

GOP lawmakers seek to stop 'revolving door,' pension payouts

By Grant Morgan
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With increased state and national attention on ethics in politics, a pair of Republican lawmakers filed separate bills last week to add their own reforms to the mix.

One would restrict former lawmakers from quickly becoming lobbyists. The other would eliminate pensions for new lawmakers after 2020. Both, however, are unlikely to make it out of committee.

Introduced by State Rep. Margo McDermed of Mokena, House Bill 879 would ban lawmakers from registering as a lobbyist, or receiving or making payments as a lobbyist, for one year or the remainder of their term—whichever is longer.

"The people who spend time [in Springfield] tend to stay here," McDermed said. "Is one year enough to break the relationships? Maybe. It's certainly better than one minute."

Alisa Kaplan, policy director for Chicago-based Reform for Illinois, agreed with McDermed that any amount of time is better than none. Kaplan also outlined the main concern that comes with lawmakers quickly becoming lobbyists.

"The risk is that the legislator will pay more attention to a potential employer [a lobbying firm] than they will to their constituents," Kaplan said. "You don't want representatives to be supporting legislation that they think might get them the cushiest job when they leave."

McDermed cited the recent example of former state Rep. Lou Lang, a Democratic leader from Skokie who resigned from office days before he was sworn in for a new term. Lang, who served for more than three decades, is now a lobbyist at Advantage Government Strategies based in Chicago.

He could not be reached for comment for this story.

But he is not the only state lawmaker in recent years to pivot quickly from politician to lobbyist.

According to McDermed, others include Matt Murphy, a high-ranking Republican senator of 10 years who resigned in August 2016 to become a contract lobbyist; former GOP Rep. Ed Sullivan, who in 2016 opted to start his own lobbying firm instead of seeking another term; Democratic Rep. Brandon Phelps, who resigned in September 2017 to lobby for the secretary of state's office; and Democrat John Bradley, who quickly turned to lobbying for a tax credit program he helped craft while in office after losing a bid for reelection.

The so-called "revolving door" issue of lawmakers-turned-lobbyists has come up before, and not just from Republicans. In 2017, Democratic Sen. Heather Steans introduced a similar bill, with an additional clause that banned lawmakers from negotiating for future lobbying employment during their term.

"Elected officials and state employees should not be able to im-

mediately translate relationships built on state time into lobbying connections upon leaving public service," Steans said in a news release at the time.

That bill did not make it out of committee. This bill likely will not, either.

"What I think will happen is that it will just never get out of rules committee," McDermed said.

Meanwhile, GOP Rep. David McSweeney of Barrington Hills is proposing an end to lawmaker pensions for new members after Nov. 3, 2020.

"We should lead by example," McSweeney said. "Having a pension long-term shouldn't be part of what the job description is."

In fiscal year 2018, the General Assembly Retirement System paid out \$23.2 million in benefits to participating lawmakers, which is far and away the smallest obligation of the state's five pension systems.

But McSweeney said the move is not just symbolic. As for the four other state pension systems, he favors reform.

"The big issue is the 3 percent compounded annual increases,"

he said. "We need to get to a point where we're adjusting those at half the rate of inflation."

That would require a constitutional amendment, which needs a large threshold of approval from the General Assembly and Illinois voters to be successful. It would also draw much opposition from unions, McSweeney said.

Neither McSweeney's nor McDermed's recent legislation has been assigned to committee yet. Part of the holdup is that Republican lawmakers have not been assigned to committees, according to McSweeney.

Dare to Dream Conference empowers Latina middle school girls

The 11th annual Dare to Dream Conference, geared towards preparing young Latinas to further their education, was held at the McAninch Arts Center, College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn on Jan. 26. Despite the bitter cold, we had 278 girls and 232 mothers/parents/mentors in attendance from schools representing DuPage County, Suburban Cook County, and one from Iowa. The students heard Latina role models speak of their careers and how they dealt with obstacles to achieve their dream of a better life through higher education. They also attended student life panels where they heard from Latin-

na high school panelists and college panelists on their challenges and achievements as well as moments of perseverance. There was also a separate program for moms.

Almost 25 schools attended including: Blackhawk Middle School, Chippewa Middle School, Churchville Middle School, Indian Trail Junior High, and Wood Dale Junior High.

Conference highlights

Highlights of the conference were Lombard Deputy Chief Cyndy Velazquez's keynote speech on motivation to pursue a career and Dr. Eiliana Silva's topic on Suicide Preven-

tion. The Moms' program speakers were Diana Diaz-Espindola - Effects of Negative Communication; Teresita Marsal-Avila - Immigration; Elizabeth Gómez de la Casa - Financial Assistance; and Laura Pineiro, M.D. - Women's Health.

At the end of the program, the Mothers/Parent and daughters created and exchanged a letter on how they will help each other to achieve their dreams and the emotions that each expressed were priceless. Girls who attended will also receive a personalized certificate from State Representative Kathleen Willis for their participation.

District 88 holds legislative roundtable discussion

On Jan. 25, District 88 held a panel session with DuPage County school board members and administrators featuring several newly elected or re-elected officials. Participants included State Rep. Terra Costa Howard, (48th District); State Rep. Michelle Muss-

man (56th); State Rep. Diane Pappas (45th); State Rep. Karina Villa (49th); State Rep. Kathleen Willis (77th); and DuPage Regional Office of Education Regional Superintendent Dr. Darlene Ruscitti. The meeting was an opportunity for DuPage County education leaders

to meet and speak with legislators who were recently re-elected or newly elected.

The event was hosted by Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) DuPage Division, Illinois Principals Association (IPA) DuPage Region, Legislative Edu-

cation Network of DuPage (LEND) and DuPage Regional Office of Education and took place at the District 88 Administrative Office.

LEND Executive Director Peg Agnos welcomed everyone, and the panel participants introduced themselves and shared the areas

in which they plan to focus while in office. A question-and-answer session then took place, and topics included school safety initiatives, amortization of debt, pension reform, flexibility with school hours and the Evidence-Based Funding for Student Success Act.



[left photo]: On Jan. 25, local legislators participated in a panel session at District 88 with DuPage County school board members and administrators. They are (back row, from left): State Rep. Michelle Mussman (56th District), State Rep. Terra Costa Howard (48th), State Rep. Kathleen Willis (77th); (front row): State Rep. Karina Villa (49th District) and State Rep. Diane Pappas (45th District). [middle photo]: District 88 Superin-

tendent Dr. Scott Helton (right) greets Addison Trail alumni (from left) Jay Irvin, District 88 Board Vice President, State Rep. Kathleen Willis (77th), District 204 Board President Michael Raczak, and State Rep. Terra Costa Howard (48th) at the Jan. 25 meeting. [right photo]: Peg Agnos, Executive Director of Legislative Education Network of DuPage (LEND), introduces the panel on Jan. 25.

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Art Guild welcomes one-of-a-kind guest

On Thursday, Feb. 14 beginning at 7 p.m., the Addison Art Guild will hold its monthly meeting at Addison Trail High School, 213 N. Lombard Road, Forum Room B. Enter door #4 at the Addison Center for the Arts. The program, given by guest artist Bala Thiagarajan, will feature a demonstration with acrylics, using her own special method of painting. She pipes acrylic paint using piping bags and squeeze bottles in patterns inspired by henna art, creating one-of-a-kind paintings on canvas.

The meeting is free and guests are welcome.

More about Bala Thiagarajan

Born and brought up in Chennai, India, Bala Thiagarajan has a passion for colors and patterns that are inspired by the Indian culture. She explores texture in different mediums and her color palette reflects the colors of silk and cotton saris worn by women in southern India. Bala creates free-hand textured

paintings by piping acrylic paints in the style of henna body art on canvas in an attempt to capture the temporary nature of this art onto more enduring surfaces.

Painting intuitively, she focuses on her breathing and the symmetry of the paintings that comes from a meditative practice of organic repetition. By com-

binning her biology background and her love for math — fractals and geometry — Bala's works and finished paintings are full of rhythm and color.



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Pictured is an example of the artworks of Bala Thiagarajan, who will give a program at the next meeting of the Addison Art Guild on Thursday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. at ATHS. Bala uses piping bags and squeeze bottles to apply acrylic paint to create patterns inspired by henna art.

Candidate's List

Following is a list of people who have filed to appear on the ballot of the upcoming April 2, 2019 Consolidated General Election. This information was obtained from the DuPage Election Commission. This list was labeled "Unofficial" as of 1-28-19.

Village of Addison

Village Trustee (vote for 3)
Tom Hundley
William E. "Bill" Lynch
Dawn O'Brien

Library Trustee (vote for 2)
Kathleen Grundy Reed

Park Commissioner (vote for 1):
Dean Stathopoulos
Teresa Chapman

Fire Protection District No. 1

Fire Trustee:
Bernadette LaRocca

Addison School District 4

Board Member (vote for 3):
Sergio Ruffolo
Dave Williams

School District 88

Board member (vote for 4):
Constantina Haralambopoulos
Amy Finnegan
Glen E. Matthews

Lisa M. Knauf
Ray Chaidez
Daniel J. Olson
Donna Craft Cain
Mark Turk

College news

Resident named to Dayton Dean's List

The University of Dayton honored Addison resident Katherine Castellano for making the fall 2018 dean's list for achieving a minimum 3.5 GPA for the semester.

Addison native makes UA Dean's List

Nicholas C Stamatopoulos of Addison, was named to The University of Alabama Dean's List for fall 2018.

Downers Grove North student charged with threatening school

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert B. Berlin and Downers Grove Chief of Police Shanon Gillette announced on Friday, Feb. 1 that a male Downers Grove North High School student has been charged with posting a threat on Snapchat directed at his school. The student appeared at a detention hearing before Judge Anthony Coco who ordered the minor placed on home detention lockdown.

On Thursday, Jan. 31, Downers Grove Police received information regarding a threatening Snapchat video post

in which a male was seen holding a handgun and threatening members of the student body. An investigation into the post led by the Downers Grove Police Department led to the minor as the person allegedly in the video making the threats. The minor was taken into custody yesterday without incident.

"Any threat to the well-being of our students and teachers will be fully investigated and anyone suspected of such behavior will quickly find themselves standing before a judge," Berlin said.

"The well-being and safety of our

children remains a top priority of my administration and any threat or even the perception of a threat will not be tolerated."

The minor has been charged with one count of Disorderly Conduct — Threat of Violence at a School, a Class 4 Felony and one count of Misdemeanor Disorderly Conduct. His next court appearance is scheduled for February 22, 2019 for status in front of Judge Coco.

Members of the public are reminded that this complaint contains only charges and is not proof of the minor's guilt.

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Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming team third at conference

Burns wins two individual events

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming program had a fine showing at this past weekend's West Suburban Conference Gold Division meets held at Hinsdale South in Darien.

The AT-Willowbrook varsity finished third, while the frosh-soph team took second.

"We did well," said AT-Willowbrook coach Neil Wahlgren. "The guys put together a great meet overall. We took third on the varsity, but that only was by five points. We were close to getting into the top two. Our frosh-soph was second overall and did really well. We saw major drops (in time) on all levels. At the frosh-soph level, we took first in the majority of the events. It was cool to see these young guys stepping up and finishing their taper and finishing their season strong. It also showed us

what the future will look like."

At the varsity level, Jack Burns took first in the 50 and 100 freestyle events and was part of two second place finishes for AT-Willowbrook's three relays.

Burns, Evan Zimmerman, Aidan Nichols and Marco Chaidez took second in the 200 medley relay. "Each guy dropped time in the medley," said Wahlgren.

Zimmerman also won the backstroke and took second in the 50 free.

Wahlgren pointed out AT-Willowbrook enjoyed a clean sweep in the 50 free. Ray Brisbois won the JV 50, while Cole McGinnis took first at the frosh-soph level and Burns won the varsity 50 with Zimmerman in second place.

Burns, Zimmerman, Eric Hoda and Chaidez were second in the 200 free relay, while Hoda, Sean Pienkos,

Chaidez and Michal Niemirski were second in the 400 relay.

Nick Mitchell won the 100 butterfly and the backstroke at the frosh-soph level. The Addison Trail student also was part of the frosh-soph-winning 200 relay.

"It was really cool to see," said Wahlgren. "Overall, for the guys on the JV and the frosh-soph, this was their last meet of the year. They all finished strong. Everyone cut time. It was exciting to watch."

AT-Willowbrook now is gearing up for next weekend's sectional meet at York High School in Elmhurst.

"It's our one shot at state," said Wahlgren. "Hopefully we can squeeze at least Jack Burns in there and maybe more. The guys are tapering down and that will be their fastest meet of the year. I'm excited to see the times each guy puts forth."



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Willowbrook girls bowling team wins regional title

Jones wins individual regional championship with 1,236 series

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The hits keep coming for the Willowbrook girls bowling team.

The Warriors recently won the Glenbard East regional title at Brunswick Zone in Glendale Heights.

Willowbrook rolled a 5,675 team score, well ahead of second-place York, which finished at 5,452.

It's the Warriors' second regional title in a row. Willowbrook heads to Brunswick Zone Woodridge Lanes Saturday for the Hinsdale South sectional where the Warriors will be in search of their second state qualification in a row.

In Glendale Heights, Makaylah Jones, a junior at Willowbrook, won the individual regional title with a 1,236 series.

She had plenty of help behind her as all Willowbrook competitors broke 1,000 pins for six games. Senior Holly Helsper was fourth overall with an 1,171. Senior Brianna Bryant was sixth at 1,161. Senior Paula Williams was 15th with a 1,054 and senior Katie Pettinger was 16th with a 1,053.

Willowbrook finished the season 12-1 overall and won the West Suburban Conference title, going 8-0 in dual matches and also winning the John Ryan conference invitational title.

The Warriors also recently won the Leyden invitational, which featured a 22-team field. Willowbrook finished with a 5,512 team score.

Jones finished fourth at Leyden with an 1,182. Helsper rolled 1,139 and took sixth, while Pettinger had the team's high game of the day with a 234 in the fourth game.

At the Ryan West Suburban Conference invitational, the Warriors won that event as well with a 5,741 team score.

Helsper won the conference invite individual title with a 1,317. Bryant,

Pettinger, Williams and Jones all finished in the top 20 there. Helsper had the high game of 266, while Bryant turned in a 257 at the conference invite.

Pettinger, Helsper, Bryant, Jones and Williams all earned all-WSC honors.

Heading into the regional, Helsper was averaging a 189, while Pettinger was at 185.

High rolling Warriors

The Willowbrook girls bowling team won the West Suburban Conference title this season. The Warriors went 8-0 in conference play and then won the John Ryan conference invitational with a 5,741 team pitfall total. Senior Holly Helsper won the WSC individual invite title with a 1,317, while seniors Brianna Bryant, Katie Pettinger and Paula Williams, along with junior Makaylah Jones all finished in the top 20 and all earned all-WSC accolades.

Willowbrook girls basketball team wins West Suburban Gold title

Addison Trail, Willowbrook wrestlers advance to sectional round

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls basketball team recorded a 57-43 win over Morton to secure the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title.

In other recent action, the Warriors were 54-23 WSC Gold winners against Leyden on senior night.

Willowbrook led 14-2 after the first quarter and 31-13 at halftime. Willowbrook outscored Leyden 10-2 in the third quarter and 13-8 in the fourth quarter.

Cecilia Lizasuain led the Warriors with 10 points and six rebounds. Megan Schmid added nine points, while Maura Henneghan had eight points. Emma Barrington finished with seven points. Grace Tumilty had six rebounds and four steals. Stephanie Dاسبach had six rebounds and Maureen Schmid had

four steals. Willowbrook's bench scored 34 points.

The Warriors also dropped a 55-47 non-conference game to Elk Grove. Elk Grove led 21-16 after the first quarter and 33-30 at halftime. Elk Grove outscored Willowbrook 10-4 in the third quarter.

Tumilty led the Warriors with 15 points, seven rebounds and four steals. K'aliya Herron had eight points and six rebounds, while Lizasuain had eight points. Dاسبach had six rebounds.

Addison Trail wrestling

The Addison Trail wrestling team took second at the recent Class 3A Chicago Lane regional, but advanced a host of wrestlers to this weekend's sectional round.

The Blazers finished with 147.5 points. Oak Park-River Forest won the regional with 293 points.

Guillermo Juarez took second at 106 pounds. The senior is now 31-7. Sophomore John Asiuras was second at 113 pounds and will bring a 26-13 mark into the sectional.

Yuanxu Zhang was third at 120 pounds for Addison Trail and advanced. He's 7-3 on the season.

Raul Gonzalez took second at 126 pounds and has 11 wins this season. Sophomore Jake Matthews was second at 132 pounds and brings a 34-7 mark into the sectional.

John Ramos finished third at 138 pounds and won his third-place match via fall in 4:37.

Brian Reyes won the 145-pound regional title for the Blazers. He's 29-9 and won the title match by ultimate tiebreaker (3-2).

Xavier Sierra was second at 160 pounds for Addison Trail and is now 29-13. Nick Skamra was second at

182 pounds and now has a 30-10 record.

Willowbrook wrestling

The Willowbrook wrestling team took fifth at the recent Chicago Lane regional with 92 points.

Gabriel Yu was third for the Warriors at 113 pounds. He won his third-place match via pinfall in 38 seconds. He's 23-15 on the season.

Zachary Seymore was second at 120 pounds and now is 31-7 heading into sectionals. Richard Scheelk was third at 126 and is now 27-12 this season. He won the third-place match by a 6-2 count.

Elijah Brockie was third at 182 pounds. The sophomore won his third-place bout by a 6-0 count and now is 29-9.

John Peterson took second at 195 pounds for the Warriors. He's 22-10 heading into the sectional.

Addison Trail girls bowling team advances two to sectional round

Soucie and O'Connell to compete this weekend for shot at state meet

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Addison Trail girls bowling coach Steve Gilliam recently called this season one of the program's "best in a while."

He wasn't kidding.

The Blazers advanced two bowlers out of the recent Glenbard East regional at Brunswick Zone in Glendale Heights.

As a team, Addison Trail finished seventh with a 4,692 score.

Individually, Addison Trail junior Heather Soucie advanced to sectionals after shooting a 1,006 series. Joining her Saturday at Woodridge Lanes in Woodridge is senior Clare O'Connell who finished with a

qualifying score of 978.

The Blazers finished the regular season with a 3-6 overall mark and went 2-6 in West Suburban Conference play.

"The girls did get better," said Gilliam. "We didn't have one superstar bowler. Everybody got better. We ended up being pretty consistent within the conference."

Junior Kasey Fiermuga led the team with a 159 average during the regular season. Junior Yuli Macias averaged 156, while Soucie had a 155. Senior co-captain Yvette Beltran had a 148 and O'Connell, another captain, had a 147.

"The good thing is we have those three juniors, Kasey, Yuli and

Heather, coming back," said Gilliam.

Gilliam saw numerous facets of the team's game take steps forward. "We got much better picking up the 10-pin spare," he said. "We struggled for a while throwing a good first ball, but we cleaned up our games and started getting the spares and the scores started to go up."

Gilliam noted junior-varsity bowler Araceli Olascoaga bowled a

229 game in a WSC match against York. She ended up averaging 141 at the JV level.

"We have been pretty consistent," he said late last week. "We're hoping at the regional tournament to hit a couple big scores."

Gilliam has had a blast coaching this year's group. "It's a great group that is very coachable," he said. "They are great young ladies who work hard. We're striving to be like

Willowbrook is in the conference (Willowbrook won the WSC this year). With the girls we have coming back and some solid JV girls coming up, we're excited about the direction we are headed in. We have a couple girls (Fiermuga and Macias) who bowl in leagues and we're working on getting others involved in off-season leagues. They want to keep improving. We're very excited about next year."

Fenton wrestlers advance to sectional round

Bison girls bowler Jagniatowski headed to sectionals

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton wrestling team will be well-represented in this weekend's Class 2A sectional round.

The Bison qualified nine wrestlers for sectionals out of the Class 2A Ridgewood regional in Norridge.

Fenton finished second as a team with 183 points. Niles Notre Dame won the regional with 287 points and earned a dual-team sectional bid.

Fenton sophomore John Quinto was third at 106 pounds. He won his third-place match via fall in 1:00 and will bring a 21-14 mark into sectionals.

Sophomore Manuel Lozada was third at 126 pounds. He won his third-place match 8-4. He's 19-19 on the season.

Junior Jeremy Piskorz won the 138-pound regional title. He will bring a 30-7 mark into the sectional. Junior Daniel Ramirez won the 152-pound title via pin in 1:30. He's 34-5 on the season.

Senior Ramiro Bracamontes won the 160-pound title with a 7-6 win in the final. He's 22-10 this season. Junior Kevin Guevara finished second at 170 pounds and now has 12 wins on the season.

Junior Ricardo Saucedo was second at 195 pounds and has 15 wins. At 220 pounds, junior Filip Reduta was third. He won his third-place contest via fall in 2:16. He has seven wins this season.

Sophomore Dominiquinn Wilcoxen was third at 285 pounds. He won his third-place bout via fall in 1:43 and has 10 wins this season.

Fenton girls bowling

The Fenton girls bowling team placed sixth at the recent Glenbard East regional at Brunswick Zone in Glendale Heights.

The Bison finished with a 4,723 pinfall total.

Senior Leah Jagniatowski will head to sectionals as an individual after earning one of the qualifying spots with a 987 series.

Viridiana Juan-Flores finished

with a 966 series for Fenton. Emily Sanchez had a 951 series, while Samantha Novak finished at 920. Vanessa DeLaO had a 745 and Katie Balog also competed in the regional for the Bison.

Fenton girls gymnastics

The Fenton girls gymnastics team took fifth at the recent Hoffman Estates regional. The Bison finished with a team score of 105.725 and did not have any automatic sectional qualifiers.

Fenton girls basketball

The Fenton girls basketball team has the No. 16 seed in the Class 4A Batavia sectional. Fenton opens postseason play Monday in the Class 4A Rolling Meadows regional against No. 17 seed DeKalb. If Fenton wins that game, it will advance to the regional semifinals on Tuesday against No. 1 seed Rolling Meadows. The regional title game is scheduled for Thursday at 7 p.m. at Rolling Meadows.



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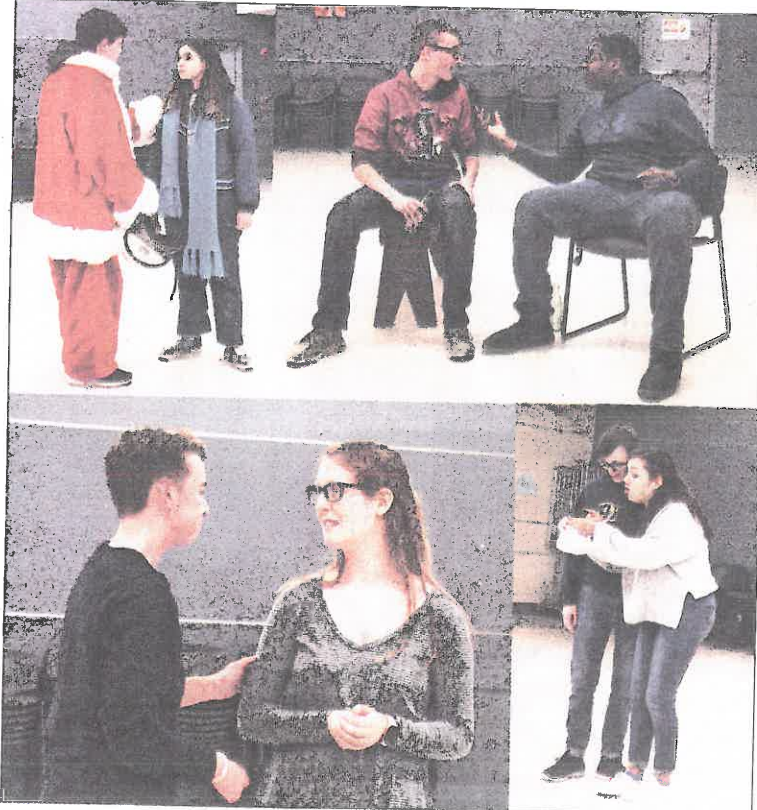
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Willowbrook students rehearse scenes for the school's upcoming winter play, "Almost, Maine." They are (top row, from left) sophomore Jack Cullerton and junior Pearl Hosman, sophomore Ryan Brown and freshman Eric Veal Jr., (bottom row, from left) sophomore Matthew Burns and senior Claire Mitchell and senior Joe LaPointe and junior Letisha Sepulveda.

Willowbrook drama to perform 'Almost Maine' Feb. 7-9

From Feb. 7 to 9, Willowbrook will present its winter play, "Almost, Maine" by John Curni. Curtain times are 7 p.m. each evening in the Willowbrook auditorium.

The play features nine different storylines that show the various stages and types of love—from new love, to struggling relationships, to discovering feelings where you didn't think they existed to healing a broken heart.

The stories all take place on a winter night in the fictional town of Almost, Maine and follow the town's residents as they discover the complexity of human emotion and vari-

ous aspects of love and loss.

"What's so special about this play is it uses metaphors to depict love," said Maggie Kelly, Co-Director of the play with Kimberly Jackson-Petrella. "It's filled with magical realism, and our hope is audience members will relate to at least one storyline that resonates with them and have an emotional response."

Assistant Directors and Willowbrook seniors Sydney Keehner and Claire Mitchell said "Almost, Maine" is unique in that it encompasses multiple genres of theatre.

"The underlying message of the play is to take a look at the relation-

ships in your life and appreciate your loved ones," Keehner said. "Just because someone loves you in a way that's different than what you want or expect, that doesn't mean they're not loving you with all their heart."

Tickets, available at the door, are \$7 for adults; \$5 for students and children older than 12 years old (children 12 years old and younger, accompanied by an adult, are admitted free); \$3 with an Activity Pass; and are free with a District 88 Senior Gold Card. Tickets will be on sale at the box office beginning at 6:15 p.m. for more information, e-mail mkel-ly@dupage88.net

District 88 offers Strategic Plan update

District 88 is in the process of updating its Strategic Plan to retol and enhance the district's existing 2010 plan and to ensure the focus remains on accomplishing the district's mission of working for the continuous improvement of student achievement.

From September to November, facilitator Jeff Cohn with Brave Dialogue joined District 88 administrators and met with more than 700 stakeholders—including staff members, parents and guardians, community members and students—to gather their feedback and thoughts with this process.

During the District 88 Board of Education meeting held on Jan. 14, Cohn recapped the time line, goals and initiatives of the Strategic Plan process. The board also participated in an interactive activity to provide their input on the process and suggested updates to the plan.

The District 88 administration will incorporate the recommendations from the board, set measures for each goal within the updated Strategic Plan and submit it for board approval in February.

For more information, visit dupage88.net/StrategicPlan2018.

Assistant principal honored for earning doctoral degree

During its Jan. 14 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education, along with the District 88 administration, recognized and congratulated Willowbrook Assistant Principal Dr. Jamie Gourley for earning her doctoral degree.

Dr. Gourley received her doctorate in Ethical Leadership on Dec. 11 from Olivet Nazarene University. She joined Willowbrook in 2006 and has served as a reading teacher, an ESL teacher, an instructional coach in literacy and technology, Literacy Department Head and Assistant Principal (since July 1, 2017).

At the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Dr. Gourley received her bachelor's degree in English and earned master's degrees in the Teaching of Reading, Curriculum and Instruction with ELL concentration and Educational Leadership. She also earned a Learning Behavior Specialist I (LBSI) Endorsement.

Dr. Gourley has coached the Willowbrook boys and girls swim teams and has been the sponsor of Student Council as well.

"I look forward to using what I have learned about educational leadership to empower others and to support progress at Willowbrook High School and within District 88," Gourley said. "In addition to increasing my skills in educational leadership, I was able to pursue an in-depth



WILLowbrook Assistant Principal Dr. Jamie Gourley.

study into effective professional development for teachers. I hope to use the outcomes of my data to continue to provide teachers with professional development opportunities to support teacher effectiveness for all learners."

During the meeting, the Board presented her with an engraved clock in honor of her dedication and commitment to enhancing the educational environment for the students, staff and community of District 88.

District 88 Board supports access to property tax relief grants

As District 88 has previously shared, Illinois recently implemented a school funding law that looks to achieve adequacy and equity in education funding throughout the state.

That Evidence Based Funding law also provides money for a Property Tax Relief Grant. The intent of that program is to assist communities in Illinois that are experiencing a significant local property tax burden due to limited local property wealth. It's an opportunity to lower the property tax burden on local taxpayers, with the state replacing a por-

tion of foregone tax revenue with state funds.

District 88 has applied for this grant on behalf of the property taxpayers of the district and Illinois. However, the district is concerned there isn't sufficient funding allocated to fully and effectively implement this program to support all eligible communities. During its Jan. 14 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education approved submitting a resolution to address concerns regarding the underfunding by the state for property tax relief. That resolution was sent to

State Senators Tom Cullerton and Don Harmon; State Representatives Deb Conroy, Deanne Mazzocchi, Terra Costa Howard and Kathleen Willis; Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker; State Superintendent Dr. Tony Smith; and Peg Agnos, Executive Director of Legislative Education Network of DuPage (LEND).

College news

Resident achieves Dean's List at Belmont

Elisabeth Wiede, a Villa Park native, qualified for the Fall 2018 Dean's List at Belmont University in Nashville.

Students named to Wheaton College Dean's List

Villa Park residents Courtney Baer and Esther Karpets have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester at Wheaton College.

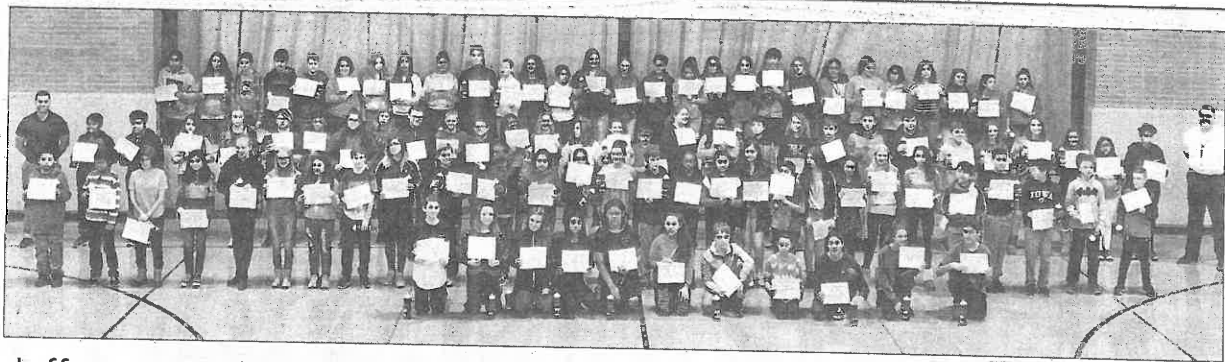
Local resident enrolls at Carleton College

Carl Tankersley of Villa Park has enrolled at Carleton College as a member of the Class of 2022.

Willowbrook Student Council collects for York Township

(Right) Willowbrook Student Council members and sponsors show off the gifts collected by the school this past December as part of Willowbrook's Warrior Project to help local families in need. This year, WBHS collected toys and needed items for 42 children to support York Township Food Pantry. Pictured are (from left) York Township Food Pantry Director Angela Tanner, sophomore Noelle Faulk, teacher and Student Council co-sponsor Malcolm Ross, sophomore Elizabeth Martynenko, junior Alycia Cameron, freshman Eric Veal Jr., freshman Amia Jackson, teacher and Student Council co-sponsor Ashley Anderson and York Township Supervisor John W. Valle.





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Jefferson students recognized

Jefferson Middle School recently celebrated the end of the second quarter of the 2018-29 school year with its honor roll breakfast. Students who received a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher were recognized for their achievement. Family mem-

bers of the students attended the early morning ceremony that honored a total of 130 students. Jefferson holds the honor roll breakfast at the end of every quarter except the fourth quarter, when students are already out on their summer break.

District 89 names new Park View principal

An experienced administrator who has worked in education for nearly two decades will be the next leader of Park View Elementary School.

On Monday, Jan. 14, the Community Consolidated School District 89 Board of Education unanimously approved Kristie Mate to be Park View principal starting in the 2019-20 school year. To see a video introduction of Mate, go to: <https://youtu.be/nw8OUKTewEU>

"I am so excited for Kristie to join our team. While meeting with Kristie several times over the past month, her passion for education and helping all students succeed was evident," said CCSD 89 Superintendent Dr. Emily Tammara. "Kristie is focused on students. I know she believes in supporting teachers and parents to ensure a well-rounded, positive learning environment where every child can succeed."

Mate will replace Barb Peterson, who is retiring at the end of the 2018-19 school year, after 20 years in education and had been the principal at Park View for seven years.

Mate is currently the assistant principal for Curriculum and Instruction at Drauden Point Middle School in Plainfield. Since starting that position in 2012, Mate has focused on developing strong curriculum and instructional practices; organizing and implementing special education programming; and ensuring that all disciplinary processes are also learning experiences for students.

In 2017, Mate was named the Assistant Principal of the Year in the 3 Rivers Region by the Illinois Principals Association.

Mate loves the energy that comes from being in a school full of young learners. She's thrilled to work with Park View staff to help each student

reach his or her full potential.

"Everyone talks about the parent involvement and close-knit community at Park View. That's very exciting," Mate said. "I'm looking forward to meeting the community and continuing that positive direction."

Mate believes her middle school background will help Park View students prepare for the full scope of their educational experience in CCSD 89.

"I know where students need to be when they leave elementary school," she said.

Mate has a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of St. Francis and a Master's Degree in Special Education from Lewis University. She has teaching certifications as a Learning Behavior Specialist and in Administration. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Family and Consumer Science from Bradley University.

It was during her time at Bradley that she began mentoring students and realized she wanted to work in education. She started her first teaching job one year later.

Mate is married with two children, a 7-year-old and a 9-year-old. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her family, reading and cooking.

Community Consolidated School District 89, which includes four elementary schools and one middle school, serves more than 2,100 preschool through middle school students from Glen Ellyn, which includes four elementary schools and one middle school.

To learn more about CCSD 89, go to www.ccsd89.org.

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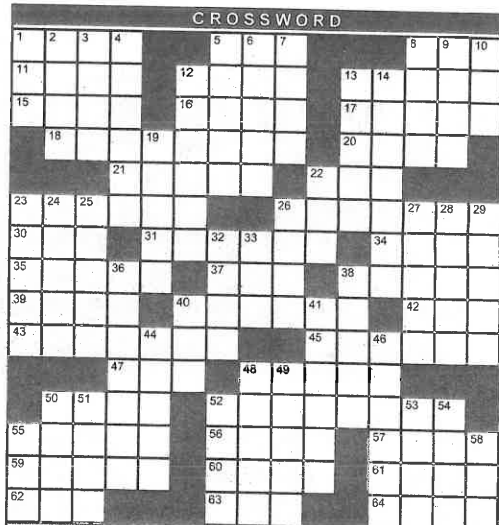
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PIE Foundation, District 88 Board to host evening at Drury Lane

Donna Craft Cain, on behalf of the Partnership for Inspired Education (PIE) Foundation and the District 88 Board of Education, has invited the community for an evening of entertainment, dining and fun on Sunday, March 10 at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace, while supporting the PIE Foundation.

The PIE Foundation's 2019 fundraiser will benefit students in DuPage County school districts 4, 45, 48 and 88. The evening will feature a performance of "Mamma Mia!" along with dinner, a silent auction with sports

memorabilia, tickets to events, jewelry and gift certificates as well as a free prize drawings and a live auction.

Ways you can help the PIE Foundation fundraiser

1. Donate to the silent auction: We're looking for a variety of items to include in baskets at our silent auction, as well as gift certificates. If you have items to donate, contact District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink by Feb.

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Open Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year begins **Thursday, February 7. We will be holding an Open House that evening from 6-8 pm.**

Please come take a tour and meet our teachers and director!

For over 60 years, the Co-Op Preschool, in partnership with our students' families, has been helping children build the skills they need to become successful students and responsible community members. We are a non-profit play-based program that fosters a joy of learning and respectful interaction among peers while promoting a cooperative partnership between home and school. Together with our students' families, we provide a nurturing, safe and engaging preschool experience for all our children to grow and learn. The involvement parents have in their child's school has a direct impact on a child's academic success.

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For questions on enrollment please call: 630-629-2630 ext. 214 or email director@thecooppreschool.com

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Warriors complete season sweep of Addison Trail *Flak's 13-point third quarter helps Willowbrook hold off Blazers*

The Willowbrook boys basketball team beat Addison Trail 70-58 in last Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game in Villa Park. The Warriors completed a season sweep of the Blazers with their victory. Willowbrook opened its conference season by beating the Blazers 72-60 in Addison on Nov. 30.

Friday's victory gave the Warriors an overall season record of 11-9 and a conference mark of 4-3. Willowbrook improved its overall record to 12-9 with Saturday's 70-53 win over Batavia at Batavia's "Night of Hoops" event.

The Warriors held a 38-26 halftime lead in Friday's rematch with their District 88 rival. Senior Charlie Flak then sparked Willowbrook in the third quarter by pouring in 13 points. Flak drained three shots from 3-point range in the period. He also contributed a 2-point basket and a pair of free throws. The Warriors led Addison Trail 54-43 at the end of the third quarter.

Senior Jack Hines scored on the Warriors' first possession of the fourth quarter to raise the lead to 56-43. A 3-point shot from junior Everett Stubblefield pushed the lead to 59-45, but the Blazers responded with six straight points to cut the Warriors' lead to 59-51 with about five minutes to play. Senior Scott Tumilty drove to the hoop for a basket that gave Willowbrook a 61-51 advantage. The lead stood at 61-53 when Flak picked up a loose ball and scored an inside basket to give the Warriors a 63-53 edge with about three minutes left in the game.

Scott Tumilty made all four of his free-throw attempts in the fourth quarter to help the Warriors seal the victory. His brother, junior Sam Tumilty, added one free throw in the fourth quarter.

Stubblefield provided a team-leading 19 points, including a pair of 3-point shots. Scott Tumilty, who made three 3-point shots in the first quarter and added one more long-range shot in the third quarter, provided 18 points. Flak contributed 15 points, while Hines and Sam Tumilty supplied seven and five points, respectively.

The Warriors played two games at Sterling High School's Martin Luther King Tournament on Jan. 21. Willowbrook opened the day with an 87-85 overtime victory over Oswego East. The Warriors lost their second game of the day, falling 72-58 to Maine South. Willowbrook was supposed to play two games at the same tournament on Jan. 19, but those games were cancelled because of poor weather.

Stubblefield had a spectacular game against Oswego East, pouring in 42 points to help Willowbrook rally from a 61-50 deficit early in the fourth quarter. In one sequence late in the fourth quarter, Stubblefield made two free throws, then forced a turnover seconds later. He then sank a 3-point shot to account for a five-point burst in less than 10 seconds. The two teams were tied at 79-79 at the end of regulation.

Stubblefield made a pair of free throws with five seconds left in the overtime period to break an 85-85 tie and account for the final points of

the game. Stubblefield made 14 of 23 shots, including six of nine attempts from 3-point range. He converted eight of 11 shots from the free-throw line.

Sam Tumilty added 15 points, including a pair of 3-pointers. Senior Levi Bentsen, who made three 3-point shots, scored 11 points.

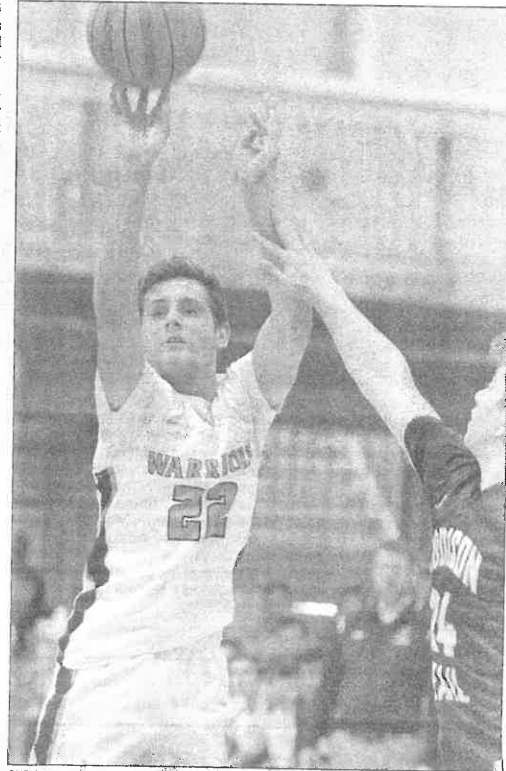
Stubblefield made five of nine shots from 3-point range and scored 24 points in the second game of the Jan. 21 holiday event. Hines added nine points for the Warriors, who trailed Maine South 35-27 at halftime and 51-47 after three quarters.

Scott Tumilty provided red-hot shooting in Saturday's non-conference win at Batavia. Tumilty sank six of eight 3-point attempts in a 32-point performance. In addition to making six shots from 3-point range, Tumilty made six of nine field-goal attempts from 2-point range. He also drilled two of three free-throw attempts.

Willowbrook trailed Batavia 18-11 after one quarter before rallying to tie the score at 32-32 by halftime. The Warriors outscored Batavia 22-5 in the third quarter to take a 54-37 lead with eight minutes to play.

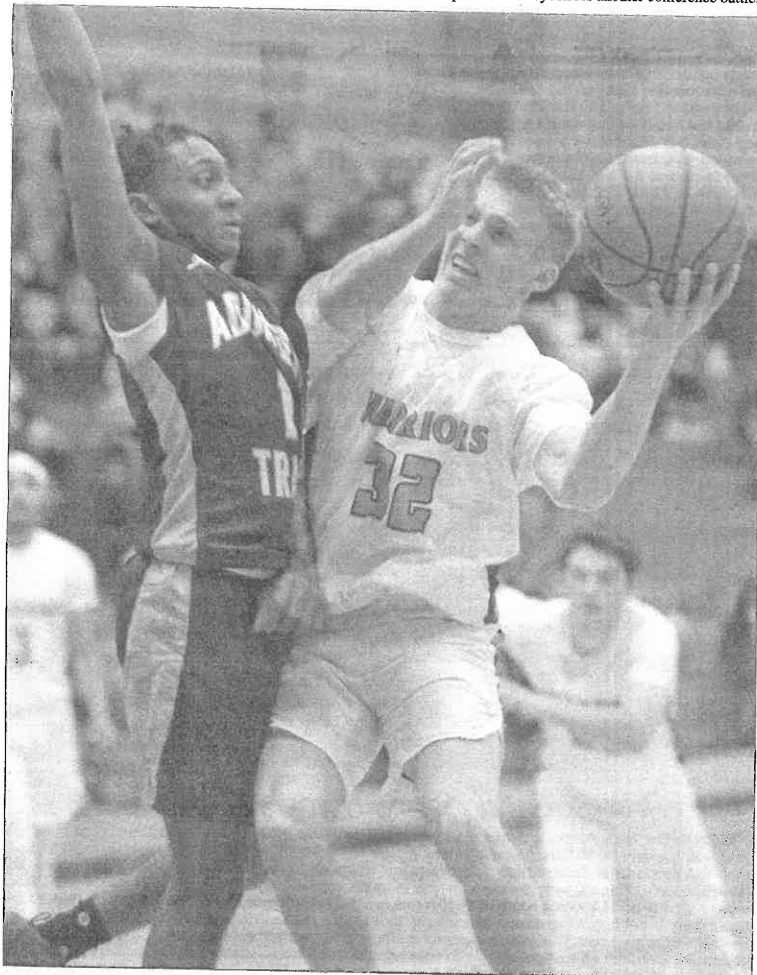
Sam Tumilty supported his older brother by providing 15 points. Flak, who made both of his 3-point attempts, scored eight points, while Stubblefield scored six points before leaving the game due to injury in the second quarter.

The Warriors will play a conference home game against Morton this Friday. One day later, they will travel to Leyden for another conference battle.

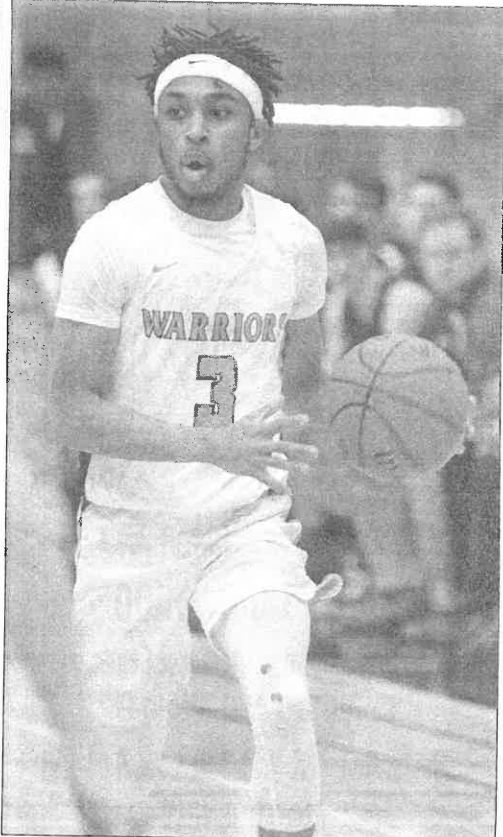


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Willowbrook's boys basketball team defeated Addison Trail 70-58 in last Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game at Villa Park. The Warriors improved to 11-9 overall and 4-3 in conference play with the victory. Senior Charlie Flak (No. 22) sank three shots from 3-point range during the third quarter. He scored 13 of his 15 points during the third period.



Senior Scott Tumilty (No. 32) added 18 points. Tumilty erupted for 32 points, including six 3-pointers, in last Saturday's 70-53 non-conference victory over Batavia. Stubblefield delivered a huge offensive outburst earlier in the week. He made six 3-point shots and scored 42 points in Willowbrook's 87-85 overtime win over Oswego East on Jan. 21 at Sterling High School's Martin Luther King Tournament.



Junior Everett Stubblefield (No. 3) provided a team-high 19 points for the Warriors.

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Senior Warriors

(Right) The Willowbrook girls bowling team completed its undefeated West Suburban Conference dual meet season with last week's win over Downers Grove North. The Warriors defeated the Trojans 3,048 to 2,551 at Stardust Bowl in Addison on Jan. 23. That victory gave Willowbrook an unblemished conference dual-meet record of 8-0. Willowbrook honored its seniors at the meet against the Trojans. Pictured left to right are: Paula Williams, Sabrina Edwards, Katie Pettinger, Brianna Bryant and Holly Helsper. Helsper rolled Willowbrook's top three-game series in the meet, producing games of 212, 193 and 158 for a total of 563. Junior Makayiah Jones contributed a 553 series with games of 184, 170 and 199. The Warriors posted a non-conference win over Metea Valley on Jan. 24. Willowbrook beat Metea Valley 3,580 to 3,237. Helsper rolled an outstanding 687 series with game scores of 220, 233 and 234. Pettinger bowled a 631 series, while Jones and Williams provided series scores of 623 and 620, respectively. Two days later, the Warriors won the first-place plaque at the Leyden invitational. Jones fired the Warriors' leading six-game score of 1,182, which was good for fourth place in the event's individual standings. Helsper placed sixth with her six-game total of 1,139. Willowbrook will join 10 other teams to compete in this Saturday's Glenbard East Sectional at Brunswick Zone in Glendale Heights. A top-four finish at the regional would propel the Warriors to the Hinsdale South Sectional on Feb. 9.



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Montini Catholic cheer team first at Niles West invite

(Left) The Montini Catholic cheer team, under the direction of coach Pat Donlan, took first place out of 11 contenders at the Niles West Invitational on Jan. 12. Pictured at Niles West are standing (from left to right): Cassie Kratt, Delaney Craddock, Kiana Calkins, Amari Esper, Sam Mikolajzak, Marina Mancione and Jayla Bentley. Sitting: Sam Mullins, Mary Lah, Maria Ranieri and Gina Wasz.



DUPAGE COUNTY CLERK'S ELECTIONS OFFICE NOTICE TO REACH THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAP APRIL 2, 2019 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

The Consolidated Election will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, polling places will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All polling places are handicap accessible.

Established political parties and Independent Officers to be elected are: Mayor or President, Clerk, Treasurer, Alderman, Council Members or Trustee(s) of municipalities. Trustees of: Park Districts, Public Library Districts, Township and Municipal Library Districts, Regional School Board, Community College District, Fire Protection Districts and School District Board Members or Directors, Trustees, Forest Preserve District Commissioners and other Special Purpose Districts may also be up for election.

Residents of DuPage County are encouraged to update their voter registration. Residents may register by providing two forms of identification; at least one form must display their current name and residential address. The DuPage County Clerk's Elections Office, local City, Village or Township Halls, most school and park district offices, the Secretary of State Driver's Facilities will accept registrations as well as many health and rehabilitation facilities. The last day to register to vote is **Tuesday, March 5, 2019**. Residents may also register on line at our website: www.dupageco.org/election. If you are homebound and need additional assistance, please call the DuPage County Clerk's Elections Office at 630-407-5600.

Vote by mail offers the convenience of voting right from your home, or place away from home. Voters who are currently registered may apply to vote by mail. Simply go to our website: <https://www.dupageco.org/Election/VoteByMail/> or call 630-407-5600 to request a vote by mail application and ballot. To expedite processing please check that all the required information is complete and your signature is included. The dates to request a vote by mail application are **January 2, 2019 through March 28th**. We remind voters to allow ample time for all mail deliveries. The first day to mail a registered voter a vote by mail ballot is February 21, 2019. Voters requiring assistance and the person giving assistance need to complete an Assisted Voter Affidavit. The returned ballot needs to be post-marked on or before April 2, 2019.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Thursday, **February 21, 2019** through Monday, April 1, 2019 only at the DuPage County Clerk's Elections Office located at 421 North County Farm Road in the Administration Building on the first floor, Suites 1-600 in Wheaton. Early voting at our permanent locations will begin on **March 18th**. The Early Voting schedule will be posted on our website and published in the newspaper.

Curbside Voting—is provided to any voter who is unable to access or enter the polling place due to a disability. The voter may request curbside assistance in writing no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, April 1, 2019 to the DuPage County Clerk's Elections Office, Suites 1-600 at 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60602. Please include the voter's name, current residential address, precinct, polling place, the hour the voter expects to arrive and if available their cell phone number. If the voter cannot file that request in advance, call our Election Office at 630-407-5600 with the necessary information.

All polling places are equipped with the following ADA accessible devices: ballot magnifiers, wheelchair accessible voting booths, outside doorbells, headphones for audio ballots, audio visual keypads.

Group of Montini Catholic students attends annual March for Life in Washington

On Wednesday, Jan. 16, a group of enthusiastic Montini Catholic students began their annual pilgrimage to the world's largest pro-life event, the March for Life in Washington D.C.

The group of young Bronco activists joined hundreds of thousands as they remembered those who have been lost to abortion. The March was held on Friday, Jan. 19, with the theme, 'Unique from Day One. Pro-Life is Pro-Science.' "Science is behind the Pro-Life Movement," said Jeanne Mancini, President of March for Life on marchforlife.org. (In the United States, 1.21 million Americans are aborted annually whereas only 20,000 infants are adopted. This means that for every 1 infant that is adopted into a loving family in the U.S., another 61 babies are not given the chance for life. Source: marchforlife.org.)

The historic march, now in its 46th year, is held every January in Washington. Jan. 22 marks the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision making abortion available throughout the United States. Each year the Montini attendees support the March for Life Education and Defense Fund in its goal to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Thirty-six Montini students, accompanied by teachers, Denis Block and Katie Wall, braved the bitter cold when they left for our nation's capitol on the evening of the 16th and traveled through the night, by bus, to arrive at their destination.

The 15-hour journey was made with fellow students from the Dio-



A group of Montini Catholic High School students recently attended and participated in the annual March for Life event held in Washington, D.C.

cese of Joliet.

Upon arrival in Washington on Thursday morning, Jan. 17, the group attended the Mass for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Early Friday morning, the day of the march, the group left to attend a Youth Rally at the Capital One Center.

This Mass had over 32,000 youths in attendance, Wall noted.

"This was an excellent trip. Our students are always very engaged and focused on the cause," said Wall. "We talked about what we learned on the bus ride home and every student shared profound

statements about how much they care about this issue and what they gained from the experience." She added, "Overall, they are a very motivated group who want to bring what they have learned and experienced back to Montini. They are excellent leaders and are truly focused on creating a culture of life in our school and world."

Senior Nicholas Alandy of Lombard was proud to be returning from his third march. "I've gone every year minus freshman year when we got snowed out," he said. "I got some of my friends to go and we all had a good time. It is always a great feeling to be a part of something

bigger than yourself, and to represent Montini while on the march just makes you understand how much your voice matters." Alandy said he is greatly influenced by his grandmother who he credits for inspiring him to stand up for life.

"She always cheers me on whenever I leave for the marches," he said. "It's also very inspiring to arrive and the march and see all of these people standing up for the same cause. You get a sense that you're not alone and that all these people believe in the same cause as you."

Wall has admitted in the past that there can be hectic elements of tak-

ing a group of over 30 high school students over 700 miles, on a bus in the dead of winter, but is quick to add that it is one of her favorite things she is involved in as a teacher at Montini. "I have the privilege of seeing our students grow in their conviction for the pro-life movement," she says. "I see them grow in understanding of its importance, and I see them form a community amongst themselves of strong student leaders."

She believes it is very important for students to learn to define their beliefs and then learn how to peacefully and respectfully stand up for those beliefs. "This trip is a perfect way for them to do that, and each student is so inspiring to me. I consider myself blessed to know them and learn from them."

The March for Life began as a small demonstration in 1973 and rapidly grew to be the largest pro-life event in the world. Students and teachers at Montini Catholic have been participating in this event for over 19 years. Over the past few years, the number of students attending has been on a steady rise, with those going, inspiring others to attend with them.

"Our prayers were with all of our students and teachers representing Montini Catholic at the March for Life," said President Segredo. "I think every year I speak for the entire Montini Catholic community when I say that their actions of standing up for the unborn, are truly an inspiration to us all."

Cullerton, Pritzker focus on veterans homes

State Sen. Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) is praising Gov. JB Pritzker's move to protect Illinois' veterans.

On Friday, Jan. 18, Pritzker issued an executive order to examine and get to the bottom of the Legionnaires' crisis in the state's veterans homes.

Pritzker's administration is directing the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs to issue a report in 120 days that will provide a comprehensive

review of weaknesses, strengths and opportunities for improvement of policies, protocols and procedures related to ensuring the health and safety of residents and employees at Illinois veterans homes.

"This report will help move us in the right direction. It's about time that we get a comprehensive review of the Legionnaires' crisis in our state veterans' homes," Cullerton said. "The last administration focused on playing political games instead of providing real answers to help alleviate this catastrophe. I look forward to reviewing the report and coming up with long-term solutions

to protect the health and safety of our veterans for generations to come."

Cullerton served in the Army from 1990 to 1993 as an infantryman and has been a staunch advocate for Illinois' veterans, especially those at the Quincy home greatly impacted by continuous cases of Legionnaires' disease during the last governor's watch.

"Our nation's heroes have survived foreign conflict zones—the greatest danger they face should not be living in a state facility," Cullerton said. "We need to work together in a bipartisan manner to take care of our veterans, like they took care of us."

Guidelines for writing, submitting a letter to the editor

We at the Lombardian and Villa Park Review encourage our readers to reach out to the community by writing a letter to the editor.

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PIE Foundation

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1. She can be reached at dbrink@dupage88.net or 630-530-3989.

2. Attend the PIE Foundation fundraiser: Tickets are limited, so be sure to buy yours today. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased online at piefoundation.org or fill out a ticket order form at dupage88.net/piefoundation2019.

3. Provide a monetary donation: To support the enrichment of student learning through the PIE Foundation, mail your tax-deductible contribution to: PIE Foundation

P.O. Box 5438
Villa Park 60181

Donations also may be made securely online at piefoundation.org/donations.html.

Matching gifts: Your gift might be multiplied with a matching gift from your/spouse's employer. See your Human Resources Department for the appropriate form, and return it with your contribution.

PIE Foundation fundraiser details

What: A performance of Mamma Mia! dinner and an auction

When: Sunday, March 10, 2 p.m. show, 5 p.m. dinner

Where: Drury Lane, 100 Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace

Tickets: Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased at piefoundation.org or at dupage88.net/piefoundation2019.

For more information: Contact District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink at 630-530-3989 or dbrink@dupage88.net

Upcoming programs at the Lombard Historical Society

The Lombard Historical Society has announced the following events:

• Jan. 31 at 7 p.m.: Documentary screening of "Sheldon Peck, Portrait of an Ordinary Man in Extraordinary Times" at the Community Building at 433 E. St. Charles Road. The Sheldon Peck Homestead will be open for tours from 6-6:45 prior to the screening.

• Feb. 1-28: Peck Letter Writing Contest for all Lombard fifth grade students. Obtain instructions from your teacher or at the Sheldon Peck Homestead.

• Feb. 9 at 10 a.m.: Make Victorian Era Valentines' Day Cards; for children and adults. Sheldon Peck Homestead, 355 E. Parkside, Lombard.

• Holiday Hours: Sheldon Peck Homestead will be open from 1-4 p.m. on Feb. 18, Presidents' Day, and during Spring Break, the week of March 24, from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Beginning March 7 at 2 p.m.: Railfans - Carl Shaver is looking forward to meeting train enthusiasts at the Peck Homestead on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 2-3 p.m.

• March 9 at 10 a.m.: Maple Sugaring at the Peck Homestead; rain date is March 23.

• March 14: Sheldon Peck Exhibition Kickoff at the Chicago Golf Club. Tickets may be purchased in person at The Victorian Cottage, 23 W. Maple St., Lombard, or the website www.lombardhistory.org.

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The cast of 18 students (pictured left to right) includes: (front row) junior Emma Ciesleska, freshman Nate Falco, sophomore Caitlin Brennan, senior Sydney Keehner, senior Claire Mitchell, sophomore Matthew Burns and senior Leela Wolgemuth; (back row) junior Letisha Sepulveda, senior Joe LaPointe, sophomore Sean Shepherd, junior Vincenzo Ledonne, junior Emily O'Brochta, junior Paarl Hosman, sophomore Michael Poirier, sophomore Jack Cullerton, freshman Eric Vail Jr., sophomore Ryan Brown and sophomore Colin Latta.

Willowbrook presents 'Almost, Maine' this week

Performances tonight, Friday and Saturday

Willowbrook High School will present its winter play—"Almost, Maine"—this week. The school's theater department will present the play tonight, Feb. 7; Friday, Feb. 8; and Saturday, Feb. 9. Each performance will begin at 7 p.m. in the Doris E. White Auditorium.

Written by actor and playwright John Cariani, "Almost, Maine" features nine vignettes that show various stages and types of love—including new love, struggling relationships and healing a broken heart. The storylines all unfold on a cold winter night in the fictional town of Almost, Maine. Residents of the town discover the complexity of human emotion and various aspects of love and loss.

"What's so special about this play is it uses metaphors to depict love," said Maggie Kelly, who is co-directing the play with Kimberly Jackson-Petrella. "It's filled with magical realism, and our hope is audience members will relate to at least one storyline that resonates with them and have an emotional response."

Kelly noted that the play features a large cast—18 students.

"For a straight play, it's a lot," said Kelly in referring to the size of the cast. "The interesting thing is, because it's a series of vignettes, there are no small parts. Everyone has a lead in their scene."

Willowbrook seniors Sydney Keehner and Claire Mitchell are serving as assistant directors. Both Keehner and Mitchell are also part of the cast.

"The underlying message of the play is to take a look at the relationships in your life and appreciate your loved ones," Keehner and Mitchell said. "Just because someone loves you in a way that's different than what you want or expect, that doesn't mean they're not loving you with all their heart."

Tickets cost \$7 per adult, \$5 per students and children 13 and older. Admission is free to children 12 and under who are accompanied by an adult. Tickets are \$3 with an Activity Pass. Admission is free with a District 88 Senior Gold Card. Tickets will be on sale before each performance. The box office will open at 6:15 p.m.

For more information, contact Maggie Kelly at mkelly@dupage88.net. For more details about the play, visit almostmaine.com.



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Above right: Poirier and Wolgemuth are featured in one vignette.

Right: LaPointe and Sepulveda in another scene.



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Villa Park deals with frigid weather

Subzero weather affects waste collection and hours at Village Hall

The recent blast of bitterly cold weather kept most Villa Park residents inside for a couple of days. In addition to closing schools on Jan. 30 and Jan. 31, the subzero temperatures, reduced hours at Villa Park Village Hall and delayed residents' garbage collection.

According to the National Weather Service, the official low temperature in Chicago on the morning of Jan. 30 reached 23 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. One day later, on the morning of Jan. 31, the temperature hit a low of 21 degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

The city's official temperatures, which are recorded at O'Hare International Airport, remained below zero for 52 hours, from about 6 p.m. on Jan. 29 until about 10 p.m. on Jan. 31. That ranked as the city's fourth longest period of subzero temperatures. The city experienced a record of 98 straight hours below zero in late December of 1983.

The coldest temperature ever recorded in Chicago is 27 degrees below zero Fahrenheit, reached on Jan. 20, 1985.

By Monday morning on Feb. 4, Chicago's official temperature reached 50 degrees Fahrenheit—a 71-degree swing in four days.

Villa Park Village Hall closed early—at 1 p.m.—on Wednesday, Jan. 30, and was closed all day on Jan. 31. The village's waste collector, Roy Strom, suspended its garbage collection on those days. Residents with normal pickup on Wednesdays and Thursdays had their trash removed on Feb. 1 or



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Villa Park's public works department responded to a water main break at St. Charles Road and Harvard Avenue on Friday, Feb. 1. Water main breaks are common during severe temperature changes. In addition to closing schools on Wednesday, Jan. 30 and Thursday, Jan. 31, the subzero temperatures delayed the village's garbage collection. Villa Park Village Hall closed early on Jan. 30, and was closed all day on Jan. 31. According to the National Weather Service, the official low temperature in Chicago on Jan. 30 was 23 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. The low temperature on Jan. 31 reached 21 below zero.

Feb. 2.

According to village officials, essential operations in Villa Park continued throughout the deep freeze, with public works crews responding to at least 20 reports impacting residences. Most of those reports were related to frozen pipes in a home's exterior walls.

Public works crews did respond to a water main break on St. Charles Road near Harvard Avenue on Friday, Feb. 1. According to village officials, water main breaks tend to happen more often

when temperatures fluctuate between cold and warm.

In addition to water main breaks, village staff's concerns in the current weather conditions include the clearing of storm inlets in streets. As the snow and ice melt, crews have been working to make sure that inlets are clear of debris, which assists in the alleviation of potential street flooding. Village staff greatly appreciates residents' assistance in keeping storm inlets clear of debris.

District 88 participating in Illinois 5Essentials Survey

District 88 is joining the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) in the seventh statewide survey of school climate and learning conditions, referred to as the Illinois 5Essentials Survey.

Through Feb. 15, teachers, students and parents/guardians are able to complete this research-based survey to help identify strengths and weaknesses in their school's learning environment and have a voice in improving their schools.

The survey will allow schools to reflect on progress since the last statewide implementation.

- Teachers will receive an e-mail with details about how to take the survey.

- Students will receive details about how to take the survey through Addison Trail or Willowbrook. A letter also was sent to parents/guardians. For questions or more information, contact Willowbrook at 630-530-3400.

- Parents/guardians can take the survey online at <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois>.

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The Illinois 5Essentials Survey provides a comprehensive picture of a school's organizational culture in an individualized report measuring five "essentials" critical for school success. Those are:

- Effective leaders
- Collaborative teachers
- Involved families
- Supportive environment
- Ambitious instruction

Twenty years of research at The University of Chicago in more than 400 schools has shown schools that are strong on at least three of the 5Essentials are 10 times more likely to make substantial gains in improving student reading and math than schools that are weak on three or more of the Essentials.

Those differences remained true even after controlling for student and school characteristics, including pov-

erty, race, gender and neighborhood characteristics. Strength on components within the Essentials also correlates with increased teacher retention, student attendance, college enrollment and high school graduation.

District 88 has consistently participated in the statewide 5Essentials Survey and is opting to administer the survey again this year to continue tracking and informing progress. The principals and superintendent will receive their 5Essentials Reports in April 2019, and survey results will be posted on the 5Essentials reporting site in spring 2019 and on the 2019 Illinois Report Card. Results from the optional parent/guardian survey will be included only in the individual school 5Essentials Report, if the required response rate is met.

On behalf of the ISBE, UChicago Impact is providing Illinois 5Essentials to schools statewide. For more information, go to <https://www.5-essentials.org/illinois>.



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Speech team competes at regional

Members of Willowbrook High School's speech team performed during the school's annual Regional Showcase on Jan. 29. Pictured left to right are: (front row) Junior Chloe Devens, freshman Katharine Wentworth, sophomore Lily Morgan, Junior Stacy Caelro, sophomore Sean Shepherd, sophomore Ryan Brown and Junior Vincenzo Ledonne; (back row) freshman Emily Maher, freshman Elizabeth Michael, freshman Emma Wrzeszcz, senior Kelli McNelce, senior Renee Maggard and Junior Dylan Malec. The showcase featured the 14 events included in Saturday's IHSA Individual events regional at Elk Grove High School. The students who finished among the top four in each category of the regional advanced to this week's sectional at Downers Grove South High School. Devens earned a trip to the sectional by placing second in extemporaneous speaking at the regional. She also qualified in the original oratory category, where she finished fourth. The tandem of McNelce and Wentworth advanced to the sectional with a fourth-place finish in dramatic duet acting. Michael tied for third place in the regional's humorous interpretation category, while Maher placed third in impromptu speaking. Ledonne finished fourth in the regional's original comedy category. Malec tied for fourth in poetry reading, while Wrzeszcz placed third in special occasion speaking. The students who earn top-three finishes in each sectional category will qualify for the state meet, which will take place at the Peoria Civic Center on Feb. 15-16.

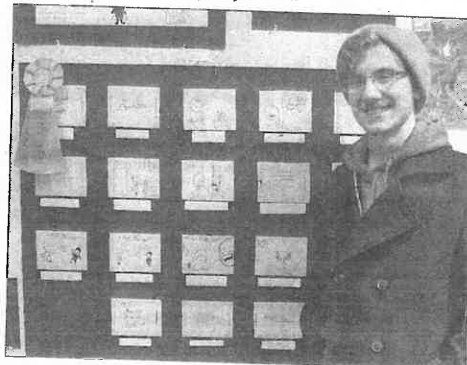


Senior Danielle Lee

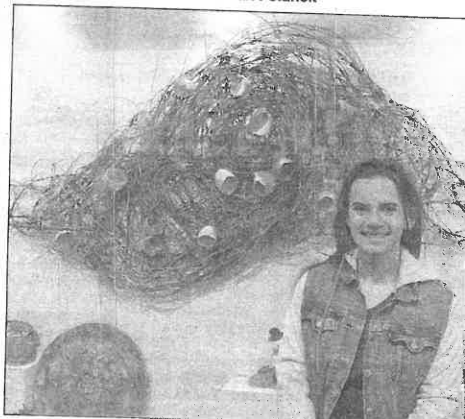
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Willowbrook students participate in Elmhurst College High School Art Exhibition

Willowbrook High School students who recently participated in Elmhurst College's 20th annual High School Art Exhibition pose with their artwork. Special Award/Scholarship: senior Sydney Wilson; Judge's Choice: senior Shannon Scharba, senior Danielle Lee and senior Max Polanek; Excellence: junior Zoe Walton, senior Danielle Lee and freshman Mia Kraft; Distinction: freshman Tess Placek, junior Leonard Kamm and senior Ditzza Montesinos; Honorable Mention: freshman Adam Rivera, junior Ryley Goles and senior Sydney Wilson.



Senior Max Polanek



Senior Ditzza Montesinos



Senior Jenna Krenzel

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Willowbrook Warriors girls win conference title *Triumph over Morton seals first place in the WSGC*



CHRIS FOX FILE PHOTO Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Senior Cecilia Lizasuain (above) scored 18 points to help the Willowbrook girls basketball team to last Saturday's 57-43 West Suburban Gold Conference victory at Morton. The Warriors clinched the conference title with the win. Saturday's triumph gave Willowbrook a final conference record of 10-2 and an overall mark of 20-9. The Warriors are playing Glenbard West (the first-place team in the West Suburban Silver Conference) in this week's crossover game at Addison Trail. Willowbrook will begin the post-season with a Feb. 12 game against Kenwood at the Whitney Young Regional.

The Willowbrook girls basketball team locked up the West Suburban Gold Conference championship with last Saturday's 57-43 victory at Morton. The Warriors finished the conference season with a 10-2 record.

The win over Morton gave Willowbrook an overall season record of 20-9—quite a turnaround from last season, when the Warriors won only four games.

Senior Cecilia Lizasuain poured in

a team-leading 18 points for the Warriors in Saturday's win over Morton. Sophomore Gracie Tumilty provided 13 points and three steals. Junior K'aliya Herron contributed 12 points and three steals, while sophomore Annemarie Knudtson scored seven points and made two steals. Sophomore Stephanie Dasbach scored five points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

As the first-place team in the West Suburban Gold Conference, the War-

riors will meet the first-place team in the West Suburban Silver Conference—the Glenbard West Hilltoppers—in this week's crossover game at Addison Trail. Willowbrook will begin the IHSA Class 4A post-season with a Feb. 12 contest against Kenwood at the Whitney Young Regional.

The Warriors are the No. 10 seed in the Hinsdale South Sectional. Kenwood is the No. 6 seed.

Rams, Warriors earn trips to the Class 3A individual sectional at Conant *Martin and Salvino win regional titles for Glenbard East*

Seven Glenbard East wrestlers advanced to the IHSA Class 3A individual sectional at Conant High School by earning top-three finishes at last Saturday's Glenbard North Regional in Carol Stream.

Two Rams—junior Reese Martin and senior Tyler Salvino—won individual titles at the regional. Martin won the 120-pound championship, while Salvino captured the 126-pound title.

Junior Miguel Garcia of the Rams posted a second-place finish in the 106-pound weight class. Junior Emilia-no Garcia earned second-place honors

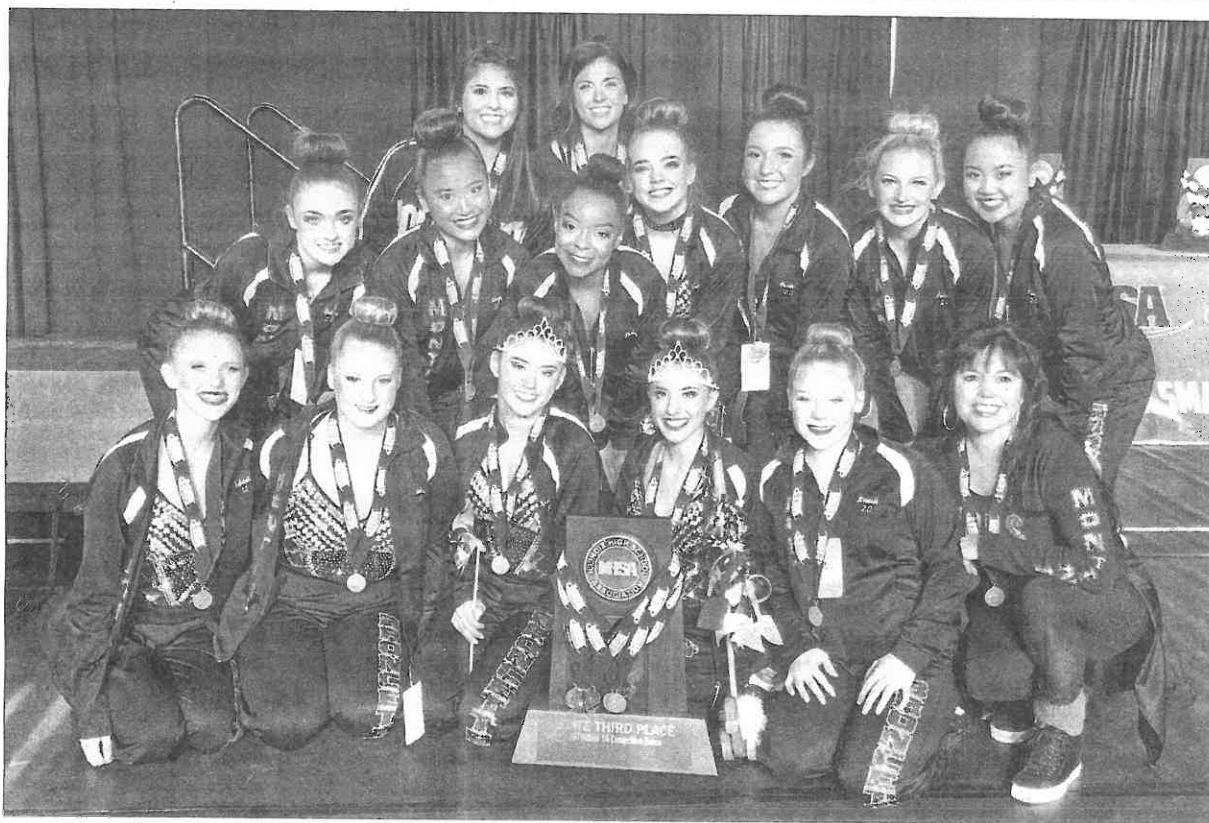
at 138 pounds, while senior Alex Posada placed second in the 145-pound level. Senior Jesus Lopez finished second in the 220-pound division. Senior Ben Pham qualified for the sectional with his third-place showing in the 160-pound level of the regional.

Glenbard East placed fourth in the team standings of the regional. Glenbard North won the team title at the regional to earn a berth in an upcoming dual-meet sectional.

Five wrestlers from Willowbrook earned berths into the Conant Sectional with their top-three finishes in Saturday's individual regional at

Chicago's Lane Tech High School. Junior Zachary Seymore earned a second-place finish in the 120-pound division. Junior John Peterson finished second in the 195-pound level. Junior Gabriel Yu claimed third place in the regional's 113-pound weight class. Senior Richard Scheel placed third in the 126-pound level, while sophomore Elijah Brockie took third in the 182-pound competition.

Willowbrook placed fifth in the nine-team regional's team standings. Oak Park/River Forest won the team title to advance to a dual-meet sectional.



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Broncettes place third at state meet

Montini Catholic High School's dance team—the Broncettes—won a third-place trophy at the recent IHSA competitive dance state meet, which took place Jan. 25-26 at Grossinger Motors Arena in Bloomington. Montini claimed the third-place trophy in the Class 1A level of the state meet. The Broncettes earned their berth into the event with their second-place showing at the Geneva Sectional on Jan. 19. Montini needed to finish among the top 12 teams during the preliminary round in Bloomington to advance to the finals. The Broncettes earned a score of 88.5 for their preliminary performance. That score earned a fifth-place showing out of 30 teams in the Class 1A level. Montini's performance in the Jan. 26 finals earned a third-place score of 90.58. Joliet Catholic Academy (95.68) claimed first place, while Morris (95.08) finished second. "We couldn't be more proud of our team,"

said Montini head coach Eugenia Scavone, whose team also won a third-place trophy in last year's IHSA state meet. "It was such a positive experience and the girls really focused and commanded that floor in the finals. There was so much energy coming from their performance and the theme of 'Queens' was so fun to bring to life! We couldn't be more excited to have been recognized among all the talented teams we competed against." Pictured left to right are: (front row) freshman Kayla Kulhanek, junior Shannon Williams, senior Tori Scavone, senior Isabella Florio, junior Olivia Broeski and head coach Eugenia Scavone; (middle row) freshman Aerin Sider, sophomore Rosalie Moraga, sophomore Emerald Whaley, sophomore Kayla Chrapkowski, junior Carmen Giordano, junior Christine Jarvis and junior Katherine Isoda; (back row) assistant coaches Taylor Scavone and Carrie Pionke.

Willowbrook Warriors girls roll to regional championship

Jones wins top individual honors; Helsper takes fourth

The Willowbrook girls bowling team continued its strong season by winning the IHSA Glenbard East Regional title last Saturday at the Brunswick Zone in Glendale Heights. The Warriors delivered a first-place total of 5,675 at the 11-team regional. York placed second with its total of 5,452, while Lake Park (5,434) finished third.

The top four teams at the regional advanced to this weekend's IHSA Hinsdale South Sectional at the Brunswick Zone in Woodridge. The Glenbard East/South team earned a trip to the sectional by placing fourth in the regional with its score of 5,340.

Willowbrook junior Makaylah Jones won the individual title at the regional with her six-game total score of 1,236. Her day included game scores of 257 and 238. Senior Holly Helsper of the Warriors placed fourth among all individuals at the regional with her six-game score of 1,171. That score included game scores of 242 and 227.

Senior Brianna Bryant of Willowbrook placed sixth in the regional's individual standings with her six-

game score of 1,161. Bryant rolled a 244 in her best game of the regional. Seniors Paula Williams and Katie Pettinger provided six game scores of 1,054 and 1,053, respectively, for the Warriors in their regional victory.

Willowbrook won the West Suburban Conference championship during the regular season. The Warriors went 8-0 in conference dual meets.

Glenbard East

Glenbard East junior Molly Galvin led her team to the sectional berth with her third-place individual finish at the regional. Galvin fired a six-game total score of 1,183.

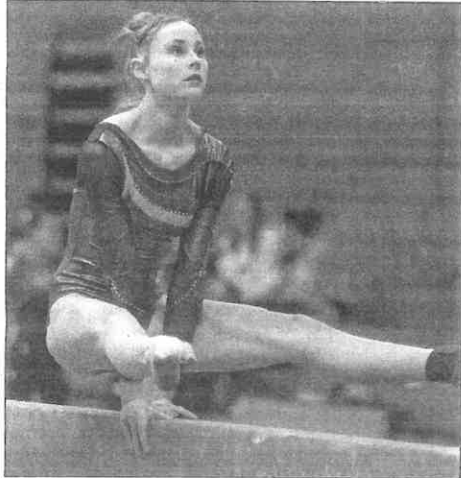
Junior Kirsten Kadow of the Glenbard East/South team contributed a six-game score of 1,164, good for fifth in the individual standings. Sophomore Heather Cox provided a score of 1,036. Junior Cassidy Wells and senior Kennedy Sawyer turned in scores of 981 and 976, respectively.

The top four teams at this Saturday's Hinsdale South Sectional will advance to the IHSA state meet, which will take place Feb. 15-16 in Rockford.



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Warriors advance to sectional

Karli Wilson and Tess Placek of the Willowbrook girls gymnastics team advanced to this week's IHSA Wheaton Warrenville South Sectional with their performances at last week's Glenbard East Regional. Wilson, a junior, and Placek, a freshman, both earned at-large berths to the sectional in the all-around competition. Placek finished eighth in the regional's all-around standings, while Wilson tied for ninth place. Placek (below) is approaching the vault at the regional, while Wilson is shown (above) during her performance on the balance beam. Placek also earned an at-large sectional berth in the vault. She tied for sixth in the vault at the regional competition.



What a return! Masys catches fire to help Warriors to a win

Standout senior comes back from injury to drain 9 shots

Senior Matas Masys of the Willowbrook boys basketball team, who missed nearly the entire month of January with a knee injury, returned to the court on Feb. 1 to spark the Warriors to a home victory.

Masys made nine of 11 shots, including three of four attempts from 3-point range, in last Friday's 74-64 West Suburban Gold Conference win over Morton. Masys, who did not start the game, finished with 22 points. Junior Everett Stubblefield, who made 10 of 15 shots, scored a team-leading 25 points for Willowbrook.

"I hated sitting; it was bad," said Masys in speaking of his absence. "I love playing with these guys."

Masys was able to work on his shooting while he was injured; he was unable to run up and down the court during his team's practices.

"My shot was going tonight," he said after the win over Morton. "The adrenaline really helped."

Moments before the game, Willowbrook honored Masys for reaching the 1000-point mark in his career with the Warriors. A four-year varsity player, Masys reached the milestone at the Hinsdale Central tournament in December.

"Having a kid you've coached for four years, you have that comfort level and that understanding that he knows what you're looking for," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins following Friday's victory. "We've been through a lot of battles together. He hasn't even practiced with us. I wasn't expecting this. I was expecting some type of rust. He played great."

"It was nice to have him back," said Stubblefield of Masys. Stubblefield, who provided eight steals along with his 25-point effort, said the Warriors' defense propelled them to the win over Morton.

"It was the energy we brought at the end of the third quarter and in the fourth quarter," he said. "Our defense set the tone for us, and we got some easy baskets in transition."

One night after beating Morton, Willowbrook traveled to Leyden and earned a 75-62 conference win. Last Saturday's victory over the Eagles

gave the Warriors an overall record of 14-9 and a conference mark of 6-3.

Masys suffered his knee injury while the Warriors played at Hinsdale Central's holiday tournament in late December. He tried to play during a Jan. 12 game at Proviso East, but was only able to play briefly before returning to the sideline. He missed the next few games before returning on Friday.

Willowbrook avenged a loss to Morton earlier in the season with Friday's win in Villa Park. The Mustangs beat the Warriors 65-55 in the teams' first meeting in Cicero on Dec. 14.

The Warriors held a 30-24 halftime lead in the rematch. The lead grew to 43-31 during the third quarter, but Morton unleashed a 14-0 run to take a 45-43 lead. Senior Levi Bentsen of Willowbrook drained a 3-point shot to give his team a 46-45 lead. Masys drained a long 3-pointer at the end of the third quarter to help the Warriors to a 53-51 lead with eight minutes to play.

Masys helped the Warriors seal their win by draining a 3-point shot to give his team a 68-60 lead with about 2:50 left in the game.

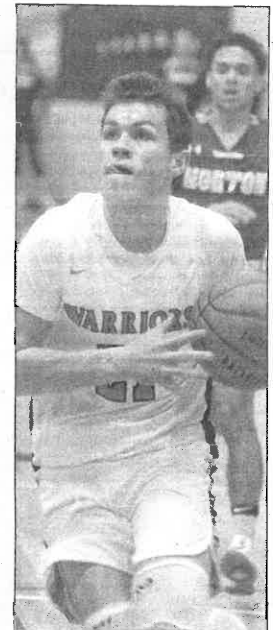
Masys scored 12 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter. Stubblefield, who made three of six 3-point shots in the game, scored eight points in the third quarter and added five more in the final quarter.

Senior Scott Tumilty provided nine points. Senior Jack Hines supplied three points, four assists, five steals and a team-leading 10 rebounds.

Willowbrook raced out to a 27-7 lead after one quarter of Saturday's game at Leyden. The Warriors' lead stood at 39-17 at halftime.

Junior Sam Tumilty scored a team-high 26 points in Saturday's win. Stubblefield and Masys provided 14 and 13 points, respectively. Scott Tumilty had nine points and seven rebounds, while senior Charlie Flak contributed eight points and 11 rebounds.

The Warriors will play a conference game at Downers Grove South this Saturday.



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

Willowbrook's boys basketball team defeated Morton 74-64 in last Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game in Villa Park. Senior Matas Masys (pictured), who missed the last several games with an injury, returned to the lineup on Friday. He came off the bench to hit nine of 11 shots and score 22 points. Masys scored 12 of his points during the fourth quarter. Masys and junior Everett Stubblefield each made three 3-pointers during the game. Willowbrook picked up another conference win last Saturday night, beating Leyden 75-62. That victory moved the Warriors to 14-9 overall and 6-3 in the conference.

Sizzling-shooting Dukes blow out Oswego East

By JOSHUA WELGE
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AURORA – Nick Kosich and Erik Cohn emerged from the York locker room, both munching on slices of pizza. The Dukes feasted all night.

Combining a stunning 71.8 percent shooting for the game and a smothering 1-2-2 matchup zone defense, York overwhelmed Oswego East, 77-50, in the nightcap of the ninth annual Ernie Kivisto Hoopfest on Feb. 4 at East Aurora.

Cohn scored 18 points and Kosich had 17 for the Dukes (22-3), who shot 14-for-20 from 3-point range – seven of the treys coming in the first quarter.

Count Kosich as hardly surprised. “We’re a great shooting team,” said Kosich, who shot 6-for-10, hit three 3-pointers and had five assists. “It starts with our ball movement. When it’s going in, we’re feeling good. Probably one of our better shooting games, but I think we’re capable of something like this every night.”

The game got out of hand early. Cohn hit two 3-pointers and Kosich one for a quick 9-0 lead, while Oswego East turned the ball over on four of its first five possessions.

By the time Cohn popped his third 3-pointer of the quarter, it was 25-9 in the closing seconds. The onslaught continued in the second, York opening a 45-20 halftime lead.

“Twenty-five points in the first quarter, 20 in the second, it’s too many points,” Oswego East coach Ryan Velasquez said. “I thought our focus wasn’t what it needed to be. We needed a spark early, we got down, and it kind of snowballed.”

Kosich and Cohn are two constants, but everybody seemed to get in on York’s shooting show. Six players hit 3-pointers, with John Milling and Hassan Iqbal knocking down two with no misses. In the closing seconds of the half, Michael Pedote drilled the 11th 3-pointer for the Dukes.

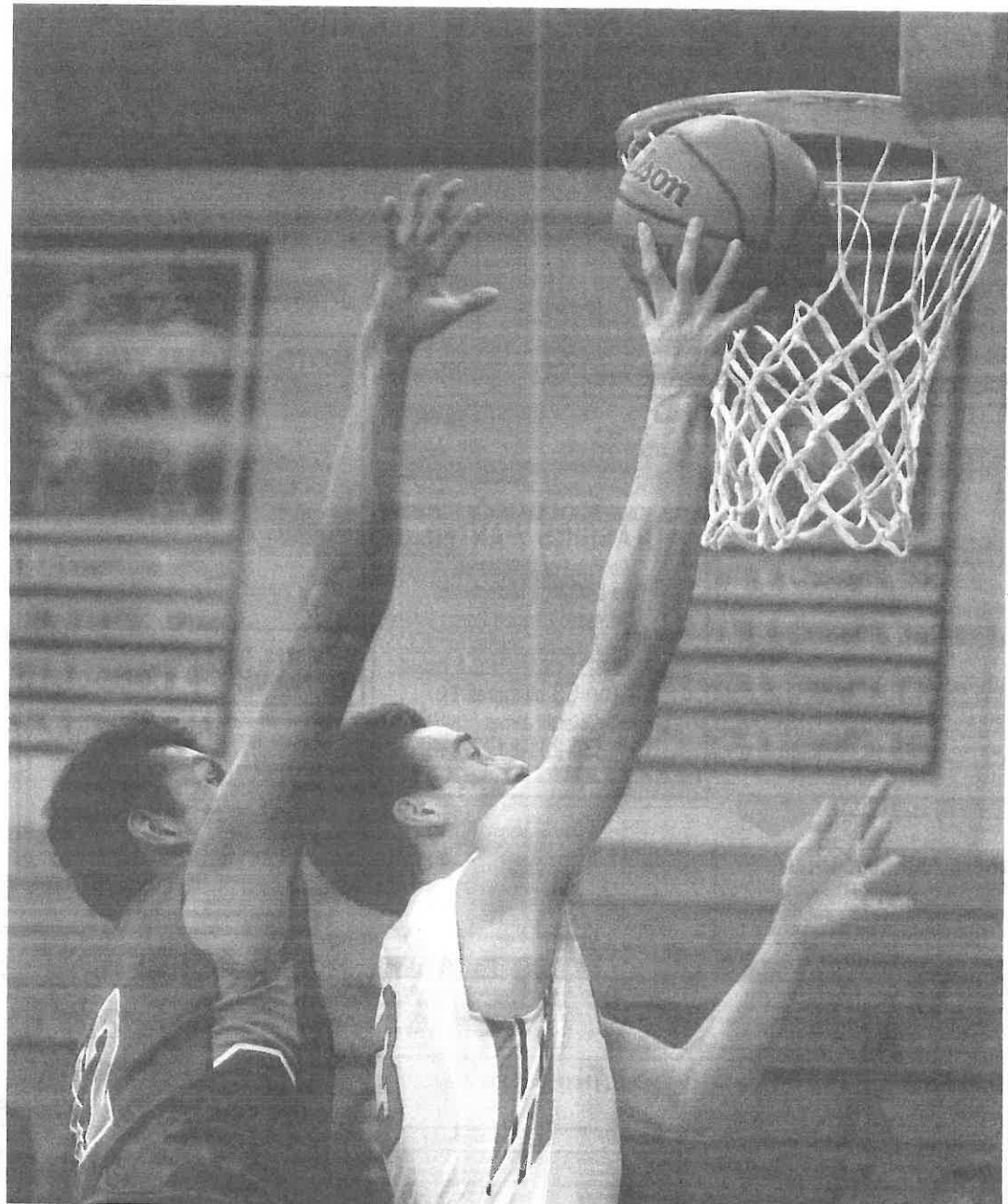
“The ball didn’t stick, and it opened up opportunities and our guys made shots,” York coach Vince Doran said. “It was a variety of guys. When we get other guys going, it’s huge for us.”

Cohn hit 4-of-5 3-pointers, but that wasn’t his most electrifying moment.

Off an Oswego East turnover, Cohn leaked ahead and threw down an emphatic dunk over a Wolves defender who went up to try to block it.

“I leaked out, nobody was back, I went up, the kid went up with me and I put it down,” said Cohn, who added a second dunk in the fourth quarter. “I was pretty hyped. That’s such a good team.”

Ray J Dennis scored 20 points to lead Oswego East (18-6), but 15 of those



York’s Nick Kosich scores Feb. 2 during the Ernie Kivisto Hoopfest at East Aurora High School.

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came in the second half with the game well in hand. Kamron Battle added eight points and eight rebounds. The Wolves, who played without senior point guard Demari Grant, were all out of sorts offensively against York’s trapping matchup zone that forced 11 turnovers in the first half.

“[Dennis] is a great player. He’s going to Boise State for a reason,” Doran

said. “But our kids really took what our prep was and executed what we wanted. I thought our defense was fantastic. That’s what we hang our hats on. When we play defense and shoot like it, we’ll be tough to beat.”

GIRLS BASKETBALL York

Kaitlyn Kjome scored 15 points and

Sydney Molis had nine in the Dukes’ 47-44 victory over Oak Park-River Forest.

Willowbrook

K’aliyha Herron scored 10 points and Grace Tumilty had six for the Warriors in a 50-36 loss to Glenbard West in the West Suburban Conference cross-over championship game.

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St. Francis gets the job done

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In a sloppy game St. Francis found a way to oust archrival Wheaton Academy and end its girls basketball season on Monday night.

The Spartans didn't deliver the knockout punch in the third quarter but finally pulled away late in the fourth quarter in a 44-32 victory during a Class 3A Kaneland regional quarterfinal.

And what do the Spartans get for their effort? Undeclared Sandwich (30-0) in Tuesday's semifinal.

"We don't know much about them because we haven't seen them play," Spartans coach

Sandy DeCraene said. "They're not in our conference or play anybody that we play, at least that I know of."

Wheaton Academy (9-17) led only once at 7-5 on senior Analise Richcreek's free throws in the final minute of the first quarter.

St. Francis (12-19) led 20-11 at halftime as Ashley Sullivan drained three 3-pointers while the Warriors were held to just 3 field goals.

"We struggled with our layups in the first half," Warriors coach Erin Carwell said. "We've been living and dying with our shooting percentage this season."

Back-to-back baskets by Richcreek and another inside from Isabelle Southard keyed a 6-0 run that pulled the Spartans to within 30-26 midway through the fourth quarter, but freshman Katie DeCraene answered the other way with a 3-pointer.

The Spartans didn't get within 5 points the rest of the evening.



St. Francis' Megan Kruse looks to the hoop against Wheaton Academy during a 44-32 victory at the Kaneland regional Monday.

"She has to do more of that because it will free up Chap (Katelin Chaparro) for her drive and Ashley (Sullivan) for her shot," Sandy DeCraene said. "It will free up a lot of things. If she can find her shot, it opens up the doors to a lot of other people and she had got to realize that."

A three-point play from Chaparro with a minute left sealed the victory, making it a 41-30 game.

"It was definitely a sloppy game, but I think towards the end there we started putting it

together," she said. "We were not letting them get ahead of us so we had a little bit of confidence."

Winning of four of their last five, the Spartans also beat the Warriors 45-32 on Jan. 26.

"We got a little sloppy with the dribbling and were catching and dribbling instead of catching and squaring up and working the ball around," Sandy DeCraene said. "We have to do a better job (on Tuesday) of finding our shooters and secondary rebounds." While the Warriors turn

in their uniforms, including Richcreek and fellow senior Natalie Rehfeld, the rest of the team should be back next winter.

"We're a young team so we're excited for what's coming up in the future," Carwell said. "We matched them up man-to-man in the second half, which was a great adjustment for us, but again, it's been our shooting this season."

Jerilyn Blackmon led the Warriors with 11 points while Imani Hillmer had 9 points and 12 rebounds.

Glenbard East squeezes out win

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Girls basketball

Jillian O'Brien was under the gun Monday night in Bartlett.

The Glenbard East junior had not only yet to score in the Class 4A girls basketball regional quarterfinal but also missed the front end of the bonus moments earlier.

But O'Brien answered the call when needed. She drained both ends of the bonus from the free-throw line with 6.1 seconds remaining.

The Rams doubled their lead over Addison Trail in the process and hung on for a 43-41 victory.

With the Rams' upset victory the No. 19-seed of the Batavia sectional complex advanced to face the host Hawks, seeded third, Wednesday night in Bartlett.

Thirteenth-seeded Addison Trail had its season come to a close at 9-16.

Glenbard East (8-23) lost in one-sided fashion in both of its Upstate Eight Conference regular-season games against the undefeated league-champion Hawks (26-4).

"I was feeling a lot of weight on my shoulders," O'Brien said of the clutch free throws. "I was just thinking that if we wanted to win the game that I had to do it."

The Blazers' Quiana Birmingham, who led both teams with 14 points, converted two free throws with 1.4 seconds to play.

But Addison Trail suffered a mental breakdown to enable

the Rams to run out the clock.

"We had our shortest girl on the inbounds play," Addison Trail coach Rob Schader said.

Facing a 9-point deficit entering the final quarter, Addison Trail had multiple opportunities in the last four-plus minutes of the game.

Birmingham and Mia Johnson both made the contest a one-possession game in the last two minutes with field goals for Addison Trail.

Glenbard East withstood the challenge, however, after the Blazers failed to convert some high-percentage shots down the stretch.

"We missed some point-blank shots," Schader said of the doomed fourth-quarter comeback bid. "We didn't play very well."

The Blazers had twin double-digit leads in the second quarter, but Glenbard East ended the opening half with a 13-2 run to take a 19-18 at the break.

Glenbard East then took command in the third with 18 points in the quarter.

Lauren Huber, who paced the Rams with 13 points, scored off her own miss to end the third for a 37-28 lead.

Glenbard East center Emily Ryan complemented Huber with 11 points.

"We were trying to utilize the post as well as we could and use the outside shot to get as many girls involved as possible," Huber said.

Energized Metea blasts Romeoville