

District 88 receives funding to benefit student-musicians

Donation comes from JCS Fund of DuPage Foundation

At Addison Trail and Willowbrook high schools, there is a legacy and a tradition of excellence in the schools' music departments. During the past school year, both buildings were awarded Young People's Music Initiative Grants to ensure that level of success continues. The grant is a donation from the JCS Fund of the DuPage Foundation.

Each of the two high schools received about \$25,000 to support student-musicians by adding the following:

- Addison Trail
 - 1 bass clarinet
 - 1 baritone sax
 - 1 bass trombone
 - 1 vibraphone
 - 2 marching tenor drum sets
 - 4 marching snare drums
 - 15 classical guitars
 - 28 licenses for Ableton Live software for music production classes
- Willowbrook
 - 1 oboe
 - 1 trombone
 - 1 piccolo
 - 1 cello
 - 1 viola bow and case
 - 1 violin bow and case
 - 4 acoustic/electric guitars

"We are proud and privileged to have tremendous music programs in District 88," said Addison Trail Music Department Head Mark Corey and Willowbrook Music Department Head Karyn Wolcott. "Our student-musicians continue to achieve at the state and national levels, and this generous donation will help ensure those accomplishments continue for years to come. This support will provide our pupils with opportunities they might otherwise not be able to experience, and it will allow us to grow and expand our high-quality programs."



Willowbrook student-musicians (below) rehearse with new instruments they received, thanks to the Young People's Music Initiative Grant, given by the JCS Fund of the DuPage Foundation.



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Dr. Kelly Talks Straight About Sciatica

Are you suffering from back pain or sciatica? Then it's likely your biggest problem is pain. But there's another major problem: bad information.

To end sciatica misery you must have the right information. Pay close attention because local doctor Kelly Synowiec-Moroney DC is going to destroy sciatica myths and give you the facts.

MYTH: Sciatica will just "go away" with some rest.

FACT: If you are dealing with back pain, buttock pain or leg pain, then you must seek help from a doctor who is knowledgeable in sciatica immediately. Left untreated, sciatica can lead to permanent nerve damage - and lifelong pain.

MYTH: Pain is the only problem associated with sciatica.

FACT: In severe cases, sciatica can lead to the inability to control your bowels or bladder - leading to embarrassing situations.

MYTH: You must take pain medications to deal with sciatica.

FACT: Drugs like muscle relaxants, pain killers, narcotics, antidepressants, and anti-seizure medications have serious potential side-effects and do not cure the root cause of sciatica.

MYTH: "I must have done something wrong to get sciatica."

FACT: Physical work or simply sitting at a desk for long periods can lead to sciatica. Accidents and trauma can also be the culprits. Pregnancy can cause sciatica. Sciatica can affect anyone - including

super-fit celebrities like Tiger Woods, Sylvester Stallone, and British Olympic medalist Ian Wynne.

MYTH: Stop exercising and get several weeks of bed rest to overcome sciatica.

FACT: Staying active can help to relieve sciatic pain and prevent the pain getting worse. Staying inactive in bed could be the worst advice - based on a recent study in the Netherlands.

MYTH: Sciatica requires surgery.

FACT: NO! There's been a huge breakthrough in the treatment of sciatica and lower back pain. It's a new procedure called Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care. The excellent results from this treatment have been published in major medical journals. Success rates are up to 88%.

MYTH: "There's nothing anyone can really do. I'm just stuck with this for the rest of my life."

FACT: With the correct treatment from a healthcare professional who specializes in sciatica, you can find relief from the core cause - and the symptoms.

MYTH: Getting Sciatica properly diagnosed is expensive.

FACT: Not true. We are currently offering an initial consultation right here in Elmhurst for just \$43.

We have helped over 1,483 patients find relief from agonising back pain and sciatica. We are one of the first places to use Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care.

This procedure does not require a hospital stay. The focus is on finding - and correcting - the original cause of the back pain and sciatica.

According to Dr. Kelly, "We use a combination of ultra-advanced technology, not found elsewhere in the region, for precisely diagnosing the cause of your low back pain and sciatica. This means superior long-term results for most people."

Because the treatment is non-surgical, safe, and easy, most patients report an almost immediately relief from their back pain.

Patient Jeff P. from Berwyn wrote, "My back pain was unbearable but the worst thing was the searing burning pain I felt in my buttock and leg... my wife insisted I see doctor Dr. Kelly. I'm 95% better in just a couple of weeks."

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Cullerton, Reboletti, County Board members tour local food pantry

Last week, State Senator Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) heard about progress and development of the Addison Township Food Pantry.

Addison Township Supervisor Dennis Reboletti led Cullerton and DuPage County Board members Dino Gavanes and Sam Tornatore on a tour of the food pantry's recent expansion.

"Addison Township is providing our neighbors with an easily accessible resource to help ensure their children and families do not go hungry," Cullerton said. "I'm impressed with the heart and soul the Addison Township Supervisor Reboletti and his staff have put into making this food pantry a successful component of our community."

The food pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. for Addison Township residents in need of food. The pantry is located at the 50 E. Oak St. entrance of the Addison Township Building, 401 N. Addison Road, Addison.

A recent study found that one in seven Americans – 46 million people – rely on food pantries and meal service programs to feed themselves and their families.

The food pantry relies on donations from local grocery stores, businesses and residents.

"Hunger exists in every community," Cullerton said. "If we continue to build and strengthen partnerships between government entities, business communities and residents we will be able to stamp out hunger one township at a time."

Residents of Addison Township can receive food on a monthly basis. For example if a resident receives food from the pantry on June 5, they may return for additional food on July 3. However, if there is dire need of food, a resident can return at any time.

The food pantry offers non-perishable food items along with USDA commodities and it accepts donations of food and personal hygiene items.

Cullerton urges residents with questions regarding donations or food pantry operations to call the Addison Township Office at (630) 530-8161.



From left, Addison Township Supervisor Dennis Reboletti leads DuPage County Board member Dino Gavanes, State Senator Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) and County Board member Sam Tornatore on a tour of the Addison Township Food Pantry's recent expansion.

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Addison Pizza Bake-Off coming in conjunction with National Night Out Includes Best Pizza Contest, Concert in the Park on Aug. 7

The Addison by the Slice Pizza Bake-Off will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 7 at the weekly Rock 'N Wheels concert and food festival. This week features Heart to Heartbreaker, a tribute to the music of Heart and Pat Benatar. Admission is free and the venue opens at 6 p.m. John Ludy Puleo performs at 6:30 p.m. and Heart to Heartbreaker at 7:30 p.m. on the 95.9 The River Stage.

NNO features Touch A Truck

National Night Out is a chance

to get to know your civil servants. Check out the Touch a Truck provided by police, fire and public works. While at the newly-remodeled Village Green, walk over to the Historical Museum and Craft Fair.

Help determine Addison's Best Pizza

Join us on the Village of Addison's new Village Green and cast your vote for Addison's best pizza. All pizza slices are only one dollar.

The evening kicks off at 6 p.m.,

when local area pizza restaurants will begin offering slices of pizza for just \$1. Soft drinks, beer, wine and ice cream will also be available for purchase.

Once visitors have had the chance to sample various vendors' offerings, they can visit the Addison Police Department's tent to cast a ballot for the "People's Choice Award" for favorite pizza in Addison.

Meanwhile, a panel of celebrity judges will determine the winners in various categories during a blind

taste test. Awards will be given for Best Sauce, Best Cheese Pizza, Best Sausage Pizza, Best Deep Dish/ Stuffed Pizza, Best Thin Crust Pizza, Best Specialty Pizza, and Judges' Choice, as well as the People's Choice.

Winners will be announced shortly

before 9 p.m.

Participating pizzerias include: Nardi's Tower of Pizza, Lou Malnati's, Rosati's, Pyramid Club, Giordano's, Alta Villa, Uncle Pete's and Zio Tony's.

Get more details on line at ithappensinaddison.com

Addison Trail seeks donations for students

The 2018-19 school year is nearly here, and Addison Trail wants to make sure every student is ready for success. The school is seeking donations of new or lightly used Blazer wear and school supplies for those

who might not be able to afford those items. Items can be dropped off through Aug. 3 at door No. 1 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Friday.



The band Heart To Heartbreaker will perform the music of Heart and Pat Benatar during the Pizza Contest and National Night Out on Thursday, Aug. 7.

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•Rock 'N Wheels

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where Army Trail Road dead-ends into Lake Street. The street is open at 6 p.m. and closes when capacity is reached. Pre-registration is not required and space is limited, so arrive early.

The evening includes nine food vendors who bring concessions for \$5 or less. While in the area, walk over to visit the Addison Historical Museum and the Arts & Crafts Fair.

Watch as hand quilting is demonstrated at the museum during the evening. You can view the menu and concert schedule on line at ithappensinaddison.com

More about Think Floyd USA

Think Floyd USA celebrates the music of Pink Floyd with a full-production tribute performance that showcases an energetic and phenomenally gifted cast alongside mesmerizing lights and video. Featuring nine passionate musicians and vocalists, Think Floyd USA includes several dedicated founding members who

began the journey together in 2004.

Satisfying both those who love the major hits like "Wish You Were Here" and fans craving deep cuts like "Astronomy Domine," Think Floyd USA hits the stage with passion and joy, and often performs albums in their entirety.

More about Daniel Cronson

Daniel Cronson got his start playing music on the streets of Chicago. Since 2014 he has made his living in Chicago playing restaurants and venues such as the Palmer House and The W Chicago as well as Midsummer Fest, Live on Lincoln and more. He also shared the stage with great artists such as Ebony Taylor and Billy Branch at the 2017 Rock 'N' Wheels festival, along with the notable Steely Dan tribute band, Deacon Blues. Daniel has self-released "Say it Softly" in 2016 and in 2017 he released his first music videos ever with a newly produced take on "Say it Softly" and "Miracle."

Addison Trail's D'Ambrose named All-American for volleyball

Addison Trail's Jessica D'Ambrose (class of 2020) recently received All-American recognition after her team won the 16 Aspire Division at the 2018 AAU Girls Junior National Volleyball Championships.

That event took place from June 25 to 28 in Orlando, Fla. D'Ambrose said to earn All-American honors, she had to be selected by the coaches through a vote that was based on her performance throughout the season and at the National Championships. She also had to place in her age division at Nationals.

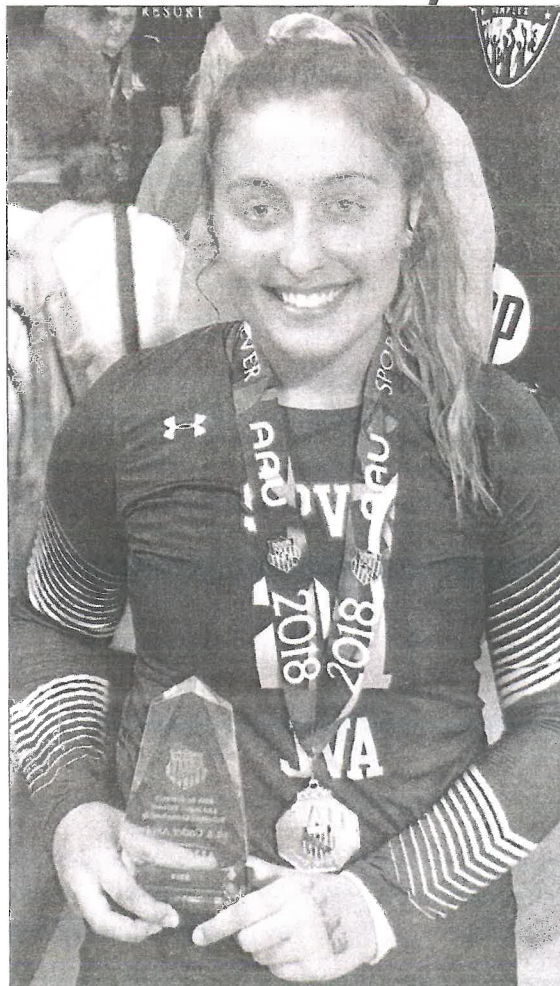
"When I was named All-American,

I felt very excited and honored to accept the award!" D'Ambrose said. "I have always enjoyed playing volleyball – but the more I grow up, the more I enjoy it! The intensity of the game is an environment I love to be a part of. Volleyball has always been such a fun sport to me, especially because my teammates and coaches make the gym a place where I always want to be!"

D'Ambrose has been playing volleyball since she was "old enough to walk." She began in the sport by joining her sisters, Danielle and Casey. Danielle also earned All-American recognition in 2005. D'Ambrose started with the Addison

Girls Sports Program (AGSP) when she was in third grade and joined Sports Performance Volleyball Club in Aurora when she was in fourth grade, which is a travel team that competes throughout the U.S. She has been a member of the Addison Trail Varsity Girls Volleyball Team since her freshman year.

In the future, D'Ambrose hopes to continue with volleyball at the collegiate level. She said she's interested in many colleges/universities throughout the U.S., but her dream school is The University of Arizona. While D'Ambrose is undecided in her major, she plans to pursue a career in the medical field.



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Pictured is Addison Trail student Jessica D'Ambrose (class of 2020) who recently received All-American recognition after her team won the 16 Aspire division at the 2018 AAU Girls Junior National Volleyball Championships.

Center for the Arts opens new exhibit

The Addison Center for the Arts will begin its new season in its Gallery featuring artist Joan M. Landendorf, whose exhibit is titled "Avenues of Inquiry, a Retrospective" will be on display from Aug. 8 to Sept. 8. There will be an artist's reception on Saturday, Aug. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. The reception is free and the public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

A self-taught artist, Landendorf has been exploring various artist possibilities over the past 40 years. Her journey included theater costuming, graphic design, quilt making and photography and she now finds

herself exploring a new place on her creative path. Using collage techniques, she creates abstract paper works featuring her own hand-painted and hand-textured repurposed papers. Some of the collages also include prints of her photography. Landendorf enjoys turning discarded materials into new works of art.

Gallery hours are from Wednesday to Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. The Gallery is annexed to ATHS, 213 N. Lombard Road on the north side door #4. This exhibit is partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency. For more information, call 630-458-4500 or visit www.addisoncenterforthearts.com.

Community calendar

Thursday, Aug. 2

Rock 'N Wheels

Addison's "Rock 'N Wheels" concert and food festival presents Think Floyd USA. Free admission; opens at 6 p.m. Daniel Cronson performs at 6:30 p.m. and Think Floyd USA at 7:30 p.m. on the 95.9 The River Stage. Info: ithappensinaddison.com.

Friday, Aug. 3

Float 'n' Float

Bring your favorite floaty and a towel and enjoy watching the movie "Lilo and Stitch" on a big screen at the Centennial indoor pool. The movie will begin at 6:30 p.m. Fee: \$2 per person; free to members.

Saturday, Aug. 4

Touch-a-Truck and kids toys and garage sale

This is a great opportunity to sit in the driver's seat of several big trucks, including a fire truck, police car, tractor, school bus and many others. Kids will have the opportunity to ask Addison Police and Fire Department personnel questions. This event is free for the entire family. The kids' toys and outdoor garage sale will be held at the same time, with both events taking place in Centennial Park from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Tuesday, Aug. 7

Pizza Bake-Off, Neighbors Night Out, Rock 'N Wheels

The Addison by the Slice Pizza Bake-Off will take place at the weekly Rock 'N Wheels concert and food festival. Come out and help choose Addison's Best Pizza. This week features Heart to Heartbreaker, a tribute to the music of Heart and Pat

Benatar. Free admission; opens at 6 p.m. John Ludy Puleo performs at 6:30 p.m. and Heart to Heartbreaker at 7:30 p.m. on the 95.9 The River Stage. Info: ithappensinaddison.com.

Monday, Aug. 13

Movies in the Park

Bring a blanket or a lawn chair for the family and enjoy watching the movie "The Little Rascals" on the big screen at Community Park. The Movie in the Park Series is free and the Addison Park District will have concessions available to purchase. All movies will begin at dusk the day of the event. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be moved inside the gymnasium.

Friday Aug. 17

Blue and White Community Night at ATHS

District 88 will host Community Night at the ATHS football stadium at 213 N. Lombard. Doors open at 6 p.m., activities and showcases begin at 6:30. Attendees are urged to don their Spirit Wear. Admission is free but donations to the District 88 Foundation will be appreciated. Info: du-page88.net/foundation.

Ongoing events ...

• Get your high school diploma

The Addison Public Library is now offering adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate online through a new program, Career Online High School (COHS). The library is providing a limited number of free scholarships to qualified adult learners who are looking to advance their careers, prepare for workforce entry, or continue their education. You must live in Addison and

be 21 or older. Call 630-458-3334 or visit addisonlibrary.org

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

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

• Active Adults Senior Club

Adults, ages 55 or better, are invited to Park District's Active Adults Senior Club on Tuesdays from noon-2 p.m. at Community Rec Center, 120 E. Oak Street. For more information, contact Teresa Grodsky at (630) 233-7275, option #2.

• TOPS meetings held on Thursday evenings, Friday mornings

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

Clubs and organizations are welcome to send entries for this column to: Independent@rvpublishing.com. Please include a phone number or e-mail address to contact for information.

ITJH wraps up IDEA Challenge summer program

Indian Trail Junior High School's summer IDEA (Innovators, Designers, & Entrepreneurs of Addison) Challenge program concluded last week with 10 teams of students presenting their class projects to a panel of judges with Shark Tank-like product pitches.

The student teams spent the previous three weeks collaborating, researching, planning, and building prototypes of a desk accessory that they feel would be marketable. The desks that were on display for the judges included a variety of improvements such as cup holders, white boards, hooks, storage areas, and ergonomic seating.

Student teams explained how they came up with their desk concept, displayed their technical drawings and prototypes, and shared cost information. After each presentation, the judges had the opportunity

to ask questions of each team. The judges' panel included District 4 administrators, Indian Trail teachers, and an Indian Trail graduate who participated in the program last summer.

The MagneticTron Desk was selected as the winner of the competition. The winning desk included a power/charging station and magnetic surfaces.

On the last day of class, students celebrated the end of this summer school experience and had the opportunity to review the judges' feedback on their presentations.

The desks carried the following names: The Desco, The Mesita, The Nook, The Better Desk, Space Desk, Ergo-Desk, MagneticTron (the winner), No Stress Desk, The Incredia-Desk, and, S.T.E.D. (Save The Earth Desk).

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Addison Trail football team opens season against Conant

Yearly contest with Glenbard West to be held in early September

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail football team has a few new looks to its 2019 schedule.

Gone in the long-time season-opening game against Glenbard South. The Blazers, instead, will open play at home on Friday, Aug. 24 at 7:30 p.m., against Conant High School from Hoffman Estates.

The Blazers then continue their home-stand by hosting York on Aug. 31 as part of the West Suburban Conference crossover series.

Addison Trail's traditional other non-conference game against Glenbard West, which in years past has occurred toward the tail-end of the season, now will be played in Week 3 on Saturday, Sept. 8 at 1:30 p.m. in Glen Ellyn.

After the Glenbard West game, it's six weeks in a row of WSC Gold Division action, starting Friday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at home against District 88 neighbor Willowbrook.

The Blazers then hit the road in Weeks 5 and 6 with contests against

Downers Grove South on Friday, Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m., and Leyden on Friday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Addison Trail hosts Hinsdale South on Friday, Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m., before playing its final regular-season away game against Morton on Friday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

The Blazers wrap up the regular season at home on Friday, Oct. 19 at

7:30 p.m. against Proviso East.

Addison Trail is coming off a 2017 season where it went 4-5 overall and 2-4 in conference play.

In terms of its 2018 schedule, the Blazers will face only three playoff teams in the form of defending Gold Division champion Willowbrook, along with Hinsdale South and WSC Silver Division champion Glenbard

West. Willowbrook made it to the third round of the state playoffs last year, while Hinsdale South made the second round and Glenbard West also was a second-round qualifier.

Conant, Addison Trail's new first-week opponent, went 1-8 last year. Addison Trail will play four teams in 2018 that had winning records a year ago.

Fenton's Lozada excels on the softball field

Senior-to-be is a three-sport athlete

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Fenton senior-to-be Isa Lozada keeps herself plenty busy.

Lozada is a three-sport athlete, playing volleyball, basketball and softball. When asked what her favorite sport is, she didn't hesitate.

"Softball," she said. "I love the game. I love the competitiveness. It's also not as fast-paced as others and it takes a lot to succeed."

Lozada has it nailed when it comes to the succeeding part. She's fresh off a junior season for coach Dave Mello's Bison squad where she led the team in hits (46), doubles (10), home runs (5), RBI (29), runs scored (48),

walks (17) and stolen bases (21) en route to earning all-conference honors. Lozada has been on the Fenton varsity softball team since freshman season.

"My favorite part of softball is probably base running," she said. "I like to get down and dirty. It feels good when you get a nice hit and it feels good when you come together as a team. Softball is a team sport where you need everybody to do their part to become good."

Lozada added her fielding took a big step forward this season. "My defense has gotten better," she said. "I've been playing shortstop since I can remember. There's always more room to improve, but I feel like I'm real high up there defense-wise."

Lozada said she started playing softball around age 11, but played baseball for the five years prior through the Bensenville Boys and Girls Athletic Association.

"But I moved into softball because I didn't want to get into it being high-school time and then have to switch over," said Lozada, who played with the Downers Grove Rebels travel softball team last season.

Lozada said juggling three sports and academics isn't that big of a deal. "I love it," she said. "It gives me something to do. I love being active rather than sitting around at home."

In terms of her future, Lozada said she would like to play softball in college, "for sure." She also would like to study to be a nurse, working with children if possible.

"My mom takes care of kids for day care," she said. "I've gone in there a few times and helped take care of the kids. It looks like it would be good to take care of them when either they come into life or when they get sick and get them to a better place. I'd like to be a pediatric nurse or a neo-natal nurse. That's what I want to go for."

Lozada has taken advantage of her time at Fenton where she had all As freshman and sophomore year and had all As and two Bs her junior year.

"I have enjoyed my time at Fenton," she said. "I love playing all of the sports. Softball will end for me next spring so that's kind of where it all comes to an end and it will be time to move on to bigger and better things."

ADDISON TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 2018				
DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	
Friday	August 24	Conant (Home)	7:30 p.m.	
Friday	August 31	York (Home)	7:30 p.m.	
Saturday	September 8	at Glenbard West	1:30 p.m.	
Friday	September 14	Willowbrook (Home)	7:30 p.m.	
Friday	September 21	at Downers Grove South	7:30 p.m.	
Friday	September 28	at Leyden	7:30 p.m.	
Friday	October 5	Hinsdale South (Home)	7:30 p.m.	
Friday	October 12	at Morton	7:30 p.m.	
Friday	October 19	at Proviso East	7:30 p.m.	

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Willowbrook boys basketball team gets plenty of summer work

Warriors play close to 50 games

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

With a good number of graduation losses, it was important for the Willowbrook boys basketball team to get in as much work as possible during the recently completed summer season.

And it did just that. "The summer went really well," said Warriors coach Chris Perkins. "We played at a ton of different places. We usually had two separate teams because we had a ton of guys out this summer. We made a lot of strides."

At one point, Perkins noted he had

close to 22 players in the gym.

That allowed him to get in plenty of evaluation time coming off a 2017-2018 season where the Warriors graduated four starters and six or seven seniors, Perkins noted.

"We have to replace a lot of guys this season," said Perkins.

Perkins had a few key takeaways from the summer. "Our speed and our depth," he said. "Those were the two biggest things. This will probably be my fastest team and we are deep. We have a ton of guys who can go in and produce and make things happen. We played some different lineups to see who plays well together as well as figuring out our new style of play after losing Ethan

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Elmhurst American Legion 17U team wraps up play

**First-year team
racked up 17 wins,
won Decatur
tournament**

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The debut of the Elmhurst junior American Legion Muddogs team was a big success.

Post 187, in its first season as a junior American Legion squad, ended up with a 17-12 overall record and advanced to the championship round of the Junior 2nd Division South playoffs.

Post 187 defeated Wheaton 12-10 in the consolation bracket to move back into the championship round of the double-elimination tournament.

In that contest, Elmhurst led 3-0 early only to have Wheaton tie it at 3-3 in the top of the third. The Muddogs then scored seven runs in the bottom of the third to take a 10-3 lead. Wheaton cut it to 10-7 at one point before Post 187 scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth. Wheaton scored three in the top of the seventh to make it close.

Elmhurst had six hits and committed five errors. The two teams combined to score 22 runs on only 15 hits with a combined eight errors and 23 walks. Elmhurst took advantage of 15 Wheaton walks.

Tyler Gelsomino went 2-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI for Elmhurst. Alexis Cotto scored two runs and had an RBI. Jose Alvarez had a run scored, an RBI and two walks. Nathan Kriz had two RBI

and two walks. Alanzo Howard had a run scored and two walks. Michael Hilgart went 2-for-2 with two runs scored, two walks and two RBI. Massimo Cortez had two hits, two runs scored and an RBI, while Nick DeSimone had a run scored and a walk. Ivan Lozada scored a run and walked twice.

Elmhurst stole nine bases in the game with Lozada leading the way with three.

Cotto was the winning pitcher. He went four innings and struck out four. Alvarez earned the save. He pitched three innings and allowed one earned run while striking out two.

Post 187 then dropped an 11-1 game to Morris Post 294 in the championship round. Because Elmhurst was coming out of the consolation bracket, it would have had to beat Morris twice to advance to the state tournament.

In the Morris game, which occurred immediately after the Wheaton win, Morris led 5-0 after the first inning and 8-0 after two innings. Morris had 10 hits. Post 187 was limited to four in the five-inning affair.

Gelsomino, Cotto, Alvarez and Howard each had a hit. Gelsomino scored Elmhurst's only run. Gelsomino also had two stolen bases. Pietrucha took the loss. Alvarez also pitched in the game.

"We did a lot of good things in the Wheaton game," said Elmhurst manager Mike Biondo. "The second game against Morris was a little tough to try to find the energy to finish out."

Overall, Biondo saw plenty of positives with the 17U group. "I was

very happy with our 17U team," he said. "They were very successful and did a lot of good things. We look forward to having a lot of these guys move up for senior Legion ball. It was kind of unexpected with the junior team. It's a new team, but they performed very well. They clicked from the start and won the Decatur tournament. That was a huge table-setter for us. A 17-12 record the first year is pretty good. I'm very happy."

Post 187 will hold tryouts for the 2019 season on Sunday, Aug. 12 at the Plunkett Athletic Complex in Elmhurst. Post 187 will field three teams next season: 15U, 17U and 19U. The 15U minimum age cut off is 13.

Post 187 draws players from IC Catholic Prep, York, Fenton, Willowbrook and Chicago ITW Speer Academy.

Biondo noted the tryouts will be professionally run with players be-

ing clocked for running speed in the 60-yard-dash, arm strength will be checked along with defensive ability in the infield and outfield, as well as catcher's being clocked for their pop times and pitchers being clocked for speed on the radar gun. Hitting evaluations will take place in the batting cage.

For more information on the tryout, contact Biondo at 630-270-2779 or muddogslegionbaseball@gmail.com.

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Schuerer (to graduation). Our style is going to be different offensively."

Willowbrook played in the Plainfield East and Oswego East shootouts, as well as the Hoop Mountain shootout at West Aurora. The Warriors also competed in the summer league at Riverside-Brookfield, hosted a shootout and went to day shootouts at East Aurora and Addison Trail.

"We played close to 50 games," said Perkins.

Individually, Perkins saw plenty of positives from the likes of Matas Masys, Everett Stubblefield, Scott Tumilty, Sam Tumilty, Charlie Flak, Jack Hines and Isaac Gaines, along with Stagg High School transfer Martin Macenis.

Masys is a four-year varsity player

for the Warriors.

"The summer mainly is to get guys a lot of reps and to see what we have and come up with a style of play going forward," said Perkins. "We were able to accomplish all those things this summer."

Willowbrook is switching things up with its Thanksgiving tournament this season. The Warriors had gone to Stagg High School for a number of years to open the season, but will instead start play this season in the St. Charles East tournament. A matchup with District 88 neighbor Addison Trail occurs the following Friday.

The Warriors also have a new home for Christmas, playing in the Hinsdale Central tournament after competing at Glenbard West for numerous years.

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