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Students present 'Lend Me a Tenor'

Willowbrook High School's theater department will present "Lend Me a Tenor" tonight, Friday and Saturday in the school auditorium. Each performance of the comedy will begin at 7 p.m. The photo above shows (left to right) junior Joe LaPointe and senior John DeAngelo. The far left photo shows (top to bottom) senior Kathleen Cicero, senior Julia Cicero and sophomore Javi Sweeney. Also pictured are seniors Jake Friguletto (top middle) and Isabella Ledonne (bottom middle).

Willowbrook presents its winter play this week

Performances tonight, Friday and Saturday

The Willowbrook High School theater department invites the community to attend its winter play, "Lend Me a Tenor," by Ken Ludwig, tonight, Feb. 8, Friday, Feb. 9 and Saturday, Feb. 10. All three performances of the comedy will begin at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium.

Tickets cost \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and children 12 and under who are accompanied by an adult. Admission is \$3 for those with an Activity Pass, and free for those with a District 88 Senior Gold Card. Tickets will go on sale at the box office at 6:15 p.m. on the night of each performance.

The play contains mature content and is

rated PG-13.

Set in 1934 at the Cleveland Grand Opera Company, "Lend Me a Tenor" is a farce that follows several characters through a comedy of errors.

The story begins with Henry Saunders (portrayed by senior Jake Friguletto), the company's general manager, preparing to welcome opera star Tito Merelli (played by senior John DeAngelo) for a one-night performance, along with Merelli's wife, Maria (played by senior Genevieve Corkery).

When the world-famous tenor arrives late and then passes out after receiving an overdose of tranquilizers through a hilarious series of mishaps, Saunders has to think quickly to

save the show. He turns to his assistant, Max (played by junior Joe LaPointe), and persuades him to take Merelli's place on stage in costume as Othello. The crowd is convinced by Max's portrayal, but hilarity ensues when Merelli wakes up and puts on a costume to perform. The situation is made even more absurd when Max's girlfriend, Maggie (played by senior Julia Cicero)—who also is Saunders' daughter—and Diana (played by senior Isabella Ledonne), the opera's flirtatious soprano, each mistakenly think she's with Merelli.

Rounding out the play's cast are Julia (portrayed by senior Kathleen Cicero), chairwoman of the Cleveland Opera Guild, and the bell-

hop (played by sophomore Javi Sweeney), an over-the-top opera fan who drives Saunders crazy with his antics and serves as comic relief in the story.

"Lend Me a Tenor" is such a fun piece because it's a true farce—it's a comedy wrapped around a love story," said Maggie Kelly, who is directing the play at Willowbrook. "It features larger-than-life characters, physical humor and improbable situations—all taking place in one location. The goal is certainly to have the audience laughing. There is so much sadness and stress in the world today, and I hope when people come to see this play, they can step away and enjoy the therapeutic nature of theater and get lost in the story."

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Meeting provides update about the Villa Park Library construction project

Addition and renovation should be completed by June 2019

The Library Board of Trustees of the Villa Park Public Library welcomed residents to a building update meeting on Saturday. The library's architecture firm—Williams Architects of Itasca—provided an update about the addition and renovation project at the library.

According to Villa Park Public Library Director Sandra Hill, the library board should go out to a bid for a general contractor in late February. The goal is to have a groundbreaking in April, said Hill. She noted that the first phase of the project will be the building of the new addition, which will involve bringing new water supply lines and drains to the existing building. In addition, new bathrooms and a new server room will be built into the existing building.

The first phase should take approximately six months to complete, stated Hill.

The second phase, which will also take about six months to complete, should begin in November or December of this year. Hill related that library staff and services will move

into the new addition while the existing building will be completely renovated.

The goal is to open the new library in June 2019, stated Hill.

In the election of April 4, 2016, Villa Park voters approved a referendum that allowed the village to borrow up to \$10.6 million to pay for renovation and expansion of the library, which is located at 305 S. Ardmore Ave. The library was built in 1969.

The referendum passed by a margin of about 64 to 36 percent, with 2,217 votes in favor of and 1,236 votes opposing the proposal.

The two-story addition will add about 9,300 additional square feet to the library, which currently occupies about 22,000 square feet.

The renovation of the existing building will address several issues, including the building's roof, as well as its plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems.

The library will remain open during the construction and renovation.



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Village of Villa Park officials and their engineering consultants pose with the village's American Public Works Association (APWA) Project of the Year award, which was presented on Jan. 25. Pictured left to right are: Mike Famiglietti and Mike Rehtorik (both from V3 Companies), assistant village engineer Jeremie Lukowicz, Villa Park Public Works Director Vydas Juskels, Villa Park Deputy Public Works Director Rich Salerno, Villa Park Village Manager Rich Keehner and Lou Gallucci (also from V3 Companies).

Villa Park receives award from public works association

The Village of Villa Park received the American Public Works Association (APWA) Suburban Branch Public Works Project of the Year award last month for its work in the disaster or emergency construction/repair category of less than \$5 million.

The award was given for the village's 2017 response to an emergency bridge repair on St. Charles Road over Salt Creek, following notice in August 2017 that the bridge's rating had been lowered by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). With a 15-ton weight restriction taking immediate effect, the village moved to address the public safety concern and a potential traffic bottleneck.

"Our public works department should be congratulated for bringing all parties together on short notice in tackling this emergency situation," said Villa Park Village President Albert Bulthuis. "I'm also quite proud of our staff accomplishing a key public safety goal at minimal cost to taxpayers—less than \$70,000 was expended overall."

According to the APWA, the Public Works Project of the Year honor is designed to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects.

"Our annual award program celebrates the best of what we do in public works," says Jeff Maczko, awards co-chair for the APWA suburban branch. "This year's awards committee felt that the culmination of inter-governmental partnering, a unique use of the design-build contract, and

the expedited timeframe in which the work was completed made the St. Charles Road Bridge Emergency Repair Project a true deserving recipient of the award."

The Villa Park Village Board approved proceeding with a temporary repair of the St. Charles Road Bridge in September 2017. The public

works department then partnered with the engineering consulting firm V3 Companies to assemble a team in maintaining the 15-ton weight limit until the bridge is reconstructed. Emergency work included lane reconfigurations, support beam installations, re-routing of PACE buses and changeable message boards.

District 88's Best for January

Willowbrook senior Jack Jessen (left) of Villa Park was named his school's recipient of the 88's Best award for January. Jessen, who is pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (right), was honored at the District 88 Board of Education's meeting on Jan. 29. 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—



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during each month of the school year. Jessen has consistently pursued the most rigorous courses available at Willowbrook. He has been recognized as an Inductee of the National Honor Society, the World Language Honor Society and Willowbrook's social studies honor society—Civitas. Jessen, who is a member of the student council, has excelled in football and wrestling for the Warriors. A standout running back and linebacker, Jessen helped guide the football team to back-to-back appearances in the IHSA quarterfinals during the 2016 and 2017 seasons. As a wrestler, Jessen has earned top-four finishes at the IHSA individual state tournament in each of his first three seasons. He currently holds a record of 44-0 this season. Jessen will continue his wrestling career at Northwestern University, where he will pursue an economics degree or a pre-med track.

Villa Park briefs

Free cardiac screenings for students offered at Willowbrook on Feb. 15

The Young Hearts for Life (YH4L) cardiac screening program, a not-for-profit organization affiliated with Advocate Charitable Foundation, offers free electrocardiograms (ECGs) to identify high school students at risk for heart conditions. District 88 has partnered with YH4L and will host a free screening at Willowbrook High School on Feb. 15, and at Addison Trail High School on Feb. 22.

According to YH4L, about 3,000 young adults die of sudden cardiac death each year.

YH4L has provided screenings since fall 2006 and has tested more than 170,000 students with ECGs. The program has identified about 2,200 young adults who needed further evaluation, and many of those individuals had life-threatening conditions that were discovered through YH4L screenings.

District 88 parents and guardians are encouraged to have their students participate in the events. Registration can be completed at dupage88.net/YH4L2018.

Parents, guardians and community members also are needed to help run next month's events. Details about how to sign up as a volunteer can also be found at dupage88.net/YH4L2018.

For questions or more information about Young Hearts for Life, go to <http://www.yh4l.org>, or contact District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink at 630-530-3989 or dbrink@dupage88.net.

District 88 would like to thank Edward-Elmhurst Health for sponsoring this event.

Pioneer Garden and Feed holds seed starting seminar on Feb. 24

Pioneer Garden and Feed in Villa Park will present two seed starting seminars on Saturday, Feb. 24. The free seminars begin at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Pioneer Garden and Feed is located at 118 S. Villa Ave. Spots are limited. Call 630-832-0815 for a reservation. "We have so many customers interested in growing from seed, but have never done it before," said Angie Rojek, owner of Pioneer Garden and Feed. The business, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, carries about 1,100 types of seeds.

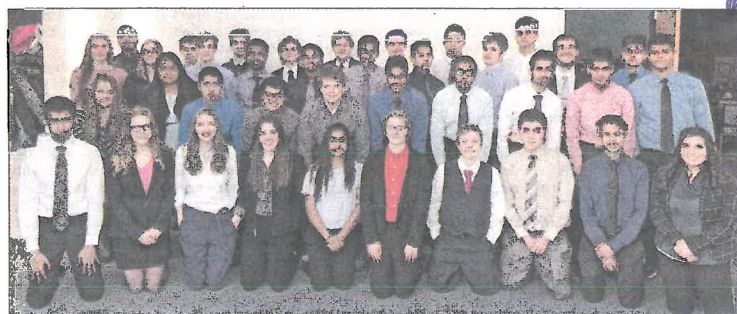
Entry deadline for Barnes & Noble's 'My Favorite Teacher' contest is Feb. 23

Barnes & Noble's "My Favorite Teacher" contest gives students an opportunity to write an essay, poem or thank-you letter sharing how a teacher has influenced their life, and why they admire and appreciate that teacher. The competition is open to middle school and high school students. The deadline to participate is Feb. 23.

Each entry must include an entry form, and a parent or guardian must sign that form to acknowledge he or she has read the contest rules. Submissions for the contest can be e-mailed to District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink at dbrink@dupage88.net, or dropped off at the District 88 office at 2 Friendship Plaza, Addison.

The students who write the winning essays, poems and thank-you letters will receive certificates of recognition. The student who authors the winning essay, poem or thank-you letter for the teacher who wins the "Barnes & Noble National Teacher of the Year" award also will receive a \$500 Barnes & Noble gift certificate and a NOOK device.

The five regional-winning teachers will each receive a \$500 Barnes & Noble gift card. The winner of the "Barnes & Noble Teacher of the Year" award will receive \$5,000 and will be recognized during a special event at a Barnes & Noble store. The winning teacher's school will receive \$5,000.



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Willowbrook students take part in sectional event

Willowbrook High School's DECA team competed in a recent sectional event at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills. A total of 32 Willowbrook students qualified for the upcoming DECA state competition, which will take place Feb. 22-24 at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont. DECA is an international association of high school and college students and teachers. The organization prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management.

Sports

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Rams capture regional gymnastics title

The first regional championship in the girls program's history

The Glenbard East girls gymnastics team won the first regional title in program history when it captured last week's four-team IHSA regional in Lombard. Competing in their own gym, the Rams won the Jan. 29 regional with a team score of 142.875. The St. Charles co-op team placed second with its total of 139.975, while Willowbrook claimed third with a score of 120.20. Leyden (114.975) placed fourth.

The regional victory propelled the Glenbard East team to this week's sectional at Lake Park High School. The sectional, which will take place tonight at Lake Park's east campus, will feature five other teams—DeKalb, Glenbard West, Oak Park/River Forest, Lake Park and Wheaton Warrenville South. The team that wins the sectional championship will qualify for the state meet. Four additional teams from each of the state's four sectionals will also move on to the team competition at the state meet, which will take place at Palatine High School.

Glenbard East freshman Kali Kartheiser won individual titles in two events at the regional. Kartheiser won the championship on the uneven bars with her score of 9.55. She also won the balance beam

competition with a routine that received a score of 9.375.

Kartheiser placed second in the meet's other two events. She finished second on the vault (9.2) and in floor exercises (9.5). Kartheiser won the all-around title with her score of 37.625.

Glenbard East sophomore Kelsey Donovan placed third in the all-around standings with a 35.15. Her score included fourth-place finishes on the balance beam (8.5) and in floor exercises (9.225). Donovan earned fifth-place scores in the vault (8.95) and uneven bars (8.475).

Freshman Becca Honig of the Rams delivered a fourth-place performance in the all-around standings with a total of 35.10. Honig turned in a third-place score of 9.3 in floor exercises. She finished fourth on the vault (9.025).

Junior Sierra Olson of the Rams contributed a third-place score on the vault (9.175). Junior Sydney Nasternak provided a third-place showing on the uneven bars (8.675). Sophomore Grace Tu placed sixth on the balance beam (8.3), while senior Krasimira Ganeva delivered a seventh-place score of 8.75 in floor exercises. Senior Breanna Page (8.325) finished 10th in floor

exercises.

Willowbrook sophomore Karli Wilson finished seventh in the all-around standings with a score of

31.425. Freshman Alexis Fitzgerald of the Warriors wound up eighth in the all-around competition with a 30.975. Willowbrook freshmen

Maevie Costello and Abby Wrenn placed 11th and 12th, while junior Caitlyn Owen delivered a 15th-place finish.



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

The Glenbard East girls gymnastics team won an IHSA regional championship for the first time in program history last week. Competing in a four-team regional in their own gym, the Rams captured the team title with a total score of 142.875. A co-op team from St. Charles placed second with a score of 139.975. Willowbrook finished third, while Leyden wound up fourth. Above: The Rams accept the regional championship plaque. Pictured left to right on the awards stand are: freshman Becca Honig, sophomore Grace Tu, freshman Kali Kartheiser, senior Krasimira Ganeva, senior Breanna Page, sophomore Kelsey Donovan, junior Sierra Olson and junior Sydney Nasternak.



Above: Kali Kartheiser is pictured during her first-place performance on the balance beam. Top left: Kelsey Donovan, who earned fourth-place in the same event, is also pictured. Left: Becca Honig is shown during her third-place performance in floor exercises. The Rams will compete in tonight's IHSA sectional at Lake Park High School's east campus.

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Warriors lose conference battle at Hinsdale South

Setback drops Willowbrook to 6-3 in the conference

By Chris Fox
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW
STAFF REPORTER

The Willowbrook boys basketball team didn't have its usual energy level during Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game at Hinsdale South. The Warriors, who beat the Hornets during the teams' first meeting of the season, didn't have the same spark in the rematch.

Hinsdale South built a comfortable second-half lead on the way to Friday's 69-63 win over Willowbrook in Darien. The Hornets held a 58-43 lead with under five minutes to play. The Warriors narrowed the final deficit in the closing moments. Junior Matas Masys of Willowbrook drained a 3-point shot as time expired to trim Hinsdale South's margin of victory to six points.

The loss sent Willowbrook to 19-5 overall and 6-3 in the conference standings. Hinsdale South improved its conference record to 6-2. Proviso East defeated Leyden on Friday to improve its conference mark to 6-2.

"We didn't play with our normal energy, it looked like," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins after the loss. "It looked like we were a step slow. We looked fatigued. We knew it was going to be difficult coming in here and winning in their gym. They [the Hornets] play great at home. We fought hard. We just didn't have it."

Perkins noted the Warriors completed a recent stretch of games that included 12 contests in 24 days.

Hinsdale South senior standout

Zion Griffin, who will play at Iowa State University, poured in 39 points and grabbed 16 rebounds in Friday's game. Griffin made 18 of 34 shots from the field, hitting two of nine attempts from 3-point range.

The Hornets and Warriors were tied at 12-12 after one quarter. Hinsdale South held a 28-23 halftime lead. The lead grew to 48-35 by the end of the third quarter. The Hornets enjoyed a 61-45 lead with less than four minutes left in the game.

Senior Marshawn Phillips, who sank three 3-point shots, scored a team-leading 15 points for the Warriors. Senior Neil Paxton added 12 points, while Masys scored 10 points. Seniors Ethan Schuemer and Sikander Zafar provided nine and eight points, respectively.

Willowbrook won its first game of the season against Hinsdale South. The Warriors defeated the Hornets 61-53 on Dec. 15 in Villa Park.

The Warriors began last week with a 68-47 conference win at Addison Trail on Jan. 30. Masys made three 3-pointers and scored a team-high 19 points for Willowbrook, which held a 37-25 halftime lead that grew to 58-29 late in the third quarter. Schuemer added 14 points and eight rebounds. Phillips and Paxton contributed eight and seven points, respectively.

The Warriors will play a conference home game against Morton this Friday. Willowbrook lost its first meeting against Morton, falling 47-44 to the Mustangs on Jan. 9.



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Willowbrook's boys basketball team lost 69-63 to Hinsdale South in Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game in Darien. The Warriors' conference record dropped to 6-3, while Hinsdale South improved to 6-2. One photo shows senior Sikander Zafar (No. 5-above left) driving to the basket for a layup. Another photo shows senior Marshawn Phillips (No. 11-above right), who scored a team-leading 15 points. The Warriors will play a conference home game against Morton this Friday.

Area wrestlers advance to individual sectionals

Martin and Wolff deliver victories; Jessen improves to 44-0

Eight Glenbard East wrestlers earned berths in the IHSA Class 3A individual sectional at Elgin-Larkin High School with their performances at Saturday's regional in Lombard.

Wrestling in a highly competitive regional, the Rams placed fourth out of nine teams with their total score of 160 points. Glenbard North won first-place honors at the regional with 201 points to earn a spot in the upcoming dual-team sectional.

Glenbard East seniors Cole Martin and Alec Wolff won regional championships on Saturday. Martin won the title in the 152-pound division, while Wolff captured top honors in the 182-pound weight class.

Martin edged his Glenbard North opponent 7-6 in the championship match to improve his overall season

record to 38-8. Wolff pinned his opponent from Wheaton North in the first-place match to raise his season record to 42-2.

Six other Rams advanced to the individual sectional. Sophomore Reese Martin (120), junior Alex Posada (145), junior Ben Pham (195) and senior James McNicholas (285) turned in second-place finishes during Saturday's regional. Senior Nick Guthrie (130) and junior Jesus Lopez (220) advanced with third-place finishes. The top three finishers in each regional weight class qualified for the individual sectional. The top four finishers in each weight class at the sectional will advance to the individual state meet.

Willowbrook's wrestling team competed in Saturday's individual

regional at Leyden High School. The Warriors placed fourth in the team standings of the nine-team competition.

Senior Jack Jessen of the Warriors won the regional title at the 182-pound level. Jessen scored a first-period pin over his Oak Park/River Forest opponent in the championship match. That victory gave Jessen an overall season record of 44-0.

Willowbrook sophomore Jonathan Leal-Gerwath also advanced to the individual sectional at Elgin-Larkin with his third-place finish in the 113-pound weight class.

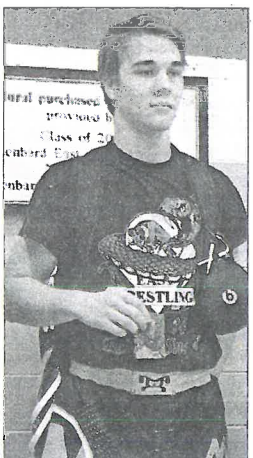
Montini's powerhouse team domi-

nated Saturday's nine-team individual regional at Lyons Township, winning the event's team title to earn a berth in the dual-team sectional at Downers Grove South High School. The Broncos, who won individual championships in 11 of the regional's 14 weight levels, piled up 312 team points. Downers Grove South finished second with 171 points. Montini's wrestlers will compete in this week's individual sectional at Hinsdale Central.

Freshman Nain Vazquez of Montini won the 106-pound title at the regional. Sophomore Dylan Ragusin captured the 113-pound championship, while senior Joey Melendez

won the 120-pound championship.

Junior Dylan Burnoski (126), senior Real Woods (132) and sophomore Fidel Mayora (138) also claimed first-place honors at the regional. Junior Jake Stiles (145), senior Will Lewan (152) and junior Matt Ortiz (160) piled up three more regional titles for the Broncos. Junior Anthony Geraci (170) and sophomore Trevor Swier (182) rounded out the team's champions at the regional. Junior Peter Christensen (195) earned a second-place title, while junior Mike McNicholas (285) advanced to the individual sectional with a third-place effort.



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Seniors Cole Martin (left) and Alec Wolff (right) of the Glenbard East wrestling team won championships in their respective weight divisions at Saturday's IHSA Class 3A individual regional in Lombard. Martin won the title in the 152-pound weight class, while Wolff captured top honors in the 182-pound division. Both Rams are pictured on the top of the awards stand. Six other Glenbard East wrestlers joined Martin and Wolff in earning berths in this week's individual sectional at Elgin-Larkin High School. The top three finishers in each weight level at the regional advanced to the individual sectional. The top four finishers in each level of the sectional will qualify for the individual state meet in Champaign.



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Rams advance to finals at state meet

Glenbard East's competitive cheerleading team earned a ninth-place showing at the IHSA state meet, which took place Friday and Saturday in Bloomington. The Rams, who competed in the meet's co-ed division, needed to finish among the top 10 teams in Friday's preliminary round to advance to Saturday's finals. One of 25 teams in the co-ed division, Glenbard East placed 10th during Friday's preliminaries. The team's routine of nearly three minutes earned a score of 83.52. The Rams' routine in Saturday's finals yielded a ninth-place score of 80.59. Glenbard East advanced to the state meet by winning a sectional championship at Tinley Park's Andrew High School on Jan. 27. That victory marked the first sectional title in the history of Glenbard East's cheerleading program. On Jan. 17, the Rams won the Valley Division championship at the Upstate Eight Conference Meet in Lombard. The Glenbard East team, which is coached by Kelly Dolan, includes 23 athletes—18 who took the competitive mat, and five alternates.

Rams earn road win at Willowbrook

Road triumph gives Glenbard East its fifth win of the season

The Glenbard East girls basketball team prevailed over Willowbrook in Saturday's meeting between neighborhood rivals. The Rams outscored the Warriors 42-26 in Villa Park to pick up their fifth win of the season.

Willowbrook, which was seeking its fifth win of the season on Saturday, entered the contest on a two-game winning streak. The Warriors earned West Suburban Gold Conference victories over Morton and Hinsdale South last week. Willowbrook completed its conference season with a 3-9 record.

"We've been getting better and better since Christmas," said Glenbard East coach Don Finnie after Saturday's win. "Our defense and rebounding were good tonight."

One night before beating the Warriors, the Rams dropped an Upstate Eight Valley Conference game at Bartlett. Finnie noted that his team lost its first game against Bartlett by about 30 points. The Rams lost the rematch by 15 points.

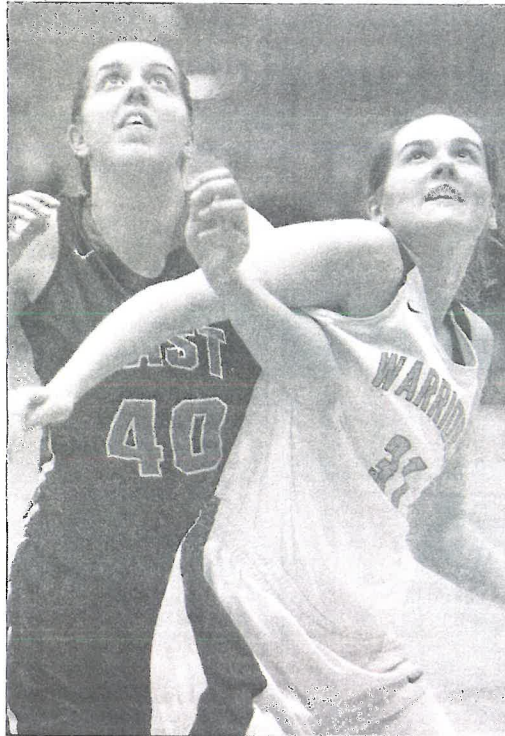
Glenbard East led the Warriors 21-15 at halftime and 29-20 after three quarters. Willowbrook never seriously threatened the Rams' lead during the final eight minutes.

"We looked tired tonight," said Willowbrook coach Terry Harrell. "We couldn't make shots. We did get the turnovers we needed, but we didn't make the shots to close the gap."

Senior Mattie Pusateri scored a team-leading 11 points for the Rams. Senior Sam Dooley added 10 points, while junior Mackenzie Lyons contributed seven points. Seniors Faith Davies and Sommer Dolinski both scored six points. Dolinski grabbed 20 rebounds for the Rams, who out-rebounded the Warriors 38-16.

Junior Katelyn McCann scored nine points for Willowbrook. Junior Maureen Schmid supplied eight points and six rebounds. Junior Emma Barrington tallied five points.

The Warriors opened last week with a 57-51 conference victory over Morton on Jan. 30 in Villa Park. Just seven days earlier, Morton crushed Willowbrook 62-38. The Warriors



trailed the Mustangs 37-36 through three quarters of the rematch before grabbing the lead in the final period.

Three Warriors provided double-digit scoring efforts in the victory over Morton. McCann finished with 14 points. Junior Cecilia Lizasuain added 11 points and a team-leading 11 rebounds, while sophomore K'Aliyha Herron provided 10 points. Herron did not play in Saturday's game due to injury.

Willowbrook defeated Hinsdale South 40-37 in Friday's conference meeting in Villa Park. That win avenged a 61-29 loss to the Hornets in December. McCann converted a pair of 3-point shots in Friday's re-

match and scored 17 points. Schmid, who made all four of her free-throw attempts, added 10 points for the Warriors.

Willowbrook will finish its regular season with this week's games against Hinsdale Central and Glenbard South. The Warriors will open the IHSA post-season with next week's matchup against a familiar foe—Hinsdale South—in Darien.

Glenbard East closes out its regular season with this week's conference games against West Chicago and East Aurora.

The Rams will open the post-season with next week's game against Elk Grove in DeKalb.



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombard/Villa Park Review
Glenbard East's girls basketball team beat Willowbrook 42-26 in Saturday's contest in Villa Park. Both teams entered the game with four victories. One photo shows Glenbard East senior Mattie Pusateri (No. 25-above right), who scored a team-high 11 points. Another photo shows senior Sam Dooley (No. 5-right), who provided 10 points for the Rams. Willowbrook junior Katelyn McCann (No. 21-above left) scored nine points. The photo at left shows Glenbard East senior Sommer Dolinski (No. 40, left) and Willowbrook junior Maureen Schmid (No. 31, right). Dolinski grabbed 20 rebounds for the Rams. Schmid scored eight points.



Answers to Crossword Puzzle

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Missed free throws down the stretch hurt Broncos in loss to St. Francis

By Mike Sandrolini
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW
STAFF REPORTER

For Montini assistant coach Michael Ingram, it was plain to see why the Broncos fell to St. Francis, 54-50, in a Chicago Catholic League White contest Friday night.

Just do the math. After shooting around 80 percent from the free-throw line in their 80-64 triumph over Morton, a perennially tough West Suburban Gold team, Thursday night, the Broncos shot 47 percent from the free-throw line (10 of 21) vs. St. Francis.

Furthermore, they went 4 of 10 during a crucial fourth-quarter in which they held a 50-49 lead with 53.6 seconds to go.

"Tonight, we were down four and missed six free throws in a row," said Ingram, the head coach at Proviso West for six years before joining Daryl Thomas' staff this season.

Thomas wasn't able to coach Friday's game, but will be back when the Broncos host Leo this Friday night.

"We need to get more focused on free throws," Ingram added. "You can fix free throws; it just requires focus and repetition. That's what we just told them now (in the locker room). If we fix that, our record would actually be more like 18-2 (it currently stands at 13-8 overall, 3-3 in the conference)."

Jemari Harris stole the ball at midcourt—one of three steals on the night for the junior guard—and rifled a pass to Anthony Thomas, who

drove the lane, was fouled and converted a free throw for a three-point play to give the Broncos their 50-49 advantage.

But it was all Spartans from that point on. A free throw from Michael Cascella, who shared game scoring honors with Thompson (17 points each), tied the score with 46.1 seconds left.

Cascella missed the second free throw, but the ball went off a Montini player's hands, enabling St. Francis to retain possession. Nick Kosmetatos then scored the go-ahead bucket on a backdoor layup, and Matthew Detloff sealed the deal for St. Francis by sinking two free throws with 10.8 seconds left.

"For being a very talented team, we're still immature IQ-wise," said Ingram, an all-stater at Proviso West who went on to play collegiately at Iowa. "That's what killed us. Instead of thinking possessions, we don't think possessions. But we're working on it. There's a lot of juniors on this team."

Still, it was the Broncos' poor free throw shooting that frustrated Ingram during a game that had 11 ties and 18 lead changes.

"The lead was lost due to the free throws," he said. "We get the lead, they foul us and it's the matrix of the game. When you're up four and you get fouled, you miss both free throws and they score, now you're up two. You do that again and it's a tied ball game. That's what it was."

"No one wants to take the average girl to the dance anymore. The av-

erage girl is free throws. Everybody wants to dunk and shoot threes, so I put more effort and energy into doing that than I do to the thing that's free."

Senior forward Matthew Morrissey, one of the Broncos' leading scorers, netted eight points in the first quarter, but didn't score the rest of the game and eventually got into foul trouble.

"He's an excellent player and we need his offensive power and his presence on the floor," Ingram said. "That's been the theme of the whole season for us. We seem to get in foul trouble a lot."

The Broncos started Morrissey, Matthew Weber, Tajh McKelvy, Youssuf Mitchell and Benjamin Steiner on Senior Night. Montini fell behind 30-24 late in the second quarter, but scored four unanswered points to cut the lead to 30-28 on a Harris jumper. The 6-3 Harris then came up with a steal near the end of the quarter, drove to the hoop and went in for a dunk, but unfortunately missed it. That would have tied the game 30-30; St. Francis led 30-28 at the break.

Junior forward Fred Stokes added eight points for Montini, which has lost two of its last three games and four of its last six.

"I tried to explain to these guys how easy it is to actually average 10 points (a game) in high school," Ingram said. "Four quarters—one bucket per quarter and two free throws per game. If you're a starter and you literally make one basket per quarter and two free throws, you're averaging 10 points."

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District 45 teacher Dawn Majer nominated for Golden Apple Award

Third-grade teacher at Ardmore attended district schools

Dawn Majer, a third-grade teacher at District 45's Ardmore Elementary School in Villa Park, has been named a finalist for the 2018 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. Majer is one of 30 to be named a finalist for the annual award, which honors teachers in pre-kindergarten through third-grade. The honorees will be recognized at an event in Rosemont on Feb. 24. Ten of the 30 finalists will receive the award.

According to its website, goldapple.org, Golden Apple is a non-profit organization that works to inspire, develop and support teacher and school leader excellence in Illinois. The Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching and Leadership celebrates outstanding teachers and school leaders.

The award, which has been given every year since 1986, is the brainchild of Golden Apple founder Martin J. Koldyke, who believed that excellent teachers did not receive adequate recognition for their contributions toward building a stronger, better-educated society.

A record number of nominations for the award were submitted this year, totaling more than 650 Pre-K through third-grade teachers from the Chicagoland area.

Fellow educators, students, parents and community members nominate teachers for the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. The finalists are selected through an anonymous process.

Majer received a letter in mid-De-



Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching finalist Dawn Majer, who has been teaching in District 45 for 16 years, grew up in the area and attended district schools. She went to Westmore Elementary School and Jackson Middle School before attending Willowbrook High School.

cember that informed her she'd been nominated for the award. On Feb. 2, she received an e-mail notifying her she'd been selected as one of 30 finalists for the honor.

"As I checked my e-mail that

morning, I was overwhelmed with emotion," stated Majer, who has taught at Ardmore School for eight years. "I was excited, shocked and even a little nervous. There are so many amazing teachers nominated

for this prestigious award, never did I classify myself as receiving this great honor of being a finalist."

Majer, who has been teaching in District 45 for 16 years, is a product of the district. She grew up in Lom-

bard and attended Westmore Elementary School and Jackson Middle School. Majer graduated from Willowbrook High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University. She earned a master's degree from St. Xavier University in Chicago.

"Over the years, I have had experience teaching grade levels K-5 and have enjoyed them all," stated Majer. "The majority of my teaching career has been in third grade. I absolutely love third grade! My goals are to intrigue students to become curious learners, develop peer relationships through social emotional learning, and welcome the struggles while celebrating the triumphs in both social and academic learning. It's amazing to see their growth in responsibility and ownership for learning."

Majer's father was a history teacher and guidance counselor at Lake Park High School in Roselle. One year, he brought his young daughter to "Take Your Daughter to Work Day."

"I enjoyed shadowing my father's career," said Majer, who described "Take Your Daughter to Work Day" as a turning point in her life. "In high school I loved babysitting and teaching Vacation Bible School to preschool and kindergartners. While in college, I coached gymnastics. I loved seeing the excitement when a child learned something new. I knew through my experiences and family guidance that teaching our youth was the right profession for me."



Speech team competes in regional and sectional events



The Willowbrook speech team competed in the IHSA regional contest at Fenton High School on Feb. 3 and earned a third-place finish. The students earned the Willowbrook program's highest regional score in at least 20 years. Several Willowbrook students qualified to compete in the Feb. 10 sectional contest at Elk Grove High School. Willowbrook senior Genevieve Corkery (far left) received second-place honors in the Humorous Interpretation category at the sectional to earn a berth in the IHSA Individual Events state final, which takes place this Friday and Saturday at the Peoria Civic Center. Students who finished in the top three places in each category at the sectional advanced to the state final. Another photo shows Willowbrook sophomore Chloe Devens, (left) who received first-place honors in the Extemporaneous Speaking category at the Feb. 3 regional. Both students are pictured during Willowbrook's recent regional showcase event on Jan. 30.

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Conroy continues to address opioid crisis

State Rep. Deb Conroy, D-Villa Park, is drawing attention to a report published by the DuPage County Coroner's Office showing that 95 DuPage County residents fatally overdosed as a result of opioid use in 2017, the same number as in 2016.

"We must end the belief that our communities are immune to the effects of the opioid crisis," said Conroy.

"Regardless of race, gender or socioeconomic status, anyone can succumb to addiction. The shocking numbers from the coroner's office show us that there is a lot of work to be done."

The report from the coroner's office showed that the number of deaths in 2017 was identical to the number of deaths in 2016.

However, the number of deaths climbed from 51 in 2015 to 95 in

2016.

The coroner also stated that the report does not share the number of residents who have been saved by the use of naloxone, an opioid antidote known as Narcan.

As chairwoman of the House Mental Health Committee, Conroy has been working to bring awareness around the issue of addiction and mental health amid the opioid crisis.

"We will continue to lose people to the opioid crisis if we do not treat addiction as the medical health condition that it is," said Conroy.

"Our communities must work together to end the stigma and barriers to access that surround mental health treatment. No person should forgo the help they need because they fear how they will be looked at or be denied treatment by an insurance company."

Villa Park briefs

Police announce Super Bowl Weekend enforcement numbers

The Villa Park Police Department announced last week it made two DUI arrests and issued five child safety seat citations during its recent Super Bowl Weekend crackdown. The department also made four arrests for persons driving on suspended or revoked licenses, and a pair of other alcohol-related arrests.

The recent "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" enforcement effort ran from Feb. 2 to the early morning hours of Feb. 5, in an effort to keep impaired drivers off the roads and get more people to buckle up.

"Motorists should continue to heed the warning that we are serious about cracking down on impaired drivers and seat belt law violators; we do it to save lives," said Villa Park Deputy Police Chief William Lyons in a statement issued by the department.

The recent enforcement campaign was made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Village issues reminder about snow and ice control

Shortly before last week's heavy snowfall, the Village of Villa Park issued a statement

reminding residents that the village's public works department is responsible for snow and ice control on all public streets within the village's corporate limits, except for North Avenue, Roosevelt Road and Route 83, which are maintained by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

In the case of a major winter storm event, when snowfall is predicted to exceed eight inches, it may only be possible to keep a center lane open on secondary streets for emergency vehicles until the snowfall stops. On-street parking is the major factor preventing effective snow removal.

The village, therefore, asks residents to plan ahead to remove their cars from the streets in the event of a major snowfall. Cooperation is important in allowing streets to be opened for residents and emergency vehicles as soon as possible. The village also asks residents not to blow snow into the street, and to place garbage cans a minimum of four feet behind the back of the curb to eliminate or prevent garbage spills.

Pioneer Garden and Feed holds seed starting seminar on Feb. 24

Pioneer Garden and Feed in Villa Park will present two seed starting seminars on Saturday, Feb. 24. The free seminars begin at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Pioneer Garden and Feed is located at

118 S. Villa Ave. Spots are limited. Call 630-832-0815 for a reservation. "We have so many customers interested in growing from seed, but have never done it before," said Angie Rojek, owner of Pioneer Garden and Feed. The business, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, carries about 1,100 types of seeds.

Entry deadline for Barnes & Noble's 'My Favorite Teacher' contest is Feb. 23

Barnes & Noble's "My Favorite Teacher" contest gives students an opportunity to write an essay, poem or thank-you letter sharing how a teacher has influenced their life, and why they admire and appreciate that teacher. The competition is open to middle school and high school students. The deadline to participate is Feb. 23.

Each entry must include an entry form, and a parent or guardian must sign that form to acknowledge he or she has read the contest rules. Submissions for the contest can be e-mailed to District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink at dbrink@dupage88.net, or dropped off at the District 88 office at 2 Friendship Plaza, Addison.

The students who write the winning essays, poems and thank-you letters will receive certifi-

cates of recognition. The student who authors the winning essay, poem or thank you letter for the teacher who wins the "Barnes & Noble National Teacher of the Year" award also will receive a \$500 Barnes & Noble gift certificate and a NOOK device.

The five regional-winning teachers will each receive a \$500 Barnes & Noble Gift Card. The winner of the "Barnes & Noble Teacher of the Year" award will receive \$5,000 and will be recognized during a special event at a Barnes & Noble store. The winning teacher's school will receive \$5,000.

Villa Park Chamber of Commerce holds annual dinner on Feb. 28

The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year, will hold its annual member recognition and installation dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801, 39 E. St. Charles Road. Cocktails will be served at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and the presentation at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$40 per person. Respond by Feb. 23; call 630-941-9133, or e-mail vpchamber@sbcglobal.net. Registration can also be completed online at the chamber's website at vilaparkchamber.org.

Sports

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Willowbrook bowlers win sectional championship

Warriors edge Lindblom by three pins to claim the title and lock up a berth in the state meet

The Willowbrook girls bowling team captured the championship at Saturday's IHSA Glenbard East Sectional at Brunswick Zone Glendale Heights Bowl. The Warriors won the title at the 12-team sectional with a total score of 5,735. Willowbrook edged Chicago's Lindblom School (5,732) by three pins in the race for the sectional title. The top four teams at the sectional (Willowbrook, Lindblom, Downers Grove South and York) qualified for the team competition at the IHSA state meet, which takes place this Friday and Saturday at The Cherry Bowl in Rockford. A total of 24 teams—the top four teams at each of the state's six sectionals—will take part in the state meet's team competition. The top 12 teams from the first day will advance to Saturday's team finals.

Junior Holly Helsper fired Willowbrook's top sectional score—a six-game total of 1,232. Helsper began the sectional with scores of 233 and 231 in her first two games. She closed out the day with scores of 204 and 206. Sophomore Makaylah Jones turned in a 1,207 total, which included a 243 in her fourth game and a 255—the Warriors' best individual game score of the day—in the sixth game.

Senior Betsy Soriano rolled a score of 1,163, which included a 215 in her sixth game. Junior Katherine Pettinger bowled a six-game total of 1,103, which featured her top score of the day—a 214—in her sixth game. Senior Dana Sasenick provided

a score of 686 over four games. Sasenick opened the sectional with a 224. Junior Brianna Bryant bowled a pair of games at the sectional, rolling an overall score of 344.

The Warriors rolled a total score of 1,042 in the sixth game to post their best game score of the day. They rolled an even 1,000 in the first game and proceeded to post scores of 943, 851, 976 and 923 before the final game. Willowbrook gained 82 pins on Lindblom in the final game. Lindblom closed the sectional with a team score of 960.

Glenbard East sophomore Molly Galvin advanced to the state meet as an individual after rolling a six-game total of 1,225. The top five bowlers from the Glenbard East Sectional who weren't members of state-qualifying teams advanced to the state meet as individuals. Of that quintet, Galvin delivered the second-highest score.

One week before winning the sectional title, Willowbrook captured the Metea Valley Regional title with a team total of 5,705. York placed second in the Feb. 3 event at Fox Bowl in Wheaton with a total of 5,497.

Jones bowled the top individual score at the regional—a six-game total of 1,326. Her six games included scores of 218, 198, 237, 248, 212 and 213. Pettinger posted the Warriors' next-best regional score—a total of 1,189.

The top four teams at the Metea Valley Regional advanced to the Glenbard East Sectional.



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Willowbrook's girls bowling team won the sectional title at Saturday's 12-team IHSA Glenbard East Sectional in Glendale Heights. The Warriors edged Chicago's Lindblom School by three pins (5,735 to 5,732) in the battle for the sectional title. The top four teams at the sectional qualified for this week's state meet, which begins on Friday in Rockford. Members of the Warriors (pictured left to right) are: (front row) senior Betsy Soriano, senior Dana Sasenick and sophomore Makaylah Jones; (back row) junior Holly Helsper, junior Katie Pettinger, junior Brianna Bryant and junior Paula Williams. One week before winning the sectional championship, Willowbrook won an IHSA regional title in Wheaton.

Jessen earns his fourth straight trip to Champaign

Standout Warrior will enter the state meet with a 47-0 record

Willowbrook senior Jack Jessen sailed to his fourth straight appearance in the IHSA Class 3A individual state wrestling meet by winning the 182-pound title at Saturday's sectional at Elgin-Larkin High School.

Jessen advanced to the sectional final with a pair of first-period pins. He then earned a 14-2 major-decision victory in the championship match to claim the sectional title and improve his overall season record to 47-0.

As a freshman, Jessen qualified for the state meet and earned a second-place finish in the 170-pound weight class. One year later, Jessen claimed third place in the state meet's 182-pound division. Last season, Jessen placed second in the 182-pound level. He suffered his only loss of the season in the championship match. He completed his junior season with a record of 50-1.

The individual state meet begins today and runs through Saturday at the State Farm Center in Champaign.

Three Glenbard East wrestlers earned state-meet berths at the Elgin-Larkin Sectional. Senior Cole Martin secured a trip to Champaign with his second-place finish in the 152-pound weight class. Martin lost a 6-5 decision to Oak Park/River Forest's Joe Chapman in the sectional final. Martin will enter the state meet with a season record of 40-9.

Junior Alex Posada of the Rams battled to a state-meet berth with his third-place showing in the sectional's 145-pound weight class. Sophomore Reese Martin, Cole's younger brother, earned a trip to the Class 3A state meet with his fourth-place showing in the 120-pound weight class.

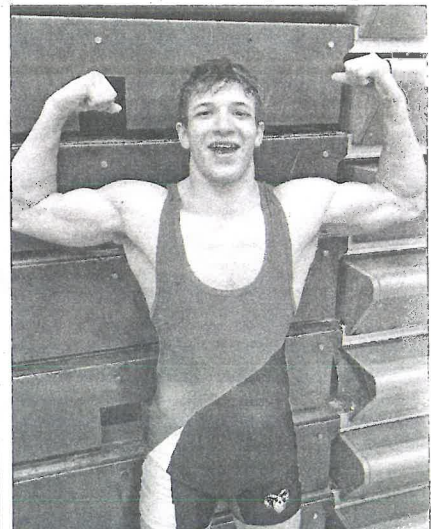
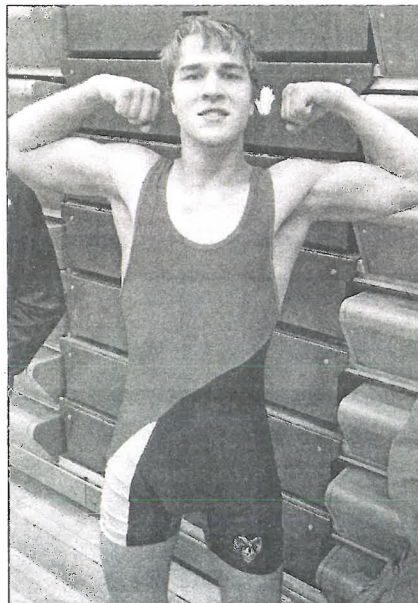
Posada will open the state meet with a 40-9 record, while Reese Martin will head to Champaign with a season record of 35-12.

The top four finishers in each sectional weight class advanced to the individual state meet.

Montini wrestlers won eight titles at Saturday's Class 3A individual sectional at Hinsdale Central High School. Twelve Broncos qualified for the individual state meet.

Montini's individual champions at Hinsdale Central included sophomore Dylan Ragusin, who won the 113-pound title; senior Joey Melendez, who captured the 120-pound championship; and senior Real Woods, the winner of the 132-pound title.

Senior Will Lewan won the 152-pound championship, while junior Matt Ortiz delivered a first-place effort in the 160-pound



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The Glenbard East wrestlers who earned berths in the IHSA Class 3A individual state meet included senior Cole Martin (left) and junior Alex Posada (above). Both Rams secured their state-meet trips at Saturday's sectional at Elgin-Larkin High School. Martin placed second in the sectional's 152-pound weight class, while Posada earned third-place honors in the 145-pound weight level. The top four finishers in each sectional weight class earned spots in the state meet. Glenbard East sophomore Reese Martin—Cole's younger brother—also secured a trip to the state meet with his fourth-place finish in the 120-pound division. The state meet begins today in Champaign.

level. Sophomore Trevor Swier secured the 182-pound title, while junior Peter Christensen earned top honors in the 195-pound weight class. Montini junior Mike McNicholas won the 285-pound championship.

Junior Dylan Burnoski (126) and sophomore Fidel Mayora (138) earned trips to the state meet with second-place efforts at the sectional. Freshman Nain Vazquez (106) and junior Jake Stiles (145) also earned trips to Champaign. Both Broncos turned in third-place performances at the sectional.



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Rams qualify for the state meet

Junior Sierra Olson (left) and freshman Kali Kartheiser (right) of the Glenbard East girls gymnastics team earned berths in the IHSA state meet with their performances at last week's Lake Park Sectional. Gymnasts who earned top-five finishes in the sectional automatically qualified for the state meet, which begins tomorrow in Palatine. Kartheiser earned second-place honors in the uneven parallel bars with her score of 9.525. She added another top-five finish on the balance beam, tying for fourth place with a routine that received a score of 9.25. Kartheiser advanced to the state meet's all-around competition with her fifth-place all-around score of 37.00 at the sectional. Olson earned her state-meet berth with a fifth-place score of 9.375 on the vault. The Rams placed fourth in the team standings of the highly competitive state meet with their score of 142.4. Glenbard West won the sectional team title with its score of 149.425. Wheaton Warrenville South placed second with its score of 145.2, while DeKalb claimed third with a total of 144.175. Glenbard West automatically qualified for the state meet's team competition. The team champions of the state's four sectionals qualified for the upcoming team competition, as did the four teams (Prairie Ridge, New Trier, Carmel and Wheaton Warrenville South) with the next-best sectional scores.

Registration is open for this year's Dennis Doyle Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament

This year's event takes place March 3 at Willowbrook

The District 88 Foundation will hold the 2018 Dennis Doyle Three-on-Three Classic Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 3, at Willowbrook High School.

The annual event takes place in memory of former Willowbrook varsity boys basketball coach Dennis Doyle, who passed away in 2011. Doyle was the Warriors' head

coach from 1994 to 2006. He was also a guidance counselor at the school.

The tournament offers seven divisions, including boys and girls divisions for seventh/eighth graders, ninth/10th graders and 11th/12th graders. There is also an open division for all players 18 and older. Registration costs \$30 for youth teams and \$60 for open division teams.

Team sponsorship might be available for youth teams. Contact the athletic office at Willowbrook for more details.

For more information, or to register for the event, visit dupage88.net/basketball, or call District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink at 630-530-3989.

Only one registration is needed for each team. All members of each team should register together.

The District 88 Foundation is a member of the Partnership for Inspired Education (PIE) Foundation, a charitable organization that serves public school students in District 88, Addison School District 4, School District 45 and Salt Creek School District 48.



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Young Rams are hard to beat

The Future Rams seventh-grade boys basketball team improved its overall season record to 26-1 with a victory on Sunday. The Future Rams are pictured after their victory at the Glen Elyn Titans' tournament on Dec. 31. The Future Rams defeated Bloomingdale in triple overtime in the tournament championship game. The Future Rams will play their last league game of the season this Saturday at Glenbard East. They will begin their conference tournament next week.



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Warriors lose regular-season finale

The Willowbrook girls basketball team completed its regular season with last week's 53-31 loss to Glenbard South in Villa Park. Junior Emma Barrington (No. 11-above left) scored 10 points for the Warriors, who trailed the visiting Raiders 24-14 at halftime. Junior Katelyn McCann also scored 10 points for Willowbrook. Senior Jayla Smith (No. 12-above right) scored three points in her final home game as a Warrior. Two days before playing Glenbard South, Willowbrook lost 47-37 at Hinsdale Central. Barrington scored a team-leading 14 points. McCann added 10 points. Willowbrook's season ended with Monday's 47-35 loss to Hinsdale South in an IHSA Class 4A post-season game in Darien.

Rams end six-game losing streak with a win over South Elgin

Peterkin's 18-point effort leads the way to a conference victory

The Glenbard East boys basketball team snapped a six-game losing streak with last week's 68-57 Upstate Eight Valley Conference win over South Elgin in Lombard. The Rams, who beat South Elgin in the teams' first meeting of the season in December, improved to 8-15 overall and 3-5 in the conference with the Feb. 8 victory.

Senior James Peterkin scored a team-high 18 points for the Rams, who led the Storm 34-28 at halftime

and 50-41 after three quarters. Peterkin scored nine points during the final period.

Senior Korvante Davis, who connected on three shots from 3-point range, added 17 points for Glenbard East.

Sophomore DaRon Hall provided 12 points, including five points in the fourth quarter.

The Rams will continue their conference season with this Friday's game at West Chicago.



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Playing at the next level

Willowbrook senior Sarah Poirier signed a National Letter of Intent last week to play soccer at Monmouth College. Poirier will be a center midfielder for the Fighting Scots. Poirier, who has been playing soccer for 14 years, is the senior captain for Willowbrook for the upcoming spring season. She plans to major in biology and minor in psychology while following the pre-med track at Monmouth.



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School fundraiser at Culver's

Lombard's St. Pius X Parish School recently held an "Out-to-Dinner" benefit night for the school at Culver's of Lombard. School staff members hosted the event and helped deliver food to guests, families and students. Everyone had a wonderful time enjoying dinner and helping to raise funds for the school. Pictured are (left to right) school Principal Daniel Flaherty and teachers Mrs. Tortorello (5th grade), Mrs. Pohl (6th grade), Ms. Berzewski (4th grade) and Mrs. Christophe (1st grade).

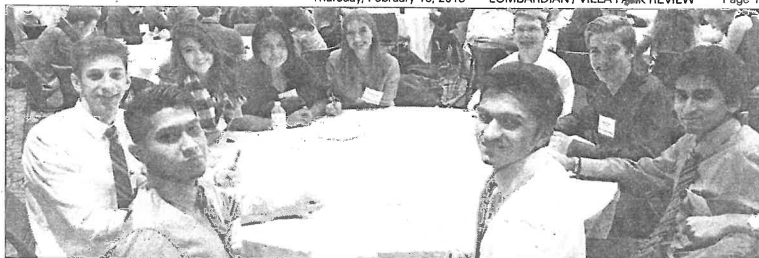
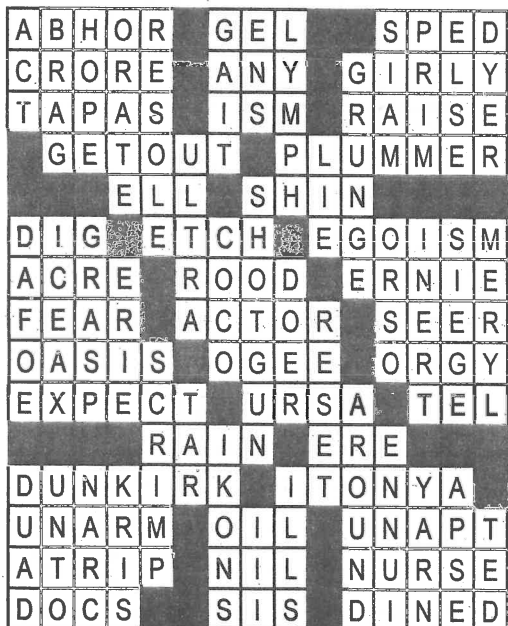


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Lombard Garden Club offers scholarship

The Lombard Garden Club is offering a \$1,000 college scholarship to a Lombard resident who is a high school senior, a home-schooled student or a student currently enrolled in a college program of environmental science, ecology, landscape design, agriculture, botany or horticulture. The deadline for receipt of applications is April 1. The requirements for applying to receive the scholarship are: applicants must be a Lombard resident, be in extra-curricular activities, include information about grades and two recommendation letters from teachers or school counselors, and include a statement of career goals. The information should be sent to Scholarship Chairman Barbara Muzzey, Lombard Garden Club, P.O. Box 385, Lombard, IL 60148. The winner will be selected April 10. Pictured are 2018 Lombard Garden Club Scholarship Committee members (left to right) Ginny Carlson, Naomi Wiernga, Sharon Rakowski, Barbara Muzzey and Barbara Laskowski. For more information, contact Muzzey at 630-620-9388 or bmuzzey@att.net.

Crossword Puzzle Answers



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Willowbrook students take part in leaders' ip academy

Throughout the school year, nine Willowbrook High School students are representing their school and its Career and Technical Education (CTE) department by attending Student Leadership Academy events at College of DuPage. The first event took place in November. The next one took place in January. The final meeting is coming up in March. The students from Willowbrook and other area high schools who attend the Student Leadership Academy events participate in leadership training and career-building seminars, where speakers discuss a variety of topics. The students also have a chance to have their resumes reviewed, and to practice mock interviews with professionals in various fields. Pictured (clockwise, starting from the far left) are: senior Steven Cerda-Sanchez, senior Anthony Lang, senior Jana Funteas, senior Luz Alcala, senior Catherine Carey, junior Martin Leskiewicz, senior Patrick Florey, senior Kiran Pentela and senior Taha Akhtar.

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CERTIFICATE NO. 0075849 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on JANUARY 26, 2018, wherein the business firm of ROOTED ACUPUNCTURE, 924 S. LOMBARD AVENUE, LOMBARD, IL 60148-3422 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows:

Jonathan Walton, 924 S. Lombard Avenue, Lombard, IL 60148-3422.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 26TH day of JANUARY, A.D. 2018.

Paul Hinds
DuPage County Clerk
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NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 0075830 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on JANUARY 23, 2018, wherein the business firm of DEWEY TECHNOLOGY, 212 N. VILLA AVENUE, VILLA PARK, IL 60181-2247 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows:

Edward Sirovacka, 212 N. Villa Avenue, Villa Park, IL 60181-2247.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 23RD day of JANUARY, A.D. 2018.

Paul Hinds
DuPage County Clerk
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF DU PAGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CASE NUMBER
2017 P 1257

ESTATE OF
Rosemarie Krieg
Notice is given of the death of Rose-

marie Krieg whose address was 412 N. Princeton, Villa Park, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 5, 2018, to Carolyn Krieg, 409 W. Terrace, Villa Park, IL 60181 as INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR whose attorney is Nicolas Nelson.

The estate will be administered without Court Supervision, unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Court Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of CHRIS KACHIRIOUBAS, Circuit Court Clerk, 505 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before July 31, 2018, any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Court clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney, if any, within ten (10) days after it has been filed with the Circuit Clerk.

Nicolas Nelson
DuPage Attorney No.: 237653
Attorney For Independent Executor
27 W. Park Blvd.
Villa Park, IL 60181
630-921-1488
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE OF JPMORGAN MORTGAGE TRUST 2007-A2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
PATRICK J RUDICIL A/K/A PATRICK JOAL RUDICIL; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

2016CH 001480
903 SOUTH NORBURY AVENUE
LOMBARD, IL 60148

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on January 16, 2018, Sheriff of DuPage County will on March 15, 2018, in 501 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187, at 10:00 AM, sell at public auction and subject to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of DuPage, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

LOT 18 IN BLOCK 10 IN ARTHUR T. MINOTON AND COMPANY'S LOMBARD GARDENS SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION IN THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN DECEMBER 13, 1924, AS DOCUMENT NO. 174113, IN DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

TAX NO. 06-17-120-001
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 903 South Norbury Avenue
Lombard, IL 60148

Description of Improvements: SINGLE FAMILY HOME WITH ATTACHED 3 CAR GARAGE.

The Judgment amount was \$585,478.07.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representa-

tion as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Information: Visit our website at <http://illinoisforeclosures.mprpc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 257339

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. (3075741)

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NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 0075882 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on FEBRUARY 5, 2018, wherein the business firm of IMPACT CUSTOM PROMOTIONALS, 100 E. ROOSEVELT ROAD, VILLA PARK, IL 60181 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows:

Carsten Leighty, 5N669 Hazelwood Trail, St. Charles, IL 60175
David Leighty, 5N669 Hazelwood Trail, St. Charles, IL 60175

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 5TH day of FEBRUARY, A.D. 2018.

Paul Hinds
DuPage County Clerk
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NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 0075886 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on FEBRUARY 5, 2018, wherein the business firm of BINTA B AFRICAN HAIR BRAIDING, 6208 E. SAINT CHARLES ROAD, CAROL STREAM, IL 60188 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows:

Fatوماتa B. Barry, 643 Gundersen Drive, Apt. 201, Carol Stream, IL 60188.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 5TH day of FEBRUARY, A.D. 2018.

Paul Hinds
DuPage County Clerk
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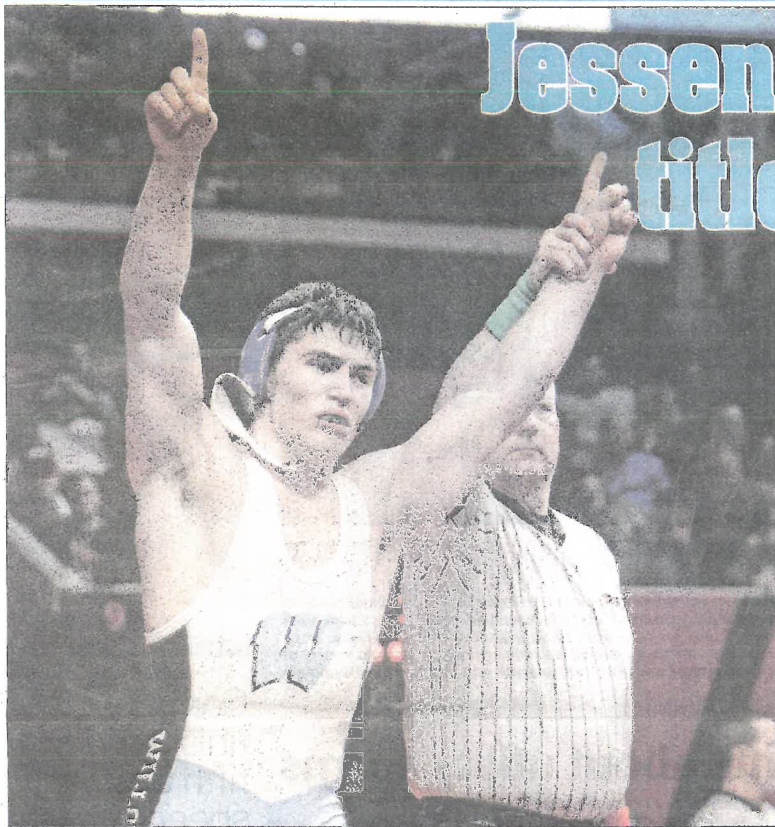
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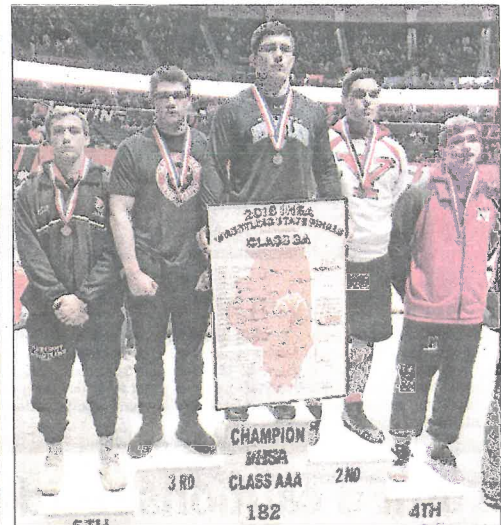
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Jessen wins state title, goes 51-0



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Willowbrook senior wrestler Jack Jessen celebrates his win in Saturday's 182-pound championship match at the IHSA Class 3A individual state meet in Champaign. Jessen, a Villa Park resident, defeated Yorkville sophomore Nick Stemet 8-3 in the title match. He completed his season with a 51-0 record. Jessen earned second-place finishes at the state meet during his freshman and junior seasons. He claimed a third-place finish at the state meet as a sophomore. See the sports section for more about Jessen's state-championship effort.

Top of the heap

Senior Jack Jessen (middle) closed out his athletic career at Willowbrook High School by winning the 182-pound state championship at the IHSA Class 3A individual state wrestling meet. Jessen is shown standing on top of the podium after he won the state title on Saturday in Champaign. Jessen will continue his academic and wrestling careers at Northwestern University.



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Willowbrook honors students

Willowbrook High School presented its Outstanding Student awards to 11 students during a Feb. 15 breakfast in the students' honor. To be selected for the award, students must demonstrate extraordinary achievement and outstanding effort along with commendable attitude and motivation. Students who receive the award must also display the ability to overcome obstacles and give a continuous exemplary performance. Each of the honored students received their awards after being nominated by a staff member of Willowbrook's various departments. Principal Dan Krause and Assistant Principal Jamie Gourley welcomed the recipients and their families to the breakfast. The staff members who nominated the students also attended the event. The award-winning students (pictured left to right) are: (front row) sophomore Grace Placek (science), senior Rhiannon Isallo (learning services) and sophomore Emily O'Brochta (English); (middle row) senior Elitajane Mendiola (career and technical education), senior Julia Cicero (music) and freshman Cristian Hernandez (social studies); (back row) senior Sophia Parrillo (art), junior Maurice Brown (physical education), senior Ethan Rojek (world languages) and junior Bobby Fenton (literacy). Not pictured is senior Matthew Seymore (math).

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Teacher awarded

In addition to presenting 11 students with Outstanding Student awards at last week's breakfast, Willowbrook High School honored English teacher Lisa Cuscaden (center) with the Outstanding Teacher award. Sophomores Emily Alessandri (left) and Nick Vasili (right) presented Cuscaden at the Feb. 15 breakfast. Cuscaden was also nominated for the award by sophomore Priscilla DelValle. To be considered for the award, a staff member must treat teaching as a passion, create a positive learning environment, use a variety of strategies to engage students, offer extra support when needed, provide prompt and effective feedback and relate to the viewpoints and perspectives of students.



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Corkery finishes fifth at state speech meet

Willowbrook High School senior Genevieve Corkery placed fifth in the Humorous Interpretation category of the IHSA State Speech Final, which took place on Friday and Saturday at the Peoria Civic Center. Corkery, who is a Villa Park resident, is pictured showcasing her performance—"Meet the Roommates"—during a state sendoff celebration at Willowbrook on Feb. 14. She qualified for the state final after receiving second-place honors at both the Fenton Regional and the Elk Grove Village Sectional.

ComEd cautions residents about utility scams

ComEd is warning customers to be on high alert for scam artists claiming to be ComEd representatives seeking payment. According to a news release issued by the Village of Villa Park, the company has recently observed a significant increase in reports from small businesses and residential customers who were victimized by these types of scam incidents.

Customers should be aware that scammers may call or visit their homes or businesses. Representatives

from ComEd always carry proper identification and never ask customers for cash or personal financial information.

Customers can avoid being scammed by taking a few precautions:

- Never provide personal information to anyone initiating contact with you claiming to be a ComEd representative or requesting you to send money to another person or entity other than ComEd.

- Always ask to see a company photo ID before allowing any utility worker into your home or business.

- When in doubt, check it out. Be skeptical of individuals wearing clothing with old or defaced company logos. If you have any doubts, ask to see a company photo ID and if you are still not sure, call our customer service to verify.

- Never make payment for services to anyone coming to the door or someone who is trying to pressure

you on the phone.

Anyone who believes he or she has been a target of a phone scam is urged to contact the Illinois Attorney General's office toll free at 1-800-386-5438 (TTY 1-800-964-3013) or visit the Illinois Attorney General's website at www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov and click on the link "Protecting Consumers." Customers can reach ComEd at 1-800-EDISON1 to inquire about details on their account or report a possible scam.

Village manager gives details about recent salt usage in Villa Park

Villa Park Village Manager Rich Keehner provided an update about the village's recent road salt usage during his report at the Feb. 12 village board meeting.

Keehner noted that the village received snowfall for nine consecutive days during the period from Feb. 3-11. According to Keehner, a total of 18.3 inches of snow fell in Villa Park during that time.

Village crews logged about 90 hours of work to clear Villa Park roads between Feb. 3-11, stated Keehner. The crews used about 209 tons of salt during that period.

The village manager noted during his Feb. 12 update that Villa Park had received about 30 inches of snow during the 2017-18 winter season. Crews responded to a total of 19 events throughout the season, using about 564

tons of salt to help clear snow and ice from village roads.

Keehner said the village had 650 tons of salt on order, and another 300 tons still to be ordered. He also mentioned that the village uses a product called BEET HEET Concentrate to treat salt before the salt is used on village roads. Keehner described the product as a pre-wetting agent that's more environmentally friendly than

calcium chloride. Using BEET HEET Concentrate should reduce the village's salt usage by over 10 percent, said Keehner.

The village's public works department is responsible for snow and ice control on all public streets within the village's corporate limits, except for North Avenue, Roosevelt Road and Route 83, which are maintained by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Villa Park briefs

Pioneer Garden and Feed holds seed starting seminar on Saturday

Pioneer Garden and Feed in Villa Park will present two seed starting seminars on Saturday, Feb. 24. The free seminars begin at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Pioneer Garden and Feed is located at 118 S. Villa Ave. Spots are limited. Call 630-832-0815 for a reservation. "We have so many customers interested in growing from seed, but have never done it before," said Angie Rojek, owner of Pioneer Garden and Feed. The business, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, carries about 1,100 types of seeds.

Entry deadline for Barnes & Noble's 'My Favorite Teacher' contest is Friday

Barnes & Noble's "My Favorite Teacher" contest gives students an opportunity to write an es-

say, poem or thank-you letter sharing how a teacher has influenced their life, and why they admire and appreciate that teacher. The competition is open to middle school and high school students. The deadline to participate is Friday, Feb. 23.

Each entry must include an entry form, and a parent or guardian must sign that form to acknowledge he or she has read the contest rules. Submissions for the contest can be e-mailed to District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink at dbrink@dupage88.net, or dropped off at the District 88 office at 2 Friendship Plaza, Addison.

The students who write the winning essays, poems and thank-you letters will receive certificates of recognition. The student who authors the winning essay, poem or thank you letter for the teacher who wins the "Barnes & Noble National Teacher of the Year" award also will receive a \$500 Barnes & Noble gift certificate and a NOOK device.

The five regional-winning teachers will each receive a \$500 Barnes & Noble Gift Card. The win-

ner of the "Barnes & Noble Teacher of the Year" award will receive \$5,000 and will be recognized during a special event at a Barnes & Noble store. The winning teacher's school will receive \$5,000.

Villa Park Chamber of Commerce holds annual dinner on Feb. 28 Respond by Friday

The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year, will hold its annual member recognition and installation dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801, 39 E. St. Charles Road. Cocktails will be served at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and the presentation at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$40 per person. Respond by Feb. 23; call 630-941-9133, or e-mail vpchamber@sbcglobal.net. Registration can also be completed online at the chamber's website at villaparkchamber.org.

Radio personality Mike Nowak to speak at Garden Club of Villa Park meeting on Feb. 27

The Garden Club of Villa Park has had to move its public general meeting for February because of ongoing repairs at its regular location. The club's upcoming meeting will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m., at the Elmhurst Public Library. The meeting will take place in the Kossman Meeting Room at the library, which is located at 156 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst. The meeting is free and open to the public.

This month's meeting will feature radio personality Mike Nowak, host of the Mike Nowak Show, which airs Sunday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. on WCGO, 1590 AM. Nowak has talked about gardening, the environment and green living on Chicago radio for over 20 years.

For more information about the Garden Club of Villa Park, visit its website at www.homegardening.org.

Sports

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State champion! Jack Jessen brings home the 182-pound title Standout finishes his senior season with an unblemished 51-0 record

Senior Jack Jessen completed his athletic career at Willowbrook by winning a state championship.

Jessen, a standout football player and wrestler for the Warriors, won the 182-pound state title at the IHSA Class 3A individual state wrestling meet on Saturday. Jessen defeated Yorkville's Nick Stenmet 8-3 in the championship match, which took place at the State Farm Center in Champaign.

Jessen, who won four matches in Champaign, completed his senior season with a perfect 51-0 record.

Jessen opened the state meet with a first-period pin. He then posted a 21-6 technical-fall victory in the quarterfinal round. He advanced to Saturday's final with a 13-3 major-decision win over McHenry's Jake

Leske on Friday evening.

This is the first state title for Jessen, who came close to winning individual state wrestling titles in each of the previous three seasons. As a freshman, he finished second in the 170-pound division. One year later, Jessen earned third-place honors in the 182-pound weight class. As a junior, Jessen advanced to the 182-pound championship match in Champaign. He suffered his only loss of the season in the title match and finished his junior season with a 50-1 record.

Jessen, who will continue his academic and wrestling careers at Northwestern University, led the Willowbrook football team to IHSA quarterfinal berths in the 2016 and 2017 playoffs. The running back and linebacker helped the Warriors to the West Suburban Gold Conference championship

in 2017. The title marked the Willowbrook football program's first conference championship in 35 years.

Three Glenbard East wrestlers competed in the Class 3A state meet in Champaign. Sophomore Reese Martin lost a pair of matches in the 120-pound weight class. He finished the season with a 35-14 record. Junior Alex Posada and senior Cole Martin each wrestled only one match in their respective divisions. Posada lost in the 145-pound division, while Martin dropped his match in the 152-pound weight class. Posada and Martin both finished the season with records of 40-10.

Four Montini wrestlers won individual state titles at the Class 3A event in Champaign. Senior Real Woods captured the championship in the 132-pound division,

while junior Jake Stiles claimed the title in the 145-pound class. Junior Matt Ortiz won the 160-pound championship. Junior Peter Christensen of the Broncos earned the state title in the 195-pound division.

Three Broncos—sophomore Dylan Ragusin (113 pounds), sophomore Fidel Mayora (138) and senior Will Lewan (152)—placed second in their respective weight classes. Freshman Nain Vazquez placed third at 106 pounds, while senior Joey Melendez (120) and freshman Dylan Burnoski (126) secured fourth-place finishes.

Montini is competing in this week's Class 3A dual team sectional. A win at the sectional would propel the Broncos into this Saturday's IHSA state quarterfinals in Bloomington.

Warriors finish conference season with three home victories Hinsdale South wins conference title; Willowbrook winds up second

The Willowbrook boys basketball team closed its West Suburban Gold Conference season by winning three home games in a four-day span last week. The trio of wins wasn't enough to lift the Warriors to a conference championship. Willowbrook wound up finishing second to Hinsdale South.

The Warriors posted conference wins over Leyden, Morton and Downers Grove South last week in Villa Park. They wrapped up the West Suburban Gold season with Friday's convincing 73-42 thrashing of Downers Grove South. That victory gave the Warriors an overall season record of 22-5 and a final conference mark of 9-3.

While Willowbrook was beating Downers Grove South, Hinsdale South earned a victory over Proviso East in Darien to lock up sole possession of the conference championship. Hinsdale South finished the season with a conference record of 10-2. Willowbrook wound up 9-3, while Proviso East finished at 8-4.

The Warriors went undefeated in their six conference home games this season. They suffered their West Suburban Gold losses at Proviso East, Morton and Hinsdale South.

Willowbrook could face Hinsdale South again in the playoffs. If both teams win their post-season openers, they will meet in an IHSA Class 4A regional championship contest at Hinsdale South on March 2.

The Warriors erupted for 25 second-quarter points in Friday's win over Downers Grove South to build a commanding 35-13 halftime lead. Willowbrook led the Mustangs 10-4 after one quarter. The lead swelled to 54-27 by the end of the third period.

Senior Ethan Schuemer scored a team-leading 20 points for the Warriors in Friday's win. Schuemer sank six of nine shots from the field and converted eight of nine free-throw attempts. He was the only Warrior to visit the foul line during the game.

Junior Matas Masys drained four 3-point shots and scored 18 points. Masys made one 3-pointer in each of the first two periods. He converted a pair of long-range shots in the third quarter.

Sophomore Everett Stubblefield added 11 points, while senior Matt Myers scored eight points.

"We were making shots," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins after Friday's victory. "We got a couple of steals in our full-court pressure, and we got some layups off of those steals. Our defense ignited our offense."

Two days before beating Downers Grove South, the Warriors beat Morton 70-60. The Warriors led the



Willowbrook's boys basketball team completed its West Suburban Gold Conference season schedule with Friday's 73-42 victory over Downers Grove South in Villa Park. The Warriors improved to 22-5 overall. They finished the conference season with a 9-3 record. Willowbrook finished second behind Hinsdale South (10-2) in the conference standings. Senior Ethan Schuemer (No. 32-above right) scored 20 points in Friday's victory. Junior Matas Masys (No. 21-above) connected on four 3-point shots and scored 18 points. The Warriors will begin the IHSA post-season with a Feb. 28 game at the Class 4A Hinsdale South Regional.

Mustangs 31-28 at halftime and 44-38 after three quarters.

Masys, who hit two shots from 3-point range, scored a team-leading 15 points. Myers, who sank seven of 11 shots from the foul line, added 13 points. Schuemer contributed 11 points and nine rebounds, while senior Sikander Zafar scored nine points.

The Feb. 14 victory over Morton was originally scheduled for Feb. 9, but postponed because of the snow that cancelled school on that day. Willowbrook suffered a 47-44 loss in its conference game at Morton on Jan. 9.

The Warriors began last week's busy schedule with a 74-46 conference win over Leyden on Feb.

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13. Schuemer scored 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for Willowbrook, which held a 44-20 halftime lead. Stubblefield also scored 16 points. Masys and Myers added 13 and eight points, respectively.

The Warriors are playing a cross-over game against York of the West Suburban Silver Conference this week in Villa Park. They will open the post-season against either Metea Valley or Lake Park on Feb. 28.

"We've been playing consistently, for the most part," said Perkins in assessing the upcoming Class 4A playoffs. "We're trying to make sure we're ready, but keep our composure and be relaxed and not put too much pressure on ourselves. We'll see what happens."



Glenbard East's offense erupts in conference victory over West Chicago

Rams' 88-point output marks its highest-scoring game of the season

The Glenbard East boys basketball team improved to 10-15 overall and 4-5 in the Upstate Eight Valley Conference with Friday's 88-79 win at West Chicago. Three Rams scored at least 20 points in the victory.

Senior Kenny Adams poured in a team-leading 25 points for the Rams, who held a 44-33 halftime lead and a 63-58 advantage after three quarters. Adams made three 3-point shots during the first half. He sank four of five free throws in the fourth quarter. Adams made eight of nine foul shots during the game.

Sophomore Alijah Nelson contributed 23 points by making eight

field goals, including two shots from 3-point range. Nelson also made five of six free-throw attempts. He scored 14 of his 23 points during the final period. Nelson drained five baskets, including both of his 3-point shots, during the final eight minutes. He also made both of his free-throw attempts during the final period.

Senior James Peterkin scored nine baskets and provided 20 points for Glenbard East. Senior Korvante Davis, who made two 3-point shots, added 14 points. Sophomore DaRon Hall scored six points.

The Rams will complete their conference season with this week's home game against East Aurora. Glenbard East will open the IHSA Class 4A post-season with a Feb. 26 game against Wheaton North at the Bartlett Regional.

Registration is open for this year's Dennis Doyle Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament

This year's event takes place March 3 at Willowbrook

The District 88 Foundation will hold the 2018 Dennis Doyle Three-on-Three Classic Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 3, at Willowbrook High School. The annual event takes place in memory of former Willowbrook varsity boys basketball coach Dennis Doyle, who passed away in 2011. Doyle was the Warriors' head coach from 1994 to 2006. He was also a guidance counselor at the school.

The tournament offers seven divisions, including boys and girls divisions for seventh/eighth graders, ninth/10th graders and 11th/12th graders. There is also an open division for all players 18 and older. Registration costs

\$30 for youth teams and \$60 for open division teams.

Team sponsorship might be available for youth teams. Contact the athletic office at Willowbrook for more details.

For more information, or to register for the event, visit dupage88.net/basketball, or call District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink at 630-530-3989.

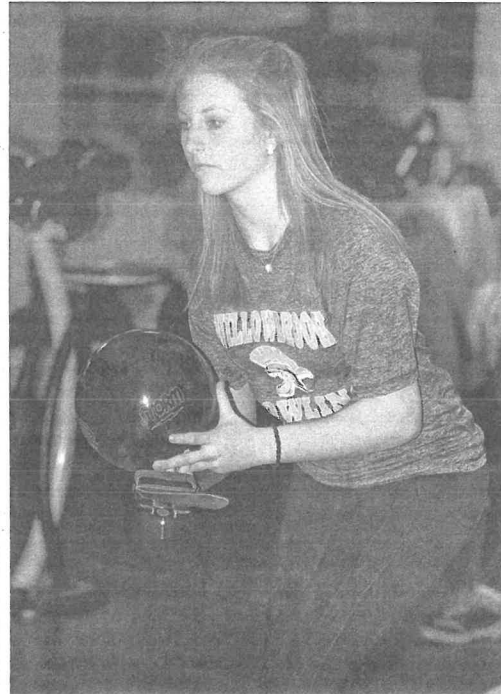
Only one registration is needed for each team. All members of each team should register together.

The District 88 Foundation is a member of the Partnership for Inspired Education (PIE) Foundation, a charitable organization that serves public school students in District 88, Addison School District 4, School District 45 and Salt Creek School District 48.



Willowbrook's girls bowling team competed in the IHSA state meet, which took place Friday and Saturday in Rockford. The Warriors were one of 24 teams to qualify for the state meet's team competition. They needed to finish among the top 12 teams in Friday's preliminaries to advance to Saturday's finals. They placed 18th in the preliminaries. Willowbrook qualified for the state meet after winning regional and sectional championships. Members of the team (pictured left to right) are: (front row) junior Sa-

brina Edwards, senior Betsy Soriano, junior Katie Pettinger and senior Dana Sassenick; (back row) sophomore Makaylah Jones, junior Paula Williams, junior Holly Helsper and junior Brianna Bryant. Helsper (pictured above right) and Soriano both advanced to Saturday's individual finals. Helsper finished 11th in the state meet's individual competition, while Soriano placed 65th.



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Warriors take part in state bowling meet

Team fails to advance to the final round; Helsper surges to an 11th-place finish in the individual standings

The Willowbrook girls bowling team competed in the IHSA state bowling meet, which took place Friday and Saturday at The Cherry Bowl in Rockford. The Warriors needed to finish among the top 12 teams in Friday's preliminary round to advance to Saturday's finals. They wound up 18th out of 24 teams in the preliminaries and did not advance to the finals.

Two Warriors—junior Holly Helsper and senior Betsy Soriano—advanced to Saturday's finals in the individual competition. A strong Saturday lifted Helsper to an 11th-place finish in the state meet. Soriano placed

65th in the individual standings.

Willowbrook advanced to the state meet after winning two post-season events—an IHSA regional on Feb. 3 in Wheaton and the Feb. 10 Glenbard East Sectional at Brunswick Zone Glendale Heights. A total of 24 teams—the top four teams from each of the state's six sectional competitions—qualified for the state meet's team event.

The Warriors rolled a total team score of 5,379 in Friday's preliminaries in Rockford. They finished 183 pins behind the 12th-place team. Five Willowbrook bowlers competed in

six games apiece on Friday. The team rolled a total score of 925 in its first game and dropped to 901 in its second game and 810 in the third game. The Warriors rolled an 871 in their fourth game before improving to 966 in the fifth game and finishing with a 906 in their final game.

Helsper provided the Warriors' best six-game score on Friday, rolling a total of 1,140. She started the day with scores of 168, 177 and 173. She then posted scores of 182, 206 and 234 in her final three games. Soriano, who joined Helsper in qualifying for the individual finals, fired a six-game

score of 1,127 on Friday. She produced her best game of the day with a 215 in her first game.

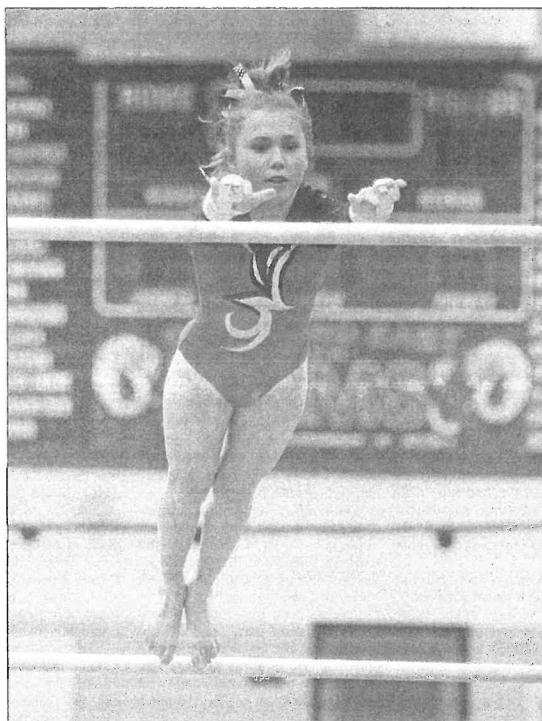
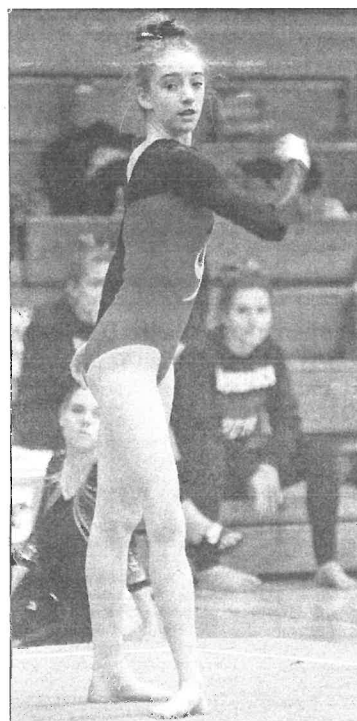
Senior Dana Sassenick rolled a six-game score of 1,083 for the Warriors on Friday. Her series featured a 233 in her fifth game. Junior Katie Pettinger bowled a 1,024 series, while sophomore Makaylah Jones produced a six-game score of 1,005.

Helsper, who was in 59th place among all individuals after Friday's preliminaries, rolled a six-game total of 1,346 during Saturday's individual finals to finish with her 11th-place score of 2,486. Helsper opened Sat-

urday with a 198 and added scores of 222, 244, 248, 222 and 212. Her average score per game on Saturday was 224.33.

Soriano rolled a six-game total of 1,091 on Saturday and finished with an overall two-day total of 2,218. Her best game of the day was a 216 in her second game.

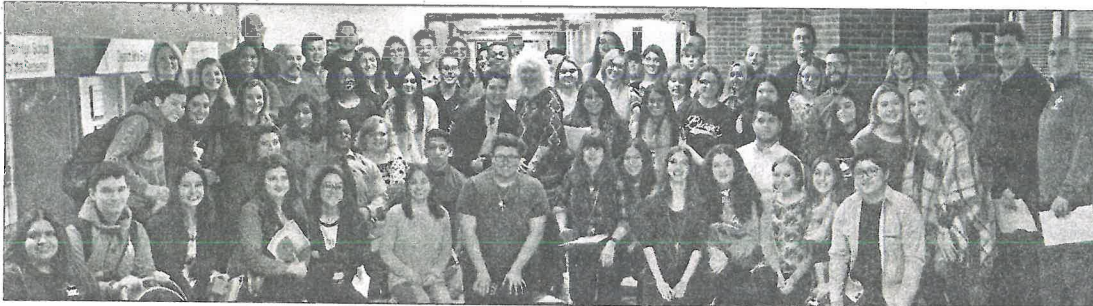
Glenbard East sophomore Molly Galvin competed as an individual at the state meet. Galvin rolled a six-game series of 1,018 in Friday's preliminaries. She bowled her best game of the day—a 203—in her final game.



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Top-ten finisher at the state meet

Glenbard East freshman Kali Kartheiser (pictured at left) earned an eighth-place finish in the all-around competition of the IHSA girls gymnastics state meet, which took place on Friday and Saturday at Palatine High School. Kartheiser earned a total all-around score of 37.075 at the state meet. Her total included scores of 9.2 on the vault, 9.4 on the uneven bars, 9.2 on the balance beam and 9.275 in floor exercises. Kartheiser advanced to the individual finals in one event—the uneven bars. She delivered an eighth-place score of 9.375 during the finals of that event. Kartheiser narrowly missed a berth in the finals of the balance beam. Her preliminary score of 9.2 was good for 13th place in that event. The top 10 finishers in the preliminaries of each individual event advanced to the finals. Two other Rams—freshman Becca Honig (pictured far left) and junior Sierra Olson—competed at the state meet. Honig tied for 24th place in the preliminary round of the vault with her score of 9.3. She posted a 22nd-place preliminary-round score of 9.1 in floor exercises. Olson tied Kartheiser for 30th place on the vault with her preliminary score of 9.2.



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Addison Trail staff members receive Golden Apple award

Pictured are Addison Trail staff members who were presented with the school's Golden Apple award on Feb. 12 for having a positive impact on students inside the classroom and beyond. They're pictured with the students who nominated them for that recognition. The award is one way students can give back to staff members for all they do. It also is a reminder to staff their hard work and continuous effort matter each and every day.

Addison Trail recognizes AT's Best

On Feb. 6, 64 Addison Trail students were named as AT's Best.

The AT's Best award honors students who have achieved a "personal best." The following categories have been used to recognize recipients: service, Blazer Pride, cooperation, dependability, initiative, leadership, humanitarian spirit or unique contributions. Students receive a pin or a T-shirt for their efforts and are honored during a breakfast.

AT's Best recipients are:

- Senior Nina Caliendo, senior Madeline Danhouser, junior Isaac Etheridge, junior Kris Kusnierz, senior Ethan Macaraeg, senior Burke Parent, junior Connor White

Nominated by English teacher and Theatre Director Anna Jakubka.

- Freshmen Brooke Littlefield, Yaquelin Hernandez, Madison Muhr, Isabel Quevedo, Lucas Gorniak, Chris Meglio, Justin Diego.

Nominated by special education and freshmen house co-teacher Anna Grice, science teacher Laura Garcia, social studies teacher Jose Hernandez, English teacher Sabrina Miller.

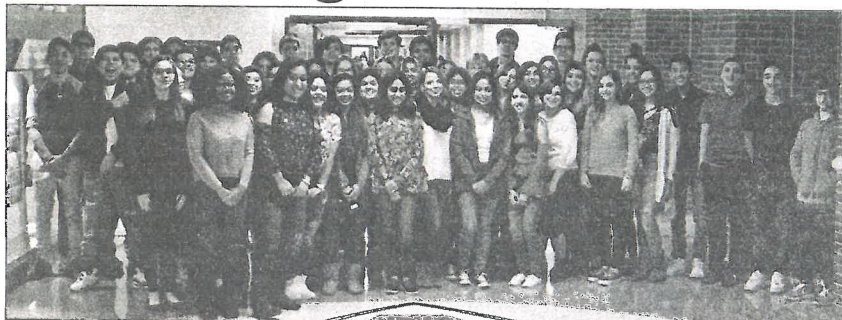
- Freshman Madison Muhr

Nominated by special education teacher Stacey Puccini.

- Seniors Jessica Cosio, Marianella Gamboa, Lesly Martinez, Samantha Juarez

Nominated by science teacher Andrea Grossart.

- Freshmen Charles Bekielews-



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Pictured are Addison Trail students who were among the 64 recognized as AT's Best during a breakfast in their honor on Feb. 6.

ki, Sofia Bruno, Gianna Biango, Daniel Carver, Diego Lopez, Kayla Gandara, Keven Juarez, Elizabeth Bernar, Angelina D'Ugo, Daniella Cassata.

Nominated by English teacher Katie Inzinga, social studies teacher Mark Olson, science teacher Aileen Sullivan.

- Freshman Nathan Malinowski

Nominated by Sullivan.

- Sophomores Kevin Cruz, Kenna DeLira, Crystal Lopez, Noel Lopez, Andrea Villarreal, Evelyn Castro, Ashley Fuentes, Thomas Fults, Jayde Thornton, Nicholas Skamra.

Nominated by Sullivan.

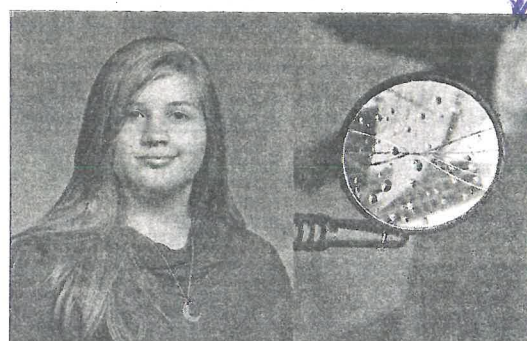
- Junior Melissa Bouharati, junior Serena Gilliam, sophomore Amy Reyes, sophomore Brian Avila, junior Karime Martinez, junior

Molly Drogosz, junior Danielle Harris.

Nominated by social studies teacher Brendan Lyons (Department Head).

- Freshmen Perla Vargas, Thomas Nguyen, Israar Ahmed, Christine

Thomas, Yusra Naseeruddin, Katherine O'Brien, Gerardo Alvidrez, Mia Johnson, Huda Siddiqui, Emily Stevenson, Gabriela Mendoza, Andrea Simko, Bianca Sitkowski, Sara Walis, Easton Dietz, Brooke Bolsinger, Justine Bugante.



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Addison Trail freshman finalist in photo contest

Pictured is Addison Trail freshman Halley Chiovino, whose photograph at right has been selected as a Finalist in the Photographer's Forum magazine 38th annual College & High School Photography Contest. Her photo will be published in the hardcover book "Best of College & High School Photography 2018." More than 12,000 images were entered by student photographers from the U.S., Canada and throughout the world.



Jacob McAloon

College news

Resident makes Loyola Dean's list

Addison resident Jacob McAloon made the Dean's List with straight A's at Loyola University of Chicago after his first semester as a freshman. Jacob graduated from Addison Trail High School with Honors in May 2017. He was a member of National Honor Society; Music Honor Society (TRI-M); an Illinois State Scholar and a member of Key Club.

McAloon is a declared History Major at Loyola with a minor in Political Science. He is a member of Loyola's Wind Ensemble, received the Loyola's Presidential Scholarship. He hopes to become a history professor or a government analyst.

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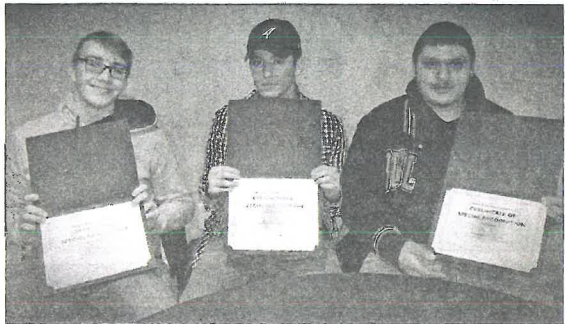
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(From left) Addison Trail senior Ryan Glatchak, junior Luis Acevedo and sophomore Daniel Garcia were recognized during the West Suburban Conference Activities Directors and Principals second annual GRIT Award event on Feb. 1. The award honors students in the conference who have made positive changes in their life.

Eighth graders get language help from AT students

On Jan. 30, 20 Addison Trail students in world language teacher Enza Spilotro's Italian 4H class visited eighth-graders at Indian Trail Junior High School.

The high schoolers collaborated with Indian Trail Italian teacher Lauren Barone's class and led interactive language game stations. Through those activities, they helped the younger students review

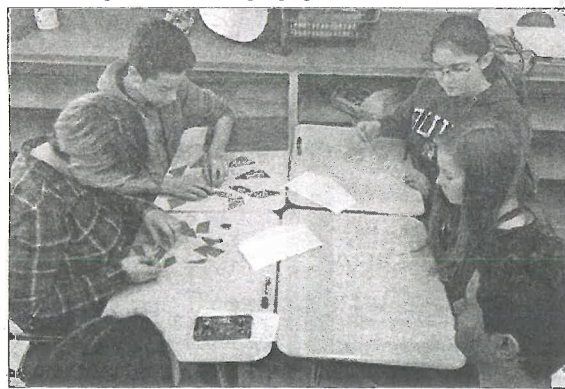
Italian grammar and vocabulary concepts.

"My goal was to begin a relationship with our feeder program at Indian Trail," Spilotro said. "I wanted my students to take the lead and work as mentors to our incoming freshmen. The day was wonderful. Students were having conversations in Italian and enjoying the morning playing some fun language games!"



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Top: (From left) Addison Trail junior Annalisa Bucaro, senior Joselyn Nunez and junior Sabrina Cucinella work on Italian language skills with eighth-graders at Indian Trail Junior High School. Addison Trail students in world language teacher Enza Spilotro's Italian 4H class visited Indian Trail Italian teacher Lauren Barone's class on Jan. 30. Bottom left and right: Addison Trail students guide Indian Trail students through interactive language game stations.



Women's Club to meet March 1

On Thursday, March 1, the Women's Club of Addison will hold a regular meeting at Addison Village Hall, featuring Erin Patel, APN, MSN, CNP, Nurse Practitioner, who will explain how essential oils can be a health natural alternative to promote health and wellness. For more information, visit womensclubofaddison.weebly.com or visit them on facebook.



Addison Trail students who attended the GRIT awards were allowed to invite along those who inspired them make better decisions in their lives. Pictured are (from left) AT teacher and Head Football Coach Paul Parpet Jr., with junior Luis Acevedo, senior Ryan Glatchak, sophomore Daniel Garcia, Guidance Counselor Shane Cole, Assistant Principal Iridia Niewinski and Jessica Riopell, Behavior Interventionist for the school's ACHIEVE program. Glatchak invited Cole to the event, while Acevedo invite Parpet and Garcia invited Riopell.

Three Addison Trail students receive West Suburban Conference GRIT Awards

On Feb. 1, the West Suburban Conference Activities Directors and Principals hosted the second annual GRIT Award event at Main Event Entertainment in Warrenville. The program recognizes students in the conference who have made positive changes in their life for their dedication to improving their choices to help them be successful in school and beyond.

Recipients were given a certificate and also were able to invite a staff member who has helped them make better

decisions.

The three Addison Trail students below received the GRIT Award.

- Senior Ryan Glatchak invited Guidance Counselor Shane Cole;
- Junior Luis Acevedo invited teacher and Head Football Coach Paul Parpet Jr.;
- Sophomore Daniel Garcia invited Jessica Riopell, Behavior Interventionist for the school's ACHIEVE program.



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Artists entertain at reception

A reception for the Addison Center for the Arts' newest "Open Symbolism" took place on Saturday, Feb. 17 at the gallery at 213 N. Lombard Road. The five artists taking part in the exhibit are pictured here (from left): Gary Brown, Rena Church, Joe Eddy Brown, Anton Witek and Bill Austin. Entertainment was provided by Brown singing and on the guitar, Witek on harmonica and Austin on the violin. Each artist gave a short lecture about their individual art form. The exhibit runs through March 16. It is partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency through federal funds provided by the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Addison Trail boys basketball team competitive in recent games

Blazers to host
a Class 4A
regionalBy Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

While things haven't been going the way it had hoped of late, the Addison Trail boys basketball team shows no signs of slowing down.

The Blazers, through late last week, had lost six games in a row. Through 28 contests, Addison Trail was 11-17 overall and 1-10 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play.

"We've been in a little bit of a skid the last month or so," said Addison Trail coach Brendan Lyons.

The Blazers dropped a recent 43-

33 WSC Gold contest to Hinsdale South.

"For the most part in all the games we've been playing well we just can't get over the hump," said Lyons. "Outside of one game against Willowbrook, everything has been within 10 points."

Despite the recent struggles, Lyons has been pleased with the team's attitude. "The kids haven't given up," he said. "They come out and for the most part execute the game plan offensively and defensively. It's nice to see that even though things are not going our way in the win-loss column that guys are showing up every day and working hard and they want to finish the season in a good way. We deserve better with the way we have been playing."

JT Daniels, Connor Palesch and

Adam Mehmeti are the team's leading scorers. "Over the course of the year, those guys are averaging 10 and 11 points a game," Lyons noted. "Our problem is that some games someone will score 15 or 16 points and then the next game it's four points. That consistency on offense is something we've been missing."

Lyons also likes how the team's defense has improved. "On the defensive end, we've held our own against, in many cases, guys who

are bigger, stronger and faster than we are," he said. "We've done a nice job executing and hanging around and staying in games."

The Blazers wrapped up regular-season conference play with a makeup game against Leyden this past weekend and hosted a WSC crossover game Tuesday.

Addison Trail is a No. 17 sectional seed in the Class 4A Glenbard East sectional and will host a Class 4A regional this week.

"We're hoping these next cou-

ple games we can continue to do the same things we've been doing and that some of those shots will start falling for us," said Lyons late last week. "It would be nice to get a couple wins going into the playoffs. We're a 17 seed out of 22 teams. We're going to get a play-in game, for sure. We're going to have to beat somebody and then probably play one of the top seeds in the sectional. We want to get that chance where we are playing one of those top seeds."

Willowbrook bowler
Helsper finishes 11th at state
Turns in tremendous second-day total of
1,326 to vault up 48 placesBy Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls bowling team finished 18th as a team at the recent IHSA state finals meet near Rockford.

The Warriors finished with a 5,379 pin total and did not advance to the final day of competition.

The bigger story for Willowbrook was the second-day performance of junior Holly Helsper, who shot up from 59th place on the first day of competition to finishing 11th in the state and earning all-state honors.

Helsper capped her tournament with series of 664 and 662. She started the day with games of 198, 222 and 244 and came back after the lunch break even stronger at 248, 222 and 212. Her 1,326 series dwarfed the 1,140 she rolled during

Day 1 action.

Teammate Elizabeth Soriano also advanced to the second day of action and finished 65th in the state after rolling 583 and 508 series. She had high games on the second day of 216 and 194.

Addison Trail wrestling

The Addison Trail wrestling team had three representatives in action at the recent Class 3A state finals in Champaign at the University of Illinois.

Guillermo Juarez wrestled twice at 106 pounds. He lost by technical fall in 2:27 to a Marmion wrestler and then lost 9-2 to a Plainfield North wrestler. He finished the season 38-5.

Freshman Jake Matthews also wrestled twice at 126 pounds. Matthews lost in 2:58 to an Andrew

wrestler and then lost in 5:01 to a Huntley wrestler. He ended the season 36-8.

Brian Reyes also competed at 145 pounds. He lost by technical fall to a Mt. Carmel wrestler and then lost in 1:23 to a Fremd grappler. Reyes finished the season 40-7.

Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming

The Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming team placed ninth at the recent Downers Grove North sectional with 73 points. AT-Willowbrook had no state qualifiers.

Addison Trail girls basketball

The Addison Trail girls basketball team opened Class 4A postseason play with a 49-39 win over West Chicago. The Blazers then were eliminated after a 60-29 loss to Glenbard West.

Shooting for the stars

Senior Amari Benbow has been part
of a Fenton girls basketball resurgenceBy Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton girls basketball team made major strides this season under first-year coach Dave Mello.

The Bison consistently demonstrated a willingness to shoot the ball and senior Amari Benbow was a key part of that.

"My shot has gotten a lot better," she said recently. "I've been driving to the basket a lot more. I'm going stronger to the basket. I've done a lot more shooting this year. Last year I didn't shoot as much. I played as a post player. This year I've been shooting a lot more playing point guard. Last year was my first year playing post. It was tough. I had to toughen up more. I was not as strong with the ball as I am this year. I had to toughen up and learn more about post moves and rebounding."

The switch to the point this year was to the 5-7 Benbow's liking. "I like playing point guard," she said. "At first I didn't like it. I've never played point guard before, but as I continued to play it I started to get more comfortable with the position. I like the fact you can control the plays more."

But Benbow is a big fan of making things happen around the cylinder.

"I would say driving to the basket is my biggest strength right now," she said.

Benbow, though, isn't about to complain about Fenton's record-breaking penchant for putting up 3-pointers this season.

"Yes, we shoot a lot of 3-pointers," she said. "It's been such a fun season. I enjoy playing and I enjoy having Coach Mello as a coach. His whole method is for us. We're shooting and driving and that's something I really have wanted to do. We like putting pressure on the other teams."

Benbow, who also competes on the Fenton girls track and field team, would like to play in college. "I really want to play in college," she said. "It doesn't matter. I just want to keep playing the game."

Looking back, Benbow said Fenton's turnaround can be attributed to one word: confidence.

"The difference this year I would have to say is we have become more confident," she said. "We're more confident shooting the ball. Everybody is more confident. It's changed the program because we are more confident. We believe in ourselves."

Dylan Butts takes fourth at state wrestling

Bison girls basketball
team loses by three
in regional game;
Benbow advances in
3-point contestBy Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Fenton senior wrestler Dylan Butts placed fourth in the state in the Class 2A 182-pound weight division at the recent IHSA state finals held in Champaign at the University of Illinois.

Butts finished the individual season with a 40-6 record.

Butts opened the tournament with a 5-1 win over Springfield

Langhimer's Zangan Blue (34-7 final record). Butts then recorded a 9-6 win over Lemont's Alex Oruna (29-8 final record).

In the semifinals, Butts ran into eventual Class 2A state-champion Cody Baldrige (Morris) and lost 9-2. Baldrige finished the season 42-0.

In the consolation bracket, Butts won an 8-3 winner over Bremen's Mounes Betancourt and then lost 9-1 to Richmond-Burton sophomore Jaden Glauser in the third-place match. Betancourt finished 30-6 and Glauser finished the season 37-1.

Butts and Fenton continued their team season earlier this week in the Class 2A Fenton dual-team section-

al against Antioch in one semifinal. If Fenton won both of its matches Tuesday it will compete in the Class 2A dual-team state finals this weekend in Bloomington.

Fenton girls basketball

The Fenton girls basketball team saw its season come to a conclusion after a recent 66-63 loss to Hoffman Estates in a Class 4A regional quarterfinal game held at Wheaton-Warrenville South.

Fenton's Amari Benbow hit nine 3-pointers in the regional final round of the Class 4A state 3-point shooting contest and will compete this week in the sectional round with a chance to advance to the 3-point state finals in Normal.

IC Catholic Prep's Joey Bianchini repeats as state wrestling champion

Vargas finishes fifth at 285 pounds for the Knights

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

IC Catholic Prep senior Joey Bianchini defended his crown.

Bianchini defeated four wrestlers to win the Class 1A 138-pound state title at the recent state finals tournament held in Champaign at the University of Illinois.

Bianchini also won the state title last year as a junior and finished second in 2016.

He finished the individual season with a 40-3 record.

In winning his second state title, Bianchini is the first high school wrestler in the city to do so. York has three individual state wrestling champions.

Bianchini opened the tournament with a technical-fall win in 4:40 over Beardstown junior Lalo Munoz (38-6 final record). Bianchini was winning 16-1 when the match was stopped.

He then recorded a 16-6 major-decision win against Rockridge sophomore Nolan Thorne (45-6 final record).

In the semifinals, Bianchini won 5-1 over Lena-Winslow senior Hunter Luke (43-5 final record) before downing Chicago Leo senior James Foy (34-7 final record) 6-3 for his second title in a row.

Luke was ranked No. 2 in the state in Class 1A by Illinois Matmen, while Thorne was ranked No. 6 in the state. Bianchini came into the tournament ranked No. 1 in the state at 138 in Class 1A.

Bianchini was not the only IC Catholic Prep wrestler to medal at state. Junior David Vargas took fifth at 285 pounds.

Vargas, who finished the individual portion of the season with a 25-7 mark, won his first match via fall in 5:57 against Nathan Thumma of Kewanee. He then defeated Lawrenceville's Nolan Tewell via fall in 5:55.

In the semifinals, Vargas lost via fall in 1:59 to Lena-Winslow junior Ian Kuehl who went on to win the state title with a 47-1 record.

In the consolation bracket, Vargas lost to Fulton's Taylor Fleetwood and then downed Lawrenceville's Tewell via pin in 3:46 in the fifth-place match.

Michael Johnson, who finished the individual season 15-13, lost both his matches in the Class 1A 220-pound bracket. Johnson opened with a 6-2 loss to Princeton's Chase Tatum and then lost 5-2 to Deer Creek-Mackinaw's Joey Regnier.

Senior Victor Vargas lost both his bouts in the 195-pound division. He opened the tournament with a 10-6 loss to Fulton's Eli Pannell and then lost 5-2 to Petersburg PORTA's Will Heikes.

IC Catholic Prep freshman Kyle Franklin lost in 2:44 to Mason Ajster of Fithian Oakwood in the 160-pound division at state. Franklin, who finished 23-12 during the individual season, did not qualify for a consolation match.

IC Catholic Prep wrestled earlier this week at its own Class 1A IC Catholic Prep dual-team sectional. If the Knights won both their matches in the sectional they will compete in the Class 1A dual-team state finals meet in Bloomington this weekend.

DuPage County announces 2018 Scholarship Program

The DuPage County Department of Community Services is offering college and occupational training scholarships for low-income individuals with high academic potential.

The Community Services Block Grant scholarship supplements the cost of tuition, books, supplies and other school-related items for a semester or a quarter to offset the student's needs. This scholarship is funded and designed in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Applicants are required to provide proof of DuPage County residency, gross household income for the past 90 days and information about members living in the household. Income for the household must be at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty level. Applicants also must include a 500-word original essay or personal

statement, official school transcripts, two letters of recommendation, a Financial Aid Audit (financial aid award letter) and proof of enrollment in an Illinois accredited institution.

The scholarship award amounts will vary from \$500 to \$1,500, and special consideration will be given to students interested in high-technology fields or other occupations in emerging fields.

Applications are available at the DuPage County Department of Community Services Office, 421 N. County Farm Road in Wheaton, or online at dupageco.org/CSBG. Completed applications and support documents must be received by 4:30 p.m. on May 4. For more information, contact the DuPage County Department of Community Services at 630-407-6500, or call the toll-free number at 800-942-9412. TTY access is available at 630-407-6502.

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District 88 Foundation to host Dennis Doyle 3-on-3 Basketball Classic

The District 88 Foundation has announced that the Dennis Doyle 3-on-3 Classic District 88 Foundation Basketball Tournament is set to take place on Saturday, March 3 at Willowbrook High School. Registration is now open so teams are urged to sign up early.

There are divisions for students in grades 7-12, as well as an Open Division for adults, and transportation will be provided from Addison Trail. The cost is \$30 for youth teams and \$60 for the Open Division. Sponsorships might be available for students - contact the Addison Trail Athletic Office at 630-458-4391 or the Willowbrook Athletic Office at 630-530-3426 for details. To register visit dupage88.net/basketball.

About the District 88 Foundation...

Proceeds from the basketball tournament will benefit the District

88 Foundation, a member of the Partnership for Inspired Education (PIE) Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that serves public school students in District 88, Addison School District 4, School District 45 and Salt Creek School District 48. Founded in 2009, PIE is designed to be the foundation that supports a long-term partnership with the community, businesses, schools and, most importantly, the children served.

For more information about PIE, visit piefoundation.org

Funds raised by the PIE and District 88 foundations have been used to support Addison Trail and Willowbrook students through initiatives such as providing computers and Internet access, subsidizing Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level tests and offering mini-grants for staff to develop instructional enhancements for students.

SPORTS

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Wait is over for Willowbrook's Jack Jessen

Senior gets elusive state title; Montini crowns 4 state champions

By JACOB BARTELSON
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CHAMPAIGN – Jack Jessen remained on his knees on the mat, cupping his hands like he was praying.

"I thank God every day for the blessings he gives me," the Willowbrook senior said, "and the strength he gives me to help out with my wrestling."

Jessen had much to be thankful for in Champaign on Feb. 17.

The Northwestern recruit, one of the state's most decorated wrestlers ever, finally realized his one elusive goal – a state title.

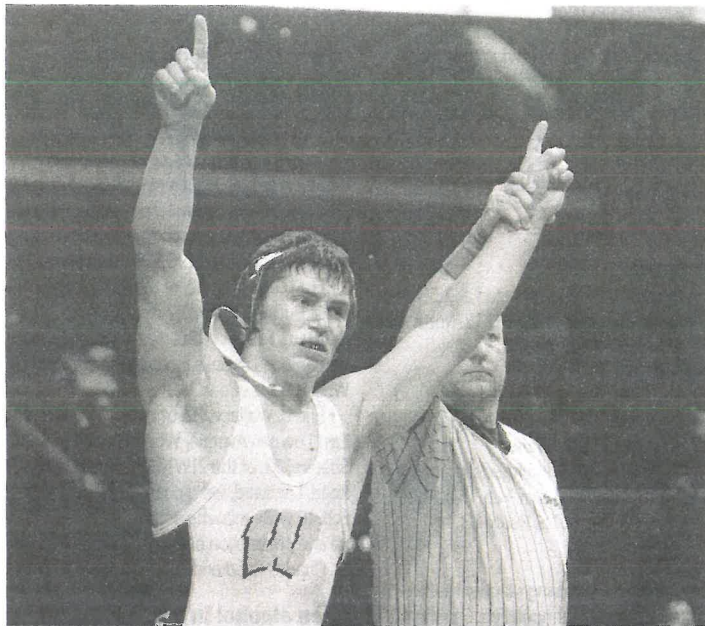
Jessen was 50-0 heading into last year's state championship match before losing to Marian Central's Kordell Norfleet. Jessen also lost in the state finals his freshman year, and placed third as a sophomore.

An eight-time Fargo All-American, he entered this year's championship match with a 50-0 record.

Jessen had one more opportunity to seize glory, and he didn't waste an ounce of time against Yorkville sophomore Nick Stemmet.

The nerves were present, but Jessen trusted his training to prevail – and it did in an 8-3 decision.

Jessen became the seventh individual champion in Willowbrook program history. He also tied the IHSA's all-time



Willowbrook's Jack Jessen celebrates his win over Yorkville's Nick Stemmet in the Class 3A 182-pound championship match Feb. 17 in Champaign.

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wins record of 201 held by former Montini greats Garrett Goebel and Stephen Robertson.

"Finally it feels real to me," Jessen said.

Now that his one obvious challenge has been exceeded, what's next for one of the state's most decorated wrestlers?

"I'm really excited to be a Wildcat next year, and be competing at that level," he said. "Hopefully bring home an NCAA championship."

While Jessen finally realized his state title aspirations, Montini continued its dominance on the mat.

Montini featured seven championship finalists out of 12 state participants: Dylan Ragusin (113 pounds), Real Woods (132), Fidel Mayora (138), Jake Stiles (145), Will Lewan (152), Matt Ortiz

(160), and Peter Christensen (195).

Four walked away champions: Woods, Stiles, Ortiz and Christensen.

Woods, committed to Stanford, is now a three-time state champion after defeating Oak Park-River Forest's Eddie Bolivar by a tech fall. Woods' family from New Mexico was in attendance for his latest gem.

"It's amazing and that's what I work for – to be in that type of company," Woods, a senior, said of his three titles. "It's a great feeling."

Ragusin, Mayora and Lewan all placed second.

Montini's Nain Vazquez (106), Joey Melendez (120) and Dylan Burnoski (126) all medaled in fourth place.

IC Catholic Prep had five representatives at the state tournament, including previous state champion Joey Bianchini, who found himself in the Class 1A 138-pound title match against Leo's James Foy.

Foy and Bianchini wrestled one another at sectionals, so Bianchini knew about Foy's aggressive wrestling style. Knotted 3-3 at the end of the first period, Bianchini later forced a takedown and held on for the win.

Bianchini lost his sophomore year in the state finals.

"I felt that deep down and never wanted to have that feeling ever again," Bianchini said.

Bianchini is undecided on college, but he'll miss the atmosphere of the state tournament.

"Can't replace it," he said.

Glenbard East's three participants, Cole Martin, Alex Posada and Reese Martin, did not place.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Freshman Kali Kartheiser caps off historic season at state

Glenbard East's first state finalist in more than 20 years takes eighth on bars

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PALATINE – About the only thing brighter than the future for Glenbard East girls gymnastics may be the future for freshman Kali Kartheiser.

In her first state meet, Kartheiser reached the event finals Feb. 17 and placed eighth on uneven parallel bars (9.375), .075 from top-five, all-state honors.

"I had a lot of fun," Kartheiser said. "It was very nerve-wracking, though. I feel like I did my best out there."

Only top-10 finishers in the state preliminaries advance to event finals. Kartheiser is believed to be the Rams' first event state finalist since 1993. The Rams have never had an all-stater.

"There's extremely hard competition. I was a little nervous, but I knew in my heart that I was going to make [finals]," Kartheiser said. "It definitely motivates me to work harder, to get better skills so I can be up there on the podium. It's very important to me, thinking that I did represent my school very well."

Junior Sierra Olson and freshman Becca Honig also were individual state qualifiers in the best season in program history. The Rams reached sec-

tionals as a team after winning their first regional and scoring a school-record 144.20 on Jan. 24.

From the sectional lineup, they graduate only two seniors who combined for three routines.

"Our whole team has been pretty consistent. It's been an awesome year," Glenbard East coach Jessica Bugajsky said. "Every kid got a 9 on every event we did [at state] so it was amazing. This is a first for me [in finals, too] so it's exciting."

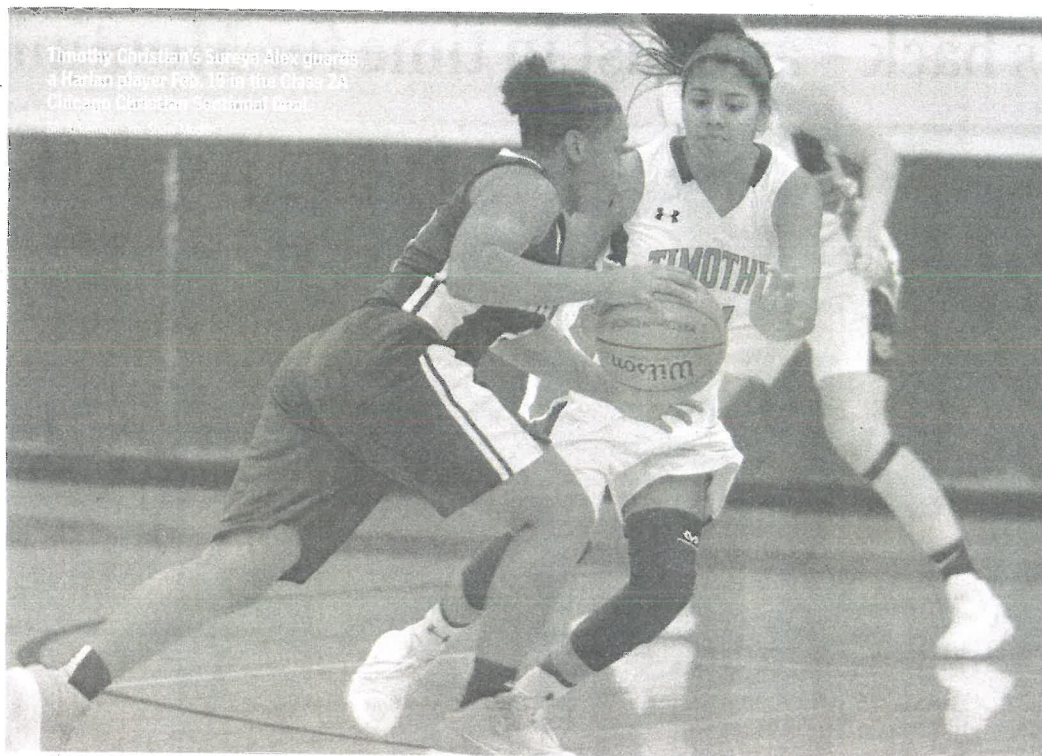
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Timothy Christian's Sureya Alex guards a Harlan player Feb. 19 in the Class 2A Chicago Christian Sectional final.



Timothy Christian celebrates memorable postseason run

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PALOS HEIGHTS—Timothy Christian's postseason run ended with a 58-37 loss to Harlan in the Class 2A Chicago Christian Sectional final Feb. 15.

For junior guard Jordyn Strube, the season was filled with great memories and a bright outlook.

"We have really good team chemistry," said Strube, who led the 20-10 Trojans with 13 points and six rebounds against Harlan. "We went on a mission trip together [to the Dominican Republic in December], and that really helped us to bond. We did a basketball clinic down there for Go Ministries, seven of us were there, and it helped us to get really close."

"And in the second halves we kind of took control of games—we were able to play our game, get to the post, our guards shot well. Everything started going well midway through the season."

With Timothy Christian graduating just two seniors, Olivia Schuringa and Emily DeBoer, the momentum of this season should continue.

"I'm definitely going to miss our two seniors—I've played with them all three

years that I've been here," Strube said. "It's going to be difficult without them because Liv is honestly the strongest person I've played with, and Emily is so good at finishing with her height. But next year will be fun. Our two freshmen [Hannah Schuringa and Sarah Carstensen, both 5-11] have height to them too, so it'll be good next year too."

The Trojans' late season run was derailed by Harlan's swarming press, which forced 29 turnovers. Timothy Christian had turnovers on its first four possessions as Harlan jumped to an 18-3 lead just 6:20 into the game.

The Trojans endured, rallying to within 22-14 with 3:20 left in the first half on a Lauren Gehrke 3-pointer. Down 27-16 at the half, Timothy remained within striking distance until a 16-5 Harlan surge to close the game.

"We're not used to the super fast guards," Strube said. "No. 2 [Teneil Robertson] was probably the fastest guard we've seen this season. It stumped us almost. Everybody was quick and they were deflecting our passes really well."

"We knew they were the higher-ranked team, but we went in with confidence and we played really well,"

DeBoer said. "I think it was a good end to a great season."

"It's been amazing playing at Timothy. The coaches are amazing, the teammates get along really well, and being on the team the last three years has really had an impact on me in character building and learning to work with the team."

Heidi Westra had 11 points and seven rebounds and Olivia Schuringa added five points and seven rebounds for the Trojans, whose solid 14-of-31 field-goal shooting [to Harlan's 22 of 62] was spoiled by the turnover discrepancy [29 to Harlan's seven].

Schuringa's 21 points powered the Trojans past Carver 56-36 in the sectional semifinals before Harlan ended a great season.

"They believed in themselves," Timothy Christian coach Michele Strube said. "Midway through the season it pumped in when we won like eight in a row. They started seeing how we worked as a team, the inside, the outside. When our outside was struggling, our inside came up huge. It was a fabulous season, special. I told people early on 'watch this team,' and now you know why."

PREP ROUNDUP

Willowbrook's Holly Helsper 11th at state bowling

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Willowbrook junior Holly Helsper took 11th place at the state bowling tournament Feb. 17 in Rockford.

Helsper bowled a 2,486 total over 12 games, good for a 207.2 average. She was in 59th place after the first day of bowling Feb. 16, but soared up the leaderboard with three-game series of 664 and 682 on the final day of bowling.

Willowbrook took 18th as a team.

York was 22nd on the first day of bowling and did not advance to the final.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

York

Matty Stark scored 11 points, Kathleen Levins had nine and Caylin Rufus added eight for the Dukes in a 52-34 loss to Wheaton Warrenville South in a Class 4A regional final Feb. 15.

The Dukes closed to 36-26 on Stark's second 3-pointer with 5:48 left. The Tigers responded with six unanswered points.

"They finished well with their chances. We didn't. We didn't handle the pressure great," first-year York coach Brandon Collings said.

Collings, hired at the end of summer basketball, graduates eight seniors, including starters Rufus, Dennis, Madison Park and Lauren Viola.

"I've become very attached to them. It didn't end the way we wanted, but I'm absolutely proud of them," Collings said. "I'm happy with the way we've played. We've lost to some very good teams."

BOYS BASKETBALL

Timothy Christian

The Trojans beat Guerin 61-41 in the Class 2A Guerin Regional semifinal Feb. 20, advancing to the regional final.

IC Catholic Prep

The Knights beat Chicago Academy 57-29 in the semifinals of the Class 2A Guerin Regional on Feb. 20.

Willowbrook

Everett Stubblefield scored 24 points and Marshawn Phillips added 16 points, five assists and three steals to lead the Warriors past York 68-62 in the West Suburban Conference cross-over Feb. 20.

Matas Masys added 10 points and Ethan Schuemer had eight points and 12 rebounds for Willowbrook.

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Willowbrook shows it's ready for Metea Valley

BY ANDY MARTINEZ
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Matthew Myers and the Willowbrook boys basketball team sat in the locker room in utter disbelief and in a somber mood.

"It was tough," the senior said. "I saw my teammates crying."

After an upset loss to Addison Trail in the regional semifinal last season, Myers and the Warriors knew they wanted things to go different this year.

"I knew today, I didn't want to feel that at all," Myers said.

A hot start, a strong second and third quarters and strong composure helped Willowbrook cruise to a 71-46 win

Boys basketball

over Metea Valley in a Class 4A Hinsdale South regional semifinal in Darien.

"(We) talked about the feeling we had last year and made sure we came out harder this year," Willowbrook senior Ethan Schuemer said.

The Warriors (24-5) stressed the importance of not overlooking the Mustangs, especially with a third matchup with conference rival Hinsdale South on the horizon.

"We knew we had to come out and play everyone like they want to win state," Myers said. "Our focus was to get the 'W' today (and) we'll worry about Friday later."

They didn't want a repeat of last year.

"Obviously, with such a good record going into the first round last year, we kind of jumped ahead of ourselves and anticipated a win," Schuemer said. "We kind of figured we would beat Addison Trail so we looked past them and were looking already to the regional championship. So, we definitely didn't want to experience that feeling again."

They showed that out of the gates.

Willowbrook scored on three of its first four possessions and forced Metea Valley into turnovers on its first four possessions, opening a 12-0 lead with 2 minutes, 22 seconds to play in the first quarter.

"That was a huge momentum builder for the start of the game that obviously helped us throughout the game," Schuemer said. "Coming out strong gives you an extra confidence boost that lasts throughout the game."

It was too much for Metea Valley (16-12) to overcome.

"They took it to us right away," Metea Valley coach Matt Walpole said. "It's just not the type of start you want. We're playing from behind all game and then you have to take some chances."

Willowbrook's defense was stout in the opening 16 minutes. Sikander Zafar drew the assignment of Metea Valley's Ethan Helwig and held him to 6 points, two nights after

Helwig helped spark the Mustangs to a win over Lake Park.

"We knew (Helwig) was their guy, we knew we had to stop him," Myers said. "(Zafar) did a good job on him."

Willowbrook limited Metea Valley to 5-of-22 shooting in the first half and forced 13 turnovers to take a 35-14 lead at the half.

"We've been talking about it, that this is playoffs," Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins said. "You just got to come out like that and have every possession with a sense of urgency. That's how they came out. Sikander set the tone defensively."

If Zafar set the tone defensively, then Myers set the tone offensively for the Warriors in

the first half.

Myers scored 8 of his 15 points, had 2 assists and 2 steals in the first quarter.

Myers' offensive exploits opened up Schuemer in the post in the second quarter. The senior had 22 points and 10 rebounds, with 9 points and 5 rebounds coming in the second quarter.

Schuemer's second quarter opened up Matas Masys, who scored 9 of his 11 points in the third quarter.

"It was awesome," Schuemer said. "We were finding each other, finding the open guys. We played so well together, we were able to move the ball extremely well and just always look up for that open guy."

Spartans see how low they can go

BY BILL STONE
Daily Herald Correspondent

Boys basketball

With all five starters returning St. Francis remembered well the 23-point loss to Glenbard South in the 2017 boys basketball regional semifinals.

During Wednesday's rematch in the Class 3A St. Francis regional semifinals, the Spartans became further motivated by another statistic from many, many years ago.

"(Coach Erin Dwyer) was telling us earlier in the season that his low record for points (allowed) was 27," senior Matt Cooney said. "We were trying all season to beat it. And finally in a playoff game we got it."

The Spartans' defensive lockdown in their 38-21 victory in Wheaton added to the celebration.

St. Francis (14-15), a No. 3 subsectional seed in the Woodstock North sectional, goes after its first regional since 2013 at 7 p.m. Friday against No. 2 Wheaton Academy (20-6).

"In the back of my mind, I wasn't really thinking about (27), just trying to win the game, but you look up at the scoreboard at the end of the game, it's kind of nice to see," said St. Francis senior Alex Rueth.

"Especially in such a close game, it's kind of tough defensively. You know you've got to keep going all of the time."

Cooney finished with 14 points, 12 in the second half, while senior Andrew Harvey had 8 points and Rueth 6 points with 9 rebounds.

Senior Brandon Whiteside had 8 points for No. 5 Glenbard South (11-16), which sought a third consecutive regional title.

The Spartans only led 19-16

free throws to finish 20 of 25.

The 27-point defensive game came when Dwyer was an assistant coach at Glenbard North — in the 1990s.

"I told them about it a long time ago and they just reminded me," Dwyer said.

"The whole idea is to keep it simple. We try to hold them to one shot and to a contested shot and I thought we did a great job. The tempo wasn't up and down so that helped a lot, too, but that was as good a team defense as we've played. And they're a good team."

The Raiders were 7 of 33 shooting with one 3-pointer and endured an 8:29 scoreless stretch during the first half. St. Francis was 8 for 23 with two 3s, but Cooney also outscored the Raiders in the second half.

"Normally you hold a team to 38 points, it's going to mean good things for you, but, unfortunately, we struggled on the offensive end," Glenbard South coach Wade Hardtke said.

"I couldn't be prouder of the defensive effort. We were still hanging in there. Unfortunately, we just never could get anything going offensively."

An unsung defensive hero was Rueth, who primarily guarded Whiteside man-to-man. Dwyer also praised sophomore reserve Danny Blank.

"We have one of the hardest workers on the team (Rueth), in all of the state, I think," Cooney said. "He knows his role on defense and really helps us out when we need it."

Rueth only took one shot on a putback. He scored 5 fourth-quarter points on free



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Naperville Central's Thomas Dahl (20) drives past Glenbard West's Kyle Dell (24) during a Class 4A regional semifinal in Addison.

Redhawks thwart comeback bid

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out Glenbard West, Naperville Central took the lead for