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Addison Community Blood Drive Chairperson Judy Socha thanks the District 88 Board of Education and administration for their support of blood drives at Addison Trail and Willowbrook. Socha attended the Oct. 15 District 88 Board of Education meeting to present the district with a check for hosting blood drives, and the money goes to scholarships for District 88 students.

District receives scholarship funds from blood drive

During the Oct. 15th District 88 year at Addison Trail and Willow-Board of Education meeting, Addi-son Community Blood Drive Chair-District 88 students. District 88 re-Board of Education meeting, Addison Community Blood Drive Chairperson Judy Socha presented District
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97 250 and the pload and \$7,250 and thanked the Board and administration for their support.

The money is from blood drives thanks to the generosity of those do-hosted during the 2017-18 school nors.

supports three lives, which means 1,515 lives have been supported

Symphony musicians to perform at Mayslake

The Elmhurst Symphony Musicians in Performance at Mayslake series opens its 2018-19 season with "Bolling: Toot Suite" on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 3 p.m. at Mayslake Pea-body Estate, 1717 W. 31st St. in Oak Brook.

The Bolling Team Ensemble includes flutist Claudia Cryer, pianist Jeremy Kahn, bassist Alison Gaines and Andrew Cierney on drums. They will play Claude Bolling's Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano Trio No. 1, along with music by Villa-Lobos, Fauré, Bach and Duke Ellington. Come and enjoy a delightful autumn afternoon with this stellar group of musicians in the beautiful setting of

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for students. Call 630-941-0202 or visit elmhurstsymphony.org for tickets and information. This concert is sponsored in part by 90.9FM WDCB, Chicago's Home for Jazz.



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Addison Trail and Willowbrook students and staff members host a group of students from Germany. From Sept. 23 to Oct. 8, District 88 welcomed and hosted 21 students, two teachers and the principal from Heimholtzschule in Frankfurt, Germany, as part of the German American Partnership Program (GAPP) – Student Exchange. Through the GAPP, pupils from District 88 also will have an opportunity to visit Germany in June 2019.

District 88 welcomes students, staff from Germany

From Sept. 23 to Oct. 8, District 88 welcomed and hosted 21 students, two teachers and the principal from Helmholtzschule in Frankfurt, Germany.

Their visit was part of the German American Partnership Program (GAPP) - Student Exchange, which provides information about cultural, social and political life in Germany through encouraging intercultural dialogue and enabling cultural in-volvement. During their time with the district, the group members shadowed Addison Trail and Willowbrook students, staff members and administrators, toured the buildings and viewed extracurricular activities such as athletic and performing arts events. They also visited Chi-cago landmarks. The students from Germany presented to Addison Trail classes as well on topics such as culi-nary specialties of Hesse (the state in which Frankfurt is located), the German school system and economy and a comparison of the history of migra-tion, immigration and multiculturalism in the U.S. and Germany.

District 88 hosted a celebration to greet the group on Sept. 23, During the Sept. 24 District 88 Board of Education meeting, Board President Donna Craft Cain, along with the District 88 administration, present-ed Helmholtzschule Principal Gerrit Ulmke and teachers Johannes Falter and Jana Knopp with plaques and certificates in appreciation of their partnership. And on Oct. 8, the group gathered for a farewell celebration.

District 88 embraces the diversity of its student body and communi-



Addison Trail and Willowbrook students, along with District 88 administrators, host a farewell celebratton on Oct. 8 for a group who visited the district from Germany. From Sept. 23 to Oct. 8, District 88 welcomed and hosted 21 students, two teachers and the principal from Helmholtzschule in Frankfurt, Germany, as part of the German American Partnership Program (GAPP) — Student Exchange. Through the GAPP, pupils from District 88 also will have an opportunity to visit Germany in June 2019.

ties as a strength for its schools. The district has about 40 languages and more than 30 countries represented among its families, and almost half of the about 4,000 students at District 88 speak a language other than English at home. The district continuously provides opportunities for students to experience other cultures, and through the GAPP, pupils from Addison Trail and Willowbrook will visit Germany in June 2019. Whether it's traveling to Europe or hosting guests from abroad, those interactions teach students life lessons and help them develop a global mindset.

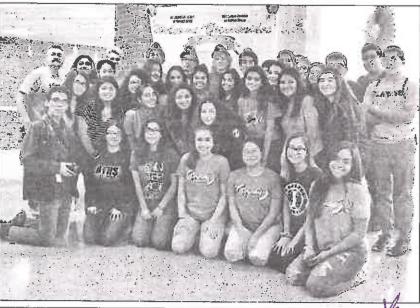


District 88 German teacher Nilay Woodbury (third from left), District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton (fifth from left) and Willowbrook Principal Dr. Daniel Krause (sixth from left) pose with students.





[top]: Pictured are members of the Addison Trall Padres Latinos en Acción group, who helped cook the food and plan the event. {bottom]: Pictured are members of the Addison Trall Interact Club, who helped plan and coordinate the school's fifth annual Kermes (Latino food festival) on Oct. 13.





Dance troupes and students perform during Addison Trail's fifth annual Kermes, the Latino food festival, on Oct. 13.

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Addison Trail High School celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

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The district continuously pro-vides opportunities for pupils to experience other cultures to help them develop a global mindset and learn life lessons. As part of that focus,

Addison Trail recently celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month and Italian-American Heritage Month.

For the second year, Addison Trail students, staff and community members recognized National Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, with various activities like authentic dance, games, music, mini-golf and much more.

Art Guild fall members exhibition at the ACA

The Addison Center for the Arts presents the Addison Art Guild Fall Members' Show on display Nov. 1 - Dec. 7. The artist reception is on Thursday, Nov. 8 from 7 - 8:30 p.m., when the Best of Show and other prizes will be awarded. There will be refreshments and a critique by the judge to follow, both free and

open to the public.

During the reception, there will be an auction of items related to art. The show will consist of artwork

from member artists representing a wide range of art mediums - oils, pastels, acrylics, colored pencil, graphite, photography, mixed me-dia, watercolor, and sculpture. "Our members work in a wide

variety of styles and themes that should resonate with nearly every-body," said AAG founder and president emeritus, Annette Leiber.

More about the Art Gulld

The Addison Art Guild is 42 years old and welcomes new members, visitors and supporters of the visual arts to join. The AAG meets on the second Thursday of the month from September through May at 7 p.m. in rooms 1301 A & B at Addison Village Hall, located at One Friendship Plaza, Addison, IL, 60101. The meeting includes a lecture or demonstration by a professional art-

The Addison Center for the Arts gallery is located at 213 N. Lombard Road, Door #4. The gallery is adja-cent to Addison Trail High School; parking is available in the North lot. The gallery is open Wednesday -Saturday 1-4 p.m.

For more information, visit addisoncenterforthearts.com or call 630-458-4500.

Students earn auto certification

The following 18 Addison Trail students recently earned their Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Refrigerant Recovery and Recycling Program certification.

Successful completion of this EPA-authorized Section 609 program means these students are certified to service motor vehicle air conditioning systems.

The students include seniors Brandon Bustamante, Eric Estrada, Victor Hurtado, Kevin Krause, Nathan Rodriguez, Jose Hernandez, Uriel Sanchez, Adan Montalvo, Giovanni Hernandez, Robert Wolkowicz, Jesus Benitez, Cristian Barrios; juniors, Misael Tellez, Jovani DeLaCruz, Guillermo Diaz, Katherine Munoz, Andrew Viera; and

Elections to follow in Addison

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District Raja Krishnamoorthi (D) Jitendra "JD" Diganvker (R)
Senate District 39 Don Harmon (D)

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Willowbrook football team wins playoff opener

Sam Tumilty passes test, the team with the higher seed for 343 yards and three touchdowns

By Mike Miazga CORRESPONDENT

It's on to the second round of the playoffs for the Willowbrook football team.

The Warriors downed Chicago Lincoln Park 35-0 in the first round of the Class 7A state playoffs in Villa

Willowbrook moved to 10-0 on the season and now has a 5-2 record in the playoffs over the last three seasons.

Willowbrook now is within one victory of tying the program record for most wins in a season. The 1975 team went 11-1. The Warriors are now 28-6 over the last three years under coach Nick Hildreth.

The Warriors will remain at home in the second round after No. 12 seed Maine West beat No. 21-seed Benet Academy at home 20-18. With both teams having hosted a playoff conhosts in the second round. Willowbrook is the No. 5 overall seed in the 32-team Class 7A bracket. Maine West brings a 9-1 mark to Villa Park either Friday or Saturday (check IHSA.org for exact day and time).

In the win against Lincoln Park, Sam Turnilty passed for 343 yards on 12 of 19 completions. He threw three touchdown passes. He also ran for 40 yards on seven carries and scored one rushing touchdown.

Deandre Holliday caught six passes for 165 yards and two scores, while C.J. Harris caught two passes for 50 yards and a touchdown. Everett Stubblefield caught one ball for 35 yards and Scotty Tumilty had three catches for 93 yards.

Willowbrook has now scored 337 points in 10 games, while surrendering only 92. It was Willowbrook's third shutout of the season and fifth instance of holding an opponent to single digits in scoring in a contest.

For the year, Sam Tumilty has passed for 1,985 yards to go with 23 touchdowns against only three interceptions. He's also ran for 1,099 yards on 134 carries and has scored 16 touchdowns on the ground.

Holliday has caught 30 passes for

Scotty Turnilty has caught 35 passes for 536 yards and seven touchdowns. Moe Ayesh, a sophomore, leads

64 tackles, while Nick Rushing has 17.5 tackles for loss and 6.5 quarter-back sacks. Franshun Jordan has 11.5 the team in tackles with 83 and has tackles for loss and 5.5 quarterback 656 yards and 10 touchdowns, while 5.5 tackles for loss. Sam Tumilty has sacks.

Week 11 Preview

Maine West (9-1) at Willowbrook (10-0) What: Second round of the Class 7A state football playoffs
Where: Willowbrook High School, Villa Park
When: Friday or Saturday.
Check IHSA.org for exact date and time.
Seeds: Maine West is the No. 12 seed, while Willowbrook is the No. 5 seed in the 32-team Class 7A bracket. Last week: Maine West 20, Benet Academy 18; Willowbrook 35, Lincoln Park 0.

Outlook: Willowbrook continued to roll along last week with a shutout of its first-round playoff opponent Quarterback Sam Turnilty has amassed more than 3,000 total yards of offense this season. The Wartiors' defense has been up to the task this season. Willowbrook has shut out three opponents and held half its opponents to under 10 points. The Warriors encounter a Maine West team that escaped at home with a two-point win against Renet Academy, Marne

West, out of Des Plaines, is a member of the Central Suburban Conference North Division, which it won with a 5-0 record. The Warners (same nickname as Willowbrook) have scored 397 points in 10 games and have allowed 123 Mame West has only played three teams with winning records and has a 2-1 mark. The Warnors lost to Hersey 51-28. Hersey was 8-1 in the regular season Mame West defeated Glenbrook North 46-13 and then downed Benet Academy in the playoffs Manne West has scored 40 points or more in five games and 50 or more in two games

Up next. The winner of this contest heads to the quarterfinals (Willowbrook has made the quarterfinals m each of the last two seasons) against either No 13 Moline (9-1) or No 4 Batavia (10-0) Regardless of outcome of the Moline-Batavia game, if Willowbrook wins against Maine West, it will hit the road for the quatterfinals because Moline has only hosted once compared to Willowbrook's two home games and Batavia has the higher seed (4 vs. Willowbrook's 5). Both Batavia and Willowbrook have hosted two playoff

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Team 14U placed 2nd in State

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Addison Trail girls volleyball team concludes season

Blazers record two late-season wins over tough competition

By Mike Miazga CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail girls volleyball team wrapped up its season after a recent 25-23, 25-22 loss to Glenbard North in a regional semifinal contest.

Addison Trail finished the season 17-19 overall and ended up in third place in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division with a 4-2 re-

cord.
"Our team showed tremendous growth at the end of October as a result of a sense of urgency in the gym," said Addison Trail coach Dan Styler.

Addison Trail finished the regular season with a pair of key wins. The Blazers defeated Fenwick in non-conference play. Fenwick went into the playoffs as a No. 1 sectional

The next day, the Blazers beat

noted Wheaton-Warrenville South closed out both sets better than we Johnson had 113 kills and hit .287, was seeded six places higher than Addison Trail in the sectional.

"These wins gave us a boost heading into the playoffs," he said.

Styler said the playoff matchup against Glenbard North featured plenty of highlights. "Both teams battled from the start and the momentum exchanged back and forth," he said. "It was a match where one less error on our end could have changed the outcome of the match. Wheaton-Warrenville South. Styler Glenbard North was resilient and

did. Nevertheless, we are proud of the effort of our kids."

On the statistical front, Katrina Bielanski led the team with 39 services aces. Jess D'Ambrose and Sam Pociecha each had 36 aces, while Nina Muell had 35 aces and Ally Severino had 30. Addison Trail finished the season with 204 aces digs and Bielanski had 101 digs against 161 errors.

kills. Muell finished with 198 kills, while Bielanski had 128 kills. Mia work in the classroom,

while Severino had 107 kills.

Severino and Johnson led the way in blocking. Severino had 37 total blocks, while Johnson had 36.

Amy Reyes had 354 setting assists, while Pociecha had 302 assists. D'Ambrose was tops in digs with 242, while Pauline Wirbicki had 202

Off the court, Sophia Hawkins, D'Ambrose led the team with 214 Pociecha and Muell earned conference all-academic honors for their

Willowbrook's Palma headed to girls state cross-country meet

Addison Trail boys soccer reaches sectional semifinals

By Mike Miazga CORRESPONDENT

Willowbrook senior Victoria Palma will wrap up her high-school cross country career on the big stage.

Palma finished 12th at the recent Class 3A Niles West sectional and earned an individual qualifying spot in Saturday's Class 3A girls cross-country state finals meet in

Palma covered the course in 18:12

Teammate Melissa Martinez took 96th place with a time of 20:04.42. Martinez is a sophomore.

Addison Trail soccer

The Addison Trail boys soccer team dropped a 2-1 decision to Benet Academy in the semifinals of the Class 3A Addison Trail sectional. Benet lost 2-1 to Lake Park in the sectional-championship game.

Addison Trail girls cross country

Addison Trail sophomore Viviana Sanfilippo took 30th at the recent

Class 3A Niles West girls cross-country sectional. Sanfilippo ran 18:44.31, but did not qualify for the state meet.

Willowbrook boys cross country

Willowbrook senior Matt Caron took 47th at the recent Class 3A Niles West sectional cross-country meet. Caron ran 15:52.17.

Addison Trail boys cross country

The Addison Trail boys cross-country team had two runners in the Class 3A Niles West sectional field.

Senior Randy Almarales finished 60th with a time of 16:04.59, while sophomore Dylan Moran took 98th with a time of 16:37.03.

Willowbrook girls volleyball

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team dropped a 25-19, 25-13 decision to Hinsdale South in quarterfinal action of the Class 4A Lyons Township regional.

Katie Linnig had seven digs and six assists. Eliza-beth Bruschuk had two kills, one ace and 13 digs. Kaitlyn Karcz had four kills, two blocks and one dig. Grace Reckamp had two kills, one block, four digs and seven assists, while Emma Barrington had three kills and three

digs,
Willowbrook finished the season 15-21 overall and

Addison Trail-Willowbrook girls swimming

The Addison Trail-Willowbrook co-op girls swimming team went 4-1 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action this season.

Coach Tara Murphy noted standout Elissa Haake is ranked eighth in the 100 freestyle and 11th in the 200 freestyle.

"The girls are staying focused on their goal times," Murphy said.

Murphy said the team is strongest right now in the 200 free and 500 free events.

The team also has been getting key contributions from Delaney Gayon, Suzzane Ramirez and Carly Zaprzal. Delaney, Suzzane and Carly all are swimming on the sectional team in multiple events as ninth-graders," Murphy said.

Murphy said keys to the remainder of the season in-clude "not getting scared of our opponents and rising up to a challenge," she said.

Fenton's Elizondo qualifies for state cross country meet

Senior Kirkwood headed to girls state

By Mike Miazga CORRESPONDENT

While the Fenton boys cross-country team did not qualify for this weekend's Class 2A state finals meet, the Bison will still have representation at the meet.

Junior Sam Elizondo took third overall at the Class 2A Fenton sectional in Bensenville and earned one of seven individual qualifying spots in Peoria Saturday.

Elizondo covered the layout in 16:09.

Fenton finished seventh as a team with 209 points.

Nathan Exconde finished 40th with a time of 17:41.6. Chris Zavala was 46th with a time of 17:52. Sophomore Matthew Sisto was 50th in 17:57.8. Sophomore Chris Kovich was 78th with a time of 18:56.5. Sophomore Juan Sosa was 79th in 18:57.6 and freshman Aaron Paz was 80th in 18:59.2.

Earlier, Fenton qualified for the sectional after taking fourth at the Class 2A St. Viator regional at Melas Park in Mount Prospect.

"While this was not the desired result, the team ran well enough to qualify for the sectional meet," said Penton coach Patrick Fritsch.

Elizondo finished third and Fritsch noted it was the fifth-fastest time a Fenton runner has ever registered on that course despite wind gusts that day of more than 50 miles per hour.

Prior to that, Fenton was fifth at the Metro Suburban Conference meet at Elmwood Park High School.

"I think the team place doesn't reflect how well many of our athletes ran," said Fritsch.

Fenton had two runners earn all-conference accolades after placing in the top 12. Those two were Elizondo, who was seventh in the race in 16:41. Sisto, the sophomore, took 11th at 16:53. "Sam has finished as our No. 1 runner all season," said Fritsch. "Matt had a great race."

Fritsch noted the team was bolstered toward the end of the season by the improvement of its underclass runners.

"One thing that began to emerge in the weeks leading up to the conference meet was the improvement of three underclassmen," the coach "Sophomores Chris Kovich and Juan Sosa along with freshman Aaron Paz all have ran themselves into the varsity top seven. They will gain great experience."

Fritsch noticed a variety of other improvements as the season wore on. The thing the team is doing really well is pushing one another to be the best that they can be," said Fritsch last week. "They also are doing a great job of taking care of them-selves and staying healthy. That's not an easy thing to do with the weather we have been having over the last month, Nobody wants to let the team down and that shows in their efforts in practice and in races.

The team has made great progress throughout the season. Some runners have set personal bests by almost four minutes on some courses.

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Buzz Lightyear and friend

Villa Park Village Board Trustee Robert Wagner was one of the runners in Saturday's Villa Park Ju-nior Women's Club sixth annual Trick or Trot 5k and Little Devil 1k Dash fundraiser. After completing the Trick or Trot 5k, Wagner posed for a photo with his old friend Buzz Lightyear.



Villa Park briefs

Village to host pumpkin

smash on Nov. 3

What will you do with your pumpkin after Hallow-een? Drop off your jack-o-lantern to be composted at the parking lot behind Villa Park Village Hall at 20 S. Armore on Saturday, Nov. 3 as part of the fourth annual Pumpkin Smash.

Come to smash your pumpkin or have us do it for you.

All the pumpkins are composted—nature's method of recycling. Composting pumpkins keeps waste out of our landfills, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and creates a natural fertilizer for our soils.

a natural returner for our sous.

Please remove candles and decorations (stickers, yarn, googly eyes, etc.) before dropping off. Pumpkins are only accepted from 9 a.m. -12 noon on Nov. 4.

This event is sponsored by the Villa Park Environmen-

tal Concerns Commission in conjunction with SCARCE (School & Community Assistance for Recycling and

Composting Education).

For any inquiries, contact Bob Wagner at 630-484-

Village invites submissions for its fall photo contest

Deadline to submit photos is Nov. 30
The Village of Villa Park recently announced anot

asonal photo contest. The village is following its Summer Fun contest with fall contest. The deadline to submit photos is Nov. 30. a last contest. In deathing to submit plouds is Nov. According to the village, your photo's theme can range from the changing of leaves to the festive decorations around the village. Photos must be taken of something or someone in Villa Park; and the contest inust follow the theme without obscenity. To submit a photo, visit the vil-lage's official feeds on Facebook. Instagram or Twitter.

SUBMITTED PHOTO VIIIa Puli P Willowbrook alum receives honorable mention at film fest

Willowbrook alumnus Andrew Speidel willowbrook aumnus Andrew Speider (left, class of 2018) is pictured here with Art Department Chair John Epple in front of the Tivoli Theatre in Downers Grove on Oct. 15. There, they attended a screening of Speidel's film, 'A Good Idea,' and other winning submissions from student animators. Speidel created his film in the advanced animation class at Willowbrook. To view his entry, go to tinyuri.com/GoodideaFilm.

Lufkin Pool

demolition vote looms

Nov. 12 Board meeting moved to lowa Center

By Paul DelGuidice FOR THE LOMBARDIAN-

VILLA PARK REVIEW

The venerable Lufkin Pool is down, but it may not quite be out—

yet.
The Villa Park Board of Trustees will once again entertain a vote on the over 60-year-old swimming pool, located at 1000 S. Ardmore Ave.

This time, the vote is whether or not to demolish the pool, which was closed for the summer season after a

closed for the summer season anter a February Board vote to cease fund-ing needed repairs of the facility. "I loved Lufkin Pool," Trustee Chris Aiello said at the time, "but it wouldn't be a responsible use of Vil-lage money to keep maintaining it."

Resolution to demolish

After the Board voted to close Lufkin, a vote to demolish was re-quired. The Board decided in February to let the pool facilities stay dormant during the swim season and

dormant during the swim season and address the question in the winter.

"Three months is a short time to come up with all possible solutions," Aiello said. "The pool stays closed eight months of the year anyway. Let's see if anything comes up and we can look at this [demolition] season in November." n in November."

The time has arrived and at the Nov. 12 Village Board meeting, Trustees will do just that: address the demolition of Lufkin Pool.

Flashback to February
Back in February, Trustees Nick
Cuzzone and Bob Wagner voted to
spend the estimated \$200,000 needde for critical repairs of Lufkin. It
was estimated another \$200,000 to
\$300,000 would be required to maintain the pool for spother five to 10
years

Atello was joined by Trustees Cheryl Tucker, David Cilella, Don Kase and Village President Al Bul-Kage and Village Frenten as a status in voting against spending the funds to repair the pool. The 'no' voters cited increasing costs to maintain the pool along with no guarantees that spending more money would allow the pool to last an appreciable

ary was held at the Iowa Community Center to accommodate the over 300

Demolition revisited; venue switched again Once again, the Village Board meeting venue will be shifted to the Inwa Center for the same reason,

iowa Center for the same reason, with the meeting starting at T.p.m.

Many residents who were in the crowd were part of a group dubbing themselves. "Save Lufkin Pool" and advocating for several measures to keep the pool open. The same group has issued a press release again indi-

cating their opposition to having the peol demolished.

Citing a recent Board decision to fund a Parks and Recreation feasibility study to include all Village amenities (from Twin Lakes Park, to Jefferson Pool and all other recreation facilities), the Save Lufkin group intends to show up at the meeting to

ask Trustees to keep Lufkin intact.
The press release from Save
Lufkin reads in part as follows:
"The group will remind the board
that the Parks and Recreation Commais the ranks and recreation com-mission suggested that Lufkin not be demolished while a feasibility study is underway. The study will include market analysis and resident input on existing facilities and new propos

The group has also been actively trying to get the pool back online.

"The Save Lufkin Group will ask the board not to demolish the pool as they continue to raise funds to restore Lufkin's operational capability," the release read.

release read.

According to the group, Lufkin
Pool "remains closed every year
from September to June" and leaving the facility until spring won't add
any expenses for the Village. They
want the facilities study data to be pathered and analyzed before decid-

ing to demolish the pool.

Editor's note: As of press time, the Village of Villa Park website still had the venue for the Nov. 12 meeting as Village Hall. The Review will update readers when the site has been officially listed: It is expected to be either Village Hall, the Iowa Community Center, or another site to be

Cullerton recognized for focus on service personnel

The United States Department of Defense recently recognized state Sen. Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) for his leadership in shaping policies that positively impact the lives of service members and families in Illinois

"I'm honored to receive this pres-tigious designation for my efforts to better the lives of our military person-nel, veterans and their families," Cul-lerton said. "Our nation's heroes have served our great country with honor and respect and have made countless and respect and have made commens sacrifices to protect our freedoms. The new laws we passed this year serve as a small token of appreciation for all they do to keep us safe."

Cullerton served in the Anny from

1990 to 1993 as an infantryman He continues to use his military experience to implement commonsense leg-

islation that makes resources easily accessible for Illinois' veterans.

accessible for Illinois' veterans.

The DoD award was signed by
Ann G. Johnston, deputy assistant
scoretary of Defense for Military
Community and Family Policy for
Cullerton's "leadership on public policy changes positively impacting the
quality of life of service members and
their families residing in Illinois."

As the chair of the Senate's Committee on Veterans A First Cullerton

mittee on Veterans Affairs, Cullerton passed a series of new laws that are now in effect in Illinois. For a list of the laws visit www.SenatorTomCullerton.com.

Cullerton urges DuPage County residents looking for military assistance or with questions or concerns regarding these new laws to call his Villa Park office at 630-903-6662.



A boo-tiful house

Trick-or-treaters had a scary path to get the candy at this house on North Harvard. Spooky monsters included: a zomble dinosaur, ghosts, a werewolf, a glant spider and assorted goblins and ghouls.



Taking a look at this weekend's second round playoff pairings



MIKE SANDROLINI PHOTO LON Nick Fedenzo, chasing down a kick during a kickoff against Wood-stock North last Saturday, and the Broncos host Sycamore in a second-round Class 5A playoff contest Saturday afternoon.

Willowbrook's Palma earns 2nd straight trip to girls state cross country

Montini's Gertsen punches ticket to boys' 2A meet

Willowbrook senior Victoria Palma earned a berth in the IHSA Class 3A girls state cross country meet with her strong performance in Saturday's sectional meet at Niles West High School in Skokie.

Palma secured an individual berth in the state meet by running to a 12th-place finish in the sectional. She completed the sectional race of nearly 3 miles in 18 minutes,

The top seven runners who weren't members of a state-qualifying team at the sectional advanced to the state meet as individuals. The state meet takes place this Saturday at Detweiller Park in Peoria.

Palma also earned an individual berth to last year's state meet. She finished 77th in last year's state

Glenbard East's girls team placed 11th out of 18 teams at Saturday's Niles West sectional. Junior Emily Anderson posted the Rams' best finish—a 43rd place time of 19:10.63. Junior Laura DeLaTorre (19:21.19) placed 56th. Sophomore Maddie Weltin (19:35.78) and freshman Erin Donovan (19:37.33) finished 67th and 70th, respective

Willowbrook senior Matt Caron placed 47th in Saturday's Class 3A boys sectional at Niles West. Junior Caron, who completed the race of almost 3 miles in 15 minutes, 52.17 finish.

seconds, did not earn an individual berth in the state meet.

Glenbard East juniors Aidan Ihms and Andrew Bylsma also ran at the boys sectional at Niles West. Ihms (16:07.61) and Bylsma (16:45.11) closed out their seasons by finishing 67th and 105th, respectively.

Montini junior Jayden Gert-sen earned a beath in the IHSA Class 2A boys state meet with his showing in Saturday's sectional at Kaneland High School. Gertsen, who placed 60th in last year's state meet, placed fifth among all run-ners at Saturday's sectional, which he finished in 15 minutes, 43.10

Senior Ian Kwit of the Broncos 16:21.90) placed 24th and narrowly missed a spot at the state meet in Peoria The Broncos placed eighth in the sectional's team competition. The top five teams advanced to the state meet.

Five Broncos competed as in-dividuals in Saturday's Class 2A girls sectional at Kaneland High School. Senior Bella Reilley turned in Montini's best finish with a 26th-place time of 19:50.50. Her time narrowly missed earning an individual berth in the state meet. Junior Julianne Billote of the Broncos (20:49.90) ran to a 52nd-place

Sycamore at Montini

When: 2 p.m. Saturday Records: Montini 9-1, Sycamore 8-2

Seeds: Montini 4th, Sycamore 5th (Upper Bracket in Class 5A)

Last week: Montini 42, Woodstock North 7; Sycamore 21, Rochelle 7 (first round)

Conferences: Montini: Chicago Catholic League Blue Division; Sycamore: Northern Illinois Big 12 (East)
Head coaches: Montini: Mike Bukovsky; Syca-

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About the game: Sycamore returned to the postseason this fall after missing the playoffs last year for
the first time since 2008. The Spartans are part of a
competitive Northern Illinois Big 12 East Conference
where four of the five teams in the East qualified for
the playoffs (of those four playoff qualifiers, only one
team, Kaneland, had more than two losses).

Rochelle grabbed a momentary 7-0 lead over Sycamore on the Hubs' first offensive play of the night—a

more on the Hubs' first offensive play of the night—a 94-yard touchdown run—but the Spartans took over from there as quarterback Grant McConkey rushed for all three of his squad's touchdowns. Rochelle, however

an unree or ans squaar's touchoowns. Rochelle, nowever, did hold Sycamore scoreless during the first half.
"Sycamore's a great program," said Montini coach
Mike Bukovsky. "They do a tremendous job. We've
got a long playoff history with them. Their kids are
going to be tough, hard-nosed kids. We'll be ready for
that type of a grams. that type of a game.

"They do a lot of hard-nosed, north and south running. They're a hybrid offense; they run a double-wing and motion stuff, quarterback read stuff. They're kind of multi-dimensional. They throw the ball pretty well."

A Montini victory would put the Broncos in the outgraffing a caping the winner of the Blumyand Park

quarterfinals against the winner of the Elmwood Park (eighth seed) vs. Evergreen Park (16th seed) game

next weekend. Maine West at Willowbrook

When: 1 p.m. Saturday Records: Willowbrook 10-0, Maine West 9-1 Seeds: Willowbrook 5th, Maine West 12th (out of 32 teams in Class 7A)

Last week: Willowbrook 35, Lincoln Park 0; Maine West 20, Benet 18 (first round)
Conferences: Willowbrook: West Suburban Gold;

Maine West: Central Suburban League North
Head coaches: Willowbrook: Nick Hildreth; Maine

West: Jason Kradman
About the game: It will be a battle of Warriors vs. Warriors (both teams have the same name). Up until last season, Maine West was more or less an automatic win for CSL North foes. That all changed when West qualified for the Class 7A playoffs last year for the first time since 2002 and enjoyed its first winning season

West's victory over Benet last week was the first postseason triumph in school history, and with that win, additional history was made at the Des Plaines

school. It's the first time a Maine West team has ever

von nine games in a season. Maine West quarterback Danny Kentgen isn't quite the same caliber as Sam Tumilty (who passed for over 300 yards and three touchdowns vs. Lincoln Park), but he's someone for whom the Warriors will have to prepare. Kentgan owns school records for most pass-ing yards and most touchdown passes in a season. His ing yards and most touchdown passes in a seasout. Ho, I target is Ely Grimmer (two TD catches vs. Benet). Another weapon for Maine West is Jake Bellizzi, who rushed for a school record 312 yards in Week 9. Maine West also can put points on the board with kicker Krystian Garbicz, who booted two field goals last

The winner meets the winner of Moline vs. unde-feated and fourth-seeded Batavia in the quarterfinals. East St. Louis Sr. at Glenbard East

When: 1 p.m. Saturday Records: Glenbard East 10-0, East St. Louis Sr. 8-2 Last week: Glenbard East 40, Prospect 14; East St. ouis Sr. 62, Hoffman Estates 14 (first round)
Seeds: Glenbard East 2nd, East St. Louis Sr. 15th

(out of 32 teams in Class 7A)

Conferences: Glenbard East: Upstate Eight; East St. ouis Sr.: Southwestern
Head coaches: Glenbard East: John Walters; East

About the game: This should be quite a matchup of explosive offensive clubs. The Rams averaged 41.3 points per game during the regular season, and Flyers averaged a whopping 53.3 points.

It can be safely said that the Rams are facing the

It can be safely said that the Rams are facing the toughest 15th seed in the state, regardless of class affiliation. East St. Louis Sr. scored 70-or-more points in three of its seven regular-season victories. The Flyers' season finale was a 71-28 drubbing of conference for Alton—a team that, mind you, qualified for the state playoffs (one of four Southwestern Conference teams to do so this season). to do so this season).

East St. Louis Sr. piled up over 700 yards in total offense that game, with running backs DeMonta Witherspoon and Treven Swingler each gaining over 200 yards on the ground.

Last weekend, the Flyers blitzed Hoffman Estates as quarterback Tyler Macon rushed for three touchdowns and passed for two more.

During a 13-year span (1979-1991), the Flyers won six state titles and finished runner-up twice. Their most recent state crown was in 2016, when they won Class 7A with an undefeated record. The Flyers' only losses this year have been to King High School in Detroit (the 16th ranked team in Michigan by MaxPreps) and Washington High School in Massillon, Ohio (ranked third in Ohio).

third in Ohio).

"It's the playoffs," said Glenbard East coach John Walters. "As you move along, everybody gets better and better. It's our job to take the next step."

The winner faces either Mt. Carmel (seventh seed) or Lake Zurich (23rd seed) in the quarterfinals.

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Rams, Broncos capture regional titles

Teams advance to sectionals this week

By Mike Sandrolini LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW

The Montini and Glenbard East girls volleyball teams advanced to their respective sectionals held Monday night after winning regional championships last Thursday.

The Broncos defeated Wheaton Academy 25-14, 25-14 to take the Class 3A Northside Prep regional crown Montini, the top seed at the Glenbard South sectional, took a 28-5 record into its sectional semifi-nal match against fifth-seeded Trinity. Trinity knocked off Timothy Christian at Timothy's own regional

Christian at Thinoday sown regional last Thursday.

After dropping Game 1 to No. 5 seed Wheaton Warrenville South 22-25 last Thursday in the championship match of their own Class 4A regional, the Rams stormed back to win Games 2 and 3, 25-21 and 25-22, and the title. It was Glenbard

22, and the title. It was Ofenbard East's 30th victory of the year. The fourth-seeded Rams tangled with No. 1. seed Downers North, which won the Maine South region-al, in the early match at the York sectional Monday night. Montini

The Broncos got eight kills and six digs from Caitlyn Meeks in the six digs from Cantyli Meeks in the victory over Wheaton Academy, while Paige Pickering added six kills, Johanna Kingsfield five and Iulia Marciniak four. Joslyn and Kylie Boyer, along with Madeline Pickering, each had five digs, and Tess Noopan had 24 assists.

"All around we had a fantastic match," said Montini coach Steve march, said within coach sever Dowjotas. "Our serve-receive and blocking were excellent. If we get into our system, there's not going to be too many teams that can beat us. Wheaton Academy has a very good hitter and we frustrated her. Tess is a very good setter, so if we get that pass where we need it to be, she puts the ball where she needs to."

In a 25-9, 25-17 triumph over Northside Prep in the regional semi-finals, Kingsfield totaled seven kills and Madalyn Kasallis five, Joclyn Boyer recorded six aces, Noonan

had 16 assists and Julia Briggs 10.

Dowjotas said it was nice for the Broncos to get back into action last week after having a week off.

"That kind of got us into some rhythm," he said. "It's a building block (referring to winning the regional). This is the smallest flag we want to bring home. The sectionals is a bigger flag and the supers (su-persectionals) is even bigger than that."

The nightcap at the Glenbard South sectional Monday evening featured second-seeded Nazareth versus third-seeded St. Francisbattle royale Dowjotas was looking forward to watching after the Bron-

"Our sectional is extremely tough," he said. "That's kind of our state (tournament) right now. Us, St. Francis and Nazareth have been in top 10 and 12 in the state rankings the entire season. They have excellent programs, and at the same time

ey've been having great years." Nazareth is ranked fifth in the latest MaxPreps state rankings (regardless of class affiliation). The Broncos are ranked 11th, and St. (whom Montini defeated late in the regular season) are 27th. The Broncos didn't play either Trinity or Nazareth during the regular

Glenbard East

The Rams put on a clinic with regard to coming up with crucial digs during Games 2 and 3 en route to their regional championship in front of an enthusiastic home crowd last Thursday. Allison Hamaker ended up with 23 digs, Gabbie Spontak totaled 21, Sarah Elliott had 13 and Becca Honig 11.

Combined with some timely blocks, the Rams frustrated Wheaton South, which coach Marci Mai-er said had "a fantastic offensive

"Allison Hamaker, there were Anison hamaser, there were a couple of digs she made tonight that were just absolutely breathtaking." Maier said. "I've seen a lot of olleyball, and it takes a lot to have me say it was a 'wow' play. Alli-

son make a couple of 'wow' digs and Becca Honig did the splits out there. She's a gymnast and she did the splits one time and dug a ball.

"It was just the energy here with the fans, and it was awesome to have the fan support that we had

The Rams put away Game 2 (which had seven ties and five lead changes) with a 5-0 run that enabled them to grab a 16-13 lead—a lead they would never relinquish. Glenbard East essentially put Game 3 out of reach with a 4-0

run which broke a 5-5 tie. Wheaton South never got closer than two points the rest of the way. Hamaker added a team-high 18

kills and Elliott 13 to go along with five aces. Emily Sarles dished out 29 assists and had six digs. On Oct. 23, Rams won their re-

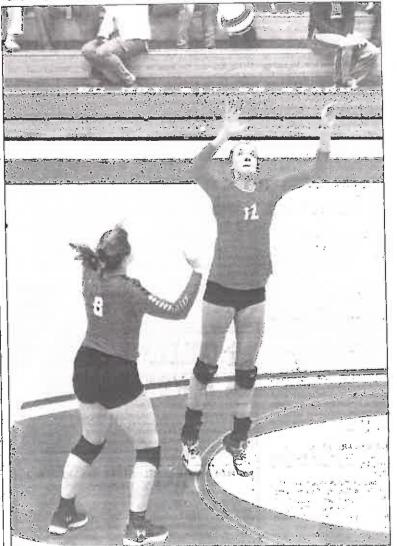
gional semifinal contest over Fen-ton, 25-15, 25-14. Hamaker (nine digs) and Elliott each finished with 11 kills, and Libby Hurlburt contrib-uted 13 digs. Sarles had 23 assists.

"It means a lot, said Maier, referring to winning a regional. "We haven't won a ton of regionals and it's a big deal to win a regional. Coming into this game, we were happy with the season that we've had. Had we won, great, we're moving on, and had we lost, we had a fantastic season all season. But to cap it off with a regional win is awesome.

Editor's note: Sectional results will be published in next Thursday's (Nov. 8) edition.



SUBMITTED PHOTO Lor Senior outside hitter Califyn Meeks had a team-high eight kills for Monthal Casholic in its regional title victory last Thursday. The Br cos faced Trinity in the sectional semifinals played Monday.



BILL SAFLES PHOTO Candidate provide James and the Rams during their win against Fenton in the Glenbard East regional semifinal game won by the Rams test week.

Willowbrook football

team wins playoff opener Sam Turnilty passes for 343 yards, 3 touchdowns

It's on to the second round of the playoffs for the Willowbrook

The Warriors downed Chicago Lincoln Park 35-0 in the first round of the Class 7A state playoffs in Villa Park.
Willowbrook moved to 10-0 on the season and now has a 5-2 record

in the playoffs over the last three seasons.

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Willowbrook now is within one victory of tying the program record for most wins in a season. The 1975 team went 11-1. The Warriors are now 28-6 over the last three years under coach Nick Hildreth.

The Warriors will remain at home in the second round after No. 12 seed Maine West beat No. 21-seed Benet Academy at home 20-18. With both teams having hosted a playoff contest, the team with the higher seed hosts in the second round. Willowbrook is the No. 5 overall seed in the 32-team Class 7A bracket. Maine West brings a 9-1 mark to Villa Park either Friday or Saturday (check IHSA org for exact

day and time). In the win against Lincoln Park, Sam Turnilty passed for 343 yards on 12 of 19 completions. He threw three touchdown passes. He also ran for 40 yards on seven carries and scored one rushing touchdown.

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Deandre Holliday caught six passes for 165 yards and two scores, while C.J. Harris caught two passes for 50 yards and a touchdown. By Brett Shibblefield caught one ball for 35 yards and Scotty Turnilty had three catches for 93 yards.

Willowbrook has now scored 337 points in 10 games, while surrendering only 92. It was Willowbrook's third shutout of the season and fifth instance of holding an opponent to single digits in scoring in

For the year, Sam Turnilty has passed for 1,985 yards to go with 23 For the year, Sami fulling has passed in 1763, years as go with touchdowns against only three interceptions. He's also ran for 1,099 yards on 134 carries and has scored 16 touchdowns on the ground.

Holliday has caught 30 passes for 656 yards and 10 touchdowns, while Scotty Turnilty has caught 35 passes for 536 yards and seven

Moe Ayesh, a sophomore, leads the team in tackles with 83 and has Mode Ayesin, a sophomote least use teats the teath of a win is and win is and win is an interest of tackles, while Nick Rushing has 17.5 tackles for loss and 6.5 quarterback sacks. Franshun Jordan has 11.5 tackles for loss and 5.5 quarterback sacks.

Local Sports

Scouting this weekend's second-round playoff football games

No. 9 Hinsdale Central (8-2) at No. 8 Warren (9-1)

Game time: 7 p.m. Saturday.

Last week: Hinsdale Central 26, No. 24 Conant 14; Warren 14, No. 25 Neuroua Valley 3.

Outlook: Can Hinsdale Central put enough points on the board? After Warren posted another stellar defensive effort, It's a good question. The Blue Devils have notiched five shutouts and allowed only 26 total points since Week 1.

The critical matchup is Hinsdale Central's offensive line, led by WSC Silver offensive lineman of the year Brendon Passarelli, against the Blue Devils' defensive line that averages 265 pounds a player on their four-man front. Hinsdale Central must be diverse in its attack by utilizing quarterback Matt. Rush, who's thrown 20 touchdowns and 2 interceptions, and Matt Bobek, who's rushed for 1,005 yards and 9 scores. With Sean Kelly and Hayden Waters, Hinsdale Central's defensive line isn't too bad either.

Advancement: The winner advances to the Class 8A quarterfinals against the winner between No. 16 Oak Park at No. 1 Brother Rice.

No. 5 Marist (9-1) at No. 21 Naperville Central (7-3)

Game time: 7 p.m. Saturday.

Last week: Marist 28, No. 28 Stevenson 6; Naperville Central 42, No. 12 Plainfield South 10.

Outlook: After splitting two previous postseason meetings, these storied programs meet for a third time. Last week Marist held Stevenson without a touchdown on multiple trips into the red zone, but Western Michigan-hound Redhawks quarterback Payton Thorne figures to be much more efficient if given the same opportunities. He's thrown for 2,850 yards and 35 touchdowns, including 82 catches for 1,271 yards by Cade McDonald. To keep Marist's potent offense off the field, Naperville Central needs to keep the chains moving with running back Danny Hughes, who's rushed for 1,103 yards. Marist quarterback Milke Markett and receiver Jadon Thompson have combined 42 times for 621 yards. Markett also has 724 rushing yards.

Advancement: The winner advances to the Class 8A quarterfinals against the winner between No. 4 Homewood-Flossmoor at No. 20 Barrington.

No. 2 Lincoln-Way East (10-0) at 18 Glenbard West (8-2)

Game time: 1 p.m. Saturday.

Last week: Lincoln-Way East 49, No. 31 St. Charles East 0; Glenbard West 49, No. 15 Bartlett 20.

Outlook: The Griffins boast six shutouts, including two straight, and have outscored every opponent by at least 19 points. Most garnes ended with running clocks. While containing quarterback Jake Baltz is a concern, the biggest threat is the Griffins' ground game of Jordan Corbett, Devon Williams and A.J. Henning, who is playing more at receiver. With the Hilltoppers' defensive line banged up, offensive lineman Andrew Johnson has played both ways. Defensive backs Sean Michel and Sem McGee are also key. Offensively, the Hilltoppers depend upon Tyquan Cox, who's rushed for 1,347 yards and 23 touchdowns, including stx last week. Glenbard West would love to see its play-action pass game click with quarterback Tommy

Advancement: The winner advances to the Class 8A quarterfinals against the winner between No. 7 West Aurora at No. 23 Edwardsville.



PATRICK KUNZER/pkunzer@dniipherald.co Glenbard West's Corey Williams reels in a pass during first-round playoff football action at Bartlett last week.

But despite a No. 15 seed, eight-time state champion East St. Louis is a load. The Flyers average 53 points and held Hoffman Estates to 17 yards rushing, 195 total, forcing 5 turnovers. DeMonta Witherspoon returned a fumble for 1 touchdown and A.J. Johnson returned an interception for another, Ball possession is among many keys for Glenbard East. Quarterback Bret Bushka has thrown only 3 interceptions to 26 touchdowns. Jeremy Johnson pulled down 4 of his 19 TD catches against Prospect. East St. Louis has 3,536 yards rushing; Rams defensive linemen Nick Andrews, Jesus Lopez, Ben Pham, Jose Portillo-Vargas and Ruben Ramirez seek to control the gaps. Advancement: The winner advances to the second round against the

No. 14 Wheaton Warrenville South (9-1)

winner between No. 7 Mt. Carmel at No. 23 Lake Zurich.

at No. 3 Hononegah (10-0)

Game time: 3 p.m. Saturday.

Last week: WW South 20, No. 19 Belleville West 12; Hononegah 21, No. 30 Buffalo Grove 20.

Outtook: WW South's offense hasn't been flashy, doing just enough to be effective, but the Tigers are winning with defense and special teams. That's due in much part to Joe Ives, who has 8 interceptions and last week returned a punt for a touchdown. Explosive receiver Tiwan Smith, out the last three weeks, will return to bring a boost to the offense. Quarterback Noah Henkel has added his own boost with his keepers. Hononegah's offense can Class 4A

No. 1 IC Catholic Prep (10-0) at No. 9 Stillman Valley (7-3)

Game time: 1 p.m. Saturday.

Last week: IC Catholic 49, No. 16 Raby 8; Stillman Valley 28, No. 8 Dixon 13.

Outlook: Stillman Valley earned its first playoff win since 2013. The Cardinals lost to three playoff teams that are a combined 26-4. IC Catholic, of course, hasn't lost to anyone and beat Raby in a running-clock game for the ninth time in 10 games. Adding 130 yards and 3 touchdowns, running back Kyle Franklin upped his totals to 1,427 yards, 25 touchdowns. Linebacker Kevin Cooke made 15 tackies, among five Knights with tackies for icss. They'll all come into play Saturday against Stillman Valley's double-wing option headed by quarterback Tyler Larner and fullback Logan Lagerhausen. To win the line of scrimmage against solld Interior linemen ICCP may rotate up to 12 linemen including 6-3, 350-pound freshman Alphonso Betts.

Advancement: The winner advances to the Class 4A quarterfinals against the winner between No. 5 Marengo at No. 4 Bronzeville.

No. 5 North Boone (8-2) at No. 4 Lisle (9-1)

Game time: 7 p.m. Friday at Benedictine University in Lisle. Last week: North Boone 48, No. 12 Mid-County 7; Lisle 38, No. 13 Dwight 14.

Outlook: North Boone earned its first playoff win since 2004. Liste its first since 2003. North Boone quarterback Britton Morris has thrown for 2,758 yards and 32 touchdowns; Ethan Rydell has 80 receptions, 1,058 yards, 14 touchdowns. Liste has intercepted 18 passes led by safety Jay McGrath with 4 and Demetrius Kellie, Connor Nigro and Brett Weber each with 3. Morris throws deep but also leads the Vikings in rushing; Liste defensive ends Chartie Waldusky and Mike Walker have contain on the scrambling senior. Lisle's Kellie caught 5 passes for 95 yards against Dwight. He and tight end Nick Martich can stretch defenses the width of the field while Walker and quarterback McGrath, who ran for 4 touchdowns last week, ram the interior.

Advancement: The winner advances to the Class 3A quarterfinals against the winner between No. 1 Byron at No. 9 Princeton.

— Dave Oberhelman and Kevin Schmit

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at No. 22 Waubonsie Valley (7-3)

Game time: 1 p.m. Saturday.

Last week: Maine South 55, No. 27 Huntley 14; Waubonsie Valley 38, No. 11 Bolingbrook 21.

Outlook: Playoff giant-killer Waubonsie claimed another victim, scoring on rushing touchdowns by quarterback Jack Drow, running back Dre Von rushing touchdowns by quarterback Jack Drow, running back Dre Von South Is a large glant, though, 67-27 in the playoffs. The Hawks sent seven players into the end zone against Huntley, quarterback Cote Dow throwing for 3 touchdowns. Maine South didn't allow a play over 10 yards. That won't dismay Waubonsie, which can take heart in Barrington's Week 3 26-23 win over the Hawks. Make it a four-quarter game, dink and dunk passes to Harper Cote, Myles Pettaway, Ryan LeMoine and Julian Cain, pressure with linebacker Carson O'Donnell and company, and no turnovers is the ticket. Advancement: The winner advances to the Class 8A quarterfinals against the winner between No. 3 Dswego at No. 19 Loyola.

Class 7A

No. 12 Maine West (9-1) at No. 5 Willowbrook (10-0)

Game time: 1 p.m. Saturday.

Last week: Maine West 20, No. 21 Benet 18; Willowbrook 35, No. 28 Lincoln Park 0.

Outlook: After a self-admitted tackfuster performance last week, Willow-brook must match the energy of a fired-up Maine West program that just won its first playoff game and has nine wins for the first time. Sophomore linebacker Mohammad Ayesh, Willowbrook's leading tackler, and defensive lineman Nick Rushing will be tasked with slowing Maine West running back Jake Beltzzi, who's closing in on 1,500 rushing yards this season. Willowbrook junior quarterback Sam Turnlity — one of many two-way players — has rushed for 1,099 yards and thrown for 1,995 while accounting for 39 touchdowns. With Scott Turnlity, Deandre Holliday and C.J. Harris, Willowbrook has plenty of playmakers to keep Maine West's defense busy.

Advancement: The winner advances to the Class 7A quarterfinals against the winner between No. 13 Moline at No. 4 Batavia.

No. 15 East St. Louis (8-2) at No. 2 Glenbard East (10-0)

Game time: 2 p,m. Saturday.

Last week: East St. Louis 62, No. 18 Hoffman Estates 14; Glenbard East 40, No. 31 Prospect 14.

Outlook: Glenbard East got win No. 10 for the first time in program history.

interior offensive linemen. Tigers linebacker Jake Stransky missed a bunch of action due to injury, but he's working his way back into the lineup.

Advancement: The winner advances to the Class 7A quarterfinals against the winner between No. 6 Rolling Meadows at No. 22 St. Charles North.

Class 5A

No. 5 Sycamore (8-2) at No. 4 Montini (9-1)

Game time: 2 p.m. Saturday.

Last week: Sycamore 21, No. 12 Rochelle 7; Montini 42, No. 13 Woodstock North 7.

Outlook: Montini has eliminated Sycamore from the playoffs five times since 2007. Broncos coach Mike Bukovsky still expects a close contest. Helming a versattle double-wing offense that features fullback Logan Egler, quarterback Grant McConkey hit Rochelle with 3 touchdown runs. Linebacker Grayson Burns and the Spartans defense allowed an early 93-yard TD run but 134 yards and 3 first downs thereafter. A Montini team that's outgained foce 3,423 yards to 1,709 and is plus-15 on turnovers is hard to slow. Quarterbacks Deontay Bell and Robert Brazziel still have only 1 interception between them, and 20 TD passes. The goal is to get weapons like Nick Fedanzo, Nate Muersch, Zach Olson and Scott West open in space.

Advancement: The winner advances to the Class 5A quarterfinals against the winner between No. 8 Elmwood Park at No. 16 Evergreen Park.

No. 6 St. Francis (8-2) at No. 3 Rockford Boylan (9-1)

Game time: 1 p.m. Saturday.

Last week: St. Francis 49, No. 11 Amundsen 6; Rockford Boylan 42, No. 14 Glenbard South 0.

Outlook: St. Francis won its first playoff game since 2014. Back Henry Plamondon got reps, and a score, for the first time in weeks due to injury, then rested. Smart, as backs Plamondon, Jason Klank, quarterback Tommy Rittenhouse and the Spartans offensive line need to be in top, tumover-free form against a Boylan defense that allowed Glenbard South 34 yards rushing with 5 sacks, 3 interceptions. Senior linebacker Caleb Henderson showed his former running back skills on a 58-yard pick-6, plus a 3-yard TD run. Most of Boylan's 345 yards rushing came via quarterback Jake Bergstrom, back De Treyvion Malone and sweeping wideout Luca Dal Santo. If kicked to, which hasn't happened of late, Spartan Joe Lang can take it to the house.

Advancement: The winner advances to the Class 5A quarterfinals against the winner between No. 2 Sterling at No. 10 Brooks.

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Kyle Franklin, Knights keep rolling along

By SCOTT SCHMID editorial@mysuburbanlife.com

ELMHURST - During a 10-game playoff winning streak heading into Oct. 26 that resulted in two state titles. the IC Catholic Prep football team outscored the opposition by an average of 35 points.

The Knights' run at a three-peat started in similar fashion.

Behind a combined five touchdowns from Kyle Franklin and Khali Saunders, ICCP had little trouble in a 49-8 win over Raby in the first round of the Class 4A playoffs.

The game marked the ninth time the Knights (10-0) have induced a running clock this fall.

"It's our coaching staff," said senior two-way lineman Ricky Mysliwiec, when asked about the recent playoff dominance. "They make sure we are practicing the right things and that we are doing the right things. We also trust each other and play for each other. As long as we have each other, we can get through anything - that's our mindset.

To go along with that mindset, ICCP also has a lot of talented players and



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IC Catholic Prep's Kyle Franklin and teammates celebrate a touchdown against Raby.

that was on full display against a Raiders' squad that had a pair of Division I commits. Franklin totaled 126 yards and three touchdowns on 13 carries in the first half and Saunders caught a pair of TD passes from brother Khalil

"We basically keep the same game plan every week," Khali Saunders said. We run our base defense and we run it well. In practice, we are always working on things that we can get better at and that helps a lot. And our coaches do a great job pointing out tendencies.

"Everyone is just doing their job, and when everyone else is doing their job, it makes your job easier. It's been fun to see all these young guys step up and make plays. That takes the pressure off us.

Backup quarterback Tommy Ryan scored on a 12-yard run and Rashad Sbeih added a 13-yard touchdown scamper.

On defense, Kevin Cooke had a fumble recovery.

"Right now we are jelling," Cooke said. "We've been making plays on offense and our defense has been able to shut people down. We have had a couple of injuries, but our depth really helps us. We have young guys who can step up."

ICCP, which will travel to Stillman Valley for its next game, will take a winning streak of 22 games into the second round.

That's all on our kids," ICCP coach Bill Krefft said. "We [the coaches] do not know our record. We don't think about that stuff. The way we look at it, we have a 0-0 record going into next week and we have to win practice on Monday and win practice on Tuesday. And that is the way our kids attack it.'

FOOTBALL

Connection between Bret Bushka, Jeremy Johnson boosts Glenbard East

By CHRIS CASEY editorial@mysuburbanlife.com

LOMBARD - Jeremy Johnson and Bret Bushka dreamed of nights like this.

Days when the two would suit up on varsity together, donning the Glenbard East uniforms for a playoff game. The two couldn't wait to take the field together and developed an instant connection.

On Oct. 26, those dreams became reality.

Bushka found Johnson for four touchdowns as second-seeded Glenbard East cruised past 31st-seeded Prospect 40-14 in a Class 7A first-round playoff game.

Johnson caught nine passes for 246 yards for the unbeaten Rams (10-0). Bushka threw for 407 yards and five touchdowns and also ran for a TD. Bushka rushed 13 times for 86 yards.

It was the program's first playoff game since 1999.

"Before we were even on varsity, we had this dream," Johnson said. "Coming here early in the morning when most kids wanted to sleep in, we would be running routes on this field. We wanted to be great. In all honesty, I think we can be one of the best offenses in the state."

Bushka opened the scoring with 22-yard keeper on fourth-and-4 on Glenbard East's first drive, and the Rams took off from there. Each of the Rams' first four drives resulted in touchdowns, and they may have had five straight if not for halftime cutting a drive short.

After a fake field-goal attempt by Prospect resulted in an interception on the Glenbard East 3-yard line, Bushka found Johnson on the second play of the drive on a slant and the wide receiver went 96 yards for the score.

The senior duo followed that up with a 22-vard TD connection on the Rams' third drive, giving Glenbard East a 20-0 lead midway through the second quarter. The touchdown capped a 14-play, 99-vard drive that followed a goal-line

stand by the Rams.

"Our chemistry is through the roof," Bushka said. "It's nothing like I've ever seen or had with anyone in any sport I've played. I just trust where he's going to be and he trusts that I'm going to put the ball where it needs to be. I know when I give him an opportunity, he's going to make a play.

Bushka found senior Patrick Crossland for a fourth straight touchdown for the Rams - a 39-vard strike that widened the score to 27-0.

Glenbard East tallied 642 yards of offense. Not to be left out was running back Jacob Netchin, who had 108 yards on the ground in the win.

With those offensive numbers, it

didn't appear concerning that the Rams allowed a season high in points.

Jason Torrevilles capped the win with his second interception of the night, sending Rams fans home happy for a 10th straight week.

The Rams host East St. Louis at 2 p.m. Nov. 3.

"We've been doing it all year," Glenbard East coach John Walters said. "We're (51 percent pass to 49 percent run) all season. ... This season has been unreal. All I asked for was one more week, and we got one more week.'

Willowbrook

Deandre Holliday had six catches for 164 yards and a 58-yard TD from Sam Tumilty on the first play of the game in the Warriors' 35-0 win over Lincoln Park in the first round of the Class 7A playoffs. Scotty Tumilty returned an interception for a touchdown for Willowbrook (10-0).

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Willowbrook looking for breakthrough to semis

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Willowbrook reached the quarterfinals the last two football seasons, and both times lost to the eventual state champion.

The Warriors in the quarterfinals a third straight season, this time to face unbeaten defending Class 7A champion Batavia Getting to that next level is never easy.

You never look that far ahead in the bracket, but eventually you're going to run into great programs," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth. "For us it's just another opportunity to take a step forward and grow as a program. Our guys have worked hard to put themselves in this position."

A win would send the Warriors (11-0), who travel to

Batavia for a 1 p.m. Saturday showdown, to the semifinals for the first time since 1975 — the only other season the program won 11 games. It's been a steady climb for Willowbrook after winning six games in 2012, seven in 2013, eight in 2016 and 10 last season.

A friendly rivalry has even developed between the recent classes, a true sign of

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a successful program.

"You want that healthy competition from class to class, and that's starting to build with us," Hildreth said.
"You love to have the alumni come back and have arguments about who the best

You again?:

It was three weeks ago, but it seems like only yesterday Wheaton Warrenville South and St. Charles North dueled in the regular-season finale.

Now they're back to face each other again in a much bigger game, the Class 7A quarterfinals at 1 p.m. Satur-

day in Wheaton.

"I'd rather play someone else, to be honest with you," said Tigers coach Ron Muhitch. "That's another game where we somehow snatched a win."

The Tigers (10-1) beat the North Stars (8-3) 13-11 when Jack Olsen kicked a 41-yard field goal with 21 seconds left. That was in response to St. Charles North's touchdown and go-ahead 2-point conver-sion by Tyler Nubin with 2:10 on the clock.

"If we can top the first game," Muhitch said, "I'd be surprised."

Clearly these teams are

pretty evenly matched, a sce-nario that's been kind to Wheaton Warrenville South throughout this season. The Tigers are unbeaten in seven games decided by two touchdowns or fewer.

The St. Charles North game began a streak of three straight games the Tigers won by a total of 16 points. In the playoffs for the first time since 2014, when the Tigers lost to Providence in the quarterfinals, they're staying close and finding a way to pull out victories.

Even last week when WW South faced a 14-3 deficit deep in the third quarter and rallied to a 20-14 victory over previ-

ously unbeaten Hononegah.
"It's been an amazing story of our kids just hanging in there," Muhitch said. "There's a competitiveness with this group that we saw even back in the summer. We'll have our hands full (with St. Charles North), but we'll see if we can keep this thing going.

Branco strong:

Running six plays for 2 yards and trailing Sycamore by halftime, Montini had to do something in last week's Class 5A second-round game.

"We adjusted defensively in the second half to get stops and the offense exploded," Broncos coach Mike Bukovsky said of Montini's 21-17 victory.

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Montini (10-1) is well-equipped to do that The Broncos' defense is solid at all three levels, from line to linebackers to the secondary.

Led by defensive tackle Patrick Peters' 9 tackles, the Bron-cos' starting defensive line racked up 25 tackles against Sycamore

Linebackers Jackson Brus-cianelli and Trevor Swier combined for 29 stops. DiAndre Harris, a rover type, led the team with 16 tackles, while cornerback Jermari Harris supported run defense to make 14 tackles.

Between physical defense and just 1 interception by quarterbacks Deontay Bell and Robert Brazziel, Montini

has a plus-15 turnover ratio. Scott West intercepted a rare Sycamore pass, his sixth of the year to join Harris in that

me year to join Harris in that category.
"They've been a very strong unit all year long," Bukovsky said of defensive backs West, Jermari Harris, C.J. Bufkin, Ray Wojkovich, Zach Olson and DhAndre Harris.
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"One of the things I really like about them is they maximize their opportunities. Sycamore only threw the ball six times and they had a pick. That's happened a lot this year."

It may continue at quarterfinal foe Evergreen Park, a No. 16 seed Bukovsky will underestimate

"reinventing itself" to beat No. 1 Payton and No. 8 Elmwood

"They'll be tested this week, the way they pass the ball and their speed level and their depth," Bukovsky said:

Bonus quote:

"Usually I call big guys "The House," Bukovsky said of Evergreen Park's 6-foot-4, 318-pound two-way lineman Jamal Brothers. "I call him "The Museum." He's a lot bigger than a house."

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Michael Thomas reached behind a goal post to pull out a flip phone in homage to

a memorable touchdown 24 z 8 celebration of the past. Benson used his touchdown catch to let Tim Dahiberg

everyone Associated Press know that he

and his wife are expecting — and it's going to be twins.

That was cause enough for celebration itself on a feel good weekend for the NFL. So, too, was that bettors in Las Vegas and elsewhere finally turned the tables and took the bookies for millions of dollars.

They could have just as easily been popping champagne corks at NFL headquarters in New York. A season that began in turmoil has reached midpoint and the league is riding a new high, with televi-sion ratings up and fans filling stadiums to cheer their favorite teams.

Suddenly, the NFL is fun once again.

It showed Sunday in a shootout in New Orleans that was widely entertaining even without the touchdown props. Then, if any further evidence was needed, it was provided in prime time when Tom Brady and Aaron Rodgers squared off in a showdown of quarterback greats.

Brady and the New England Patriots won that one, and once again are treating another visit to the Super Bowl as their birthright. Out west, meanwhile, the Rams are trying to win fans again in

Tingeres with a team that could find its way to Atlanta,

And a new group of exciting young quarterbacks are letting everyone know the future of the sport is in good hands

What could go wrong? Well, plenty, especially if President Donald Trump takes an interest in the league once again.

But these are good times for a league that has taken blow after blow the last few years only to emerge with its position of America's favorite sport safely intact.

We're the best," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said at last month's owner meetings. And I know that's ironic since we've had some criticism, too. But I think that's healthy.

What is really healthy are offenses around the league, with scoring at record levels and 27 of 32 teams averaging more than 20 points a game. New rule changes designed to protect the quarterback and free up offenses have worked exactly as planned, despite some grumbling early by players upset they couldn't hit like they did in the past.

Healthy indeed. Things are so good that even Roger Goodell couldn't mess it up.

Actually, maybe he can. Not many were paying attention, but there were still a few protests during the anthem over the weekend and the issue is one presidential tweet away from blowing up once again. Meanwhile, Colin Kaeper-

nick remains unemployed, something everyone in the league should be ashamed

For now, though, the attention is on the game itself. And it can be argued that the game has never looked better.

There's no confusion any more about when a catch is Matthews of the Packers seems to have figured out how and when to safely take down the opposing quarterback.

There are dominant teams on both coasts, and a few high-scoring games that are reminiscent of the old American Football League. The concussion issue has subsided though the disturbing fact remains players still are suffering from them — at great risk to their long-term health. Even fans of the hapless

Cleveland Browns have something to be happy about with a couple of wins and a couple of coaches fired. They also have a franchise quarterback in Baker Mayfield and a potential upside that's the envy of better teams.

It didn't happen exactly by design. A lot of the NFL's good fortune is due to good and an unwillingness of fans to let go of their favorite sport despite its many flaws.

There still is no real grand plan to end the protest debate, no long-term solution to the fact football played at the highest level can shorten lives.

The officiating continues to get in the way — often at just the wrong time — and there's a real chance games aren't played when the current collective-bargaining agreement expires and players finally make a stand for guaranteed contracts.

For now, though, those are distant threats. The league remains the most popular in the country by far, and the addition of legalized betting around the country will boost it even more just like fantasy football has done in recent

What once looked like a season lost is now looking like a season to remember.

Deciphering playoff trends

Make no mistake about it... DuPage County took a pretty good hit on Saturday.

Of the 11 football teams that entered the second round, only five made it through to the quarterfinals.

This week's Eyes on Five looks at some of the interesting stories as we try to keep this ride going through the semifinals.

DuKane and able:

How about DuKane Conference?

Four of the eight teams qualified for the playoffs and three still remain with the guarantee of at least one Class 7A semifinalist. Not a bad splash in the league's first

As a recap, the conference was formed when Glenbard North, Lake Park, Wheaton North and Wheaton Warrenville South left the DuPage Valley Conference at the end of last school year to form the DKC with Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles East and St. Charles North, who left the Upstate

Batavia, the defending 7A champion, has beaten Granite City and Moline. The Bulldogs take on fellow unbeaten Willowbrook for a berth in the semifinals.

The real news, though, is in the bottom half of the 7A bracket where No. 14 Wheaton Warrenville South (10-1) and No. 22 St. Charles North (8-3) play for the second time in three weeks. The Tigers won the first meeting 13-11 on a last-minute field goal by Jack Olsen.

A 6-1 playoff record is a major point of validation for the DKC. After all, it's no secret there was some ill will following the breakup of the DVC. And while one year does not guarantee sustained success, it's a sound start.

The 15 teams from the DVC and UEC had a combined eight qualifiers, and the final four were eliminated in the second round.

It's something to keep in mind as the leagues continue to develop. Not only in the DKC but also the DVC with DeKalb joining next school-year, and the UEC when it switches out West Aurora for Fenton.

Gloomy: About that rough Saturday.

I've got theory of a halves

Kevin Schmit

that DuP-County lose half its playoff teams in every round of the playoffs. That's pretty

happened when our numbers dropped from 11 teams to six last weekend.

How we got there, though,

was the rough part. Glenbard East, Glenbard West and Waubonsie Valley lost to three of the state's storied programs — East St. Louis, Lincoln-Way East and Maine South, respectively — by a combined margin of 142-28. I knew those games would be difficult matchups, but I didn't expect those margins.

Putting aside Glenbard East's loss in 7A, this is first time since 2010 that DuPage County hasn't had a Class 8A quarterfinalist. Naperville Central made the quarterfinals last season, which was the first time since 2010 DuPage County didn't have an 8A

Is this a trend or a blip? Whatever it is, it'd be nice to see DuPage County become a player again in Class 8A.

Prop 1: The IHSA on Monday unveiled its list of bylaw amendment proposals. They'll head to the townhalls later this month and the IHSA Legislative Commission will

then decide which proposals advance to a statewide member vote in December. Two of the proposals are football-related, and they are

The first proposal is the introduction of districts something we've talked about at length here. Conference would be eliminated in football only, with the IHSA cre-ating eight districts per class based on geography and enrollment.

The goal is to end the conterence jumping caused by teams chasing the best path to five or six wins and play-off qualification. Stability is especially important to con-ferences like the DuPage Valley Conference, which is why Naperville Central athletic director Andy Lutzenkirchen was one of the administrators

who submitted the proposal.

After pondering districts for months, I think it'll struggle to gain approval if it reaches a member vote. It's simply too drastic of a change without

enough active proponents.
Which leads us to the second football-related bylaw amendment proposal...

Prop 2:

The second proposal, submitted by the principals at Glenbrook North and St. Patrick, expands the playoff field from 256 teams to 384 while reducing the regular season from nine games to eight. The ninth pecomes the preliminary round of the playoffs.

Teams not qualifying for the playoffs are free to schedule a Week 9 game against another non-qualifier. The top seeds in each of the eight classes get a first-round bye.
Expansion is not ideal.

Look at the first-round blowouts this postseason, multiply that number, and that's what you'd see with 50 percent more teams in the field.

But it still kind of accomplishes the goal of reducing conference jumping because expansion vastly increases the odds of making the playoffs. Nonconference scheduling also would be easier.

What are the chances that expansion passes a mem-ber vote? Way better than the district proposal, in my opinion.

Expansion is the accepted expansion is the accepted path in the IHSA, which pushed football from five classes to six in 1980, expanded each class from 16 32 teams in 1985 and went to eight classes of 32 teams in

It's still a lot of change to swallow, but much more palatable than the elimination of historic conferences.

Stat time:

The five remaining DuPage County play-off teams — IC Catholic Prep, Lisle, Montini, Wheaton Warrenville South and Willowbrook — have combined for 17 state titles.

WW South leads the way with seven, followed by Montini (six) and IC Catholic Prep (four). Lisle and Willowbrook seek their first state titles.

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A golf pro first, Whaley now breaking barriers

By Doug Ferguson AP Golf Writer

Two moments of discrimination took place 1,000 miles and worlds apart, neither pointing to Suzy Wha-ley making history this week at the PGA of

America. Whaley was just get-ting hooked ting on golf in Syracuse, New York. she was good



to Suzy Whaley

in tournaments when her name was scratched off the entry list of a junior tournament for

boys because she was a girl.
"And now I've played in a
PGA Tour event," said Whaley, who at the 2003 Greater Hartford Open became the first woman in 58 years to qualify for a PGA Tour event. Look how far we've gone. It's not where we need to be, but we're making progress. And that makes me smile."

Around the time Whaley had her first whiff of discrimination as a young girl, Barrie Naismith Jeffcoat was working at a golf club in Atlanta as a 29-year-old woman who was giving lessons and going nowhere.

She hired young men to handle the carts and pick

up golf balls from the range. ome of them went on to become PGA professionals and got jobs at other clubs.

She couldn't join the PGA as a certified pro because she was a woman.

"Something was wrong with this picture," Naismith Jeffcoat said in a telephone interview Monday from her home in Virginia. "At the time I was giving lessons to Superior Court Judge (Joel) Fryer. He gave me the name of his attorney. The attornev advised me to call the PGA. got a lawyer on the phone with the PGA and he told me, 'You

can call Jimmy Carter, but it won't do you any good."

Instead of calling the president, she filed a lawsuit against the PGA in 1978. By the end of the town the PGA in the PGA the year, the PGA signed the Naismith Consent giving women equal rights to become PGA professionals. Naismith became the first

male member on Feb. 1, 1979. She stayed with the PGA a few more years, yet the impact will be felt strongest this week at the PGA of America's

annual meeting in California. Whaley is set to become the first female president in its

102-year history.
"I'm so thrilled she'll have a high profile," said Naismith Jeffcoat, who has never met Whaley. "There will be a lot of young women that will take

up the game and want to be involved. It's very exciting to me to see it come to fruition.

Whaley is a consensus-builder, perhaps her great-

She is foremost a golf professional, still giving private lessons at Suzy Whaley Golf, the course she owns in Cromwell, Connecticut, and serving as PGA director of instruction at the Country Club of Mirasol in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, during the winter months. Her husband, Bill, was her first golf coach. Both her daughters

played in college.
"My strength would be that I love the game of golf. I want to get clubs in people's hands." said Whaley, recently certi-fied as a master professional. "My vision for the membership is to help enhance their careers. How can we get them resources and tools to go where they want to go?" She also recognizes the his-

toric occasion of the annual meeting Friday, and she

doesn't take it lightly. "It's definitely historic, and I'm honored and completely grateful the member-ship has that faith and trust." she said. "I look at myself as a PGA professional first. Obviously, I'm a woman. I understand the moniker. There are women who have paved the way before me

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OLASS 3A Berne 25 — #4 Liste (10-1) all #1 Byron (11-0), 2 p.m. Gerne 26 — #6 Monamough-Roseviñe) (8-2) at #15 Horschur (7-4), 2 p.m. Garne 27 — #1 Monticello (11-0) all #13 Grandville (6-3), 2 o 28 — inii Williamerville (10-1) at inii Cardinvilla (11-0),

Barne 25 — so memorial de la característico de la seguina City-Medrin-Sibley (11-0) at 45 Ster-lera 25 — at Gibean City-Medrin-Sibley (11-0) at 45 Ster-lera November 27 — 45 Lament Excellent (11-0) at 52 Orion (11-0), 6 Lament Excellent (11-0) at 53 Orion (11-0), 7 Lament Excellent (11-0) at 53 Orion (11-0), 8 Lament Excellent (11-0) at 53 Orion (11-0), 9 Lament Excellent (11-0) at 54 1 p.m. Same 27 — \$12 Tri-Valley (7-4) at \$1 Ducatur St. Teresa (11-0), 2-30 p.m. Same 28 — \$3 Tuscola (10-1) at \$2 Marca-Foosylli (11-0), 1 p.m. CLASS 1A Gama 25 — #4 Leng-Winsdow (10-1) alt 16 Aurons/Christian Cama 25 — #4 Leng-Winsdow (10-1) alt 16 Aurons/Christian

(8-3), 3 p.m. Same 25 — 410 Delecia (8-3) at 68 Forresion (8-2), 5 p.m. Genre 27 — 41 Argenta-Uniona (11-0) at 313 Movembra Contral 4 & M (8-3), 1;30 p.m. Same 28 — 45 Comp Point Contral (10-1), 1 p.m.

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