He'll be among six people inducted in a ceremony this Friday evening in the Naperville North library, and recognized that night during halftime of the Huskies' boys basketball game against Wauwatosa Valley.

Petersen's career spans those of all his fellow inductees — Marty Bee (the state-champion girls cross country coach also was inducted into Naperville Central's Hall in 2016 as former athletic director), Mark Grady (Class of 1987), Kim Malmquist (1996), Lizzie Bazzetta (2005) and Jordan Tassio (2008).

One of Petersen's contemporaries, Neil McCauley, will serve as Hall of Fame presenter for both Petersen and Bee.



Former Naperville North quarterback Jordan Tassio will be inducted into the school's hall of fame.

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David Oberhelman
Sidelines

Asked if he recalled Grady, a three-sport athlete named the school's outstanding senior student in 1987, Petersen said: "I sure do, because he played for me and was a great athlete and a real gentleman."

Petersen, a North Central College graduate, remembered being tickled that Huskies football star Tassio was going to play for the Cardinals. He noted that volleyball Bazzetta was "quite an athlete, like her sister." Kathleen Bazzetta was inducted in 2012, making the Bazzettas the first sister duo in the Naperville North hall.

He called Malmquist, a track and cross country athlete awarded as a U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Student-Athlete as a senior, "really a great person."

They all are, to Petersen. "I just feel honored to go into this because I've known some of these people very closely," he said. "I'm not sure I deserve that, but I feel really honored to go in there with them, and I

wish them all the best."

First class

Anyone who saw the Chicago Blackhawks' 4-0 loss to the Detroit Redwings on Sunday might as well have stopped watching after the national anthem. For Hawks fans that was the highlight.

It was the highlight not only for Jim Cornelson's rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" but because of the three servicemen recognized on the ice alongside him.

Specifically for this column's purpose, U.S. Navy veteran, Gunner's Mate 3rd Class John Parpet, recipient of two Purple Hearts for his service in Vietnam.

If the name sounds familiar it's because Parpet is the brother of Illinois High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Famer Paul Parpet Sr., who coaches Lisle and was formerly the head man at Addison Trail.

John Parpet worked for

two decades as defensive line and strength coach with his brother at Addison Trail. When Paul initially retired, John Parpet worked with his successor at Addison Trail — also his nephew — Paul Parpet Jr., before joining his own son, also John, at Plano.

Like passing ships

In North Central College's 102-50 men's basketball victory over Finlandia University (Michigan) on Tuesday, Nequa Valley graduate Connor Raridon dished out 9 assists to move into second place in college history in that category with 250.

The player Raridon passed to move into second was his brother, Derek Raridon, who amassed 248 assists between 2009-13. They both are the sons of Cardinals coach Todd Raridon.

Connor Raridon, a redshirt sophomore who averages a program-record 5 assists a game, needs only 24 assists to

surpass the 273 that Naperville Central graduate Adam Teising distributed from 2002-06.

Flyin' Ryan

Last October, Wauwatosa Valley graduate Ryan McDonough won a gold medal in singles, a silver medal in doubles and a sportsmanship award at the Special Olympics North America National Tennis Championship in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

The hope was McDonough would receive a bid to The Xperience Tennis Invitational, held Jan. 11-13 in Charlottesville, Virginia. Only the top 32 players in the country receive such a bid, as he did in 2016 when he earned a silver medal in his classification.

The hope became reality, and on Sunday McDonough returned to Aurora with a gold medal after winning his division in singles, a higher classification than he competed in

during the 2016 matches.

There are no rankings in Special Olympics, but after it all shook out in Charlottesville the 20-year-old McDonough's performance would make him the 13th best singles player in the nation.

The well-rounded McDonough has a job at a GameStop, is in the District 204 STEPS transition program, takes classes in computer programming and video game design at the College of DuPage, and speaks to groups as a participant in the Special Olympics Global Messenger leadership program.

Cream of the crop

On Jan. 10 the Illinois High School Association named its officials of the year in 20 sports, based on character, skill and levels worked in the IHSA state series.

Congratulations to Carol Stream's Frank Navakowski in boys gymnastics and Naperville's David Perillo in boys volleyball. They'll be honored with their brethren at the 2018 Officials Conference in July in East Peoria.

The Silver

connection

Lewis University hosts a women's and men's basketball doubleheader against William Jewell on Saturday, and during halftime of both games those selected to Lewis' respective 2000s All-Decade teams will be recognized.

Included among the female Flyers will be former Hinsdale Central hot shot Kelly Dianis, a 2010 graduate who is third in program history with 212 3-point baskets and 20th in scoring.

The great Stephan Bolt, out of Downers Grove North and now the Trojans' girls basketball coach, will join the men's all-2000s team. Bolt holds the Flyers record with 9.6 rebounds a game and is 25th in program scoring.

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Honorable mentions: DuPage County Leadership Team, 2017-2018

Husna Ahmed

Islamic Foundation School

Hometown: Berkeley

Class: Senior

Parents: Syed Ahmed and Talath Anjum

Sponsor: Yasmin Jamal, math teacher

Community service: Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, volunteer; Islamic Foundation High School, graduation day volunteer; Islamic Foundation, service day participant



Husna Ahmed

Chris Bauer

St. Francis High School

Hometown: Lombard

Class: Senior

Parents: Bill and Joyce Bauer

Sponsor: Trudy Rigney, director of guidance

Community service: Lombard Historical Society, Eagle Scout Project at the Sheldon Peck Homestead in Lombard that involved replacing a splitrail fence enclosing half of the perimeter of the property; mission trip to Indianapolis, Indiana; Boy Scout Troop 202, senior patrol leader; student government



Chris Bauer

Carolyn Boatfield

Fenton High School

Hometown: Bensenville

Class: Senior

Sponsor: Nancy Connor, counselor

Community service: Tourette Syndrome Camp USA, counselor; Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association, camp counselor; Fenton High School Special Olympics & Interact Club; Tioga School, ESL Support Group baby-sitting; Fenton High School, English tutor



Carolyn Boatfield

bank's VolunTeen leadership program; Fellowship Church of Carol Stream, preschool teacher; Vacation Bible school through Fellowship Church of Carol Stream, group leader for third- and fourth-grade boys

Yanni Gu

Timothy Christian High School

Hometown: Berkeley

Class: Senior

Community service: Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, volunteer at the ER, greets patients, leads families into rooms, transports patients in wheelchairs; Humboldt Community Dinner, member of the planning committee; Park Place of Elmhurst, volunteer to talk, play games, and spend time with the senior residents; peer tutor; Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, nursery volunteer



Yanni Gu

Ashley Hornig

Naperville Central High School

Hometown: Naperville

Class: Senior

Parents: Catherine and Eric Hornig

Sponsor: Barbara Watson

Community service: Edward Hospital, volunteered escorting and helping visitors find their friends and loved ones in the hospital; St. Raphael Church teen choir; St. Raphael Catholic Church, youth group retreat leader; St. Raphael annual Santa Breakfast, helped children with crafts and face-paint; Red Rage, student leader/officer of the school's pep club



Ashley Hornig

Cara Johnson

St. Francis High School

Hometown: Streamwood

Class: Senior

Sponsor: Todd



a fundraiser that raised money for the nonprofit organization; Bair Lake Bible Camp, volunteer; Charter for Compassion, third-grade class leader; Link Crew, helped freshmen transition into high school; math resource room tutor

Isabella Ledonne

Willowbrook High School

Hometown: Lombard

Class: Senior

Parents: Michael and Laurie Ledonne

Sponsor: Lourdes Pina

Community service: St. Genesius Productions, volunteer choreographer for children's drama plays; National Honor Society, performing service acts for the community and school; New Beginnings Leader, upperclassmen mentoring underclassmen to assimilate to high school; SASSED Performer, musical performances for special-needs children through Tri-M



Isabella Ledonne

Brianna McAloon

Lake Park High School

Hometown: Bloomingdale

Class: Senior

Parents: Sally Engstrom-McAloon, Matthew McAloon

Sponsor: Taylor Severino, school counselor

Community service: Illinois Association of Student Councils, work with fellow state officers to host a state service project, leadership workshops and an annual convention; Northeast District Student Council, assisted in service projects and events; J. Kyle Braid Foundation; Distinguished Citizens Breakfast, played a role in running the event; Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Awards



Brianna McAloon

Tim McCann

serves as a student interpreter for parents during parent-teacher conferences and coordinates other student interpreters; Spanish Honor Society, Spanish tutor; Glenbard Latino Organization, helps organize collection drive at school; Spanish Honor Society, helped organize a fundraiser to help people affected by the earthquakes in Mexico; St. Matthew Parish, helped assemble holiday care kits for soldiers.

Michelle Osagie

Lisle Senior High School

Hometown: Lisle

Class: Senior

Parents: James and Mabel Osagie

Sponsor: Kendra Meyer, school counselor

Community service: Partners for Parks Foundation, volunteered for local race held to raise money for community's parks; Eyes to the Skies, volunteered to help set up chairs and tables, wipe down chairs and tables, and transport different concessions to tents during the festival; Lisle Public Library, volunteered to help library employees by cleaning, sorting and putting away books and brainstorming events to promote reading; Lombard Assembly of God Church, volunteered as a classroom assistant for the church's youth program; Peer tutors, volunteered to assist students at the high school and junior high



Michelle Osagie

Cassandra Payne

Glenbard East High School

Hometown: Lombard

Class: Senior

Parents: Dwight and Barbara Payne

Sponsor: Christopher Pietsch, AP U.S. history teacher



Cassandra Payne

Eli Rubenstein

Wheaton Warrenville South High School

Hometown: Wheaton

Class: Senior

Parents: Alec and DeAnn Rubenstein

Sponsor: Kelly Ehrhardt, guidance counselor

Community service: Key Club, organizes and coordinates volunteering events for our members of the club; People's Resource Center, organized a book drive that collected around 300 books for the center; People's Resource Center, organized a clothing drive that collected hundreds of articles of clothing; People's Resource Center, volunteer; National Honor Society, participated in service activities around the school and community



Eli Rubenstein

Bijoy Shah

Glenbard West High School

Hometown: Glen Ellyn

Class: Senior

Parents: Rashesh and Vaishali Shah

Sponsor: Natalie Rubino, school counselor

Community service: Easter Seals speech team, helped disabled children learn to write long speeches, perform, act, and build confidence during a summer speech camp; One Voice Outreach Choir, performs at retirement homes; Food Pantry Drive, manage schoolwide food drive during the winter and spring; This Run's for Jack, volunteer; West Students Making a Difference, help with various events throughout the year



Bijoy Shah

Umar Siddiqui

Islamic Foundation School

Special Olympics athlete would be paired with one of their peers to compete in a golf tournament; peer tutoring, volunteered as a peer tutor during lunch hours; DuPage Valley Special Athletes Unified Soccer, volunteer as a peer in unified soccer; DuPage Valley Special Athletes Flag Football, volunteer as a coach; Adaptive P.E. Program, work as a leader for the special-needs P.E. classes

Dionisia Vassos

Addison Trail High School

Hometown: Addison

Class: Senior

Parents: Dominick and Christine Vassos

Sponsor: Tina Gastes, guidance counselor

Community service: National Honor Society, community service; Key Club, community service; St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, community service; Feed My Starving Children; Amity Health Care



Dionisia Vassos

Francesca Wagoner

Lisle Senior High School

Hometown: Lisle

Class: Senior

Parents: Monica and Scott Wagoner

Sponsor: Kendra Meyer, school guidance counselor

Community service: Eyes to the Skies, volunteered to help set up, take down, and sell drinks during the festival; Extended Hands and Feet, volunteered to reach the homeless population in the community to provide basic resources and spiritual needs; Naperville Church of Christ, Bible school volunteer; Benet volleyball camp, volunteer coach; Next Level Athlete Volleyball Training, volunteered to coach kids on the



Francesca Wagoner

Gwyneth Burns**Benet Academy**

Hometown: Elmhurst

Class: Senior

Parents: Stacey and Kevin Burns

Sponsor: Amy Wesley, college counselor

Community

service: Access Sports, mentor and coach for young athletes with special needs; Mission trip, traveled to Guatemala on a school-organized mission trip; Immaculate Conception Parish, altar server and a Eucharistic minister; S.A.L.T. campus ministry program; Christmas drive through student government



Gwyneth Burns

Isabel Coyne**Montini Catholic High School**

Hometown: Bensenville

Class: Senior

Parents: Tina and Patrick

Sponsor: Nora Kinney

Community

service: BWPCA (Pop Warner), volunteered as a cheer coach and taught girls basic skills and routines for competitions.



Isabel Coyne

Catherine Franch**West Chicago Community High School**

Hometown: West Chicago

Class: Senior

Parents: Donald and Ana Franch

Sponsor: Nick Caltagirone, social studies teacher

Community

service: Northern Illinois Food Bank, participates in the food



Catherine Franch

Cara Johnson

Sponsor: Trudy Rigney, director of guidance

Community

service: Group Mission trips with Good Shepherd United Methodist youth group, participated in mission trip to Mount Vernon, Illinois; vacation Bible school at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, volunteer; Girl Scout Day Camp in Harvard, Illinois, a program aide assigned to lead a group of younger Girl Scouts; Gigi's Playhouse in Hoffman Estates, volunteer; U-46 Bluestars, volunteered as a Special Olympics junior coach



Cara Johnson

George Joseph**Glenbard North High School**

Hometown: Carol Stream

Class: Senior

Parents: Joji Thomas & Mini Joseph

Sponsor:

Lindsay Schultz, mathematics department

Community service: The Quad tutoring center; The Write Place tutoring center; District 87 school board student liaison; Student Advisory Panel; Fermilab, volunteer as a member of the Monday Strike Team



George Joseph

Maggie Kravchuk**Wheaton North High School**

Hometown: Wheaton

Class: Senior

Parents: Mark and Mary Kravchuk

Sponsor:

Kimberly Wittersheim, counselor

Community service: Water With Blessings Inc., helped organize



Maggie Kravchuk

Hometown:

Elmhurst

Class: Senior

Parents: Mary and Brian McCann

Sponsor: Joe Paoletti, teacher

Community

service: Visitation Grade School in Elmhurst, coaching; Elmhurst Peer Jury, senior juror; Cebrian Goodman Teen Institute; IC Catholic Prep Busse Woods service trip, cutting down and burning plants and trees; TLC Camp volunteer



Tim McCann

Yousuf Mitchell**Montini Catholic High School**

Hometown: Plainfield

Class: Senior

Parents: Buthaina Jabir

Sponsor: Dr. Kisicki, English instructor

Community

service: Plainfield Public Library, helped put away books, clean, and organize events for children over the summer; Habitat for Humanity, traveled to Ohio to help build a house for a family in need; International Samaritan, traveled to Managua, Nicaragua, to help build a house for a family in need; Feed My Starving Children



Yousuf Mitchell

Octavio Munoz**Glenbard West High School**

Hometown: Glendale Heights

Class: Senior

Sponsor: Jeremiah Wienczek, director of school counseling

Community

service: Glenbard Latino Organization,



Octavio Munoz

Community service: Elmhurst Ranch; The Compass Church Wheaton, AWANA Club volunteer; Glenbard East Music Association, concert usher; Experience East, lead school tours

Alyssa R. Ramos**Addison Trail High School**

Hometown: Addison

Class: Senior

Parents: Gia & Isaias Ramos

Sponsor:

Kevin Redding, director of guidance

Community

service: National Honor Society, various service opportunities throughout Addison; Tri-M Music Honor Society, volunteer service opportunities for music programs throughout the community; Blazer Ambassadors, tutoring; Blazettes Summer Camp volunteer; Go Pink or Go Home breast cancer awareness events



Alyssa Ramos

Cooper Reif**Glenbard South High School**

Hometown: Glen Ellyn

Class: Senior

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Tim Reif

Sponsor: Tim McGrath, school counselor

Community

service: Key Club, helped organize service events around the community; student council, helped organize homecoming; Council of Presidents, helped organize a music video that highlights the school's club and athletics; American Diabetes Association, youth ambassador; National Honor Society, volunteered to help run the Kids Zone at the JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes



Cooper Reif

Elmhurst

Parents: Mohammed Siddiqui and Sabeeha Malik

Sponsor:

Abida Banu, science teacher

Community

service: Elmhurst Hospital, volunteered at the main entrance; Geometry tutoring; food pantry, volunteered to sort and arrange food; Habitat for Humanity, volunteered to clean streets and wrap gifts; forest preserve, cleaned up trash and litter



Umar Siddiqui

Christopher Turner**Glenbard East High School**

Hometown: Lombard

Parents: Jim and Jan Turner

Sponsor: Bryan Witte, school counselor

Community

service: Camp Rock, summer camp counselor; Saint Genesius Productions, assisting in the direction and production of theatrical performances



Chris Turner

Matthew Vaughn**Naperville North High School**

Hometown: Lisle

Class: Senior

Parents: Ed Vaughn and Dennise Vaughn

Sponsor: Robert Platt, teacher

Community

service: DuPage Valley Special Athletes Unified Golf, helped create a program in which a



Matthew Vaughn

Brianna White**Willowbrook High School**

Hometown: Villa Park

Class: Senior

Parents: Jim and Laurie White

Sponsor: Scott Forcash, school counselor

Community

service: Brookfield Zoo's King Conservation Science Scholars, educate guests about the animals at the zoo and conservation; Illinois Leadership Seminar, worked on the operations team and helped set up and take down events; WBHS Progress Program, assisted in educating incoming freshman about the high school; WBHS's Summer Theatre Camp, helped to teach children about theater



Brianna White

Josie Wooldridge**Hinsdale Central High School**

Hometown: Hinsdale

Class: Senior

Parents: Jacqueline and Alan Wooldridge

Sponsor: Gia Maniscalco, school counselor

Community

service: Praying Pelican Missions, mission trip to Tucson, Arizona; The Community House, autism walk volunteer; Trinity Presbyterian Church, volunteer in the nursery and prekindergarten Sunday school co-teacher; Middle school youth group leader; Trinity Presbyterian Church, awareness and fundraising for orphanages in Haiti



Josie Wooldridge