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A joyful tradition

Inclement weather didn't seem to bother those who attended Saturday evening's 20th annual Joyful Traditions. The popular family friendly holiday event is held along the Illinois Prairie Path at the Rugaard Gazebo and is hosted by the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Villa Park. Members of the Willowbrook High School

Show Choir are pictured performing in the festival's tasting tent that featured food from local restaurants. The event also included a tree lighting by Santa, trolley car rides to the Villa Park Historical Museum, a chance to build-your-own S'mores by a

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Villa Park police releases Thanksgiving enforcement numbers

The Villa Park Police Department conducted additional traffic enforcement Nov. 16-26, reminding motorists to buckle up and not drive impaired, day or night, as part of the nationwide Click It or Ticket/Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement effort.

The Police Department joined other state and local law enforcement agencies across Illinois to reduce highway deaths by issuing citations to unbuckled motorists and arresting impaired drivers.

During the 10-day mobilization, Villa Park police issued:

- 13 seat belt citations
- 1 suspended/revoked licenses
- 1 uninsured motorists
- 4 speeding citations
- 20 Cell phone violations
- 5 other moving violations

The annual campaign may be over in Villa Park, but that isn't an excuse to stop buckling up.

Not wearing your seat belt is a primary offense, meaning law enforcement can stop you and issue a citation for that alone. All vehicle

"If you or your passengers are caught not wearing a seat belt, you will be cited for the violation."

— Sgt. James Cihak

occupants, regardless of seating position, are required to wear a properly adjusted seat belt.

"Our officers are out year-round. If you or your passengers are caught not wearing a seat belt, you will be cited for the violation," said Sgt. James Cihak. "If you drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs, you will be arrested."

The Click It or Ticket/Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement effort is funded with federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.



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Students prepare Thanksgiving meal

The Brook Catering Co., which is comprised of Willowbrook High School students who are enrolled in the school's culinary courses, recently provided the Thanksgiving meal at Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801. According to Willowbrook career and technical education teacher Amy Nowak, who coordinates The Brook Catering Co., the students prepared the food in advance of the holiday. They made turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, stuffing, green beans and several dessert items. The company donated the food, which was served to about 100 people, including over 50 recruits from Naval Station Great Lakes. The VFW post welcomes recruits from Naval Station Great Lakes each Thanksgiving. The members of The Brook Catering Co. stopped by the VFW post on Thanksgiving Day to meet recruits, veterans and volunteers.

Sheriff's deputies respond to report of a man, 36, shot during a domestic dispute

At approximately 1 a.m. Dec. 1, the DuPage County Sheriff's Office received a call of a man shot during a domestic dispute in the 15100 block of Radford Lane in unincorporated Villa Park.

When deputies arrived on the scene, they located a 36-year-old male inside the residence who had been shot. The victim was conscious

and transported to a local hospital where he is in stable condition.

Sheriff's detectives were able to identify a suspect and learned that he had fled the area immediately after the incident and there is no immediate threat to the community.

No one is in custody at this time. Additional information will be available as the investigation progresses.

G.M. Smith & Son Realtors holding annual food drive

Villa Park's own G.M. Smith & Son Realtors is holding its annual Holiday Food Drive, collecting non-perishable food items, now through Friday, Dec. 14.

They will be delivering all items donated to local food pantries on Saturday, Dec. 15.

Some of the items needed are: canned or bagged beans, canned tuna or chicken, canned soups, stews, broth, chili, fruits and vegetables,

peanut butter, jams and jellies, cereal, oatmeal, pasta, rice, instant breakfast, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, bread, brownie and cake mixes, diapers, baby wipes, soap, shampoo and toothpaste.

Please drop any donations at G.M. Smith & Son Realtors office located at 203 S. Villa Ave.

For more information, call 630-834-2632. The Smiths appreciate your generosity!

Willowbrook hosts Tri-M Honor Society induction

Recently, Willowbrook hosted its annual Tri-M (Modern Music Masters) Honor Society induction ceremony. Music Department Head and Choir Director Karyn Wolcott (center) is pictured here with the Tri-M officers. They are (from left): senior Faith Fabian, junior Stacy Caelro, senior Joe LaPointe, senior Anna Carson, senior Renee Maggard and senior Miriam Youhanoun. All told, 31 students were inducted into the Honor Society. Each inductee also received a pin, a certificate and a membership card. Members performed a student recital as well.



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Youth theater group presents 'Mr. Popper's Penguins' at Montini Dec. 15-16

The Saint Genesius Productions youth theater group of Villa Park will perform "Mr. Popper's Penguins" at Montini Catholic High School on Dec. 15 and 16.

Thirty-five students from local Catholic grade schools and religious education programs, including St. Pius X and Sacred Heart, have joined together to create this holiday musical performance.

The show times at the auditorium at Montini are at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15, and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16. The school is located at 19W070 16th St., Lombard.

It is hard enough for Mr. Popper, a modest painter, to support himself and his family. The unexpected addition of 12 penguins makes it even tougher, until Mr. Popper has the splendid idea to turn the talented penguins into a traveling vaudeville act. The entire family will be tapping along with Mr. Popper and his performing penguins.

Tickets cost \$8 and can be purchased at the door or ordered online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3745613>.

For more information, see Saint-GenesiusProductions.com, or send an e-mail to info@SaintGenesiusProductions.com.

Founded in 2010, Saint Genesius Productions brings the experience of professionally produced children's theater to Catholic grade school students throughout DuPage County.



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Willowbrook students compete in Chili Cook-Off

(Top left photo, from left): Willowbrook junior Tyler Plehl-Haymes, senior Noa Ramsey and senior Angelina Allen put the final touches on their entry for the recent Culinary Arts 2 Chili Cook-Off. (Top right photo from left): Junior Jendi Quibal, senior Marisol Magana, Ramsey and junior Ariene Patterson prepare their entry for the contest. (Bottom left photo): Pictured are student-made chili recipes that were entered into the contest. (Bottom right, from left): English teacher Cris Calandra, teacher aide Brianna Pensini, Athletic Director Brandon Murphy, and English teachers Dan Fliegel and Mike Sullivan judge the Chili Cook-Off. Participants had to research a recipe to make as part of the course's sauce, soup and starch unit. Entries were evaluated by judges, who rated the chili on presentation, flavor, texture, consistency, blend of spices, aroma and color. The winning team members are sophomores Nazzareno Dugo, Brendon Schenke and Ryan Basford.

Second-half surge lifts Warriors to victory over Addison Trail

Masys scores all 22 of his points in the second half

The Willowbrook boys basketball team opened its West Suburban Gold Conference season with last Friday's 72-60 victory at District 88 rival Addison Trail.

The visiting Warriors, who handed the Blazers their first loss of the season, improved their overall record to 4-1.

Willowbrook trailed the Blazers (who dropped to 5-1 overall) 38-32 at halftime, but rallied to tie the game late in the third quarter. Senior Matas Masys of the Warriors sank a wild 3-point shot at the third-quarter buzzer to give Willowbrook a 49-46 lead with eight minutes to play.

Masys, who did not score in the first half, provided five points in the third quarter. He piled on 17 points in the fourth quarter to finish the night with a team-leading 22 points. Masys made a pair of 3-point shots and sank nine of 12 free-throw attempts during the fourth period.

"It was a great environment," said Warriors head coach Chris Perkins after the game, which was played in front of raucous student sections from both schools, as well as an NBC Sports Chicago crew covering the contest as its high school game of the week. "We had great attendance from both sides. It was a great atmosphere for the first conference game. This is what high school basketball is all about."

Every time Masys touched the ball during the contest, the Addison Trail student section shouted, "Overrated." Those taunts didn't seem to bother Masys, a four-year varsity player. In addition to finishing with 22 points, Masys handed out eight assists.

Near the end of the game, after Masys delivered his offensive burst, it was the Willowbrook students who were shouting out "Overrated."

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The Willowbrook boys basketball team defeated Addison Trail 72-60 in last Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference season opener in Addison. The Warriors improved their overall record to 4-1, while Addison Trail dropped to 5-1. The Warriors outscored the Blazers 40-22 in the second half. Senior Scott Tumilty (No. 32, above left) scored 17 of his 20 points during the first half. Tumilty made three 3-point shots in the first quarter. He sank six of 10 attempts from 3-point range during the game. Senior Matas Masys (No. 21, above right), who did not score any points in the first half, poured in 17 points in the fourth quarter and finished with a team-high 22 points.

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Rice is ranked 17th in this week Michael O'Brien's Chicago area Super 25—took Urban Prep out of the game early, sprinting out to an 11-0 lead on a McBride trey (McBride finished with 7 points and 8 assists).

"After the loss against Brother Rice, I was hoping for them to come out with some energy and play hard, and luckily we did," said Lozano. "We got them down quick and we kept them down."

"Brother Rice can really shoot the ball well. They made 14 threes and we didn't execute what we needed to do as a team. We didn't close out well, we didn't box out, we didn't rotate."

The Broncos' lead ballooned to 60-17 at halftime when Gatewood (14 points) glided in for a layup just before intermission on a feed from A.J. Ashford, who scored all 9 of his points in the second quarter.

"We've played some really good teams," said senior Luke Morrill, who tallied the Broncos' first 11 points of the third period and finished with a game-high 19. "We're getting some of our football players back which will help out a lot. We have a lot of young guys, a lot of sophomores and freshmen."

"We're trying to carry on what he (Thomas) started here and every game we're out there playing for him."

Sitong Wu, a 6-6 senior, scored all of the Broncos' 6 fourth-quarter points. The fourth quarter was played with a running clock. (According to IHSA rules, a running clock goes into effect if a team has a lead of 30-or-more points going into the fourth quarter.)

Sophomore Kai Evans had 11 points and 3 steals, junior Garrick Nielsen scored 10 points and had four steals, Gabriel netted 8 and McLaurin contributed 6 points, 7 rebounds and 5 assists.

"We're looking forward to him having a big year," said Lozano, referring to Evans. "How Kai Evans goes, we go. Luke Morrill, and we're hoping for big things from Fred Stokes. Scott (West) is a big part of what we're doing."

The Broncos have three games in five days this week. They hosted Loyola Academy Tuesday night, and have away games at St. Ignatius on Friday and Carmel on Saturday (both at 7 p.m.).

"The CCL (Chicago Catholic League) is really loaded this year so we're looking forward to competing against some high-quality teams," Lozano said.

Montini vs. St. Joseph game Dec. 14 to honor Thomas

On Friday, Dec. 14, the Broncos host St. Joseph High School, and Montini Catholic will honor Daryl Thomas that night.

Thomas was a McDonald's High School all-American at St. Joseph and played for legendary coach Gene Pingatore—the all-time winningest boys basketball coach in IHSA history who is coaching in his 50th season with the Chargers this year.

"We're hoping to get a lot of people out here for Mr. Thomas," said Loza-

no. "His family is going to be here; we've got a lot of stuff planned."

Members of both teams will be wearing warm-up T-shirts with Thomas' name on them. A tree will be planted next spring in Thomas' honor, and Montini will be starting a scholarship fund in his name.

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Rams take second out of 12 teams at the Big Purple Invite

Kartheiser wins uneven bars title; places second in all-around standings

The Glenbard East girls gymnastics team earned a second-place finish at last Saturday's 12-team Mike Williams Big Purple Invite at Downers Grove North High School.

Downers Grove South won the team title at the event with an overall score of 106.775. The Rams delivered a team total of 104.575. Fremd placed third with a score of 102.750.

Four gymnasts from each team competed in each event of the invitational. Glenbard East began the competition on the uneven parallel bars. Sophomore Kali Kartheiser of the Rams turned in a championship effort on the uneven bars; her routine received a first-place score of 9.4. Kartheiser wound up second in the individual all-around standings with her score of 35.60.

Freshman Erin Donovan contributed to the Rams' success on the uneven bars with a score of 8.55, which was good for a tie for fifth place. Her sister, junior Kelsey Donovan, turned in a seventh-place score of 8.475 in the same event.

Glenbard East next competed on the balance beam. A few falls off the beam cost the Rams in that event. Kartheiser wound up taking eighth on the beam with her score of 8.45. Kelsey Donovan tied for 13th with an 8.15, while senior Sierra Olson (8.05) claimed 15th place.

Kartheiser turned in a fourth-place score of 8.8 in the Rams' third event of the invite—floor exercises. Kelsey Donovan (8.65) delivered a ninth-place finish, while sophomore Becca Honig (8.475) delivered a 12th-place score.

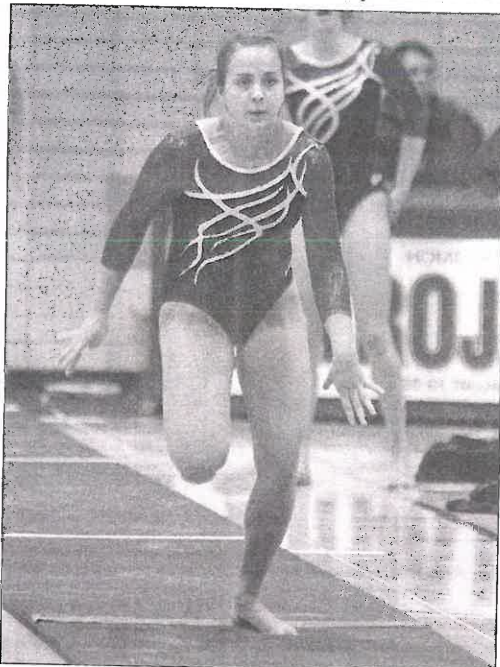
Honig tied for third place in the team's final event of the day—the vault—with her score of 9.35. Olson earned a fifth-place score of 9.275, while Kartheiser placed 11th with a score of 8.95.

Kelsey Donovan, who joined Kartheiser to compete in all four events, placed 11th in the all-around standings with her total score of 33.525.

Senior Sydney Nasternak earned an 8.2 for her routine on the uneven bars to tie for 13th in that event.

The Rams began the week with a victory at Naperville North on Nov. 28. Glenbard East produced a team score of 138.7 at that event, while Naperville North earned a 128.4.

The Rams began their season by winning the title at the nine-team Hornet Invitational at Hinsdale South High School on Nov. 21.



Glenbard East's girls gymnastics team finished second out of 12 teams at last Saturday's Mike Williams Big Purple Invite at Downers Grove North High School. Sophomore Kali Kartheiser (left) of the Rams won the individual title on the uneven parallel bars. She is pictured during her floor exercises routine, which earned a fourth-place score. Kartheiser finished second in the invite's all-around standings. Sophomore Becca Honig (above right) of Glenbard East is shown approaching the vault; Honig tied for third place on the vault with her score of 9.35. Also pictured is senior Sierra Olson, (above left), who is shown approaching the vault. Olson contributed a fifth-place score in that event.

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Warriors (Continued from page 11)

mocking the Blazers students on the other side of the court.

"I like the atmosphere," said Masys after the game. "I don't really pay attention to what they're saying. I just like playing the game."

While Masys carried the scoring load in the second half, senior Scott Tumilty ignited the offense in the first half. Tumilty drained three shots from 3-point range during the first quarter. He scored 11 points in the opening period to help the Warriors to a 17-14 lead through eight minutes. Tumilty connected for two more 3-point shots in the second period to account for 17 of Willowbrook's 32 points in the first half.

"After the first one, I just got in the groove," said Tumilty, who made six of 10 attempts from 3-point range. "I had it going, so I kept shooting it."

Junior Everett Stubblefield finished the night with 18 points for the Warriors. Stubblefield provided eight field goals, including three baskets in the third quarter. He scored one field goal and made a pair of 3-pointers during the fourth quarter.

Stubblefield scored two straight third-quarter baskets after the Warriors' defensive pressure forced the Blazers to turn the ball over. Those two baskets cut Addison Trail's lead to 42-41. The

Blazers rebuilt their lead to 46-41, but a basket by Stubblefield and a 3-point shot from junior Sam Tumilty tied the game at 46-46.

Sam Tumilty attempted another 3-point shot in the closing seconds of the third quarter. His shot from the left side missed the mark, and the ball bounced to the right side of the basket. Masys grabbed the ball and launched a shot right as the buzzer sounded. His bank shot caromed off the backboard and spun around the hoop before falling through the net. The buzzer beater by Masys generated an enthusiastic response from the Warriors' student section.

"I just got the rebound and threw it up there; it was a lucky shot, I guess," said Masys. "It gave me some momentum, and it kind of got my scoring going."

Masys (22 points), Scott Tumilty (20 points) and Stubblefield (18 points) accounted for 60 of the Warriors' 72 points. Sam Tumilty contributed six points, while senior Charlie Flak and junior Deandre Holliday supplied four and two points, respectively. Willowbrook made 18 of its 22 free-throw attempts, with Masys converting 11 of 14 shots from the foul line.

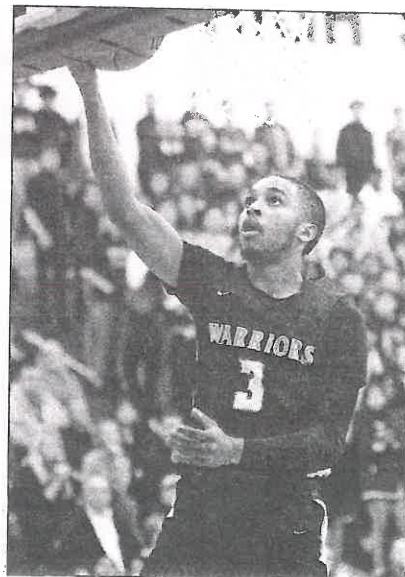
"What really changed the second half was our defense," said Masys. "We

picked up the press and we sped up the game. That's more of our style; that's how we want to play. We got some turnovers and easy fast-break layups. The ball just started moving better, and I think it all just clicked in the second half."

The Warriors' season continues with this Friday's non-conference game at Metea Valley. Willowbrook will play its first home game of the season on Dec. 11, when it will face Hinsdale South in a conference game. Hinsdale South won the conference title last season with a 10-2 record. The Warriors went 9-3 in the conference and placed second. Willowbrook posted an overall record of 26-6 last season.

"I think we can make a run for the conference title this year," said Masys. "We're a more fast-paced, up-tempo team [this season]. It will be a fun team to watch, I think."

CHRIS FOX PHOTO Lombardian/Villa Park Review
(Right) Junior Everett Stubblefield (No. 3) added 18 points for the Warriors, who will play a non-conference game at Metea Valley this Friday.



Glenbard East Rams rebound after slow start

Team wins two of three to improve to 2-4 on the season

The Glenbard East boys basketball team bounced back from an 0-3 start to its season to win two of three games last week. The Rams finished the week with last Saturday evening's 70-51 victory over Chicago's Perspectives Charter High School in Lombard.

The Rams (2-4) began their season with losses to Glenbard North, Glenbard South and Glenbard West at the District 87 Tournament in Glen Ellyn from Nov. 19-21. Glenbard East moved to 1-3 with a 68-66 home win over Elk Grove on Nov. 27. Two days later, the Rams opened their Upstate Eight Conference schedule with a 70-60 loss at Streamwood.

"We're moving forward, so two out of three this week was a great opportunity," said Glenbard East coach Scott Miller after Saturday's win over Perspectives Charter High School. "We'll get better. I'm proud of our guys."

The Rams had a 16-point lead over Elk Grove, but they had to hang on in the closing minutes. Glenbard East maintained its lead by making nine of 10 free throws late in the game.

Junior Deon Cook, who made five free throws in the fourth quarter, scored a team-leading 15 points. Senior Jeremy Johnson and junior Alijah Nelson each scored 14 points. Nelson made three shots from 3-point range during the game. Johnson made a pair of 3-pointers in the third quarter and connected on four free throws during the fourth quarter.

Junior Daron Hall scored seven fourth-quarter points and provided 12 points.

The Rams trailed Streamwood 35-29 at halftime and 56-47 after three



Junior Daron Hall (No. 3) scored a team-leading 26 points in the Rams' victory in Lombard.

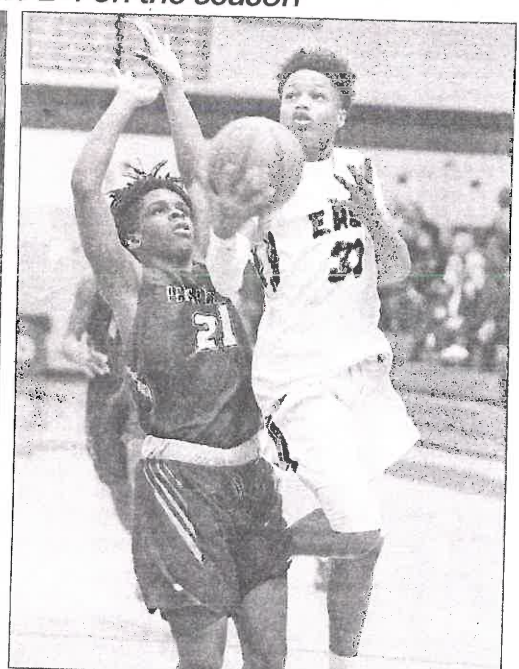
quarters. Glenbard East cut Streamwood's lead to three points in the final minute, but the Sabres hit several free throws in the closing seconds to secure the victory.

Nelson led the Rams in scoring with 15 points. Hall scored 13 points, while Cook added nine points.

Glenbard East owned a 35-26 halftime lead in Saturday's game. The lead grew to 48-36 by the end of the third quarter.

Hall poured in 19 of his team-leading 26 points during the first half. Johnson and Cook both provided 11 points.

The Rams will play a conference game at West Aurora this Friday.



Glenbard East's boys basketball team improved its season record to 2-4 with last Saturday's 70-51 win over Perspectives Charter High School. Senior Jeremy Johnson (No. 4, above left) and junior Deon Cook (No. 31, above right) both scored 11 points.

Warriors battle the Dukes

The Willowbrook girls basketball won two of three games last week to improve its overall season record to 6-3. The Warriors began their West Suburban Gold Conference season with a 54-51 win at Proviso East on Nov. 27. Senior Katelyn McCann scored 19 points in the victory. McCann made eight field goals, including a pair of 3-point shots.

Senior Maureen Schmid contributed 11 points, while sophomore Gracie Tumilty scored 10 points. Senior Cecilia Lizasuain added eight points. Two days after beating Proviso East, the Warriors lost 50-40 to York in a non-conference battle in Villa Park. Tumilty (No. 12, above right) and junior K'Allyha Herron both scored nine points for Willowbrook.

McCann and sophomore Annemarie Knudtson (No. 11, right) both scored eight points. The Warriors improved to 2-0 in conference play with last Saturday's 51-40 win at Leyden. Willowbrook will play a conference home game against District 88 rival Addison Trail this Friday.



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Coming events

Lombard Service League meets Dec. 13

Lombard Service League will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13, at Lexington Square, 555 Foxworth Blvd. in Lombard. The evening will offer last-minute holiday shopping with a jewelry and handicraft sale sponsored by Women at Risk (W.A.R.), an international non-profit organization that assists girls and women who are freed from human trafficking and sex trade. Entertainment, prior to the business meeting, will be by local soprano vocalist Samantha D'Adamo who will perform a variety of holiday songs. Refreshments will be served, and guests are welcome to attend.

York Center Park District programs

Toddler open gym for ages 1-3, Fridays starting Jan. 11, 2019, 9-10 a.m. Fun Filled Fridays for ages 3-5, Jan. 11, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wreck-it Ralph. Sensory Time for ages 3-5,

Tuesdays, Jan. 15 to Feb. 12, 11 a.m. to noon. For details, Visit www.ycpd-fun.com or call 630-629-0886.

Pet pictures with Santa in Villa Park

Get your picture taken with your pet this holiday season. Villa Park Recreation is holding Pictures with Santa Paws on Monday, Dec. 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park Depot, 318 E. Kenilworth. Bring Fido out for a picture perfect moment with Santa Paws. Each pet will get to meet Santa, take a picture with him and get a special treat. Pre-registration is required; choose your special time with Santa when you register online at www.invilapark.com or at the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa. The fee is \$7 per pet.

LEGO Train Show at Cantigny Dec. 8-9

Cantigny Park's annual LEGO Train Show returns on Saturday, Dec.

8, and Sunday, Dec. 9. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission to the LEGO Train Show is complimentary with paid parking of \$5 per vehicle. Cantigny will waive the parking fee for anyone bringing a new and unwrapped toy for the U.S. Marine Corp Reserve's Toys for Tots drop boxes inside the Visitors Center. The First Division Museum

will display a 25-foot model of the USS Missouri built with more than 500,000 LEGO pieces and with 400 LEGO soldiers on deck. McCormick House's Freedom Hall will be a temporary LEGO art gallery with a dozen mosaics on exhibit. Downstairs, in the Gold Theater, children can test their LEGO engineering skills during the monthly Second Saturday family program, from noon to 3 p.m. on

Dec. 8.

Concert at Grace Community Church

Grace Community Church, 110 S. Fairfield, Lombard, will hold a concert and drama, "The Best Christmas Gift," Saturday, Dec. 15, at 5 p.m. Participating are the GCCL Children Ministry, the Logos Children's Choir and the GCCL Chamber Orchestra.



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The crowd goes wild

The Willowbrook student section erupted at the end of the third quarter of last Friday's boys basketball game at Addison Trail. Senior Matas Masys of the Warriors sank a 3-point shot as the third-quarter buzzer sounded to give the Warriors a 49-46 lead. The bank shot by Masys spun around the hoop before falling. Masys made two more 3-point shots in the fourth quarter to help Willowbrook to a 72-60 victory.

Answers to Sudoku Puzzle

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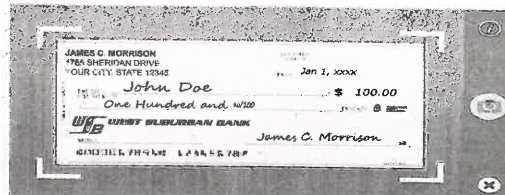
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IC CATHOLIC PREP
Freshman | Basketball

Why Wagner was selected:

IC Catholic Prep freshman Claire Wagner scored 18 points and had eight rebounds against St. Francis, and is averaging 12 points, eight rebounds and two blocks per game. In Wagner's first high school game, she had 21 points and nine rebounds against Lisle.

Wagner talked to Suburban Life sports editor Joshua Welge about her season. Here is an edited version of the transcript.

Welge: How do you feel about the start to the season?

Wagner: I really like basketball. It's my favorite sport. The girls are good with me. They've helped me. We are very close. I feel we're going to have a great year.

Welge: How much confidence did that first game give you?

Wagner: It gave me a lot of confidence. My teammates were looking for me, they trusted me with the ball. They were talking to me, helping calm me down. They are great teammates and a great, great group of girls.

Welge: Did you know the girls before this year?

Wagner: My sister is on the team, so I knew some of them pretty well.

Welge: Had you played on the same team with your sister before?

Wagner: No. I've been playing basketball most of my life, and I played travel for a year. My sister never played before. She's doing it as a fun activity. I know she's trying her best. She's a good teammate.

Welge: What's the biggest challenge of going from playing eighth-graders to high school?

Wagner: I don't really think about it too much. I play my game, focus on my game rather than who I am playing against.



Willowbrook's Matas Masys drives to the basket against St. Charles East on Nov. 24 at the 60th Annual Ron Johnson Thanksgiving Tournament in St. Charles. Masys scored 22 points Nov. 30 in a 72-60 win over Addison Trail.

Karen Naess - For Shaw Media

PREP ROUNDUP

Matas Masys, Willowbrook cruise past Addison Trail

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Matas Masys scored 22 points - all in the second half - and Scott Tumilty hit six 3-pointers for Willowbrook in a 72-60 win over Addison Trail on Nov. 30.

Everett Stubblefield added 18 points for Willowbrook (4-1, 1-0 West Suburban Gold).

IC Catholic Prep

Zach Jordan scored 18 points for the Knights (4-2, 1-1 Metro Suburban Blue) in a 64-59 win over St. Francis on Dec. 4.

Glenbard East

Alijah Nelson scored 15 points for the Rams in a 70-60 loss to Streamwood on Nov. 29.

Daron Hall added 13 points and Deon Cook had nine.

Timothy Christian

The Trojans (3-3, 0-1 Metro Suburban Red) lost to Ridgewood 47-44 on Nov. 30.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

York
Carley Schwartz scored 22 points, hitting five 3-pointers in the first half, to lead the Dukes past Oak Park-River Forest 65-47 on Nov. 4. Sydney Molis and Sara Krissinger added 12 points each and Megan Juneman had 10 for York (8-1, 3-0 West Suburban Silver).

Schwartz scored 21 points, hitting seven 3-pointers, in York's 49-22 win over Hinsdale Central on Dec. 1. Molis added seven points and Kathleen Levins had six. York beat Willowbrook 50-40 on Nov. 29. Schwartz scored 14 points, hitting four 3-pointers. Krissinger scored 16 points.

Willowbrook

Stephanie Dasbach had 11 points and 12 rebounds for the Warriors in a 50-41 loss to Downers Grove South on Dec. 4. Kaitlyn McCann also scored 11 points and K'Aliyah Herron added eight for Willowbrook, which led 38-29 going into the fourth quarter. Willowbrook beat Leyden 51-40 on Dec. 1.



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Willowbrook girls bowling team off to hot start

Warriors win own quad;

Take third at Plainfield Central Invite

By Mike Miazga, CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls bowling team is off to the races. The Warriors recently won their own quad against Addison Trail, Morton and Metea Valley and also took third in the Plainfield Central invitational.

At Plainfield, Willowbrook was led by Holly Helsper and Katie Pettinger, who had the squad's top two scores.

"The real great thing about the invite was we were very consistent," said Willowbrook coach Kevin Allen. "The girls battled all day and were able to jump past York in the last game to finish in third place."

In the Willowbrook quad, Helsper led all bowlers with a 609 series that included games of 187, 200 and 222. Makaylah Jones bowled a 257 in her last game. "Makaylah had the big game of the day," said Allen. "That game helped seal the victory for us."

Helsper and Jones are Willowbrook's top two average leaders through late last week.

They were part of a Warriors team that took second in the West Suburban Conference last season. Helsper, a senior, averaged 185 and was third in the WSC last season. She took second in the sectional and was an all-state bowler after placing 11th at the state tournament.

Jones, a junior, averaged 170 a year ago and earned all-conference honors. She won the regional and took fourth in the sectional.

Pettinger, a senior, averaged 172 and was an all-conference selection. Pettinger won the Leyden 6X6 invite and also had numerous big games for the team, Allen noted. "Katie bowls in the leadoff position and always gives us the spark we are looking for," he added.

Senior Brianna Bryant averaged 171 and also was an all-WSC performer. She had a 241 game in one of the biggest matches of the season last year for the Warriors, Allen pointed out.

Allen added Willowbrook has a good number of incoming freshmen to the program this season. "We are excited about that," he said. "The new girls on the team are really taking a liking to bowling and are starting to purchase some of their own equipment. They are dedicated to the sport and are working their hardest to improve throughout this year."

Willowbrook is experience-heavy in its starting lineup with five senior starters and one junior starter. "All of these girls have been in the program since they were freshmen," said Allen. "They know the expectations, drills and what it is going to take to be successful. All six girls went down to state last season, which is great experience for the team. The girls are extremely confident in themselves and never give up. We always are there for each other and we know what it takes as a team in order for us to be successful."

Allen said Helsper, Jones and Pettinger have been bowling extremely well to start the season. "They are able to throw up big games at any time," he said. "They work extremely hard at practice and during matches to make the best shots possible. All three of these girls have been able to have success so they know how much work it takes to get to that point. With their confidence and experience they will help the younger girls develop throughout the season."

Allen said his bowlers have been working hard on keeping the ball in play. "We are trying to make sure that if the shot is tough and we're having a hard time striking that we are able to get spares and fill frames," he said. "That is the big motto this year—fill frames and keep us in play," he said.

Allen added keeping the confidence level high will be a key. "Never lose our confidence and keep working hard," he said. "We need to make sure we are able to keep working at the game and just keep getting better throughout the season."

With the amount of experience the Warriors have, Allen said the team feels like "a big family."

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Addison Trail girls gymnastics team opens season at Glenbard West quad

Rumps, Theodore, Scarbaggio headline list of returning gymnasts

By Mike Miazga, CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail girls gymnastics team opened the 2018-2019 season by placing third at the recent Glenbard West quad meet.

Coach Kyle Padera's squad returns senior Maddie Rumps and sophomores Lexi Theodore and Francesca Scarbaggio from last year's team that placed in the top three in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division. Rumps, Theodore and Scarbaggio all are all-around performers.

Freshman Delaney Gregory is a key newcomer to the squad and also

is an all-around gymnast.

"We have a young team, but an enthusiastic team," said Padera. "We have a lot of fresh faces in the gym that are working as hard as I have seen in a long time. They are having a lot of fun and learning some gymnastics along the way."

Padera said the competitive level of this group has taken a step forward. "They have weathered some pretty tough competitions in the past," he noted. "I think we are getting better at competing and being competitive, which is a great strength."

Padera said the Blazers are strongest on floor exercise, "probably because it is the least scary," he said. Padera added keys to the season include staying healthy and being

mentally strong.

Scarbaggio qualified for sectionals last year as a freshman. "Francesca was our only sectional qualifier last year," said Padera, who noted Rumps also is another gymnast to keep an eye out for as she starts her senior year. "I hope Francesca is able to build on that success."

Padera said the mood in the practice gym is yet another big strength of the group. "They are hilarious and are a fun group to work with," he said.

The coach noted he'd like to see his squad up in that top-three area of the conference again. "I think we will be middle of the pack," he said. "We placed in the top three last year at conference and I would love to see us up there again."

Willowbrook girls gymnastics team kicks off season

Warriors Varsity, JV place 4th at invite

By Mike Miazga, CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls gymnastics team placed fourth recently on both the varsity and junior-varsity levels at the Glenbard West Invitational.

Willowbrook also competed in the Hinsdale Central freshman invite where Tess Placek was second on vault with a 9.1 score, eighth on beam at 8.1, sixth on floor at 8.3 and finished sixth in the all-around with a 32.6.

Willowbrook's top returning gymnast this season is junior Karli Wilson, who qualified for sectionals in the all-around a year ago.

"Karli continues to make her presence known on the team," said Willowbrook coach Deanna Zuchowski. "She pushes the rest of the team to be better."

Zuchowski said the practice gym has been filled with excitement since the start of the season.

"The girls are excited to start a new season," she said. "We have a

few gymnasts back who were injured at the end of the year and are starting with the same drive that they left from their shortened seasons last year."

Zuchowski lauded the efforts of seniors Caitlyn Owen and Autumn Palacios. "Caitlyn and Autumn have stepped up to manage the team and help with the understanding of success on a young team," she said.

"These girls have been able to get the girls motivated to practice and explain things that happened last year during the season to help with pushing toward success this season. Caitlyn Owen knows this is her last year of gymnastics and is very excited to push her skills to a new level."

Freshman Placek also has shown promise in the early going. "Tess is a new and exciting gymnast to watch," said Zuchowski. "She is determined to reach her goals and already is adding new tricks and depth to each of her routines."

Zuchowski added the Warriors are fully engaged in the team concept. "Team above all else is our motto—to continue the pride of accomplishing something as a team and not as a

lone individual," she said.

In terms of event strength, Zuchowski said the Warriors are strongest on beam and floor exercise. "Beam and floor continue to be our strongest events," she said. "The girls are very motivated by each other on each of the events."

The coach said keys for a successful season include continuing to motivate each other and push each other looking toward the future of the team.

"I have an all-around great group of girls on the team," said Zuchowski. "Each of the levels have gymnasts who want to work hard and become successful for their teammates. I hear in the gym confidence and assistance to those who need it. They all are amazing."

Zuchowski is looking for another competitive year in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division. "The best part of our conference is it always is competitive in nature at each of the meets," he said. "Whoever the first-place or last-place team is, they always are striving for perfection and the need to do well in each of the competitions."

Fenton wrestling team young, but talented

Bison looking to continue program's long tradition of success

By Mike Miazga, CORRESPONDENT

Fenton's wrestling program has a string of recent sustained success that it would like to keep rolling on.

The Bison won the Metro Suburban Conference title for a fifth year in a row last season. Fenton has won 10

of the last 12 conference titles. Additionally, the Bison won the Fenwick regional team title, which qualified it for the dual-team sectional portion of the state tournament.

Fenton finished in the top 16 in the state in Class 2A. The Bison have won three regional team titles in a row. The Bison lost to Antioch in the dual-team sectional semifinals in their attempt to qualify for the dual-team state tournament.

Back for Fenton from a year ago

are seniors Brandon Lopez (170 pounds) and Ramiro Bracamontes (160 pounds), juniors Danny Ramirez (152 pounds), Jeremy Piskorz (138 pounds), Ricky Saucedo (195 pounds), Kevin Guevara (160 pounds) and sophomores David Burch (138 pounds) and Manny Lozada (126 pounds).

Ramirez went 28-13 last season, while Piskorz was 24-15 and Braca-

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Warriors on a roll

Willowbrook's girls bowling team won its own quad against Addison Trail, Morton and Metea Valley. Holly Helsper led all bowlers with a 609 series and Makaylah Jones rolled a 257 game to help seal the win for the Warriors.

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montes was 20-16. Burch was 15-8, while Lozada was 12-8. Saucedo went 3-0 last season, while Lopez and Guevara each were 2-1.

Key newcomers to the team include senior Moises Noyola (113 pounds) and sophomores Kyle Jones (220 pounds) and Quinn Wilkcohen (285 pounds).

Fenton coach Brian Hastings noted Fenton has graduated two strong classes of student-athletes in a row. "As a result we are quite young this year," he said. "We will start many sophomores, but they have some varsity experience and many of them wrestled quite a bit in the off-season to improve."

The Bison started the year splitting four dual matches. Fenton lost by a point to Glenbrook South and lost to Niles West. Wins for the Bison have come against Elk Grove and Chicago

"We are excited to work hard and continually improve."

— Brian Hastings,
Fenton coach

Mather.

Through those first four contests, Ramirez was 3-0, while Piskorz, John Quinto, Burch and Noyola all were 3-1.

"We are excited to work hard and continually improve," said Hastings.

Fenton hosted its annual 16-team Weiss Invitational tournament this past weekend.

• Bowling

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"Every girl on the team cares for each other," he said. "This group has been like that since they were freshmen. They get along so well and always have each other's back. I know that if someone is having a bad day, the rest of the team will be there to pick them up."

Allen said Willowbrook always has the goal to win the WSC. "Our conference is extremely talented," he said. "I think we will have to work really hard to make some great shots in order to go up against some of the other top teams in our conference."

Willowbrook girls basketball team defeats Proviso East

By Mike Miazga
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Willowbrook Girls Basketball
The Willowbrook girls basketball team recorded a recent 54-51 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win against Proviso East. Proviso East is a perennial top-tier contender in the conference.

The Warriors also recently defeated Leyden 51-40 in WSC Gold action and lost 50-40 to York in WSC crossover play.

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Willowbrook in a rush to win in first home game

By KEVIN SCHMIT
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Boys basketball

Willowbrook's boys basketball team had a little something extra for the home crowd Tuesday night.

The Warriors put on a show in their only game in Villa Park between the start of the season and 2019, speeding past Hinsdale South 73-46 in their West Suburban Gold matchup.

Small and athletic,

Willowbrook (6-1, 2-0) always plays fast and full court. Against the Hornets (3-5, 0-2), however, the Warriors were a blur.

They forced 23 turnovers and converted the bulk of them into points. Willowbrook junior guard Everett Stubblefield III led all scorers with 17 points in limited minutes,



Everett Stubblefield III

led to some easy points on offense. We're headed down the right path right now. We just

taking advantage of his team-high 6 steals.

"Our energy at the beginning of the game, it was great," Stubblefield said.

"Our defense

have to keep working hard."

Many of the turnovers occurred in the backcourt as the Hornets tried to beat the 10-second clock. With at least five turnovers in each quarter, Hinsdale South never gave itself a chance to get settled in.

After Willowbrook started with a 10-4 burst, the Warriors used a 15-2 run to put the margin above double digits to stay.

"It didn't look like we practiced anything pressure-wise,"

said Hornets coach Brett Moore, whose team had four juniors on the court to start the second half. "We had a lot of guys just playing in survival mode out there, and you can't win that way. We have talent, and we're going to win some games. We're young and we'll bounce back."

Scott Tumilty scored all 12 of his points on 3-pointers while Matas Mays and Charlie Flak had 9 points each for

Willowbrook. Billy Durkin led Hinsdale South with 14 points. Aaron Tims scored 8 points.

"We've played seven games, but this is our first one at home," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins. "The energy and excitement was there. We've played full court every game we've played, but I think the kids had a different bounce in their step playing at home."

Boys basketball

Rams slip past West Chicago

By DAVE OBERHELMAN
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Glenbard East boys basketball coach Scott Miller was rightly concerned by a big, early lead at West Chicago.

The Rams scored the first 15 points of Tuesday's Upstate Eight Conference contest only to need a rally to win 54-52.

"When two teams are kind of even, being up 15 in the beginning, I'll always take it, but it's tough because you know they're going to come back," Miller said.

Starting with a DaRon Hall fadeaway Glenbard East (3-5, 1-2) raced to first-quarter leads of 15-0 and 21-5. Earning his first start, Deon Cook was a whirlwind of 2 steals, 2 rebounds and 6 first-quarter points. Jeremy Johnson, Alijah Nelson and Jake Huisman chipped in.

"We've got to come out stronger, we've got to come out ready to play," said West Chicago's Isaac Nelson, who finished with 12 points, backcourt mate Jordan Wilkins scoring 14.

Over six minutes spanning the first and second quarters West Chicago (4-4, 1-2) went on a 17-2 run. Six-foot-four Sam Ricci scored 10 of his 17 points in the second quarter and fronted a half-court trap that slowed the Rams' offense.

Glenbard East regrouped to lead 30-24 at the half, capped by Antonio Davis' putback.

Now a dogfight, West Chicago trailed 42-39 after three quarters and took its first lead, 46-44 with 6:09 left to play, on Isaac Nelson's 15-foot jumper with a hand in his face.

Three minutes later he split two defenders on a drive for a 50-49 Wildcats lead, their last. Cook's steal and two free throws gave Glenbard East a 51-50 lead with 47.3 seconds to play.

Johnson rebounded a Wildcats missed free throw, leading to two Hall free throws and



PHOTOS BY JOHN STARKS/jstarks@dailyherald.com
York's Sara Krissinger reaches around Glenbard West sophomore Maggie Stutelsberg for the basketball in Glen Ellyn on Tuesday. The Hilltoppers won 53-47.

Glenbard West beats York by a sliver in Silver

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Girls basketball

Last season senior Katelyn Heller and junior Taylor Huff were key contributors as the Glenbard West girls basketball team captured its first conference title since 2006.

"I think it's an expectation set for the team this year," Huff said. "We're reigning champs so we have to go defend our title. Our coach (Kristi Faulkner) mentioned instead of thinking of it that way, it's just we're going to go fight for it again, which is a good mentality to have."

In the first big test among the West Suburban Silver front-runners, the Hilltoppers came through in crunchtime



York's Sara Krissinger takes an accidental hit to the chin from Glenbard West's Katie O'Shea.

sophomore Kaitlyn Khome 7 and junior Sydney Fuglsang 6 points with 5 assists.

Glenbard West outscored York 19-11 in the fourth quar-

ter of the key. Adamski passed to Stutelsberg for another 3 and a 45-41 lead.

"Not sure how that happened," Heller said. "I knew we needed it and I really wanted it and Niki was right there, made that amazing pass and Maggie just did what she did."

"That was a backbreaker there," York coach Brandon Collings said.

Adamski had 3 of her 5 assists in the fourth quarter and added 9 rebounds. Glenbard West surrendered just 6 offensive rebounds and overcame 18 turnovers, but just 2 in the fourth quarter.

"We give York a lot of credit because they're a young team and I'm proud of our girls,

Darre pours in 27 in Lancers victory

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Girls basketball

Lake Park's Casey Darre called it a good sign that she made her first shot in Tuesday's girls basketball game against Rolling Meadows.

It turned out to be a bad sign for the Mustangs.

The senior guard scored a personal-high 27 points in a 56-48 win over the Mustangs in the Exam Jam at Lake Zurich.

Darre said she knew it could be a special performance after she hit a 3-pointer early in the nonconference game. Darre shot 7 for 14 from the field, including a sizzling 6 for 9 on 3s.

"It was awesome to hit my first shot," Darre said. "When I don't think, I shoot well. In the past games I've been shooting but not making my first shot, so as soon as I made my first one, I knew it was going to be a good night."

Lake Park junior guard Darriane Rogers, a DePaul recruit, finished with 16 points on 6-for-14 shooting to go with 9 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals for the Lancers (8-1).

But it was the 5-foot-5 Darre who stole the spotlight from her more heralded teammate. Darre did most of her damage in the first three quarters, hitting a personal-high six 3s. She made two 3s in the first, two in the second and three in the third.

"It's been a little bit since I shot like that," Darre said. "It was nice to get my shot back and show what I'm able to do. I know when teams double-team (Rogers), I'm a shooter and will be open. I've been working on my shooting and my form a lot lately. Rolling Meadows is a really good team, so this was a nice team."

Lake Park coach Brian Rupp said it was nice to see a breakout game by Darre, especially considering only five Lancers scored against the Mustangs. Lake Park also played without senior point guard Kate Kirkham (ankle injury).

"If we can get someone like Casey rolling, we are a better team," he said. "Every game since we played in the Thanksgiving tournament, Darriane is getting double- and triple-teamed. She's smart enough to find the open person, and Casey was rolling tonight and won the game for us. This win was huge, especially not having Darriane as our leading scorer."

Lily Greifenstein scored 15 points to lead the Mustangs (9-3). Susannah Hollifield added 13 points and Alexa Davis scored 7. Davis also played a key role in holding Rogers under her season average, but the Mustangs couldn't recover from a late third-quarter spurt by the Lancers.

After Rogers scored a basket to give the Lancers a 38-36 lead late in the third, Darre canned a 3 and Carly Vehrs added a basket — in a 7-0 run that raised the lead to 43-36.

"I thought our kids executed our game plan, but credit (Darre) because she knocked down big shots," Rolling Meadows coach Ryan Kirkorsky said. "Part of our game plan was to give open looks in the first half, but she hit big shots in the second half. That run (in the third) was a big. They had a lot of kids step up and made big plays."

Stapleton, Lueken lead Downers S.

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Girls basketball

With senior guard Maggie Greco missing her first game because of an ankle sprain Tuesday, Downers Grove South needed someone else to step up and help senior post player Holly Lueken with the scoring load.

scared to go 1-on-1 against her, I'll tell you that. She's outstanding for us. She's so long. Her rebounding has gotten a lot better from last year to this year."

"I'm not really thinking about it," Lueken said of the blocks. "Usually if it comes, then I go for