



Two new cultural center startup spaces to open this fall

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Michelle Navarro, left, Riley Tsang, center, and Alondra Avitia are among the UW-Madison students whose hard work and passion have led to the creation of two new cultural center startup spaces at the Red Gym. The spaces will be supported by the Multicultural Student Center, also housed at the Red Gym. (Photo by Beeki Gurung)

Alondra Avitia remembers touring the University of Wisconsin-Madison as a high school freshman and searching for signs she'd fit in as a Latina on a predominantly white campus.

Six years later, Avitia is now a UW-Madison junior and helping to make that task easier for others. She's among a group of students whose passion and hard work have led to the creation of two new cultural center startup spaces on campus.

The Latinx Cultural Center and the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Cultural Center will open this fall on the North Mezzanine of the Red Gym, 716 Langdon St. (The term "Desi" refers to those who identify as South Asian or have a South Asian heritage. It includes the countries of Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka and sometimes Afghanistan, Bhutan and Tibet.)

Both new startup spaces will be supported by the Multicultural Student Center (<https://msc.wisc.edu/>) (MSC), also housed at the Red Gym. The MSC is one of nine student-focused departments in the Division of Student Life.

“I want all high school students to feel that if they come here, they belong here,” says Avitia, an international studies and political science major from Addison, Illinois. “You want to feel that sense of belonging the minute you set foot on a campus.”

With the addition of the two new spaces, there will now be four cultural centers on campus. The American Indian Student & Cultural Center (<https://amindian.wisc.edu/aiscc/>), managed by the American Indian Studies Program, operates out of a house at 215 N. Brooks St. The Black Cultural Center (<https://msc.wisc.edu/black-cultural-center/>), supported by the MSC, opened in spring 2017 in the Red Gym.

“The ability to find a group of people to call family is an important survival mechanism for students of color on campus,” says senior Riley Tsang, a social welfare major from Brookfield, Wisconsin. “Cultural centers provide the structure and the resources to find that family.”

Tsang and recent graduate Shannon Thao began actively lobbying for an APIDA Cultural Center more than a year ago. They put together a committee of like-minded students, tapped staff and faculty expertise, researched cultural centers at other Big Ten schools and developed a proposal.

Meanwhile, in February, Avitia and three other Latinx students — Josue Velazquez, Jonathan Godinez and Michelle Navarro — connected at a social justice leadership retreat and began discussing Latinx issues.

“We decided that if we wanted a Latinx Cultural Center on campus, we shouldn’t wait around for someone else to do it,” says Navarro, a junior journalism major from Chicago.

The Latinx students were aware of the work already being done to create an APIDA Cultural Center. The two groups began collaborating and successfully presented their proposals together to a group of university officials that included then-Dean of Students Lori Berquam and Patrick Sims, deputy vice chancellor and chief diversity officer. Students from the American Indian Student & Cultural Center joined them for the meeting in a show of solidarity and to advocate for their own future needs.

“We used the momentum of each other’s projects to build on our individual efforts,” Tsang says.

Each new cultural center will be about 600 square feet. Currently, the space has been used mostly by Red Gym departments and affiliated students.

“Cultural centers are vital spaces where students of color can explore their racial/ethnic identities and how that identity is a piece of their overall experience,” says MSC Director Gabe Javier, an assistant dean of students. “The intent of these spaces is not to segregate people, but to give students a chance to learn about themselves en route to learning with and about others.”

Remodeling of the spaces is slated to begin in January, with a grand opening in the spring. However, students plan to begin using the spaces for cultural events as soon as furniture arrives in a few weeks. (They hope to hold some events for Latinx Heritage Month

(<https://today.wisc.edu/events/search?utf8=%E2%9C%93&search%5Bterm%5D=uwlatinx>), Sept. 15-Oct. 15, in the new space.)

The students say it's important that the new cultural centers be thought of as startup spaces, not finished products. They have many ideas for growth.

"We look at this almost as interim space," Navarro says. "We want to prove to the administration that we will use the space and that we deserve larger space and funding for a professional staff."

For the 2018-19 school year, each new cultural center will be staffed by a student intern called a campus community organizer, with MSC professional staff assisting and helping to oversee the centers. A third campus community organizer position, also new this fall, will be based at the MSC and will partner on programming with Native American student organizations and the American Indian Student & Cultural Center.

Tsang says a common question he and other students get asked is why the cultural centers are needed when there's already a multicultural student center.

"The two are in no way mutually exclusive — they complement each other," he says. "The MSC exists as a place for all students of color to find resources and community. The cultural centers show that the university is devoting resources for more specific identity development, education and empowerment."

Cultural centers also provide crucial space to honor alumni whose voices and accomplishments may have been minimized or overlooked, Avitia says. The Black Cultural Center has been an inspiring example both in the way it lifts up minority alumni voices and more generally in how it undertakes its mission, she says. Karla Foster, MSC assistant director of cultural programming, has been advising the students.

"I am extremely amazed and impressed at the work these students are doing," Foster says. "It's wonderful to see them learning from their peers and then using that knowledge to serve their own community members and to build coalitions among the respective student populations."

As the opening of the new cultural centers nears, the reality is starting to sink in for the students.

"I'm really excited and, honestly, a little awed with the responsibility we've been given to shape this," Tsang says. "We are not taking that responsibility lightly."



The Latinx Cultural Center and the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Cultural Center will open this fall on the North Mezzanine of the Red Gym. Pictured on the mezzanine are students Alondra Avitia, left, Michelle Navarro, center, and Riley Tsang. BEEKI GURUNG

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District 88 honors former board member for years of service

Timothy Gillen recognized at recent meeting

During the Aug. 13 District 88 Board of Education meeting, the board and administration thanked former board member Timothy Gillen for his years of service.

Gillen has been a Board member since 2011 and recently resigned. He has served on the following committees: Behavioral Interventions, Citizens Advisory Councils, Curriculum Council, District 88 Art Scholarship, District Finance and Employee Recognition. His two sons are graduates of Willowbrook - Tim Jr. in 1983 and Russell in 1984.

Gillen was presented with a personalized glass sculpture created by former Willowbrook Art Department

Chair Bob Fritz. To watch the presentation, visit dupage88.net/site/page/940/ and click on "Board Member - Recognition of Service - Timothy Gillen."

"Mr. Gillen has been a tremendous asset to our Board of Education and school community," said Dr. Scott Helton, District 88 Superintendent. "His support of our students has been invaluable, and he is always a familiar face at various athletic events and school activities. He truly believes in our mission of working for the continuous improvement of student achievement, and his efforts will be reflected in the successes of our students for years to come. We wish Mr. Gillen the best in his future endeavors."

During a special meeting on Aug. 2, the District 88 Board of Education appointed Tina Haralambopoulos to fill Gillen's seat on the Board. She

will be officially sworn in during the Aug. 27 meeting, and she will assume that position until the Consolidated Election on April 2, 2019. Haralambopoulos is a 2002 Addison


Trail alumna, and many of her family members graduated from Addison Trail as well. Her degrees and career are in education, and she resides in Addison.



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[left photo]: Pictured is former District 88 Board of Education member Timothy Gillen, who recently resigned from the board. Gillen was recognized and honored for his years of service by the District 88 Board of Education and administration during the Aug. 13 Board meeting. He was presented with the personalized glass sculpture he's holding, which was created by former Willowbrook Art Department Chair Bob Fritz. [above photo]: Gillen is pictured with his wife Mary (left) and District 88 Board of Education President Donna Craft Caln.

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State Rep supports Ride Away from the Darkness for suicide awareness

State Representative Deanne Mazzochi (R-Elmhurst) attended the Inaugural Ride Away From the Darkness Motorcycle Run and Rally in DuPage County held recently.

The event, which drew more than 50 local riders, was organized by Westmont resident Chris Svitak, whose son committed suicide nearly four years ago. All proceeds from the August 18 ride and rally were donated to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

"Chris Svitak chose to take his tragedy and raise awareness so someone else's son, daughter, mother, brother, does not experience the loss of a loved one through suicide," said Mazzochi. "Chris was unaware of the seriousness of his son's medical condition, and we are going to work together to explore legislation that will make it easier for people to spot signs and get help for their loved ones. Chris is doing a great job to organize this and other events to raise money for the Foundation for Suicide Prevention."

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Get involved at Addison Trail

Various organizations seek parents, guardians, alumni, community members

Parents/guardians, alumni and community members -- are you looking for a way to get involved with and give back to Addison Trail?

There are several organizations you can join that benefit Addison Trail students. Below is general information about those groups.

District 88 Foundation

The District 88 Foundation is 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, 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. Funds raised by the foundations have been used to support District 88 students. For more information, go to dupage88.net/foundation.

Citizens Advisory Council (CAC)

The CAC is an organization made up of appointed parents/guardians and citizens of the Addison Trail community, along with Board of Education members and the Principal. The group meets to discuss current issues prevalent in the high school, and members are liaisons between the community and the Board of Education to voice community concerns. For more information, contact Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden at mbolden@dupage88.net. To view a list of the CAC agendas, go to dupage88.net/site/page/9408.

Teacher-Parent Organization (TPO)

The TPO is comprised of teachers and parents/guardians and helps build a connection between home and school. The TPO is responsible for the Spaghetti Dinner and for giving scholarships to Addison Trail students. For more information, contact Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden at mbolden@dupage88.net.

Athletic Boosters

The Athletic Booster Club cheers for all Blazers -- in all sports, at all levels -- who wear the Navy Blue and White of Addison Trail. The Athletic Booster Club runs the concession stands and is always in need of an extra set of hands to help. The club also sells Blazer Wear to promote Blazer Pride among students, parents/guardians, staff and community members. The club supports service projects throughout the community by Addison Trail student-athletes as well. In the spring, the club offers scholarships to senior varsity athletes who meet the criteria. For more information, e-mail ATHSAthleticboosters@gmail.com.

Music Boosters

The Music Booster Club is comprised of parents/guardians of students who are involved in the Addison Trail Music Program. Addison Trail offers Band, Orchestra, Choir, Piano and Guitar classes, as well as several performance ensembles. Music Booster Club members help organize music trips and assist the music program. For more information, contact Addison Trail Assistant Principal Iridia Niewinski at iniewinski@dupage88.net.

Theatre Boosters

The Theatre Booster Club is comprised of parents/guardians of students involved in the Addison Trail Theatre Program.

The club assists Theatre students during productions and helps organize meals during production week. Theatre Booster Club members also help organize the end-of-year banquet and give awards to thespians. For more information, go to attheatreboosters.com.

Padres Latinos en Acción

Through this group, Spanish-speaking parents/guardians are provided the opportunity to increase their knowledge of the school system to help their students achieve at the highest level. Meeting topics are driven by parent/guardian interest and include information on accessing college, financial aid, rigorous academic programming at Addison Trail, social-emotional concerns and community issues. For more information, contact Addison Trail Assistant Principal Iridia Niewinski at iniewinski@dupage88.net.

Special Education Parent Advisory

Parents/guardians of students with special needs are invited to participate in a series of educational sessions. Those sessions are focused on assisting students to develop needed skills -- including academic, self-advocacy, vocational and life skills -- to allow for a successful transition from school to adult life. Participants have the opportunity to give feedback and discuss current issues related to special education programming at Addison Trail. For more information, contact Addison Trail Special Education Department Chair Julie Johnson at jjohnson@dupage88.net.

For more information, contact Addison Trail at 630-628-3300.

Addison Trail boys track and field team hosts shoe drive

Through Oct. 31, the Addison Trail Boys Track & Field Team is hosting a shoe-drive fundraiser, and proceeds will go toward equipment and uniform upgrades.

Donations of gently worn, used and new shoes will be accepted.

Please note the following items



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Job connection

Susan Gates checks into a job with SWD, Inc. of Addison at the Job Fair held at The Odeum in Villa Park on Wed. Aug. 22. The event was organized by 23rd District State Senator Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park), who is standing with SWD HR Manager April Elders.

First day back to school at Addison Trail

District 88 shared the following highlights of the first day back to school at Addison Trail High School:

- There was a 97-percent attendance rate on the first day of school and the drum line greeted students and staff as they entered the building.

- Staff members displayed the 2018-19 Blazer Pride T-shirt, with the message of "Choose Kindness. Be Relentless. Chase Greatness."

- The Buildings and Grounds staff had the rooms cleaned and the floors waxed before the start of school.

- Freshmen received their Chromebooks and are beginning to

use them in class. For more information about this new delivery model for instructional technology, visit dupage88.net/site/page/8174.

- The fall athletic season has begun. This year's first football game took place on Friday, Aug. 24 at home against Conant. All other fall sports are practicing for their season.



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Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden (back right) and District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton (in front of Bolden) ride a bus home from school with students to celebrate the start of the 2018-19 school year on Aug. 15.

cannot be accepted.

- NO shoes with holes
- NO shoes with missing or torn laces
- NO flip-flops (sliders are okay)
- NO athletic shoes with metal cleats

World Wear Project will issue a

check to the team based on the total weight of the pairs of shoes collected. Donations can be dropped off from 7:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Monday through Friday at Addison Trail (door No. 1), 213 N. Lombard Road in Addison, attention Jim Ziebka, AT Boys Track & Field Head Coach.

The shoes will then be redistributed throughout Central and South America by World Wear Project. For more information about World Wear Project, visit worldwearproject.com. For more information, Ziebka can be reached at jziebka@dupage88.net or 630-458-4363.



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District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton (center) welcomes students and staff members in the District 88 Transition Program to the 2018-19 school year on Aug. 15. That program helps individuals ages 18 to 21 who have disabilities learn life skills, obtain job training in a community setting and transition to life after District 88.

First day back to school for transition students

District 88 shared the following highlights of the first day back to school for Transition students:

- The Transition Program welcomes 56 students this year.
- The Transition Program plans to open its Perks & Possibilities Café after Labor Day, which will offer a variety of new menu items. Students in the Transition Program help set up the café, and several of them stay for job training. The café is entering its

ninth year and will be open from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday in the Addison Public Library. The café is successful because of generous donations from the community.

- This year, Transition Program students will experience community-based learning opportunities such as joining recreational leagues and going to museums, theatre performances and other venues to develop life skills. They also will have guest

speakers to learn about services available in the community and to increase independent living skills.

- Students in the Transition Program receive job training at more than 33 vocational sites. The program is always looking for new job-training sites.

If you're interested, contact District 88 Vocational Coordinator Christine DiRienzo at cdrienzo@dupage88.net or 630-530-3248.

Police Reports

Area police departments recently reported the following arrests and citations.

Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a conviction, and that suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Juveniles age 17-or-younger are not named.

Addison Aug. 23

Police said Seyri Herrera-Bolivar, 21, of Addison, was arrested and processed for two failure to appear warrants in the 800 block of College at around 10:17 p.m. Herrera-Bolivar posted bond and was issued new court dates.

Aug. 18

A 50-year-old Addison woman was charged with domestic battery in the 400 block of E. Comstock at around 12:44 a.m. Police said the suspect scratched two victims, and struck one victim numerous times on his chest, shoulders, abdomen and back, and threw a cup of water at him.

Aug. 17

Aaron Delvalle, 45, of Chicago, was charged with DUI near Villa and Fullerton at around 6:29 p.m.

Villa Park Aug. 18

Retail theft was reported at a mobile phone store in the 1-100 block of E. North. Police said that three unknown suspects entered the business, and one of the suspects was able to remove an iPad2 from the security table sometime between 12:50 and 1:02 p.m. The suspect then left the store with the iPad without paying for it.

Aug. 17

Hector R. Rodriguez, 36, of Chicago, was charged with retail theft at a store at around 1:31 p.m. July 10. The original complaint and arrest warrant were issued on Aug. 17.

A female juvenile from Rockford was charged with trespass to a ve-

hicle, speeding, violation of a driver instructional permit, improper passing on the left and disobeying a stop sign near Ardmore and Washington at around 7:57 p.m.

Aug. 16

James Joseph, 61, of Villa Park, was charged with criminal trespass to real property and disorderly conduct Aug. 13. The original complaint and arrest warrant were issued on Aug. 16.

Aug. 15

James Joseph, 61, of Villa Park, was charged with aggravated assault and disorderly conduct in the 100 block of S. Villa at around 4:26 p.m.

Aug. 14

A 23-year-old Addison man was charged with violation of an order of protection and two counts of domestic battery near Holly and Bierman July 13. The original complaint and arrest warrant were issued on Aug. 14.

Theft was reported at Skate Park between 5 and 5:05 p.m. Police said an unknown suspect stole a Vape Pen and tank of vaping liquid that was left unattended on the bleachers.

Aug. 12

Frederick A. Damico, 47, of Carol Stream, was charged with criminal damage to property and two counts of assault near Villa and Plymouth at around 11 a.m.

Aug. 9-Aug. 12

Retail theft was reported at a food store. Police said an unknown suspect removed bottles of liquor from the display shelf and left the store with the items without paying, sometime between the above dates.

Aug. 10-Aug. 11

Criminal damage was reported at an auto repair business. Police said an unknown suspect threw a rock through a window on the overhead door sometime between 5:30 p.m. Aug. 10 and 6 a.m. Aug. 11.

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• Ride (Continued from page 4)

Motorcyclists on two, three and four-wheeled cycles, several of whom had lost someone close to them to suicide, rode approximately 70 miles from the Harley Davidson dealership in Countryside to Walsh's Bar and Grill in Westmont.

Mazzochi addressed the crowd at a rally that followed the ride.

"I am profoundly grateful for everyone who is here today," she said. "You are sending a message that everyone has worth; every life has worth. You are sending a message to those living in despair - please, don't be so sure that your life lacks value. Please hear us shouting from the rooftops, we do not want to lose you. The people here are willing to help you for one more day, and then another, and another, and another."

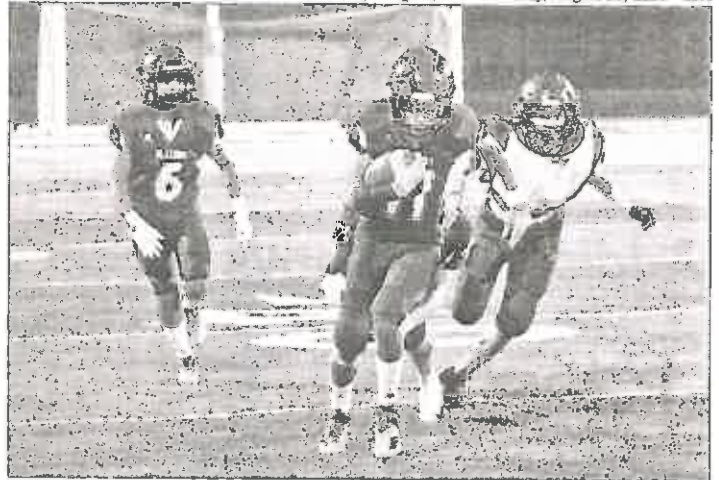
According to Mazzochi, in Il-

linois, one person dies every six hours due to suicide and suicide is the third leading cause of death in individuals aged 15-34.

Svitak said he will host the event annually and has made it his life's goal to increase suicide awareness and help parents and loved ones identify the signs before it is too late.

Mazzochi added that she will continue to work with and support stakeholders in the community to ensure access to resources that can help those struggling with depression and suicidal thoughts.

Those experiencing suicidal thoughts, or who feel they may hurt themselves or others are strongly encouraged to contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.



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The Addison Trail Football Team (top row) and Boys Soccer Team (bottom row) participate in scrimmages during the school's 3rd annual Blue and White Community Night on Aug. 17. That event is sponsored by the District 88 Foundation and celebrates the beginning of the school year.

Addison Trail hosts 3rd annual Blue and White Community Night

On Aug. 17, the football field at Addison Trail was filled with Blazer Pride, as many students, parents/guardians and community members came together to celebrate the beginning of the 2018-19 school year with the 3rd annual Blue and White Community Night. The events featured a showcase of the schools' athletic teams and extracurricular activities.

During the evening, Addison Trail had a soccer scrimmage and a football scrimmage; performances by the Marching Band, Color Guard, Orchestra Team, Cheerleading Team and Blazettes; and introductions of the fall sports teams.

The community nights were sponsored by the District 88 Foundation, which raises funds to benefit both Addison Trail and Willowbrook students. The District 88 Foundation is 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, District 45 and Salt Creek School District 48. For more information about the foundations, visit dupage88.net/foundation

Community calendar

Thursday, Sept. 6 Swing for Scholarships

The Parks & Recreation Foundation of the Addison Park District is hosting Swing for Scholarships at Bloomingdale Golf Club. Registration is from 8:30-9:45 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Cash bar prior to buffet dinner at 4 p.m. Fees: \$450 per foursome for golf, lunch and dinner or \$125 per individual. Golf and lunch only is \$90 per person; dinner only tickets are \$50 each. To register or for more information, visit addisonparks.org.

Thursday, Sept. 13 Art Guild meeting

At 7 p.m., the Addison Art Guild will welcome Lyndsay Murphee at its first meeting of the season at the Addison Village Hall, room 1301. Murphee is a botanical artist who works primarily in colored pencil and watercolor. Guests are welcome. For more information, call 630-665-6769.

Ongoing events • Get your high school diploma

The Addison Public Library is

now offering adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate online through a new program, Career Online High School (COHS). The library is providing a limited number of free scholarships to qualified adult learners who are looking to advance their careers; prepare for workforce entry, or continue their education. You must live in Addison and be 21 or older. Call 630-458-3334 or visit addisonlibrary.org.

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

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of the Western Suburbs will meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Road, Elmhurst, starting at 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$5. Info: (630) 620-4060 or www.wows.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 Sausibly is still here helping and supporting people to lose weight. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings at the Addison Park District building at 120 E. Oak St. Weigh in from 6-6:30 p.m., and then meet from 6:30-7:15 p.m. Or there is

a weight-in Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. followed by a meeting from 10-11 a.m. Info: for Thursday meetings, email Sandy at sand.smithandcats@yahoo.com; for Friday meetings, email Millie at johnreiter@sbcglobal.net

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SPORTS

Addison Trail boys soccer team splits first two games

Blazers down Chicago Curie 7-0; Squad adds six academy players

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail boys soccer team split its first two games of the 2018 season.

The Blazers opened play with a 2-1 loss to Lake Park. "It was a great game between two really good teams in the area," said Addison Trail coach Ryan Dini. "We hit the post twice and fell just short. I was pleased with our effort, intensity and game play."

Addison Trail rebounded nicely to down Chicago Curie 7-0 to start its Joe Novy tournament.

Dini, in his seventh season, has experience coming back from a 2017 team that went 6-12-4 and was 3-3 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play.

Senior forward-midfielder Melvin Mora scored six goals and four as-

sists last year on his way to all-conference and all-sectional accolades. The three-year varsity starter had nine career goals and 11 assists heading into the season.

Senior defender Eduardo Huerta also returns on the heels of an all-conference effort a year ago. He had two goals and one assist as a junior. Classmate and fellow defender Matthew Moran also is back and also earned all-WSC Gold plaudits.

Senior midfielder Lukas Rodriguez (2 goals, 3 assists) and senior forward Luis Silva (2 goals, 2 assists) also return, along with senior goalkeeper Sam Sandoval (10 starts in 2017 with a 2.10 goals-against average).

Addison Trail is heavy on the reinforcements this year with a large contingent of players returning to high-school soccer after playing academy last year. That list includes senior midfielder Julio Acosta, junior midfielder Leo Acosta, sophomore midfielder Anthony Hernandez (Chi-

cago Fire Academy last year), junior midfielder Martin Murillo and junior goalkeeper-defender Ernesto Padua.

"Our depth is our biggest strength," said Dini. "We have 11 seniors, six juniors and one sophomore on varsity. We have another three or four players on JV that easily could be varsity players. We were able to get six players this season that played only academy last year so our talent level is much improved from last season. Also, with our 11 seniors, I have seen great leadership and a determination to have a good season. We are very excited about this group of players. We also have a lot of players who can play all over the field so our versatility is going to be important, depending on our opponent for specific matches."

Dini said the team continues to work on its set pieces. "Our weakness right now is scoring on set pieces," he said. "We have spent a lot of time over the summer and the first week of practice making this a priori-

ty for the season. With the strength of our schedule (Joe Novy tournament, PepsiCo tournament and the West Suburban Conference Gold Division slate) we know we will have to get some goals on set pieces to win those games."

Dini said high hopes abound through the roster this fall. "We are very excited about this soccer season," he said. "In 2016, we went 22-2. Melvin Mora started on that team as a sophomore and has been very vocal about getting the team back to a winning record. He knows what it takes and understands what

made that team great. In 2017, we went 6-12-4. We are bringing back 10 guys from that team that lost the majority of the games by one goal. Plus, we've added six academy players who have brought our talent level up this season. Our defense is back so a second year of playing together at the varsity level should help. This team is very hungry and is out to prove that we will be a very tough team to play against this season. We understand how many good teams we will play this year so we know we have to prove it. We are excited for the challenge."

Willowbrook boys golf team defeats Elmwood Park

Rattana cards 35 in victory; Guthrie and Hathaway shoot 38s

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook boys golf team followed up a pair of recent tournaments with a 151-180 non-conference victory over Elmwood Park at par-32 Sugar Creek in Villa Park.

Junior Logan Rattana led the Warriors with a 35. Senior Joey Guthrie had a 38, as did senior Jackson Hathaway. Senior Taylor Sarovich finished with a 40.

The win came on the heels of Willowbrook competing in the St. Laurence (fourth place) and Addison Trail (12th place) invitationals.

"We have a lot of seniors on the team who are real good kids," said Willowbrook coach Gary Walker. "Definitely having these seniors being in their fourth year in the program has helped."

Walker has two returning sectional qualifiers on the team in Guthrie and Sarovich. Rattana and Hathaway also have been playing well.

"We have those four guys who are doing really well," said Walker.

Walker has been impressed with the efforts of Hathaway in particular so far this season.

"He has continued to improve," he said. "He is extremely intelligent and can grind his way through a round."

Walker liked how his squad performed in the two tournaments so far, particularly in the Addison Trail event that featured 20 teams.

"I'm very pleased," he said. "We went on the road to start and played well out of the gate. At Addison Trail we shot 344 and that tournament is crazy competitive. You look at things, and you are talking a couple strokes per guy extrapolated. If you lose by 12, that looks bad, but that's only three strokes a guy on average."

I'm real happy with where we are going."

Walker noted this year's regional will be contested at Glendale Lakes. "It comes down to the regional," he said. "Last year the cut was 81 or 82. We're very happy and excited and are looking forward to conference and regionals."

Willowbrook's schedule heats up this week. The Warriors were slated to face Leyden in a West Suburban Conference Gold Division match on Monday and then head to the Oswego invitational on Tuesday before facing Hinsdale South in a conference match on Wednesday. The Warriors are slated to face Proviso East today in a WSC Gold contest.

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Reasons for optimism for Willowbrook girls volleyball team

Warriors return all-conference libero Ceh among others

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Willowbrook girls volleyball coach Irene Johnson is excited about the 2018 season

and for good reason

Johnson has a strong contingent of returning players along with a pair of freshman additions who together have eyes on improving the squad's 11-23 overall finish from a year ago that included a 3-3 mark in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action (4th place)

That long returning list includes junior all-conference libero Peyton Ceh, who led the team last year in digs with 279 and service aces with 47. She also had 43 kills.

Senior outside Katelyn McCann also is back after posting 204 digs, 64 kills, 26 aces and nine blocks. Senior middle blocker Kaitlyn Karcz (50 kills, 9 blocks), senior right side Britna Barrington (61 kills, 12 blocks) and senior outside Charlotte Dewey (53 kills, 5 blocks) also logged varsity action in 2017, while sophomore setter Grace Reckamp was moved up to the varsity for the final third of last season and eventually became a starter.

Seniors Hanna Komarsh (defensive specialist), Caleigh Turner (middle blocker), Jenna Kruezel (defensive specialist) and Isabella Pasorobaker (right side) also return.

Freshman Elizabeth Bruschnik (defensive specialist) and Katie Lutzag (setter) are up on the varsity and are expected to contribute.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how our team comes together and competes every day," said Johnson. "We have a solid group of 10 returning players, which includes eight seniors who all played some varsity

minutes for us last season. We've added five players who have all worked really hard on improving their game this summer."

Johnson said Ceh will once again play a key role. "I'm expecting big things from Peyton," the coach said. "She's a three-year returning varsity libero and was our MVP last year. She's gotten even better since then. I'm excited to see how freshman Lizzie Bruschnik meshes with Peyton in the back row and matches her intensity level."

To that point, Johnson indicated defense will be the Warriors' calling card. "Our defense will be our greatest strength," she said. "The defensive effort and overall enthusiasm in the gym has been great."

Johnson noted her hitters are continuing to work on finding ways to score the ball efficiently. "Katelyn McCann has spent a lot of time improving her game this off-season and I'm expecting her to be a leader for us offensively," she said.

Johnson added Willowbrook is in good hands with Lutzag, a freshman, and sophomore Reckamp at the setting position. "Kate and Grace both have played a lot of competitive volleyball this summer and continue to grow and improve every day," she said. "Our team is filled with hard-working, competitive girls who will be ready to battle every single time we take the court."

The Warriors opened the 2018 season with a three-set loss to Bartlett in non-conference action (25-21, 24-26, 25-21).

Dewey had nine kills and one dig. Lutzag had nine assists and 13 digs, while Reckamp had five kills, 13 digs, 11 assists and one block. Bruschnik finished with seven aces, 10 digs, one kill and one assist. Ceh had three aces, 13 digs, two kills and two assists. Karcz had six kills and two digs. McCann had two kills and nine digs, while Turner had two kills, one block and one dig. Barrington finished with three kills and one dig.

Week 2 Preview York (0-1) at Addison Trail (0-1)

When: Friday, 7:15 p.m.
Where: Addison Trail High School, Addison

Last week: New Trier 21, York 13; Conant 7, Addison Trail 0

Last year: Addison Trail 14, York 7

Outlook: This West Suburban Conference crossover game features a pair of teams looking to get in the win column in the early going. York, under new coach Mike Fitzgerald, lost by only eight to New Trier, while Addison Trail played Conant close in its opener. York kicks off Silver Division play next week at Lyons Township, while the Blazers have a Saturday matinee game against Glenbard West—another WSC crossover—in Week 3.

Fenton football team opens season with win

Bison boys soccer team shows promise

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton football team sits at 1-0 on the young season after a 42-7 non-conference win in Park Ridge against Maine East.

It was Fenton's first Week 1 win since the 2014 season.

Fenton returns to action Friday at home at 7 p.m., against Des Plaines-based Maine West.

Fenton boys soccer

The Fenton boys soccer team is coming off a 2017 season where it went 17-7-1 and took third place in the Metro Suburban Conference Blue

Division. Fenton lost in the regional finals to Chicago Lakeview.

Back for the Bison are sophomore forward Ivan Jaramillo, senior midfielder Abraham Sanchez, senior forward Branny Salas, junior defender Sebastian Palacios, junior defender Jason Fuentes and goalie Carlos Popoca.

Key newcomers to the team include junior Konrad Madje, sophomore

Chris Hernandez and junior midfielder Valentin Motta de Castro.

"I believe we will be a strong all-around team and that will help with the weaknesses we have as a team," said Fenton coach Victor Ruiz.

Fenton will have to make up for the scoring departure of graduates Angel Barriga and Jonathan Chavez. "We will contribute as a team to scoring

goals in multiple areas by various players," said Ruiz, in his second season as head coach. "You can't replace an Angel Barriga, but you can make up by playing stronger as a team."

Ruiz said the team has its sights set on numerous key goals this season. "We would like to make a run at conference and get to the second round of the playoffs," he said.

Willowbrook football team opens season with win

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook football team opened the 2018 season with a 41-0 non-conference win against Chicago Curie at home.

The Warriors have now won 11 of

their last 13 games dating back to last season. Willowbrook is coming off a 2017 season where it advanced to the state quarterfinals.

Willowbrook returns to action Friday at home at 7:30 p.m. against Hinsdale Central in a West Suburban

Conference crossover game.

Addison Trail football

The Addison Trail football team lost 7-0 to Conant in non-conference action to kick off the 2018 season.

Addison Trail returns to the field Friday at home against York in a

WSC crossover contest.

Addison Trail girls volleyball

The Addison Trail girls volleyball team dropped a 25-20, 25-20 non-conference decision to Lake Park to kick off the season.

Nina Muell had six kills and one

ace. Jessica D'Ambrose had five kills. Amy Reyes had 13 assists, while Ally Severino had three kills and one block. Mia Johnson finished with two kills and one block, while Katrina Bielanski had three kills. Pauline Wirbicki had seven digs.

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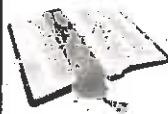
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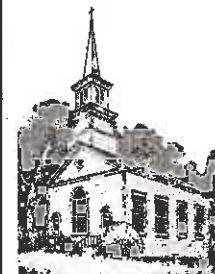
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Scouting this weekend's football games

The High Five

Glenbard East (1-0, 1-0) at

Bartlett (1-0, 1-0)

Upstate Eight Conference

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Last week: Glenbard East 47, Elgin 6; Bartlett 40, East Aurora 0.

Last year: Glenbard East 30, Bartlett 13.

Outlook: It'll likely be a zoo at Bartlett, which debuts a new stadium after playing its first two decades at Streamwood. It is indeed a new era at Bartlett, with new coach Matt Erlenbaugh and quarterback Jonah O'Brien, a transfer from Wisconsin. Not much passing was required in the Hawks' opening win, after which Glenbard East coach John Walters said Bartlett showed an old-school power ground game like its teams of the past. Jason Shuberth and Spencer Konstanzer are two of the best linebackers in the Upstate Eight. They'll track a Rams squad that takes pride in its improved rushing attack. Fronted by an offensive line that averages 250 pounds with the return of guard Connor Peterson from illness, quarterback Bret Bushka ran for 87 yards and 3 touchdowns and threw for 2 scores, both to fellow three-year starter Jeremy Johnson. Bushka averaged 12 yards a carry against Elgin, but if Bartlett cheats on him, backs like Jake Netchin and Billy Gotsch are poised to exploit gaps.

Next week: West Chicago at Glenbard East; Glenbard South at Bartlett.

Hinsdale Central (1-0) at

Willowbrook (1-0)

Nonconference

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Last week: Hinsdale Central 35, Naperville Central 34; Willowbrook 41, Curie 0.

Last year: Hinsdale Central 27, Willowbrook 21.

Outlook: Of the seven West Suburban Conference crossover games in Week 2, this is the most intriguing. Hinsdale Central is the better-known group considering the talent the Red Devils return. Willowbrook, which turned over most of last year's talent, is more of an unknown. The Warriors learned a lot in last week's win, particularly on offense where they have plenty of skill led by junior quarterback Sam Tumilty. Linebacker was a big question coming into the season, but sophomores Mohammad Ayesha and Sergio Ayala showed the physical ability to hold down the inside spots. Hinsdale Central won last week on a punt block, which is something the Red Devils converted on in last year's win over Willowbrook. Linebacker Aidan Cruickshank is one of the area's top defensive players. Running back Luke Skokna injured his lower leg last week but rushed for 175 yards before leaving in the third quarter. Matt Bobak filled in and rushed for another 50 yards.

Next week: Oak Park at Hinsdale Central; Leyden at Willowbrook.



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Neuqua Valley senior Kyle Borske will give the referees any help they need when the Wildcats host Stevenson tonight.

Joliet Catholic (1-0) at IC Catholic Prep (1-0)

Nonconference

Game time: 7:15 p.m. Friday.

Last week: Joliet Catholic 30, St. Rita 20; IC Catholic 50, Althoff 14.

Last year: Did not play.

Outlook: Joliet Catholic knocked off St. Rita behind Keenan Hailey's 233 yards rushing and 3 touchdowns, and Nick Iannantoni's 146 yards rushing, 1 touchdown. Quarterback Jordan Alvarez threw only 1 pass, but the Hilltoppers can surprise run-first defenses. ICPC coach Bill Krefft called its crisp double-wing offense "a 6A version of Wilmington and Byron." Joliet Catholic will be uniformly larger up front, headed by seniors Colin Cox, Ty O'Janovic and 6-foot-6, 290-pound Dave Mannot, who can talk Purdue football with fellow Boilermakers commit Khalil Saunders of ICPC. The Knights solidified their 4A playoff prospects by leading powerful Althoff 50-0 at halftime. The Knights ran for 423 yards, 1 less than Joliet Catholic, led by sophomore Kyle Franklin's 206 yards, 4 touchdowns, and Steven Crady's 146 yards, 2 touchdowns. Khalil Saunders started at quarterback against Althoff, but Tommy Ryan got significant snaps, a pattern Krefft said may repeat depending on what foes show defensively.

Next week: Joliet Catholic at St. Viator; IC Catholic at Wheaton Academy.

Naperville Central (0-1) at

Lincoln-Way East (1-0)

Nonconference

Game time: 7 p.m. Friday.

Last week: Hinsdale Central 35, Naperville Central 34; Lincoln-Way East 41, Crete-Monroe 13.

Last year: Did not play.

Outlook: ...and into the fire. That's what it'll feel like throughout the season for Naperville Central, which is coming off a tough loss and now must face the state's top team and defending Class 8A champion. The Redhawks' offense flashed its potential last week. Between quarterback Payton Thorne, who threw for well over 300 yards, receivers Cade McDonald, Jared Suchevis and Sam Jackson, and running back Danny Hughes, Lincoln-Way East's defense will be tested. The question is whether or not Naperville Central's defense can settle in and improve from last week's loss. With Jack Jopes leading the secondary, improvement is a safe bet. The Redhawks, though, have to wait and see who they'll be defending. Griffins junior A.J. Henning boasts double-digit scholarship offers and is regarded as one of the state's top running backs, but he missed last week's game with a hip injury. In his place fellow junior Devon Williams ran for 170 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Next week: Naperville North at Naperville Central; Andrew at Lincoln-Way East.

Stevenson (1-0) at Neuqua Valley (1-0)

Nonconference

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday

Last week: Stevenson 35, Palatine 7; Neuqua Valley 27, Glenbard North 6.

Last year: Did not play.

Outlook: It's an inaugural meeting between teams ranked Nos. 10-11 by the Daily Herald. No. 11 Stevenson out of the North Suburban Conference, got out of the blocks with J.M. Etienne rushing for 154 yards and 2 touchdowns, with two-way player Jonny Kull bashing in for 2 short-yardage scores. The Patriots line up in a spread and give quarterback Cole Okmin plenty of opportunities to pass. Senior linebacker Maema Njongmeta, No. 28 in the Class of 2019 with 12 offers according to Rivals.com, made 9 tackles with a sack. Etienne will meet a Neuqua defense that allowed Glenbard North 3 net rushing yards. Uniformly solid at all three levels, seven players recorded between 7 (cornerback Jake Karaba) and 4 tackles (defensive backs Rudy Dedeaux and Ben Foy). Tailback Will Chevalier ran for 96 yards while in his first varsity start and junior quarterback Mark Gronowski kept the Panthers honest, completing 8 of 11 passes for 127 yards. Armani Moreno added 50 yards rushing.

Next week: Stevenson at Libertyville; Neuqua Valley at Waubesa Valley.

The Rest of the Best

Benet (1-0) at Moline (1-0)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: Between Andrew Eschenbach, Jack Cooney, Niko Kasprzycki and Luke Sznajder, it looks like Redwings quarterback Colin Gillespie has plenty of quality targets in the passing game. Edge rushers Jack Benish and Jacob Snell combined for 4 sacks last week.

Christ the King (0-1) at Montini (1-0)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: A 52-0 win over Hyde Park didn't allow Montini's quarterback trio of Daontay Bell, Robert Brazziel and Nick Mudd much time to check out coverages. It may be the same against this first-year program. A physical Broncos defense allowed 17 yards last week.

Downers Grove North (0-1) at Leyden (0-1)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: The Trojans found positives in a loss to Buffalo Grove, starting with the two-way play of Joe Passarelli and Drew Cassens, who played safety in addition to piling up about 250 yards at quarterback. The Trojans need to slow Eagles back Gabe Guarderas.

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Libertyville (0-1) at Waubesa Valley (1-0)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: Waubesa scored 24 points on 28 plays in a gutty win over Oak Park. Quarterback Jack Drow impressed with his coverage recognition, 2 touchdown throws to Julian Cain. Linebackers Carson O'Donnell, Ryan Mutz and Garrett St. Clair will bring it for 48 minutes.

Lockport (0-1) at WW South (1-0)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: Lockport's big offensive line presents a challenge, but last week WW South allowed fewer than 2 yards on first-down plays. Lineman Jack Kelly led the effort up front with 9 tackles. After not scoring a touchdown, the Tigers hope to get the ground game going.

Lyons Twp. (0-1) at Hinsdale South (0-1)

Game time: 7 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: How surprising was Hinsdale South's 6-0 loss to Kaneland? It's the first time the Hornets have been shut out in five years. Four turnovers and 7 penalties stymied their attempts to put points on the board. Twelve passes were far fewer than recent years.

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: The Mustangs suffered another injury at quarterback. George Ross hurt his knee, forcing sophomore Cole Warehime and running back-receiver Jayden Lambert into action. Shawn Lee and Kendall Burrow are getting accustomed to two-way line play.

St. Edward (0-1) at Wheaton Academy (1-0)

Game time: 7:15 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: The Warriors need to improve tackling, but when sophomore linebacker Trevor Donna blitzed Thornridge he bagged 10, 4 for loss. Offensive linemen Noel Stony and Derek Johank aim to repeat last week's effort, leading Cristian Carstens' 4 touchdown runs.

St. Francis (1-0) at Burlington Central (0-1)

Game time: 7 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: Spartans coach Bob McMillen was pleased his line blocked a larger Argo group, allowing Henry Plamondon to run for 79 yards and 2 touchdowns. Sophomore middle linebacker Michael Bumpus figures to be plenty busy against the Rockets' ground game.

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The quick hit: Tavion Keith's 70-yard kickoff return, Gavin Fitzpatrick's 20-yard interception return, Antonio Carter's 19-yard run and Spencer Pyle's 25-yard field goal provided points in many phases in the Raiders' Upstate Eight debut. Now, to run more than 37 plays.

Glenbard West (0-1) at Proviso East (1-0)

Game time: 6 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: Defensive adjustments already are coming to the Hilltoppers' defense, where Greyson Metz has moved up to linebacker and Marky Winters is likely to return to the line this week. If he does, it'll allow Hank Knez to focus more on the offensive side of the line.

Lake Park (0-1) at Metea Valley (0-1)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: The quarterback remains a fluid spot for Lake Park, but the defense is coming around. Sean Cox played well moving from linebacker to the line. Last week Metea Valley linebackers Nolan Falk, Jack Belskis and especially multitallented Julian Wodarczyk delivered.

Lake View (1-0) at Westmont (0-1)

Game time: 7 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: Five turnovers makes it hard to win, as Westmont discovered. Ball security is key against a team the Sentinels beat 19-6

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Maine West (1-0) at Fenton (1-0)

Game time: 7 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: Behind linemen Austin Adkins, Julian Giles, Eric Moreno, Angelo Mendoza and Jeff Andrews, Ethan Dollente's 186 yards and 3 touchdowns led Fenton's 42-7 win over Maine East. In comes Maine West, which forced 7 Mundelein turnovers and won 42-0.

Manteno (0-1) at Lisle (1-0)

Game time: 7 p.m. Friday at Benedictine University in Lisle.

The quick hit: Lisle hit Harvard with 363 yards rushing, A.J. Casmer and Connor Nigro each over 100 and Dylan Laue at 62 — but coach Paul Parpet Sr. thinks the offense can be more explosive. It'll need to be based on Interstate Eight Large foe Manteno's 49-14 win in 2017.

Mareville North (0-1) at Batavia (1-0)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: After a loss to Simeon, the Huskies now face the defending Class 7A champions. With quarterback Cliff Vickers and receiver Matt Heinz finding a rhythm, expect the offense to open up more. Bo Richter has become an integral two-way player.

Oak Park (0-1) at Downers Grove South (0-1)

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The quick hit: The Panthers look to build off last week's defensive intensity led by end Jaden Duenas and middle linebacker Mike Wellman, who also averaged 44 yards on punts. Wellman had to punt too often, though, and smoother offensive execution Friday is the key.

West Aurora (1-0) at West Chicago (0-1)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: The hosts, who lost 40-0 to South Elgin, get no break against the Upstate Eight favorite. Positives the Wildcats hope to replicate were Jordan Garcia's 6 yards per carry, interceptions by Mike Doukas and Omar Conteras, and Cesar Recendiz's fumble recovery.

Wheaton North (0-1) at Lake Forest (0-1)

Game time: 7 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: The Falcons must find a way to contain junior defensive lineman Rylie Mills, whose offers include Alabama and most of the Big Ten. Falcons junior Stephen Garner, who played linebacker last week, might be in the offensive backfield at running back.

York (0-1) at Addison Trail (0-1)

Game time: 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The quick hit: York started four juniors on the offensive line, but they played well and with an edge. Joe Javorek started at quarterback but Darryl Dunn is also in the mix. Looks like the Blazers found a feature running back with J'La' Williams, who rushed for 120 yards.



build off regional title last year. Senior class has reinvented the culture of Metea soccer and are doing a great job showing that through early season training." Nequa Valley lost 12 seniors from last season's 14-6-1 team that finished 5-3-0 in the DVC. Coach Arnoldo Gonzalez expects the strength to come from the midfield, but will the group be able to come together quickly with many new bodies taking on different roles? "With a blend of freshmen through seniors, we are hoping to come together as a unit," he said. Seniors Jose Navarro, David Kuhn and Anthony Safo all return.

Waubensie Valley will look to improve on last year's 10-11-1 record but will do so with a mix of players who will need to take on additional responsibilities after having 10 seniors on the roster last fall. Juniors Noah Glorioso and Danny Fritz are back to lead

Wheaton North was only 7-12-4 but finished strong, winning a regional and hanging tough in a sectional semifinal. "Our major strength this year will be our returning back line," Falcons coach Rob Stassen said. "We will be better this year due to our confidence and returning players with experience." Jack Mancuso returns to lead the back line, while Alex Beausoleil and Joe Gaither return to lead their scorers.

Wheaton Warrenville South welcomes back eight players from last year's 7-12-2 squad. "We will get out slowly while trying to develop continuity in our ideas given the majority of players are new to the level of play," Tigers coach Guy Callipari said. Midfielders Sumani Hussein, Ryan Duffy, and Nick McGrath, forward Declin Ermer, defender Sam Schlegel and goalkeeper Joe Adamek all return.

This team is determined, hard working, committed and energetic" and one that "clearly enjoys being around each other; a group that loves to play." Seniors Kosta Kinnas, Gavin Schwarz, Kareem Touleimat and Gareth Maritz are among the returning Red Devils. York returns a lot of talent from a team that compiled 13 wins a season ago but fell short of a regional title. The group's hungry and coach Lukasz Majewski likes that. "We have a one-game-at-a-time mentality and view every opponent as important and dangerous," he said. "We are a fast and a technically gifted squad with the ability to possess the ball for prolonged periods of time." Midfielders Joe Meade, Paolo Favuzzi, Jack Musial and Ethan Oder are among the team's returnees, while defenders Edwardo DelCarmen, Josh Borzallo, Jonathan Milani and Parker Gawne also are back. Gawne likely will see time at forward as well.

Addison Trail will get a huge boost from the addition of a half-dozen players who only played academy last year and will look to combine with several returning players for a team that struggled through a 6-12-4 season. "Our talent level is much improved from last year," Blazers coach Ryan Dini said. "We are very excited about this group of players. We also have a lot of players who can play all over the field, so our versatility is going to be important depending on our opponent for specific matches." Just a couple years ago, Addison Trail went 22-2. The Blazers are hungry to return to that level, and with the mix of returnees, newcomers and desire, should be a tough team to beat.

Downers Grove South is fortunate

we will contribute as a team to scoring goals in multiple areas by various players," Bison coach Victor Ruiz said. "You can't replace an Angel Barriga, but you can make up by playing stronger as a team." Coming off a 17-win season, the Bison do return some experienced and talented players, including seniors Abraham Sanchez, Branny Salas and goalkeeper Carlos Popoca, juniors Sebastian Palacios and Jason Fuentes and sophomore Ivan Jaramillo.

IC Catholic Prep was hit hard by the loss of 11 seniors, but the program is still young, taking the field for just the fourth year. It is coming off a 3-16 season

Benet dominated the East Suburban Catholic Conference (8-1) but only had one victory outside of it. The Redwings should be solid defensively, as well as in the midfield with three players returning there, including Nick Renfro. Benet will start a goalie with no experience, but juniors Hunter Randolph and Vytautas Staniskis are the options and coach Sean Wesley said he's excited to get them time in net. "We are young again, but this year we are young with experience," Wesley said. "We're returning four freshmen and two sophomores, all who played a lot of minutes last year." Offensively, the Redwings once again turn

for a third straight conference championship and a deep run into the playoffs." Lisle is going to need its three seniors to have solid seasons and for its biggest class, sophomores, including many who started or played a lot last fall, to step up and contribute if the Lions hope to get over the sub-.500 hump (8-10 last year). "We expect to improve our offensive production as all but one player is back from last year's starting lineup," Lisle coach Paul Kohorn said. Max Pavlyuk and Alexis Tamariz give the team depth in goal. Defenders Jacob Wilk and Griff Myslewic also return.

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Colin Iverson will try to lead Naperville North to its third consecutive Class 3A championship this season.



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Glenbard South goalkeeper Jack Hurst reaches for the soccer ball as Timothy Christian's Josh Wise, Jonathan Stremier and Connor Teune close in Thursday in Glen Ellyn.

BOYS SOCCER PREVIEW

Area teams looking to achieve their goals

By **MATT LE CREN**
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The start of the high school boys soccer season initiates the drive toward Hoffman Estates for the Class 2A and 3A state finals in November. Here's the outlook for Glenbard East, IC Catholic Prep, Montini, Timothy Christian, Willowbrook and York as they start their quest for glory.

Glenbard East Rams

Coach: Josh Adler
Conference: Upstate Eight

Top players

NAME	YEAR	POSITION
Nick O'Brien	sr.	M
Ian Moran	sr.	D/M
Alex Johnson	sr.	D
Adler Joiner	sr.	D
Gerardo Galvez	sr.	G

Outlook: The Rams were 9-7-3 overall and 3-1-1 in the conference last year and have an experienced defense. Scoring could be a concern, though. O'Brien scored seven goals last year and Moran had three goals and two assists. Both were all-conference, with O'Brien adding all-sectional honors and Moran being named honorable mention all-sectional. Two sophomores - forward Gavin Woolridge and midfielder Mitch Zetterquist - and junior midfielder Patrick Campuzano will get a chance to add some punch to the attack.

"This year's group is an experienced group with 15 returning players that got some playing time or started throughout 2017," Adler said. "We are looking to build off our 2017 success and be a contender in the Upstate Eight. Our strengths are technical skill, experience and ability to play tough and adjust to situations. We are working hard at improving our production in the final third."

IC Catholic Prep Knights

Coach: Javier Andrade
Conference: Metro Suburban

Top players

NAME	YEAR	POSITION
Thomas Sloan	jr.	M
William Russ	jr.	D
Joseph Sloan	sr.	D
Ryan Asmussen	sr.	D
Jacob Laspisa	so.	F

Outlook: A new era begins after graduation claimed 16 players. The



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York's Parker Gawne works to keep the ball from a New Trier defender during a game in 2017. Gawne is one of five juniors back from last year's 13-9 team.

program is entering its fourth season and lacks standout players, so Andrade is preaching the team concept as the Knights work on increasing their individual skills.

"We have been developing the players every year with skills and technique," Andrade said. "The pronoun 'I' does not exist in my team. The pronoun 'we' is the one that we speak about, since we are a team. Our weakness is communication among the players, but we are working on it and we should be ready to implement that for our first game."

Montini Broncos

Coach: Barry Briggs
Conference: Chicago Catholic

Top players

NAME	YEAR	POSITION
Jeshua Gonzaga	jr.	F
Cody Collier	jr.	M
Johnny McManus	jr.	M
George Lambesis	sr.	D
Adam Belmares	fr.	M/D

Outlook: Briggs has two solid pieces in the middle in Collier and McManus and he said Gonzaga has Division I ambitions. Belmares could make an immediate impact for a young, inexperienced team.

"Adam Belmares is our most pleasant surprise this season," Briggs said. "He plays much stronger and wiser than a freshman. We are still fairly

young and small, with only three seniors. However, the boys are willing to work for the win. We are hoping to develop and compete with some of the larger schools."

Timothy Christian Trojans

Coach: Joel Zielke
Conference: Metro Suburban

Top players

NAME	YEAR	POSITION
Mike Vogt	so.	D
Isaiah Whitaker	sr.	D/M
Matt Van Zeelt	sr.	D/M
Nick Johnson	sr.	GK
Andrew Vogt	sr.	D

Outlook: The Trojans have moved down to Class 1A, which bodes well for a team that has 11 players, including nine starters, back from last year's 17-7 team. A run at the 1A state championship is feasible if the Trojans can replace Jimmy Allen, the program's all-time leading scorer, and Mike Martens, who now plays for Wheaton College. Defense should not be a problem as Mike Vogt, Whitaker and Van Zeelt were all-conference picks last year and the midfield also is experienced. A tough schedule that has only four 1A opponents should provide preparation for the state tournament.

"Coming off a 2A sectional final in 2017, Timothy Christian has high expectations for 2018," Zielke said. "We

look to be a possession-oriented team with a versatile lineup. The biggest challenge will be to see which players step up to finish goals."

Willowbrook Warriors

Coach: Eddie Delacruz
Conference: West Suburban Gold

Top players

NAME	YEAR	POSITION
Mario Giase	sr.	GK
David Rizzo	sr.	M
Jeff Wolski	sr.	M
Dorian Mahone	jr.	M
Thomas Waldorf	sr.	D

Outlook: Delacruz is optimistic the Warriors can improve on last year's 7-11 record. The back line is completely new, but Giase, a three-year starter, can make up for that if he continues his outstanding play. Rizzo, who takes most of Willowbrook's restarts, and the defensive-minded Wolski are the glue of a talented midfield that also includes Mahone, an athletic playmaker.

"I know [Giase] can play at the next level," Delacruz said. "Mario does it all in regards to being our leader and a great student-athlete. He is the total package who makes people around him better."

York Dukes

Coach: Lukasz Majewski
Conference: West Suburban Silver

Top players

NAME	YEAR	POSITION
Joe Meade	jr.	M
Paolo Favuzzi	jr.	M
Edwardo DelCarmen	sr.	D
Edgar Roman	sr.	F
Jack Musial	jr.	M

Outlook: Nine players are back from a 13-9 team that went 3-3 in the rugged Silver. Five of them are juniors, which gives the Dukes a high ceiling. The midfield is experienced yet still young with juniors Meade, Favuzzi, Musial and Ethan Oder leading the way, and the defense is solid thanks to DelCarmen and fellow senior Josh Borzello. Another junior, Parker Gawne, can play forward or defense and brings tremendous speed and relentlessness.

"We are a fast and technically gifted squad with the ability to possess the ball for long periods of time," Majewski said. "We pressure other teams to turn over the ball and capitalize on their mistakes."

York drops close one, but shows improvement

By BILL STONE

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ELMHURST – Now also part of a few defensive packages, York senior running back KeVon Robinson was especially enthused after the season opener Aug. 24 on both sides of the football.

Coming off a 1-8 season, the Dukes may have lost to New Trier 21-13 in Elmhurst, but under new head coach Mike Fitzgerald they held their own against a perennial playoff qualifier that won the 2017 opening meeting between the schools 31-0.

"We're more excited – as a team," Robinson said. "[Fitzgerald] was stressing family, getting to know people, being a team. We're more excited to be a team and be a team to beat in our conference this year."

Robinson rushed for a 21-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Senior quarterback Joseph Javorek found tight end Tyrone Birmingham for a 16-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter, but the extra point failed in the drizzle and York trailed 14-13.

After a 50-yard TD run by New Trier's Brian Sitzer, York reached the 32-yard line before turning the ball over



Gary E. Duncan Sr. - For Shaw Media

York's KeVon Robinson on Aug. 24 crosses the goal line for the Dukes' first touchdown in the season opener against New Trier.

on downs with 5:12 remaining. The Trevians ran out the clock.

There was plenty of reasons to be encouraged, though.

Only twice last season did the Dukes score at least twice in any game. The

defense allowed at least 24 points eight times.

"I know probably a lot of people are wondering how the heck did we do it, but these kids have worked extremely hard. They've committed. They've worked. It's not a surprise," Fitzgerald said. "We talked all week it's just about effort and attitude. The scoreboard doesn't always tell the full story. I'm really proud of these kids. They got better tonight."

York junior running back Nicholas Conroy entered in the second quarter and rushed for 102 yards. Javorek passed for 70 yards in his varsity start, and Robinson rushed for 62 yards. The Dukes especially were effective up the middle behind center Hayden Snyder and guards Joshua Mathiasen and Dan Wagner.

"Offensive-wise [I thank] my line blocking, making the big holes for me to get through," Robinson said. "It feels really good [to score], standing up, turning around, seeing the crowd cheering your name. It feels really good."

Defensively, Robinson played safety and linebacker. He also was among those on the sidelines mobbing senior

John Milling after his interception at the 4-yard line kept the game tied 7-7 at halftime. New Trier just missed a 40-yard field-goal attempt, and then recovered a fumble at the 39.

"Our D-line got great pressure [on the interception]. I was just there," Milling said. "It was just a great defensive play all around. It was a game-changer."

In the fourth quarter, York's Clayton Letourneau broke up a fourth-down pass in the end zone. Ben Melion, Christopher Eckard and Bo Thomas combined for two sacks. New Trier quarterback Carson Ochsenhirt eluded another sack attempt for a 50-yard touchdown pass with 59 seconds left in the third quarter.

Northwestern recruit Duke Olges, a 6-foot-5, 265-pound defensive lineman, joined the second-half offense at lineman or blocking back.

Robinson hopes he can contribute both ways in a similar fashion.

"We have confidence in those other [defensive] guys, so it's not a knock on them, but we want to get guys in certain situations," Fitzgerald said. "It's all about utilizing your personnel and putting them in positions to be successful."

FOOTBALL

Tumilty brothers' spectacular debut boosts Willowbrook

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VILLA PARK – After consecutive trips to the Class 6A quarterfinals, the question heading into the 2018 season was what Willowbrook could do for an encore.

If early returns are any indication, special things could be in store for the Warriors.

Behind the brother duo of Sam and Scotty Tumilty, Willowbrook on Aug. 24 cruised to a 41-0 win over a Curie team that won nine games a year ago and advanced into the second round of the Class 8A playoffs.

Taking over under center this season after primarily playing in the defensive secondary last fall, Sam Tumilty accounted for four touchdowns in his varsity quarterback debut. The junior, who also continued his role on defense,

ran for two touchdowns and threw two TDs to older brother Scotty.

"It was good to finally play another team," said Sam Tumilty, who ran for 87 yards, including scores of 3 and 22 yards. "We've been working hard all summer. All the guys are working to get better and continue to build together and get that team chemistry we had last year which helped a lot."

Franshun Jordan and D'onte Gholston also had rushing scores for an offensive unit that has had to replace 2,000-yard rusher Jack Jessen. Helping out was Warriors' offensive line of Emmanuel Chavez, T J Gregory, Ryan Ranieri, Matthew Knudtson and Tyler Walenga that dominated the line of scrimmage.

"This gives us a confidence boost, especially to the younger guys," Knudtson said. "It's great to get those guys experience and confidence. Jack

was a great player and it's tough to replace him, but we have some new players like Sam. And with the O-line, they teach the same things no matter what guys are in there. The biggest thing is tempo."

Defensively, the Warriors received interceptions from C.J. Harris and Kevin Fitzgerald while also recording four sacks. The unit also got impressive contributions from a pair of sophomore linebackers, Mohammad Ayesh and Sergio Ayala.

Special teams got into the act with Zoe Ericson-Staton making five extra points and Deandre Holliday booming a 57-yard punt.

"Most of the defensive backs and a couple of D-linemen are returning," Scotty Tumilty said. "Coming off last year, every game we want to try to put up a goose egg and hold teams to less than 100 yards rushing and 100 yards

passing and get two to three turnovers."

Glenbard East

Bret Bushka ran for three touchdowns and threw for two TDs to Jeremy Johnson for the Rams (1-0) in a 47-6 win over Elgin.

IC Catholic Prep

Kyle Franklin ran for 206 yards and four touchdowns in the first half, including an 84-yarder on the second play of the game, and Steven Crady went for 146 yards and two scores as the Knights (1-0) rolled past Belleville Althoff 50-14 at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Montini

Deontay Bell threw for two touchdowns and ran for a third, and the Broncos (1-0) held Hyde Park to 17 yards of total offense in a 52-0 win.

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Volleyball players set sights on net gains

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The start of the high school girls volleyball season initiates the drive toward Normal for the Class 2A and 3A state finals in November. Here's the outlook for Glenbard East, Montini, Timothy Christian, Willowbrook and York as they start their quest for glory.

Glenbard East Rams

Coach: Marci Maier
Conference: Upstate Eight

Top players		
NAME	YEAR	POSITION
Allison Hamaker	sr.	OPP
Sarah Elliott	sr.	OH
Emily Sarles	sr.	S
Cassie Schweikle	so.	OH

Outlook: Hamaker and Elliott combined for nearly 400 kills and 350 digs last season, while Sarles dished 380 assists. They form a nice base to build off as the Rams look to improve on their 18-20 record from 2017. Sarles will have plenty of targets, including junior middles Hannah Simek and Alex Walton.

"We are excited for this season," Maier said. "We battled a lot of adversity last year. We are looking forward to a much-improved team. We hope to continue to play great defense and our offense should be improved. We have a great group of girls."

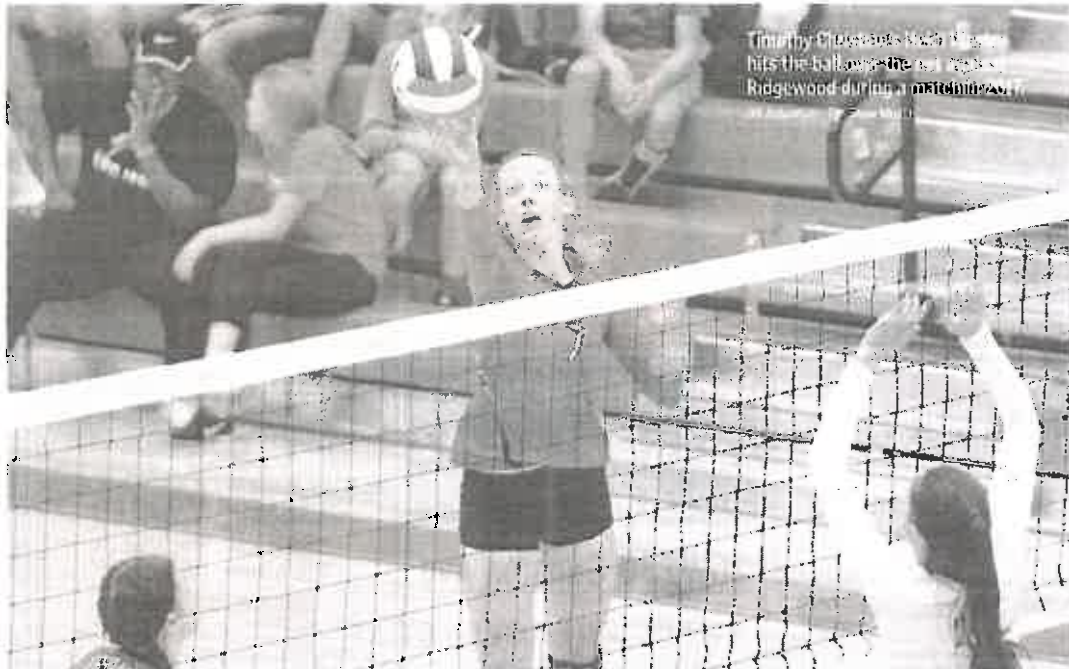
Montini Lady Broncos

Coach: Steve Dowjotas
Conference: GCAC

Top players		
NAME	YEAR	POSITION
Joslyn Boyer	sr.	DS
Caitlyn Meeks	sr.	OH
Johanna Kingsfield	sr.	MH
Maddie Pickering	sr.	DS
Tess Neenan	jr.	S
Julia Marciniak	jr.	RS

Outlook: The Lady Broncos are talented and hungry after losing in the sectional final last year. They boast three Division I athletes in the Iowa-bound Boyer, Georgia Southern recruit Meeks and Kingsfield, who will play lacrosse at Northwestern. Montini already opened eyes this past weekend, beating Benet to win the tournament championship at Wheaton North.

The defense, led by all-conference picks Boyer and Pickering, is especially solid. Two freshmen – outside hitter



Timothy Christian's Sarah Elliott hits the ball over the net to top set Ridgewood during a match.

Paige Pickering and middle hitter Maddie Kasallis – could make an impact.

"As always, our schedule is extremely tough," Dowjotas said. "We will be a mix of young and experienced and I expect the returning varsity players to bounce back from a tough loss in the sectional finals last year with a chip on their shoulder."

Timothy Christian Trojans

Coach: Scott Piersma
Conference: Metro Suburban

Top players		
NAME	YEAR	POSITION
Heidi Westra	sr.	OH
Abygale Ahn	sr.	L
Greta Hoogstra	so.	MH
Hannah Schuringa	so.	OH
Campbell Marshall	so.	S

Outlook: The Trojans have nine seniors, but that is deceiving as only four have varsity experience. They will rely heavily on five sophomores, and Piersma said he expects it will take until the end of September for the team to hit its stride. The 6-foot-1 Westra and 5-6 Ahn are returning starters from a team that went 24-13 and reached a Class 3A regional final. Ahn also plays tennis during the fall and is a three-time state qualifier in that sport.

"We have a young team," Piersma

said. "There will be a learning curve for [the sophomores] both to learn to play with the seniors and learn the faster pace of the varsity game. We hope to have it all put together by the end of September so that we are able to have a deep postseason run."

Willowbrook Warriors

Coach: Irene Mason
Conference: West Suburban Gold

Top players		
NAME	YEAR	POSITION
Payton Ceh	jr.	L
Katelyn McCann	sr.	OH
Karlyn Karcz	sr.	MB
Emma Barrington	sr.	RS
Charlotte Dewyer	sr.	OH

Outlook: The Warriors struggled to an 11-23 record, but 10 players are back, including eight seniors hungry for improvement. They have a great defender in Ceh, a two-time all-conference pick who led the team in digs (279) and aces (47) last fall. McCann, who had 204 digs, combined with Karcz, Barrington and Dewyer to rack up 228 kills, giving sophomore setter Grace Reckamp, who earned the starting job late last fall, plenty of options.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how our team comes together and competes every single day," Mason said. "I'm ex-

pecting big things from Payton Ceh. She was our MVP last season and she's gotten even better."

York Dukes

Coach: Patty Iverson
Conference: West Suburban Silver

Top players		
NAME	YEAR	POSITION
Gigi Barr	so.	OH
Jessica Levy	sr.	OH
Asha Labine	sr.	MB
Sophia Glabus	sr.	MB

Outlook: The Dukes are stacked in the middle with the 6-foot Glabus, a Gannon recruit, and 5-11 Labine. Those two combined for 153 kills and 117 blocks last year. The 6-foot Barr (232 kills, 116 digs) 5-8 Case Western commit Levy (178 kills, 174 digs) and 5-9 sophomore Grace Meadows provide additional options for returning senior setter Sam Kao.

"We have some very good athletes this year and a mix of seniors and sophomores predominantly, so we are working toward playing consistently strong and making a cohesive team with our younger players who are playing very well," Iverson said. "The group is really hardworking and committed to improving and we have shown steady improvement so far."

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The 2018-19 Willowbrook pom team includes five seniors. The photo above shows the seniors before Friday night's football game. Pictured left to right are: Claryce Dooley, Samantha Corso, Kristy Holloway, Hope Rickord and Kaylee McEllin. The photo below from the pom team's halftime performance shows (left to right) Holloway, Corso, McEllin, Dooley and Rickord. The two seniors on the WBHS Guard are Sara Das (above right) and April Aquino (below right).



Celebrating senior cheerleaders

Willowbrook High School honored several of its seniors before Friday night's season-opening football game against Curie Metro High School. In addition to recognizing the seniors on the football team, the school honored the senior members of the marching band, cheerleading team, pom team and WBHS Guard. Willowbrook's senior cheerleaders (pictured left to right on Friday) are: (front row) Laila Teran, Faith Johnkin, Lilli Glasener, Jasmyrn White and Lily Jacobsen; (back row) Samantha Yacono, Miani Blackwell, Maddie Flaskamp, Jordyn Pasquale, Heather Cuthbertson and Jameah Adams.

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It's a clean machine

The Willowbrook High School cheerleading program held a fund-raising car wash on Sunday outside of Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801. Customers included Lt. Jamie Bickley (pictured) of the Villa Park Fire Department, who brought in Engine 82 for a cleaning. Also pictured (right) at the car wash are (left to right) five Willowbrook cheerleaders—junior Deja Ramsey, junior Asia Byrd, senior Laila Teran, junior Kathleen Doyle and senior Jameah Adams.

Superintendent discusses District 88's safety policies

Editor's note: District 88 Superintendent Scott Helton released the following column last week regarding safety and security measures at the district's two schools—Willowbrook High School and Addison Trail High School.

By Scott Helton

At District 88, the safety of our students, staff and visiting community members is our No. 1 priority.

As we begin the 2018-19 school year, we would like to share with you important information regarding our safety and security measures to maintain a secure and caring home at Addison Trail and Willowbrook. We want to assure you the security of our buildings is always at the forefront of our work.

1. Training for students and staff members: We list this item as No. 1 because creating a welcoming environment is the first step to a safe school. If students and staff members know they're valued and belong, it helps establish a safe place of learning. Maintaining relationships with our students creates a culture where they feel comfortable communicating with us about possible issues. We follow the motto of the "If You See Something, Say Something" national campaign and explain the importance of being proactive to avoid potentially dangerous situations. We also train students and staff members how to handle various crisis situations. This year, we're working with the Addison and Villa Park police departments to implement ALICE Training (which stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) to ensure the buildings continue to follow best practices with regard to school safety.

2. Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS): In fall 2007, Addison Trail and Willowbrook implemented a program called PBIS, which encourages students to exemplify positive behavior and help others to do the same. Students are rewarded for living up to the Warrior Code at Willowbrook and showing Blazer Pride at Addison Trail, which instills a culture of tolerance and quality behavioral traits.

3. Video cameras: Video cameras are installed in key places on the interior and exterior of our buildings to ensure the safety of students and staff members. Our local first responders have access to this video feed to assist in the event of an emergency.

4. School Resource Officers: When you enter Addison Trail or Willowbrook, you'll often see School Resource Officers Eric Brant (Addison Trail) and Donald Giammarino (Willowbrook). Those on-duty, active officers are there to work with us in our mission to maintain the security of

our schools.

5. Crisis plans: Every year, District 88 meets with the local police and fire departments to update the district's crisis plans to make sure we're prepared for crisis situations. We also have ongoing drills and simulated practices with the police and fire departments, as well as the county homeland security office.

6. Practicing security: We want to make sure we can follow through on the plans we implement, which is why we frequently host various tabletop exercises and drills such as fire and tornado drills, mock lock-downs and mock intruder situations. Locker checks also take place during the school year.

7. Communication: Keeping our stakeholders informed is a top priority at District 88. In the event of an emergency, District 88 uses an automated message system to inform parents/guardians. We also post information on our website (www.dupage88.net).

8. Monitoring the buildings: Throughout the day, staff members monitor the halls to ensure security and that students are focused on learning. Students also provide frequent feedback regarding concerns they have, and all information received is treated seriously and is fully investigated.

9. Check-in system: Visitors to District 88 must have their driver's license scanned to check for criminal background activity before they can enter the building. They also must wear a visitor badge and sign in and out, so we have a record of their visit.

10. School psychologists, counselors and deans: Our school psychologists, counselors and deans are always available to speak with students who need guidance and support. Those pupil services provide an opportunity for students to seek assistance in dealing with various difficult situations. Those relationships are critical to ensuring the safety of our schools. The Deans Office also helps to prevent bullying. Bullying of any kind is not tolerated at District 88, and there is a bullying hotline at each school. Anyone who wishes to make an anonymous report can call the hotline at 630-782-2801 (Addison Trail) or 630-782-2803 (Willowbrook). For more information regarding anti-bullying, see the District 88 Handbook at www.dupage88.net/Handbook.

We all share the goal of making our schools secure and welcoming for our students, staff and visitors, and District 88 is committed to working together with all of our partners to uphold the safety of our buildings.

Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at sheilton@dupage88.net or 630-530-3980. Thank you for your continued support of District 88.



Pedestrian struck and killed by vehicle in Villa Park Driver not charged; incident is under investigation

A pedestrian died after being struck by a vehicle early Saturday morning on Roosevelt Road in Villa Park.

According to the Villa Park Police Department, police responded to the 0-100 block of West Roosevelt Road at 1:39 a.m. The pedestrian, a 34-year-old male, sustained critical injuries. Paramedics transported him to Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, where he died. According to the police department, occupants of the vehicle involved in the incident were

uninjured.

A news release issued by the police department added that the crash remains under investigation by Villa Park Police, the DuPage County Coroner's Office, and members of the DuPage County Accident Reconstruction Team. As of Monday morning, the name of the deceased victim was being withheld pending notification of next of kin. Villa Park Deputy Police Chief William Lyons noted on Monday that the driver of the vehicle involved in the incident had not been charged with any violation.

Villa Park briefs

Residents 65 and older can take advantage of District 88's Senior Gold Card

If you are 65 years of age or older and live within District 88's boundaries, you are eligible to enjoy the benefits of the district's free Senior Gold Card. The card allows you to experience athletic events, concerts and more for free at Willowbrook High School and at Addison Trail High School. To sign up for your District 88 Senior Gold Card, contact Dani Brink, the district's director of community relations, at 630-530-3989, or at dbrink@dupage88.net.

Include the spelling of your first and last name, a phone number and an e-mail address, and the address where you would like the card to be sent. Your card and a calendar of upcoming events will be mailed to you.

Paws on the Path scheduled for Sept. 8

Villa Park's Community Pride Commission invites residents to its annual Paws on the Path pet adoption event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8. The event, which will feature information about adoptable animals, will take place near the Rugaro Gazebo, located near Ardmore Avenue and Park Boulevard. There will be live music, games, vendors, a children's activity tent and a pet costume contest. Attendees are invit-

ed to bring dog or cat food to donate to a drive for sheltered animals. For more information, send an e-mail to pride@inwillavpark.com.

Villa Park Brewfest takes place Sept. 29

The second annual Villa Park Brewfest will take place Saturday, Sept. 29, at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park, 318 E. Kenilworth Ave. More than 100 different styles of beers will be available for sample tastings. General admission will run from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Gold Pass holders will be able to enter the fest at 1 p.m. For more information, or to purchase tickets for the festival, visit willavparkbrewfest.com.

College of DuPage event to raise funds for District 88 students

The College of DuPage (COD) Food Truck Rally and Sunset 5K event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 13. Proceeds from the race will go toward scholarships for a Willowbrook High School student and an Addison Trail student who choose to attend COD. When registering for the 5K run/walk or the 100-yard youth dash, be sure to designate the race fee to the high school of your choice. The event will take place from 2 to 8 p.m. at COD, with the race beginning at 4:30 p.m. There will also be a food truck rally featur-

ing cuisine from 15 area food trucks. The event will also include a Touch-a-Truck and other free children's activities. For more information, or to register, visit www.cod.edu/5K.

District 88 students take part in YES! series

On Aug. 6 and 7, about 30 students from Willowbrook and Addison Trail participated in Youth Equity Stewardship (YES!) series training sessions at Addison Trail.

Led by Benjie Howard and Wade Antonio-Colwell, the program is designed to prepare students to recognize and learn from the diversity around them.

During the sessions, students shared their thoughts and experiences through multimedia, interactive activities regarding cultural competency. That group will continue to meet throughout the school year.

District 88 formed an Equity Task Force in spring 2015 to further enhance the district's cultural competency, and the YES! series was implemented to involve students in those efforts. Staff members also participated in Deep Equity training with Gary Howard with the Deep Equity Institute and Corwin. District 88 is committed to continuing this work with cultural competency and culturally responsive teaching for the inclusion, equity and excellence of all students.

Sports

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New-look Warriors kick off the season by crushing Curie 41-0

Quarterback Sam Tumilty runs for two TDs, and throws a pair of touchdown passes to his brother

The Willowbrook football team began its 2018 season with Friday's 41-0 rout of Chicago's Curie Metro High School. Playing in front of their home fans on senior night, the Warriors scored two touchdowns in each of the first two quarters to take a 28-0 halftime lead.

The Warriors scored on the game's opening drive, with junior quarterback Sam Tumilty racing 22 yards for a touchdown with about nine minutes left in the first quarter. Senior kicker Zoe Ericson-Staton booted the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

Senior Franshun Jordan delivered the Warriors' second touchdown of the night with a 2-yard scoring run later in the first quarter. Willowbrook scored its third touchdown early in the second period, when Sam Tumilty threw a 9-yard scoring pass to his older brother—senior Scott Tumilty. Sam Tumilty turned in his second rushing touchdown of the evening—a 3-yard scoring run, with less than five minutes to play in the opening half. Ericson-Staton's fourth extra-point kick extended the Warriors' lead to 28-0.

Senior D'onte Gholston added a 1-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. The Tumilty brothers connected for another touchdown pass—a 5-yard throw from Sam to Scott—in the fourth period.

The Warriors advanced to the quarterfinal round of the IHSA state playoffs in each of the last two seasons. Willowbrook finished the 2017 season with an overall record of 10-2. The Warriors posted a perfect 6-0 West Suburban Gold Conference record to claim sole possession of the conference title. Several key members of last year's team have graduated, but this year's team showed promise in Friday's opener against the Condors.

Willowbrook will play another home game this Friday. The Warriors will tangle with Hinsdale Central of the West Suburban Silver Conference. The Red Devils opened their 2018 season by rallying from a 28-7 third-quarter deficit to beat Naperville Central 35-34.

(Right) Junior quarterback Sam Tumilty (No. 6) ran for two touchdowns and threw a pair of touchdown passes to his brother—senior Scott Tumilty.

(Right) Senior Franshun Jordan (No. 3) rushed for a first-half touchdown.

Willowbrook golf team opens dual-meet season with a victory

The Willowbrook boys golf team played its first dual meet of the season last week. Playing on their home course, the Warriors defeated Elkwood Park 151-180 in the Aug. 21 competition at Sugar Creek Golf Course in Villa Park.

Junior Logan Rattana fired Willowbrook's best round of the meet. Rattana posted a nine-hole score of 35. Seniors Joey Goetzke and Jackson Hathaway both carded scores of 38, while senior Taylor Satovich shot a 40.



Willowbrook's football team defeated Chicago's Curie Metro High School 41-0 in Friday's season-opening game in Villa Park. Above photo shows Willowbrook senior D'onte Gholston (No. 8) returning the game's opening kickoff to Curie's 48-yard line. The Warriors went on to score on their opening drive.

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Strike a pose

The Willowbrook pom team performed during the recent Silver and Blue Community Night event. Pictured at the end of the performance are (left to right) freshman Ava Cappelletti and senior Hope Rickord.

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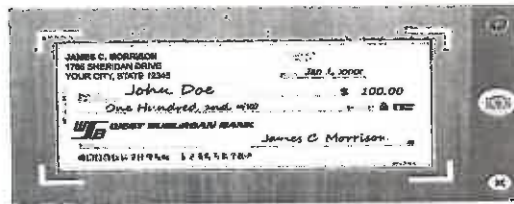
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