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Once a Warrior, always a Warrior

Devoted member of school's soccer programs inducted into athletic hall of fame

Villa Park resident Brendan McArdle is a member of the 2019 class of the Willowbrook High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

The hall of fame's 10th annual induction banquet took place recently at The Carlisle in Lombard. One night later, the inductees were recognized before Willowbrook's varsity boys basketball home game.

McArdle has been involved with Willowbrook's soccer community for nearly 40 years. He became a ball boy for the boys program in 1980, while he was a student at Willowbrook. McArdle continued to serve as ball boy at every home game after he graduated from the school in 1982. McArdle has served as the girls ball boy since the program's inception in 1993. In addition to attending every girls home match, McArdle rides his bike to some of the team's road matches to cheer for the Warriors.

McArdle has received numerous awards, including Willowbrook's Distinguished Alumni recognition.

He was named Villa Park's Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 2010, and he's one of three people to receive a 40-year participant award from the Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA). McArdle has twice been a statewide top-three finalist for the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association Soccer Person of the Year Award. He is also a longtime carrier of the Villa Park Review.

The rest of the 2019 induction class includes:

- Bill Biliskis (Class of 1968—cross country, track and field);
- Yolanda Lewis Marshall (Class of 1997—basketball, volleyball, track and field);
- Cherise Porter (Class of 2012—basketball, volleyball, track and field);
- Steve Congenie (Class of 2012—wrestling—a two-time undefeated IHSA state champion);
- Orv Wilkin (Coach—baseball and football; Coach Wilkin passed away in 2002; he was represented by his daughter, Amy Shoemaker);
- The 1998-99 wrestling team, which posted a dual-meet record of 28-1; its only loss came against eventual state champion Providence Catholic in the quarterfinal round of the IHSA Class AA dual meet state tournament;
- The 2006-07 pom team, which won a state title at the Halftime Illinois state meet.



Submitted photo Villa Park Review
The 2019 inductees into the Willowbrook High School Athletic Hall of Fame included longtime Villa Park resident Brendan McArdle, who was inducted as an outstanding contributor. The athletic hall of fame held its 10th annual induction banquet on Jan. 31. One night later, the honorees were recognized at Willowbrook's boys varsity basketball game in Villa Park. McArdle (left) is pictured with Willowbrook Athletic Director Brandon Murphy (right) at the game. McArdle, who has delivered the Villa Park Review for several years, has served as a ball boy for the Willowbrook boys soccer program for nearly 40 years. He has been the school's girls soccer ball boy since that program's inception in 1993.

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Lawmakers, local school administrators take part in panel discussion

Local legislators recently participated in a panel session at District 88 with DuPage County school board members and administrators. They are, far left photo (back row, from left) State Rep. Michelle Mussman (56th District), State Rep. Terra Costa Howard (48th District), State Rep. Kathleen Willis (77th District), (front row, from left) State Rep. Karina Villa (49th District) and State Rep. Diane Pappas (45th District). Middle photo: District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton (right) greets Addison

Trail alumni (from left) Jay Irvin, who serves as District 88 Board of Education Vice President; Kathleen Willis, who serves as State Representative of the 77th District; Michael Raczak, who serves as Indian Prairie School District 204 Board of Education President; and Costa Howard, during the meeting. Right photo: Peg Agnos, executive director of Legislative Education Network of DuPage (LEND), introduces the panel.

Pedestrian struck, killed by freight train near Ardmore, Union Pacific railroad tracks

On Monday, Villa Park Police and Fire Departments responded to the area of Ardmore and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks for the report of a pedestrian who was struck by a westbound Union Pacific freight train at around 3:59 a.m.

A 38-year-old man was fatally struck by the freight train, according to police. The Villa Park Police Department, along with the DuPage County Coroner's Office, are conducting a death investigation.

Identification of the deceased is being withheld pending notification to the next of kin.

Additional details regarding the incident were not available as of press time.

Inbound trains were moving with extensive delays Monday morning, and outbound trains were moving after around 7:15 a.m., according to WLS-TV Channel 7 Chicago.

District 88 has already utilized 4 of 5 emergency days

District 88 would like to remind parents/guardians and students the school calendar includes five emergency days, in accordance with the Illinois School Code.

So far this school year, four emergency days have been used due to inclement weather (Nov. 26 and Jan. 28, 30 and 31).

The District 88 administration will present the Board of Education with

an amended 2018-19 school calendar for approval this spring. That calendar will include four makeup emergency days: May 28, 29, 30 and 31. If approved, that means the district's last day for the 2018-19 school year would be Friday, May 31 (provided no other emergency days are needed).

Please mark your calendar and be aware of these dates.

College news

Resident to perform in 'Salute to Stan Lee'

The Trine University Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Prof. Mark Kays, chair of Trine's Music Department, will perform "A Salute to Stan Lee" featuring music from the Marvel Cinematic Universe at concert on Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. in the T. Furth Center for Performing Arts. Among the students performing will be Daniel Head of Villa Park, playing percussion.

Lee, who died in November at age 95, helped create numerous superheroes at Marvel Comics, including Spider-Man, the X-Men, Iron Man, Thor, the Hulk, the Fantastic Four and Black Panther.

The concert will include "Black Panther" by Ludwig Goransson, "Ant-Man" by Christophe Beck, "Guardians of the Galaxy" by Tyler Bates and including various hits from the 1960s and 1970s, "The Avengers" by Alan Silvestri and Danny Elfman, and "Captain America" by Alan Silvestri.

Villa Park resident named to Dean's list at ONU

Heidi Seremak of Villa Park was

named to the Dean's list at Olivet Nazarene University during the recently completed fall 2018 semester.

Barbosa earns degree from UA

Villa Park resident Angelica Barbosa has received a Bachelor degree of Social Work from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. UA awarded some 2,065 degrees during its fall 2018 commencement Dec. 15.

Resident named to Colby College Dean's List

Taha M. Akhtar, of Villa Park, is one of 538 students to be named to the Dean's List at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, for the fall semester of the 2018-19 academic year. A member of the Class of 2022, Akhtar is the son of Majid Akhtar and Shabana Majid of Villa Park.

Natives named to fall Dean's List

The following Villa Park residents have been named to the University of Iowa's Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester. They are Khalilah Brooks, Matthew Buhr, Cassandra Joyce, Sydney Planz and Vanessa Zaldivar.

6 District 88 students receive West Suburban Conference GRIT Award

On Feb. 1, the West Suburban Conference Activities Directors and Principals hosted the third annual GRIT Award event at Main Event Entertainment in Warrenville.

That program recognizes students in the conference who have made positive changes in their life for their dedication to improving their choices to help them be successful in school and beyond.

Recipients were given a certificate

and also were able to invite a staff member who has helped them make better decisions.

The three Addison Trail students below received the GRIT Award.

- Junior Juan Corral Jr., invited Addison Trail ACHIEVE Social Worker Nadia Gomez-Moran;
- Sophomore Alexsey Arzeta Soberanis, invited Addison Trail teacher Daniel Fernandez;
- Junior LaRon Washington

Jr. The three Willowbrook students below received the GRIT Award.

- Junior Christopher Vazquez, invited Willowbrook special education teacher Ron Brock;
- Sophomore Ricardo Vazquez, invited Willowbrook science teacher John Fouser;
- Senior Franshun Jordan, invited Willowbrook special education teacher aide Sam Key.



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Pictured are the Addison Trail and Willowbrook students who received the GRIT Award on Feb. 1, along with staff members who joined them at the event. They are (back row, from left) Willowbrook Assistant Principal Bob Daly, Willowbrook senior Franshun Jordan, Willowbrook junior Christopher Vazquez, Addison Trail junior LaRon Washington Jr., Addison Trail sophomore Alexsey Arzeta Soberanis, Addison Trail ACHIEVE Social Worker Nadia Gomez-Moran. Front row (from left) Willowbrook science teacher John Fouser, Willowbrook sophomore Ricardo Vazquez, Addison Trail Assistant Principal Iridia Newlin-Kl, Addison Trail junior Juan Corral Jr. and Addison Trail teacher Daniel Fernandez.

Community garden plots now available for spring

Think spring ... and gardening! Villa Park's community garden plots are available now purchase for the season. Anyone who has a green thumb or wants to try their hand at gardening is welcome to purchase a plot.

Garden plots will be available for planting starting May 14 and the complete fall clean-up must be done

by Oct. 31.

The Garden Plots are located at Westmore Park, between Westmore and Biermann off of Plymouth. The fee to reserve a 10-foot x 10-foot plot is \$10.

Plots are sold on a first-come, first-served basis at the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa. For more information, call 630-834-8970.

Keep storm inlets clear

The Village of Villa Park reminds residents to keep storm inlets clear of ice and debris. Keeping the inlets clear helps improve drainage and alleviate potential street flooding when snow starts to melt. Village crews have been working to keep inlets clear of debris. Village staff greatly appreciates residents' assistance.

Coming events

Program on Mary Lincoln at history center

On Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. the Glen Ellyn History Center, 800 N. Main St., presents a program about Mary Todd Lincoln, who lived a life filled with triumphs and tragedies but few people know her story. One piece to the puzzle of her life is her personal photograph album, which was compiled over many years. This precious artifact tells not only Mary Lincoln's story, but the Lincoln Family story as well. Scholar Laura Keyes shares the history of the photograph album, and personal items of Mrs. Lincoln and explains what photographs she kept and didn't keep. Keyes graduated from UW-Madison with a Master's Degree in Library Studies, and is a lifetime member of the Association of Lincoln Presenters. In 2017, she won the Mary Todd Lincoln oratory contest at the Lincoln Days Celebration in Hodgenville, Kentucky. Tickets are Adults \$8, GEHS members \$6, Students 18 and under \$5. Call 630-469-1867 for information. Refreshments served.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation

Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone who joins the Foundation in February 2019 will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees or 10 free redbud trees to plant when the weather turns warm. The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and "The Tree Book," which contains information about planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, visit arborday.org/February or send a \$10 contribution by February 28, 2019 to: Ten Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees or Ten Free Eastern Redbud



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International competitor

Willowbrook High School senior Kate Freeman traveled to Italy this week to compete in synchronized skating during the Spring Cup. Freeman will compete as part of Team USA with the Chicago Jazz Junior Team. This is Freeman's first international competition. While in Italy, she and her synchronized skating teammates will perform a "Beauty and the Beast" themed short program and a "Zorro" themed long program. Each program consists of required elements, including footwork, jumps, spins and forming shapes. Freeman has been skating since she was 7 years old. She left the sport in 2016 to support her mother, Mary, who underwent a liver transplant. As her mother recovered, Freeman rediscovered her love for skating. She joined the Chicago Jazz program about one year ago. Freeman hasn't decided where she will attend college. She plans to pursue a career as a pediatric neurosurgeon, and hopes to continue skating while in college.

Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410.

Community gardens in Villa Park

Villa Park's Community Garden plots are available now purchase for the season. Anyone who has a green thumb or wants to try their hand at gardening is welcome to purchase a plot. Garden plots will be available for planting starting May 14 and the complete fall clean-up needs to be done by Oct. 31. The garden plots and are located at Westmore Park (between Westmore and Biermann off of Plymouth). The fee to reserve a 10' x 10' plot is just \$10. Plots are sold on a first-come, first-served basis at the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa. Call 630-834-8970 with any questions.

Preschool sports in York Center

Does your child need to get some winter energy out? Join the York Center Park District each week where participants will learn very basic sports skills and have some fun running around. Open gym time will be incorporated into each class. Ages: 3-5 years. Dates: Tuesdays, Feb. 26 to March 19. Time: 11 a.m. to noon. Fee: \$12/resident; \$15/non-resident. Register by Tuesday, Feb. 19. Visit www.ycpdfun.com or call 630-629-0886.



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Sisters release new single

Meghan and Caitlin Foley—known as Meghan & Caitlin—are releasing their new single today, Feb. 14. The sisters' song—"Mean"—is available on major music outlets, including Spotify, Google Play and Apple Music. Meghan (right) and Caitlin Foley (left) grew up in Villa Park. Meghan graduated from Willowbrook High School in 2016. Caitlin graduated from Willowbrook in 2018. "My sister and I wrote it together," said Meghan of the new single. The sisters wrote the song after dealing with some difficult experiences in the past year. The tough time helped the sisters realize the importance of family and standing up for yourself. "We are proud of coming out of that struggle," Meghan said. The sisters have performed on stage throughout the area for years. Those performances have included several appearances at Villa Park events, including Summerfest. They are now in California, where they have continued to write music and perform on stage. "There's no substitute for experience, and we both love performing live," said Meghan. "Nothing beats being up on stage." It's difficult to categorize music styles; Meghan described the duo's music as "acoustic indie pop," and noted she and her sister have been influenced by a lot of musicians. The sisters recorded their new single with an independent label—Schnauz Records—which consists of Elmhurst College students and young music professionals who love music. For more information about Meghan & Caitlin, visit schnauzrecords.com/meghan-and-caitlin, or fencedinmusic.com.

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Rams earn trip to state gymnastics meet

Program's first state-meet berth as a team; will compete against 7 other schools

Glenbard East's girls gymnastics team earned the program's first team berth in the IHSA state meet with its strong performance at last week's Wheaton Warrenville South Sectional. The Rams earned a total team score of 145 at the competitive Feb. 4 sectional, placing third behind winner Glenbard West (147.9) and runner-up DeKalb (146).

The state's four sectional champions earned automatic berths to the state meet's team competition. The next four highest-scoring sectional teams earned at-large berths into the state meet. Two of the at-large teams (DeKalb and Glenbard East) competed at the Wheaton Warrenville South Sectional. The other two at-large qualifying teams (New Trier and Glenbrook South) came from the Stevenson Sectional.

"We are very excited to make it to the state meet as a team," said Glenbard East coach Jessica Bugajsky, whose team won an IHSA regional title in its own gym on Jan. 31. "The sectional went very well—only minor mistakes."

The Rams will tangle with seven other teams, including defending state champion Glenbard West, in the team competition of this year's state meet, which takes place Friday and Saturday at Palatine High School.

The top five scorers in each sectional event earned individual berths to the state meet. Additionally, the 12 best scorers in each event from among all sectional competitors advanced to the state meet as at-large qualifiers.

Glenbard East sophomore Kali Kartheiser earned automatic individual state-meet berths in two events—the uneven bars and floor exercises. She also earned an automatic state-meet berth in the all-around competition by placing fifth in the sectional's all-around scoring

with her total of 36.65.

Kartheiser placed fourth in the sectional's uneven bars event with her score of 9.325. She earned a fifth-place finish in floor exercises, where her routine received a score of 9.225.

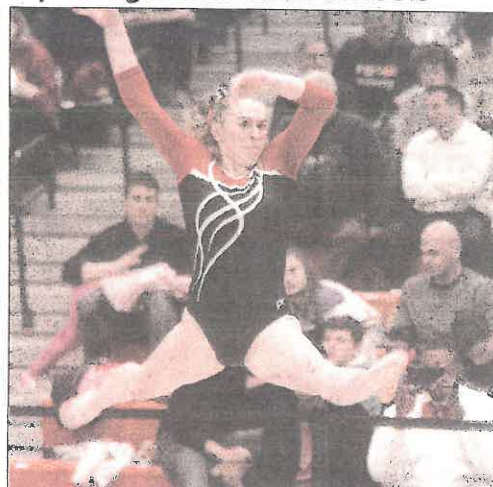
Senior Sierra Olson and junior Kelsey Donovan both earned automatic state-meet berths for the Rams in the vault. Olson placed fourth in the sectional's vault event with her score of 9.5. Donovan tied for fifth in the vault with a 9.45.

Donovan and Glenbard East sophomore Becca Honig will join Kartheiser in the state meet's all-around competition. Honig and Donovan both earned at-large spots in the state all-around contest with their performance's at the sectional. Honig posted an eighth-place total of 36.075, while Donovan earned a ninth-place score of 36.05.

Donovan's younger sister—freshman Erin Donovan—placed 13th in the sectional's all-around standings. She didn't advance to the state meet's individual all-around competition, but she did earn an individual berth in the uneven bars. She placed eighth in that event at the sectional with her score of 9.075.

In addition to securing an at-large berth in the state meet's all-around contest, Honig earned individual state-meet spots in the vault, balance beam and floor exercises. Honig tied for seventh in the vault (9.425) at the sectional. She tied for ninth place in both the balance beam (9.075) and floor exercises (8.925).

Two Willowbrook gymnasts—junior Karli Wilson and freshman Tess Placek—competed in the Wheaton Warrenville South Sectional. Wilson placed 28th in the all-around scoring with her total of 30.75. Placek wound up 31st with her score of 29.875. (See photos in the sports section.)



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For the first time in program history, the Glenbard East girls gymnastics team will compete in the team competition of the IHSA state meet. The Rams earned their trip to this year's state meet with their performance at last week's Wheaton Warrenville South Sectional. Glenbard East placed third in the sectional's team standings with a total score of 145. That score secured one of four at-large berths in the state meet's team competition. One photo from the sectional shows sophomore Kali Kartheiser (above left) performing on the floor exercises. Kartheiser earned individual state-meet berths in floor exercises, the uneven bars and the all-around competition. Junior Kelsey Donovan of the Rams is also pictured (above right) during her sectional floor exercises routine. Donovan will compete individually in the state meet's all-around competition, as well as in the vault. Glenbard East sophomore Becca Honig is pictured (below) at the end of her balance beam routine at the sectional. Honig earned individual state-meet spots in the all-around competition, as well as the vault, balance beam and floor exercises. One more photo shows senior Sierra Olson (right) approaching the vault at the sectional. Olson earned an individual state-meet berth in the vault with her fourth-place effort at the sectional. The state meet takes place this Friday and Saturday in Palatine.



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Strong finish lifts Warriors to sectional title, trip to state meet

Willowbrook, Glenbard East secure trips to this week's state meet in Rockford

The Willowbrook girls bowling team earned a berth in the IHSA state meet by winning an IHSA sectional title last Saturday.

The Warriors outscored 11 other teams at the Hinsdale South Sectional, which took place at Suburbanite Bowl in Westmont. Willowbrook delivered a strong showing in the sixth and final game of the day, posting a combined score of 992 to jump from third place to first in the total team standings.

Willowbrook finished the day with a total sectional score of 5,702. Downers Grove South placed second with its score of 5,667—two pins ahead of third-place York (5,665). Glenbard East, which held the overall lead through five games, finished with a fourth-place total of 5,649—which earned a spot in the upcoming state meet.

The top four teams at each of the state's six sectionals advanced to the IHSA state meet, which takes place

this Friday and Saturday in Rockford.

One week before winning the sectional title, Willowbrook won an IHSA regional title. The Warriors have now won regional and sectional titles in each of the last two seasons. Willowbrook captured this season's West Suburban Conference title by going 8-0 at a conference dual meets.

"Our girls were really fighting through the whole day," said Willowbrook coach Kevin Allen moments after the Warriors accepted the sectional plaque. "The last game is usually when they give it everything they've got. They always seem to come through in that last game. We were sitting in third place after five games. I told the girls not to worry about the other teams, but to have a really good game for ourselves and earn our spot to state. They came out and had a wonderful last game—a 992. They were awesome."

The Warriors gained 135 pins on

Glenbard East in the final game of the sectional. Glenbard East held a 71-pin lead over York through five games. The Rams posted a total score of 857 in their sixth game. It was their lowest-scoring game of the sectional. They opened the day with scores of 923, 941 and 982. They rolled a 914 in their fourth game before erupting for a team score of 1,032 in their fifth game.

Glenbard East junior Molly Galvin won the individual title at the sectional. She posted a six-game score of 1,354—an average of just over 225 per game. Galvin fired scores of 225, 202 and 279 in the first three games of the sectional. She was nearly flawless during her 279 in the third game, when she connected for 11 strikes in 12 frames.

She knocked down nine pins and made the spare in her fourth frame of the game. Galvin posted afternoon scores of 201, 245 and 202 at the sectional. She finished her sixth and final game of the day with five straight strikes to hold off senior Kaia Gray of Kenwood in the battle for the individual title. Gray finished 20 pins behind Galvin with her six-game total of 1,334.

Senior Paula Williams led Willowbrook to the sectional title with her six-game total of 1,254, which was good for seventh place in the event's individual standings. Williams opened the sectional with a 170 in her first game. She closed out the morning session with games of 201 and 204. She rolled a 200 in her fourth game. Williams then fired a career-best 227 in her fifth game of the day. That career high didn't last long; Williams exploded for a new career high by firing a 252 in the sixth game.

Senior Holly Helsper of the Warriors placed ninth among all individuals with a six-game sectional total of 1,203. She rolled her best game of the day—a 225—in the fifth game. Senior Katie Pettinger of Willowbrook finished 12th in the individual standings with her score of 1,169. Pettinger turned in her best game of the day—a 229—in the fourth game.

Junior Makaylah Jones provided the Warriors with a six-game total of 1,076. Senior Brianna Bryant contributed a six-game score of 1,000.

Glenbard East senior Kennedy Sawyer finished 19th in the individual standings with a six-game score of 1,120. Sawyer bowled nine strikes on her way to a 253 in her fifth game. Sophomore Heather Cox of the

Rams fired a six-game total of 1,077, which included a 219 in her third game. Junior Kirsten Kadow contributed a six-game score of 1,062 that included a 245 in her second game. Kadow finished that game with nine straight strikes. Cassidy Wells of Glenbard East rolled a six-game total of 1,036, which included a 199 in her first game.

Montini junior Elyse Spaccapancia narrowly missed earning an

individual berth into the state meet. She posted a six-game total of 1,143 at the sectional. The top five bowlers at the sectional who weren't members of state-qualifying teams advanced to the state meet as individuals.

The top 12 scoring teams at the end of Friday's play at the state meet with advance into Saturday's finals. Each team will compete in six games on Friday in Rockford.

Rams, Broncos qualify for the individual state wrestling meet

Glenbard East's Reese Martin and Alex Posada earned berths in the IHSA Class 3A individual state wrestling meet with their performances in the Conant Sectional.

Martin and Posada both advanced to the sectional championship matches in their respective weight divisions. Martin lost a 6-4 decision to DeKalb's Danny Curran in the 120-pound division's title match. Posada lost a 5-2 decision to DeKalb's Bradley Gillum in the 145-pound final.

Martin, a junior, will enter this week's state meet in Champaign with a 37-5 season record. Posada, a senior, heads to the state meet with a 35-4 record. Both Rams competed in the state meet last season. Neither Glenbard East wrestler earned a victory in Champaign.

The top four finishers in each sectional weight division advanced to the state meet, which will take place at the State Farm Center on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Five Montini wrestlers won individual titles at the IHSA Class 3A Bolingbrook Sectional last Saturday. All five Broncos advanced to the individual state meet. Five other Montini competitors earned state-meet berths by finishing second, third or fourth in their weight division at the sectional.

The Broncos' sectional champions included: junior Dylan Ragusin (126 pounds), senior Dylan Burnoski (132), senior Jake Stiles (152), junior Trevor Swier (182) and senior Peter Christensen (195). Stiles will enter the state meet with a perfect 43-0 record.

Sophomore Nick Gonzalez (106) and sophomore Nain Vasquez (120) earned state-meet berths with second-place finishes at the sectional. Junior Fidel Mayora (145) also secured a second-place finish in Bolingbrook. Sophomore Niko Lopez (160) and senior Anthony Geraci (170) both earned state-meet spots by placing fourth in their respective weight classes.

Hot shooting Bronco

Montini's girls basketball team completed its regular season with last Saturday's 65-52 win over previously unbeaten Kankakee in Lombard. Montini improved to 27-4. Kankakee fell to 30-1. The Broncos, who made 14 shots from 3-point range, held a 37-19 lead at halftime. The lead grew to 56-35 by the end of the third quarter. Freshman Sophie Sullivan of Montini (No. 1) made five 3-point shots in the game. She drained three 3-pointers during the third quarter. Sullivan, who has made 80 shots from 3-point territory this season, scored a team-leading 21 points.

Junior Sydney Prochaska, who made two 3-pointers, scored 12 points. Freshman Angelina Giordano, who sank three 3-point shots, added 10 points. Senior Francesca Kokkines, who made two 3-pointers, also scored 10 points. Senior Zoe Zacker sank a pair of shots from 3-point range to contribute six points. Montini will open the Class 4A post-season this week at the Downers Grove North Regional. If the Broncos win two games to claim the regional, they will advance to the Hinsdale South Sectional. Montini is the sectional's No. 1 seed.



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Rams advance to state

The Glenbard East girls bowling team earned a berth in the IHSA state meet with their fourth-place finish at last Saturday's 12-team Hinsdale South Sectional. The top four teams in each of the state's six sectionals advanced to the state meet, which starts this Friday in Rockford. Pictured (left to right) at the conclusion of the sectional are: (front row) junior Katie Westerholm, junior Molly Galvin and junior Elizabeth Mazzolini; (back row) junior Kirsten Kadow, sophomore Heather Cox, senior Kennedy Sawyer and junior Cassidy Wells. Glenbard East last qualified for the IHSA state meet during the 2012-13 season. Galvin is pictured with her medal for winning the sectional's individual title. She fired a six-game sectional score of 1,354—an average of about 225 per game. Galvin bowled a 279 score in her third game of the sectional. She opened that game with three straight strikes before making a spare in the fourth frame. She closed out the game with eight straight strikes. Galvin qualified for the state meet as an individual last season.



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Lombardian/Villa Park Review

The Willowbrook girls bowling team rallied to win the championship at last Saturday's IHSA Hinsdale South Sectional. The Warriors were in third place in the team standings through five games of the sectional. The team delivered a strong showing in the sixth and final game of the sectional to vault into first place in the standings of the 12-team event. The top four teams at the sectional earned berths in the IHSA state meet, which begins on Friday in Rockford. Pictured left to right are: (front row) senior Katie Pettinger, junior Maddie Brown and junior Victoria Salazar; (back row) head coach Kevin Allen, senior Brianna Bryant, senior Paula Williams, junior Makaylah Jones, junior Ashley DeLeon, senior Holly Helsper and assistant coach Ryan McDaniel. The Warriors have won regional and sectional championships in each of the last two seasons. They won this year's West Suburban Conference championship with a perfect 8-0 record in conference dual meets.

Warriors' comeback push comes up short

Down 20 after three quarters, Willowbrook pulls to within two points

The Willowbrook boys basketball team came to life to mount an impressive fourth-quarter rally in last Saturday's game at Downers Grove South.

The Warriors trailed the Mustangs by 20 points through three quarters of the West Suburban Gold Conference game, but cut the lead to just two points with about one minute to play. Downers Grove South maintained its lead in the closing minute and defeated Willowbrook 72-68.

The Warriors, who entered the contest on a four-game winning streak, fell to 14-10 overall and 6-4 in conference play. The Mustangs improved to 19-6 overall and 9-2 in the conference.

Junior Everett Stubblefield of the Warriors ignited the fourth-quarter comeback. Stubblefield scored 18 of his team-high 24 points during the final eight minutes.

Willowbrook will finish its conference season with this week's home games against Proviso East and Leyden.

Downers Grove South sank eight shots from 3-point range during the first half. The Mustangs led the Warriors 22-10 after one quarter and 42-23 at halftime. The lead stood at 59-39 at the end of the third quarter.

"We came out too slow, too sluggish," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins, whose team deployed full-court defensive pressure throughout the second half. "It took us awhile to get going. We got going, but we dug ourselves too deep of a hole."

Willowbrook's charge in the final eight minutes began with a 6-0 run to start the quarter. Senior Scott Tumilty completed that run with a burst of four points—two free throws and a basket off of a steal that cut the lead to 59-45 with about seven minutes to play.

The Mustangs' lead stood at 61-47 with about six minutes remaining. Senior Charlie Flak of the Warriors drained a 3-point shot to cut the lead to 65-54 with 4:10 to play. Stubblefield's 3-point play trimmed the Mustangs' lead to 65-57 with 3:40 remaining.

His next basket cut the lead to 67-59 at the 3:12 mark. Another basket from Stubblefield reduced the lead to 67-61 with 2:25 to play. Flak's tip-in after a Willowbrook steal cut the lead to 67-63 with 2:04 to play and generated huge cheers from the Warriors' enthusiastic student section.

Moments after Downers Grove South missed the front end of a one-and-one free throw, Stubblefield scored to cut the lead to 67-65 with about 1:05 left in the game.

Downers Grove South made one free throw with 45 seconds left to move its lead to 68-65. The Warriors had a chance to tie the game on their next possession, but Stubblefield's 3-point attempt bounced high off the rim and off the top of the backboard—producing a dead ball call and giving possession to the Mustangs.

Downers Grove South made a pair of free throws with 20 seconds to play to take a 70-65 lead. The Warriors missed their next shot and fouled the Mustangs with 12.1 seconds remaining. Downers Grove South made both subsequent free throws to raise its lead to 72-65. Stubblefield made a 3-pointer in the closing seconds to close out the scoring.

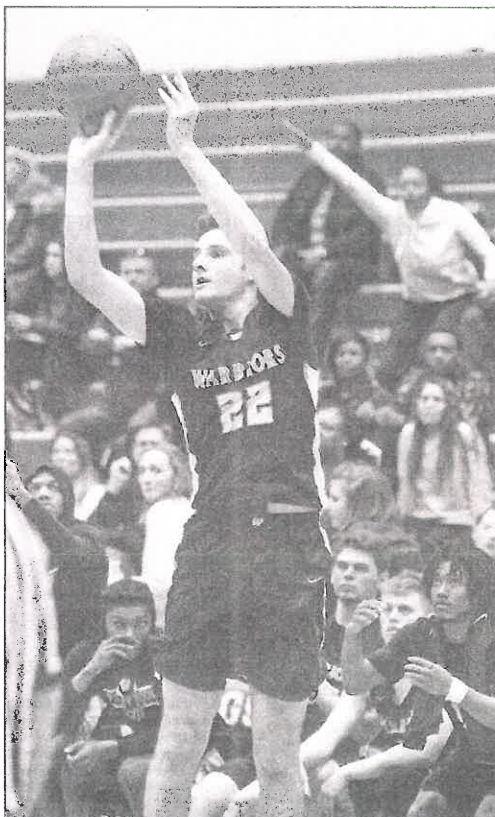
"We turned things around; it was just the slow start," said Perkins. "You can't afford to come out slow and give a team confidence and dig yourselves a hole."

Stubblefield made 11 of 25 attempts from the field, including a 1-of-8 effort from 3-point range. He sank one of two free throws in his 24-point output. Flak, who made a pair of 3-pointers, scored 20 points. The Tumilty brothers—Scott and Sam—each scored seven points. Seniors Jack Hines and Matas Masys scored five points each.



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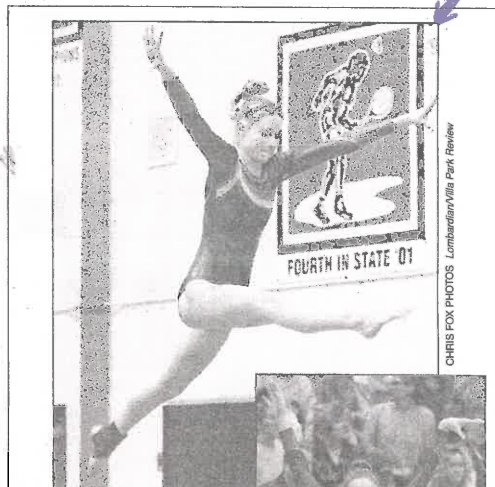
The Willowbrook boys basketball team faced a huge deficit during last Saturday's West Suburban Gold Conference game at Downers Grove South. The Warriors trailed the Mustangs 38-12 during the second quarter and 42-23 at halftime. Downers Grove South held a 59-39 lead at the end of the third quarter. Willowbrook rallied to cut the Mustangs' lead to 67-65 with about one minute left in the game. Downers Grove South held off the Warriors in the final minute to earn a 72-68 win. Willowbrook, which entered the game on a four-game winning streak, fell to 14-10 overall and 6-4 in the conference. Junior Everett Stubblefield (No. 3-above) poured in 18 of his team-leading 24 points during the fourth quarter. Senior Charlie Flak (No. 22-below), who scored five points in the final quarter, contributed 20 points.



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Warriors take on the Hilltoppers

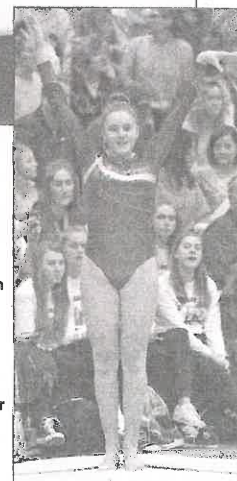
The Willowbrook girls basketball team completed its regular season by facing Glenbard West in last week's crossover game the West Suburban Conference's Gold and Silver divisions. The Feb. 6 contest at Addison Trail featured the two first-place teams in both divisions. Willowbrook, which won the Gold title with a 10-2 league record, lost 60-36 to the Silver champions from Glenbard West. Willowbrook finished the regular season with a 20-10 record. Junior K'aliya Herron (above) scored a team-high 10 points for the Warriors, who trailed the Hilltoppers 31-18 at halftime. Sophomores Stephanie Dasbach and Grace Tumilty both scored six points for Willowbrook. The Warriors are beginning the Class 4A playoffs with this week's game against Kenwood Academy at the Whitney Young Regional.



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Warriors take part in sectional

Two Willowbrook gymnasts—junior Karli Wilson and freshman Tess Placek—competed in last week's IHSA Wheaton Warrenville South Sectional. Wilson is pictured above during her balance beam routine. Placek is shown at right during the floor exercises. Wilson placed 28th in the sectional's all-around standings, while Placek finished 31st.



Sara Krissinger drives Dukes into regional final

York sets sights on first regional title since 2009

By MATT LE CREN
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ELMHURST – Sara Krissinger may not be the engine that drives York, but she is the one who turns the key in the ignition.

The junior demonstrated the importance of that Feb. 12 as she helped the Dukes overcome a cold start with a hot finish in a 36-28 victory over Elk Grove in the Class 4A York Regional semifinals.

Krissinger tallied a team-high 10 points and grabbed a game-high 17 rebounds.

York, the No. 8 seed at the Batavia Sectional, will attempt to win its first regional championship since 2009 when it faces No. 4 seed Wheaton Warrenville South in the regional final.

"I try to get everyone's energy up, but my game is mostly offensive," Krissinger said. "I like to drive and that's how I kind of get my points."

"But once everyone gets going, it's a lot easier. Instead of having just one or two people scoring, it's awesome when everyone is scoring."

Krissinger was the only one scoring in the early going as the Dukes (18-11) quickly fell behind the 12th-seeded Grenadiers 9-0. She finally got York on the board with a coast-to-coast layup at the 2:13 mark of the first quarter.

Elk Grove extended the lead to 15-5 after one period. Megan Murray, who had a game-high 12 points, sank a 3-pointer to boost the Grenadiers' advantage to 19-8 with 5:29 to go in the second quarter.

The Dukes missed 21 of their first 24 shots, a drought York coach Brandon Collings blamed on his team's lack of familiarity playing against a 2-3 zone defense. Even Krissinger struggled, finishing 3-for-14 from the floor and 3-for-7 from the line.

"We came out kind of weak," Krissinger said. "Sometimes against zone, we need to get into it a little bit, moving the ball around."

"We might make foolish passes at the beginning of the game, but we sort of got into the rhythm of things, moving the ball. It really helped a lot when we got the ball moving because that's



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York's Sara Krissinger drives toward the basket during a Class 4A York Regional semifinal against Elk Grove on Feb. 12.

what gets Carley [Schwartz] open for threes, that's what gets our posts open down low."

The Dukes finally figured it out. Kiah Rufus assisted on a turnaround jumper by Sydney Molis and Molis returned the favor by feeding Rufus for a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to pull York to within 19-15 at halftime.

Though Elk Grove would not cede the lead until late in the third quarter, Krissinger felt good about her team's chances, especially the way the Dukes were playing defense. York held Elk Grove scoreless for the final 5:29 of the first half and blanked the Grenadiers for 11 minutes, 30 seconds in the second half.

"Once we started picking it up at the end of the second quarter, I kind of felt we had it," Krissinger said. "I didn't think they were as good of a team as us."

"Once we came out in the third

quarter with enough energy, I knew that we had it."

Molis, who had seven points and seven rebounds, began the third quarter with back-to-back blocks on Alyssa Trausch and then scored on a jumper.

The Grenadiers responded by scoring the next four points to take a 23-17 lead, but the Dukes went on a 16-0 run to seize control. Schwartz and Emily Rohman, who each had six points, combined to score 11 points during the run, with Schwartz sinking two 3-pointers, including the one that put York ahead to stay, 25-23, late in the third quarter.

"When [Schwartz] is hot, she's hot, and that was nice to see," Collings said. "We're a different team when she's shooting well."

Krissinger made a big difference at both ends of the court. She took two charges on defense and helped the Dukes to a 38-24 rebounding advantage.

"We were boxing out pretty well," Krissinger said. "We had a height advantage over them and they weren't grabbing the rebounds, so I could be aggressive over them."

Willowbrook

K'aliyha Herron had 14 points and seven rebounds and Grace Tumilty added eight points and 10 rebounds for the Warriors in a 64-50 loss to Kenwood in a Class 4A Whitney Young Regional semifinal Feb. 12.

Montini

The Lady Broncos beat Reavis 73-21 on Feb. 12 at the Class 4A Downers Grove North Regional semifinal.

Timothy Christian

The Trojans lost to Regina Dominican 56-53 in a Class 2A regional final.

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**MIRA
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Why Emma was selected:

Mira Emma scored 19 points in a win over St. Charles North, and scored 11 points in the Tigers' win over Wheaton North to clinch the DuKane Conference title.

Emma, who will play soccer collegiately at Iowa State, talked to Suburban Life sports editor Joshua Welge about the season and more. Here is an edited version of the transcript.

Welge: That was quite a way to finish the regular season, right?

Emma: It was crazy for sure to finish it off that way. It's always nice to beat Wheaton North. They're a tough team. Every time it comes around it's always an emotional game. We were patient, we kept our composure and we pulled it out.

Welge: What's the secret to your team's great defense?

Emma: We take pride in our defense. We try to trap and frustrate people and cause turnovers. Coach always says to deflect the ball and one of your

teammates will get it. Staying active, high intensity. We scrimmage more toward the beginning of the season. Toward the end of the season he likes to keep our legs fresh. We work on situational things based on where the ball is on the floor.

Welge: What are you going to study at Iowa State?

Emma: I plan to study horticulture, turf and grass management. Being a grasskeeper for an MLB team, that would be my dream. I played baseball for eight years. I was a second baseman and catcher, and every time the field wasn't perfectly raked or the chalk wasn't perfect my OCD kicked in. It always had to be perfect. My brother and I have a lawnmowing business. Landscaping is a passion for me.



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Nick Kosich, cold-shooting York drop tough one to Oak Park-River Forest

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ELMHURST - York guard Nick Kosich doesn't think his team's 59-30 loss to Oak Park-River Forest in January was indicative of the Dukes' talent.

"No, personally, I don't think any team is 29 points better than us," Kosich said. "It was a really tough game."

Kosich was correct on both points. Oak Park-River Forest was still better than the Dukes during the rematch Feb. 9, but the margin of victory was dramatically reduced.

Chase Robinson sank four free throws in the final 10 seconds as the visiting Huskies clinched a share of the West Suburban Conference Silver Division championship by beating York 54-52.

The Dukes (23-4, 8-2) still can get a share of the league title if they beat Proviso West and Hinsdale Central on the road next week and the Huskies (16-7, 10-1) lose at home to Downers Grove North.

York could have controlled its destiny had the Dukes hit a couple of more shots or free throws in this game. That made the Senior Night loss sting a little more.

"This one hurts right now," Kosich said. "They are a really good team. Hopefully, we get a chance to see them again in the playoffs."

Kosich had a rough shooting outing, going 4-for-12, but still tied Oak Park's Josh Smith for game-high scoring honors with 15 points. Kosich's struggles mirrored that of the Dukes, who went 4-for-21 from 3-point range and missed eight free throws.

The Huskies were hot in the clutch. They were 20-for-23 from the line and 15-for-29 from the floor.

"Give them credit. They made free throws and we didn't," York coach Vince Doran said. "But I'm really proud that the kids really gutted it out, climbed back in it and had a run at them."

Indeed, the Huskies appeared headed for another blowout win when Dashon Enoch's 3-pointer gave the visitors a 25-12 lead. But Erik Cohn and Kosich hit back-to-back 3-pointers to begin the comeback, which really got going in the third quarter.

The Dukes opened the second half with a 14-2 run to take a 40-34 lead. Cohn punctuated the rally with an emphatic dunk.

"That was good," Kosich said. "That was one of our focus points, was first five minutes come out and give them a nice good punch."

"But you have to give them credit. They bounced right back from it."



Mike Mantucca for Shaw Media

York's Erik Cohn hits a 3-point shot Feb. 8 against host Downers Grove North.

Timothy Christian

Josh Harris and Jack Baldrige scored 14 points each and Matt Owens added 13 for the Trojans in a 61-53 loss to Wheaton Academy on Feb. 13.

Owens scored 14 points and Zach Orange and AJ Voss added 11 apiece for Timothy Christian in a 71-42 win over St. Edward on Feb. 12.

Willowbrook

Matas Masys had 27 points and seven rebounds and Everett Stubblefield III added 18 points for the Warriors in a 79-69 win over Proviso East on Feb. 12. Charlie Flak had 21 points and 10 rebounds, Stubblefield had 15 points, four assists and five steals and Scotty Tumilty had 14 points, six rebounds and four assists in Willowbrook's 73-62 win over Larkin on Feb. 11.

Six District 88 students receive West Suburban Conference GRIT Award

On Feb. 1, the West Suburban Conference Activities Directors and Principals hosted the third annual GRIT Award event at Main Event Entertainment in Warrenville. That program recognizes students in the conference who have made positive changes in their life for their dedication to improving their choices to help them be successful in school and beyond.

Recipients were given a certificate and also were able to invite a staff member who has helped them make better decisions.

The three Addison Trail students below received the GRIT Award.

- Junior Juan Corral Jr., invited AT ACHIEVE Social Worker Nadia Gomez-Moran;

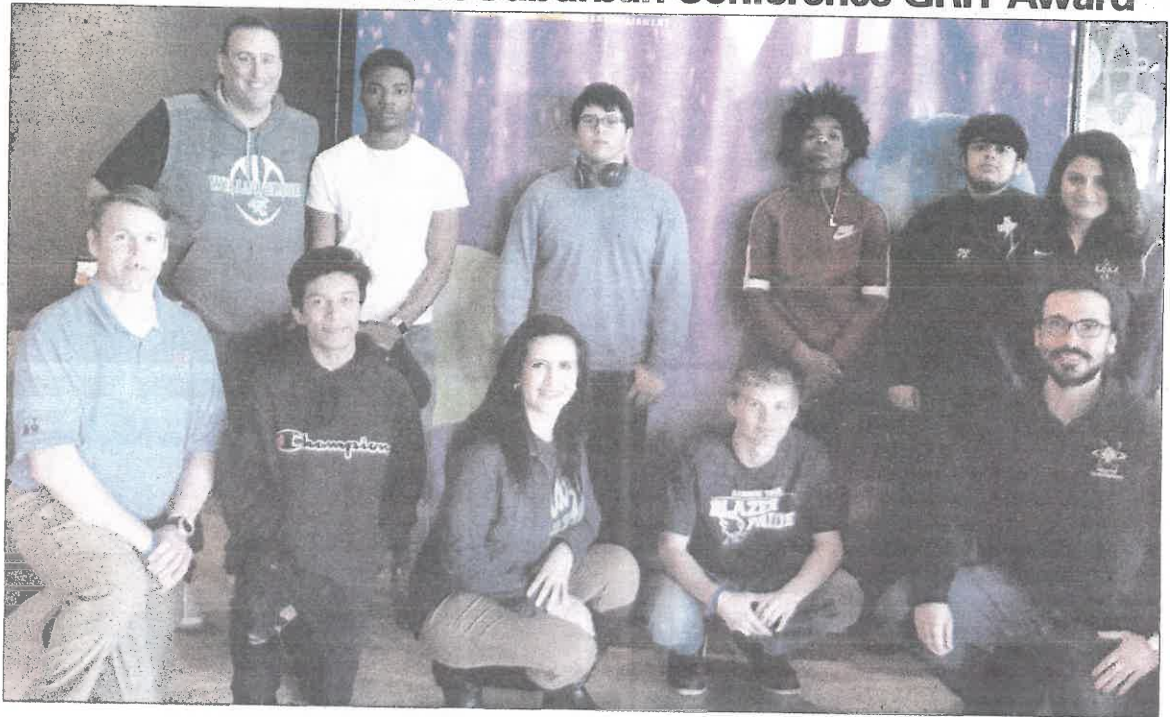
- Sophomore Alexsey Arzeta Soberanis, invited AT teacher Daniel Fernandez;
- Junior LaRon Washington Jr.

The three WB students below received the GRIT Award.

- Junior Christopher Vazquez, invited WB special education teacher Ron Brock;

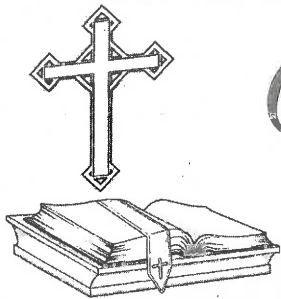
- Sophomore Ricardo Vazquez, invited WB science teacher John Fouser;

- Senior Franshun Jordan, invited WB special education teacher aide Sam Key.

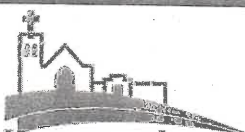


Pictured are the Addison Trail and Willowbrook students who received the GRIT Award on Feb. 1, along with staff members who joined them at the event. They are (back row, from left) WB Assistant Principal Bob Daly, WB senior Franshun Jordan, WB junior Christopher Vazquez, AT junior LaRon Washington Jr., AT sophomore Alexsey Arzeta Soberanis, AT ACHIEVE Social Worker Nadia Gomez-Moran; (front row, from left) WB science teacher John Fouser, WB sophomore Ricardo Vazquez, AT Assistant Principal Iridia Niewinski, AT junior Juan Corral Jr. and AT teacher Daniel Fernandez.

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Addison Trail wrestlers Juarez and Matthews headed back to state

Willowbrook girls bowling team wins second sectional title in a row

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Addison Trail's two state wrestling representatives are no strangers to the bright lights.

Senior Guillermo Juarez and

sophomore Jake Matthews are headed back to the Class 3A state meet after qualifying out of the Class 3A Conant sectional in Hoffman Estates.

Matthews won his opener 10-4 over a Glenbard West competitor and then won 6-3 over Maine West before losing by fall in 1:51. Matthews scored a 1-0 win in his first wrestling match against Evanston and won the third-place contest 4-2 over a St. Charles East grappler.

Matthews will bring a 38-8 re-

cord into the state tournament at 132 pounds.

Juarez finished fourth at 106 pounds. He lost his first match by fall in 1:53. Juarez had a bye in his first wrestling match and then defeated a Glenbard East wrestler 16-1. He followed that up with a 5-0 win over Wheaton North and a win against an Oak Park-River Forest wrestler via fall in 5:59.

Juarez lost the third-place match by injury.

He will bring a 34-9 record into

Champaign this weekend.

Willowbrook girls bowling

It's back to the state meet for the Willowbrook girls bowling team.

The Warriors rolled a 5,702 series to win the Hinsdale South sectional in Woodridge.

The win gives Willowbrook its second sectional title in a row and third in program history (2010, 2018 and 2019).

The Warriors will make their fifth state finals appearance and second

in a row this weekend in the Rockford suburb of Cherry Valley.

Willowbrook was ahead of second-place Downers Grove South (5,667) and third-place York (5,665) at the sectional.

Paula Williams led the Warriors with a 1,254 series.

Holly Helsper was next at 1,203.

Katie Pettinger was next at 1,169. Makaylah Jones rolled a 1,076 series, while Brianna Bryant rounded out Willowbrook's 1,000-pin club with an even 1,000 series.

Fenton girls basketball team excels in senior-night win

Bison junior wrestler Piskorz headed to state meet

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton girls basketball team celebrated senior night at home with a recent 62-56 Metro Suburban Conference Red Division win against Wheaton Academy.

Fenton finished the regular season with a 16-15 overall mark and went

8-6 in MSC Red play. Fenton has its first winning record in the regular season since 2013 and its fourth-place finish in conference is "the best in a long time," said Fenton coach Dave Mello.

The Bison also lost 52-35 to Maine East in non-conference play and downed Elmwood Park 49-31 in a MSC Red contest.

"Senior night against Wheaton Academy was a very special night," said Mello. "The gym was packed. We had the band, cheer team and

dance team all there to perform and had their seniors recognized as well."

Fenton then dropped 11 three-pointers in the first half against Wheaton Academy and scored 43 points in the half. "To go out and knock down 11 threes and score 43 points in the half gave the crowd a lot of entertainment. The gym has not been that loud in a very long time. We certainly thank all the people who helped make this night special for us."

Mello said Fenton continues to

make progress in various facets of its game. "The improvements have been constant over the course of the season," he said. "It is fun to see the girls be able to recognize what play needs to be made and execute at a high level."

Specifically, Mello likes the way the team has been shooting the 3 of late, as well as creating positive results on defense. "The range from which we have been hitting 3s has really been impressive," he said. "Girls are starting to take and hit 3s from 25-feet-plus from the basket. On defense, we have been quite impressive with our ability to take charges and block shots. We aren't big fans of trying to block shots as we have enough foul trouble with our aggressive play on defense, but we have had a lot of recent success blocking shots."

Mello loves the effort he sees from his team game in and game out. "Our strength heading into the playoffs (this week) is our girls just play so hard all game long," he said. "Our 3-point shooting comes and goes, but our intensity level is pretty constant. We will head into each playoff game knowing we must play as hard as possible to put ourselves in the best possible position to be successful."

And success, Mello added, has

come from a commitment to hard work. "The amount of progress the girls have made this season has been even beyond any expectation we had coming into the season," he said. "Their overall skill has improved a ton, their knowledge of the game has improved, their overall physical strength and athleticism from being in the weight room every practice has really improved. These girls also have really come to understand hard work is not a punishment. It's the price that needs to be paid to reach the standards we have set for the program. This group of girls has helped to continue creating the culture we would like for the program."

Fenton wrestling

Fenton junior wrestler Jeremy Piskorz is headed to the Class 2A state meet after placing fourth at the recent Class 2A Antioch sectional. Piskorz qualified at 138 pounds.

Piskorz had a bye in the first round and then scored a 7-2 win over a Lake Forest wrestler in the quarterfinals. He lost 3-0 in the semifinals and then scored a 4-3 win in the wrestling-back semifinals before losing 4-0 in the third-place match.

The top four wrestlers in each weight class qualify for the state tournament.

Willowbrook girls basketball team reflects on conference title, overall season success

Warriors played Glenbard West in battle of WSC champions

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Willowbrook girls basketball coach Terry Harrell is pleased with how his squad progressed throughout the season, ultimately winning a share of the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title.

Willowbrook technically shares the conference title with Proviso East, despite the fact the Warriors defeated the Pirates twice this season. It's Willowbrook's first conference title since 2013.

"I am very happy," said Harrell. "As a group, they came together nicely in the summer and fall, and when the season came around they were a cohesive group that played very well. They learned to depend on each other. We had two groups this season, a bunch of seniors and a bunch of sophomores. They came together really well. I'm very happy how well they played."

Willowbrook closed out conference play by defeating Morton. "We played pretty well," he said.

Cecilia Lizasuain came off the bench to score 18 points in that contest. "She had a really good game that night," said Harrell.

Willowbrook closed out the regular season with a 22-point loss to Glenbard West in the first-place WSC crossover game. Glenbard West won the WSC Silver this season.

"We played not great and they played pretty good and that turned into a loss for us," said Harrell.

Willowbrook headed into this week's playoffs with a 20-10 overall mark. The Warriors finished 10-2 in conference play.

Willowbrook opened postseason play earlier this week against Chicago Kenwood. If Willowbrook won that game it will likely play Chicago Whitney Young for a Class 4A regional title Thursday at Whitney Young.

"We are in the sectional in the state," said Harrell, emphasizing the word "the." "I think there are eight teams in the sectional who are ranked in the state. Montini is No. 1 and Whitney Young is the No. 2 seed in the sectional. We look at it this way: this regional would be like winning a sectional title. It will be tough competition, but I am confident that our girls will be ready and will show up and make it a game one-way or another."

On the individual front, Harrell has been impressed with the play of Grace Tumilty and K'Aliyha Herron. "Grace has had a very good second

half of the season for us," he said. "She's stepped up in terms of her scoring. She was averaging nine points a game until Katelyn McCann, our shooting guard, went out and then she's been at 12 points since. K'Aliyha Herron has almost doubled her output since we lost Katelyn. Both have filled that void. We are still looking to make adjustments as we move forward in the playoffs. We added a few sophomores to fill out the roster. We are pretty young in our rotation. We have a lot of seniors, but the rotation is pretty young."

Harrell has been impressed with how the team has stepped up in McCann's absence. "It's a testament to the girls," he said. "They came together without their senior captain. That's a testament to senior leadership. This team spends a lot of time together and that has helped us a lot."

Harrell is looking forward to this week's playoffs. Willowbrook is a No. 10 sectional seed. Chicago Kenwood is a No. 6 seed.

"If we can defeat Kenwood, we'll likely see Whitney Young," said Harrell. "If you look at their record the past couple years, they are undefeated in their building. If we didn't have a chance to win, then they wouldn't play these games. As long as we play defense, we will be in games."

Willowbrook girls gymnastics team wraps up season on a strong note

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls gymnastics team finished up its season on a high note.

The Warriors finished 3-2 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action and took third overall in the conference. The Warriors also placed second at the JV2 invitational.

"We had a great end-of-season push," said Willowbrook coach Deanna Zuchowski.

Willowbrook took third at the regional level with a 124.1 score and advanced Tess Placek and Karli Wilson to the sectional level. Placek

finished sixth on vault with a 9.00 and earned an at-large bid. Placek scored 32.25 on the all-around, while Wilson was at 31.9—both earned at-large all-around sectional bids.

Neither Placek nor Wilson earned an automatic qualification to the state meet this weekend. At-large state bids were to be announced this past Monday.

"Tess and Karli had a great final stretch to the season and had a great showing at regionals," said Zuchowski.

Zuchowski noted the team's

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most-improved gymnast was Riley Wieringa. "Riley committed to learning at least one new trick on each event," she said. "She bumped up each of her scores and skill level to add bonus and lift her scores up for her teammates."

Zuchowski added the team took to the bonus strategy quite well. "The team understood how it had to add more bonus to its routines to boost each other's routines up to help each individual," she said. "Each girl added more bonus to each of their routines."

Zuchowski noted Willowbrook was at a 118 team score at the beginning of the season, and put that up to a 124 by the end of the season. "Working through new skills always is difficult, but it works to our advantage when they add and perfect difficult tricks," she said.

Zuchowski lauded the leadership of seniors Autumn Palacios and Caitlyn Owen. "Autumn and Caitlyn took charge of this team and really pushed

for the comradship and the team concept," she said. "We use the saying, 'Team above all else,' and 'I can we will.' 'I can we will' was instilled in these seniors because they understood if they perfected one more skill the rest of the team benefits from their hard work and dedication. Autumn and Caitlyn not only perfected their skills, but they assisted the underclassmen in learning new routines and bonus to add to their routines. At every level, JV2 to varsity, each of the girls was able to accomplish new tricks."

Zuchowski went on maternity leave early in the season. "Since I went on maternity leave early, the girls made sure each one of them was ready," she said. "They made sure the music was prepared, that they had their routines in order and that they were ready for the competition. Coach (Andy) Isaacson made sure they could see the final product and see what they can accomplish. They did just that. I am proud of every one of these girls."

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ed to a local hospital.

"Our police officers put their lives on the line every day," Berlin said. "Thanks to the professionalism displayed by the Naperville Police Department in this case, no officers or innocent bystanders were injured."

Kelley's next court appearance is scheduled for Feb. 25, 2019 in front

of Judge George Bakalis. The DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force is currently reviewing the facts and circumstances of this case in regard to the officer discharging his weapon.

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

Charges filed in threat to Downers Grove South High School

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert B. Berlin and Downers Grove Chief of Police Sharon Gillette announced last week that a male student at a Lisle alternative school has been charged with posting a threat on Snapchat directed at Downers Grove South High School. The student appeared at a detention hearing where the minor was ordered to be placed on home detention lockdown.

On Monday, Feb. 4, Downers Grove Police received information through their anonymous tip system regarding a threatening Snapchat post directed at another person whom the

defendant believed to be a student at the school. The post allegedly included: "I'ma see u at school, ... DGS. I'ma bring my friend AK 47. I'ma kill."

An investigation into the post led by the Downers Grove Police Department led to the minor as the person who allegedly posted the threats. Neither the victim nor the defendant are students at Downers Grove South High School.

"These school threats must stop," Berlin said. "For teachers to teach and students to learn, it is imperative that students and teacher alike not fear for

their personal safety while at school. As I have said in the past, any threat or even the hint of a threat to our schools will be fully investigated and anyone suspected of such behavior will be held accountable."

The minor has been charged with one count of Disorderly Conduct - Threat of Violence at a School, a Class 4 Felony. His next court appearance is scheduled for Feb. 27 in front of Judge Robert Anderson.

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

Environmental Film Festival returns for 5th year

Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition and Elmhurst College will host a screening of the documentary "Paris to Pittsburgh" as part of the 2019 One Earth Film Festival on Sunday, March 3 at 1 p.m. in Illinois Hall, inside the Schaeuble Science Center on the campus of Elmhurst College.

The One Earth Film Festival presents compelling environmental films and programming to bring about an understanding of climate change, sustainability and the power of people, and to initiate positive actions for the planet.

With the United States' withdrawal from The Paris Climate Agreement, citizens around the country are taking

matters into their own hands. Paris to Pittsburgh explores the very real social and economic impacts to climate change-fueled disasters and features voices from local leaders and everyday Americans from Pittsburgh to Puerto Rico. A question-and-answer period with environmental advocates will follow the film. Post-film questions will be addressed by home energy efficiency, solar and municipal sustainability experts.

Representatives from Citizens Climate Lobby, ComEd, DuPage Clean Energy Coalition, Sierra Club River Prairie Group, and Elmhurst Cool Cities will share opportunities for local

action on sustainability.

In addition to Elmhurst, three other screenings of One Earth Film Festival movies are slotted in DuPage and Kane counties. Waubesa Community College in Aurora will screen The Human Element on Monday, March 4 at 7 p.m.; College of DuPage will present The Superfood Chain on Tuesday, March 5 at 7 p.m., and Into the Okavango on Thursday, March 7 at 7 p.m.

For reservations or for more information, contact Elmhurst Cool Cities at ecoolcities@gmail.com or (630) 426-9789. For a full festival schedule of movies and events, visit oneearth-filmfest.org.

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Bartlett's Alexis Sinclair goes to the hoop against Geneva during sectional semifinals girls basketball action at Batavia on Monday.

Bartlett ousts defending state champs

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Girls basketball

Bartlett threw the first punch, deflected a counter blow from Geneva, and left the Class 4A Batavia sectional semifinal with a 60-52 victory Monday night, meaning there will be a new state champion after the Vikings had won the last two.

As they have all year, a sophomore, Lexie Sinclair, and a freshman, Mackenzie Hare, led the way for the Hawks. Sinclair scored the first 6 points leading to a Geneva timeout just 90 seconds into the game.

She finished with a game-high 26 points. Hare added 15 points and three 3-pointers, and Bartlett never trailed in front of a nearly packed Batavia gym.

"We had a lot of energy coming out," Sinclair said. "Coach (Brad) Hunt has told me I have to be a leader on the team. And if I make my first couple shots, my teammates do a really good job finding me."

No. 3 seed Bartlett (29-4) will play for the sectional championship at 7 p.m. Thursday against fourth seed Wheaton Warrenville South (22-8), a 39-28 winner over Lake Park in the first semifinal Monday.

Savannah Standerfer chipped in 7 points off the bench and Dani Hedeon's 6 points included a key baseline jumper in the fourth quarter with Geneva (20-12) trying to come back.

"We all kept our composure and know how to execute at the right times," Standerfer said. "This whole night was just great energy."

After Sinclair's 6 quick points to start the game, Hare knocked down back-to-back 3s for a 12-3 lead.

Geneva turned the ball over on its first four possessions for a similar slow start to its regional title win Thursday over Glenbard West. Bartlett led 16-10 after one quarter.

"We started off slow and in a sectional semi you can't do that," Vikings coach Sarah Meadows said. "You can't do that against good teams."

Standerfer opened the second quarter with a 3-pointer after the Hawks kept the possession alive by hustling for two long rebounds. Sinclair capped the half with a floater in the lane to go to halftime up 28-20.

Geneva appeared to take the momentum back when Katie Montgomery, who had to be helped off the court late in the second quarter after a hard fall, returned and scored the first four points of the half to pull her team within 28-24.

Geneva had a chance to pull closer but missed two free throws and a couple shots under the basket. While Lindsay Blackmore sank all 10 of her free throws, the rest of the Vikings hit just 9 of 21.

Sinclair stopped the Geneva run with a 3-pointer, Hare drove from one end to the other for a three-point play, and Sinclair's spin move helped the Hawks weather Geneva's rally and lead 41-34 after three quarters.

"We tried to come back in the third quarter," Meadows said. "They held us off. They hit shots when they needed shots."

The Vikings got as close as 41-36 in the fourth before



Bartlett's Teagan Noesen, right, and Geneva's Lindsay Blackmore battle for the ball Monday night.

another big shot from Sinclair, this time a 3 from the top of the key. Hare's shot from nearly the same spot with 5:02 remaining opened up a double-digit advantage at 49-38.

Despite some shaky free-throw shooting of its own (16 for 29), the Hawks never saw their lead shrink under 7 points — and that came with nine seconds to go.

"My girls know how to be composed," Hunt said. "We pride ourselves on defense

and for the most part we did a good job."

As for a sophomore leading the way?

"She's got 60 games under her belt," Hunt said. "She's not inexperienced and she's the real deal. She's really good."

Blackmore led Geneva with 19 points and 17 rebounds. Montgomery added 12 points, and Cassidy Navigato, the only senior in Geneva's lineup, scored 7.

Boys basketball standings

Chicago Catholic League

White

School	All	Conf.	GB
St. Rita	22-8	13-2	—
Providence-St. Mel	23-6	12-3	1
Lin	20-8	10-5	3
St. Charles	20-8	10-5	3
Marist	18-19	4-11	9
Providence	9-19	4-11	9
Marian	9-21	2-13	11
St. Francis deSales	1-28	0-15	12

Metro Suburban Blue

School	All	Conf.	GB
Riverside-Brook	25-1	11-1	—
Aurora Christian	22-7	8-3	2
Chicago Christian	22-8	8-4	3
St. Francis	19-10	6-7	5
Bishop McNamee	14-16	4-8	7
IC Catholic Prep	11-18	4-8	9
Aurora Central	4-19	1-10	9.5

Metro Suburban Red

School	All	Conf.	GB
Wheaton Acad.*	18-7	10-2	—
Timothy Christian	15-12	8-5	1
Ridgeview	14-10	8-3	1
Elmhurst Park	12-13	6-6	4
St. Edward	13-17	4-8	5
Fenton	9-19	4-8	6
Quinn	5-24	0-12	10

Upstate Eight

School	All	Conf.	GB
West Aurora*	25-5	16-1	—
South Elgin	21-7	14-2	1.5
Glenbard South	20-6	13-3	2.5
Glenbard East	12-18	8-9	7
Streamwood	12-17	8-9	7
Larkin	11-18	8-9	8
East Aurora	10-20	8-9	8
West Chicago	8-26	5-12	10
West Chicago	9-20	2-15	13
Elgin	5-23	2-15	13

DuPage Valley

School	All	Conf.	GB
Naperville North*	16-11	6-1	—
Waltonville Valley	2-14	4-3	2
Nesque Valley	13-16	3-4	3
Naperville Central	9-18	3-5	3.5
Mesa Valley	12-15	2-5	4

East Suburban Catholic

School	All	Conf.	GB
Marian Catholic	24-4	7-1	—
St. Victor	22-5	7-1	—
Benedict	21-7	6-2	1
Carmel	20-10	6-2	1
Notre Dame	17-11	5-3	2
St. Patrick	17-10	4-4	3
Marist	14-14	2-6	5
Nazareth	7-17	2-6	5
Joliet Catholic	5-23	1-7	7
Marian Central	1-27	0-8	8

West Suburban Gold

School	All	Conf.	GB
Downers South*	22-6	10-2	—
Proviso East*	21-8	10-2	—
Wilmette	18-12	7-5	4
Leyden	15-11	6-6	4
Morton	14-15	4-8	6
Hinsdale South	13-14	4-8	6
Addison Trail	13-15	1-11	9

West Suburban Silver

School	All	Conf.	GB
Cub Park-RP*	17-11	11-1	—
York	20-4	10-2	1
Lyons	19-9	7-5	4
Glenbard West	18-9	6-7	6
Downers North	19-11	5-7	6
Hinsdale Central	15-18	4-8	7
Proviso West	4-19	0-12	11

Standings through Sunday.

* — denotes conference champion

Boys basketball

Monday's results

SOUTH ELGIN 61, GLENBARD SOUTH 46 South Elgin — Montgomery 4 0-1 8, Ashley 2 2-2 8, Warwick 3 0-0 8, Errington 2 0-0 5, Miszkiewicz 5 10-12 20, Movcar 0 2-2 2, Cook 0 0-0 0, Totals 16 14-17 51. Glenbard South — Enright 0 2-2 2, Plasso 4 2-2 12, Co Hardie 3 4-4 12, Powers 5 0-0 12, Harrington 2 4-4 8, Pyle 0 0-0 0, Seaton 0 0-0 0, Payton 1 0-0 2, Tencio 0 0-0 0, Totals 16 14-17 51.	SOUTH ELGIN 10 12 16 — 51 Glenbard South 11 14 6 17 — 46 3-point baskets: SE — Ashley 2, Warwick 2, Errington; GS — Plasso 2, Co. Hardie 2, Powers 2.
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Girls basketball

Monday's results

Class 3A Rochelle sectional semifinal GLENBARD SOUTH 48, STERLING 29 Glenbard South — Cohen 6 0-0 15, LaPointe 2 0-0 5, Sellers 0 7-8 7, Wilhelm 1 0-0 3, Bar 6 3-6 17, Caluzzi 1 0-0 2, Karr 0 0-0 0, Sadler 0 0-0 0, Salvaggio 0 0-0 0, Wilson 0 0-0 0, Totals 16 10-14 48. Sterling — Garza 0 2-2 2, Bre. Burton 1 2-4 4, Gue. Gould 3 3-5 10, Bre. Burton 5 0-4 6, Gue. Gould 3 1-2 7, Aulis 0 0-0 0, Goff 0 0-0 0, Cole 0 0-0 0, Spaulding 0 0-0 0, Totals 16 8-15 22. Glenbard South 22 11 7 9 — 48 Sterling 15 3 10 1 — 29 3-point baskets: GS: Cohen 3, Bar 2, Wilhelm, LaPointe; S: Grace Gould. Fouled out: none.	Class 4A Batavia sectional semifinal WV SOUTH 38, LAKE PARK 28 Lake Park — Thorne 2 0-4 4, Skalski 1 0-0 3, Kirkham 0 0-0 0, Rogers 6 4-5 21, Dore 0 0-0 0, May 0 0-0 0, Yates 0 0-0 0, Totals 11 4-5 28. WV South — Ruggles 2 6-8 11, Emma 3 2-2 10, Sjoberg 3
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3-4 10, Dohse 2 2-2 6, Strubbing 0 0-0 0, Harrington 0 2-2 2, Miller 0 0-0 0, Kozlowski 0 0-0 0, Totals 10 15-18 38.
Lake Park 7 8 4 9 — 28
WV South 8 10 5 16 — 38
3-point baskets: LP: Skalski, Rogers; WWS: Emma 2, Ruggles, Strubbing. Fouled out: none.

BARTLETT 60, GENEVA 52
Bartlett — Hesden 1 4-6 6, Hare 5 2-5 15, Sinclair 4 4-10 26, Noesen 0 1-2 1, Montgomery 13-4-5, Banks 0 0-0 0, Standerfer 2 2-2 7, Totals 18 18-29 60.
Geneva — Palmer 1 4-5 6, Hinchman 1 2-7 5, Montgomery 5 1-4 12, Navarrete 2 2-7 7, Blackmore 4 10-10 15, McCoughlin 1 1-3 3, Deane 0 0-0 0, Totals 14 18-31 52.
Bartlett 16 12 13 19 — 60
Geneva 10 10 14 18 — 52
3-point baskets: B — Sinclair 4, Hare 3, Standerfer 0 — Navarrete 2, Hinchman, Montgomery, Blackmore.
Fouled out: B — Hernandez.

All-Metro Suburban Conference Blue Division
MVP: Emma Lottus (RB), Lara Arger (ACD), Delany Kuster (ACD), Ali Berg (BM), Destiny Kizano (BM), Karal Brown-Shaw (BM), Jada Smith (CCP), Chae Wagner (CCP), Sarah Joubert (RB), Mary McKinney (RB), Argentina Guapo (RB), Zoe Katterman (RB), Brooke Higgins (GB), Kate Chaparro (SF).
All-Metro Suburban Conference Red Division
MVP: Janyal Turner (CC), Teri Henning (AC), Levi Lamanna (AC), Thaya Lase (AC), Katelyn Watterink (CC), Daja Claybrook (CC), Chae Schabert (CC), Alessia Arnold (F), Lisa Lozada (F), Ivie Perez (G), Kam Fial (F), Hannah Schuriga (TC), Suyaya Alex (TC), Jordan Strube (TC), Immi Hillmer (WA).

Upcoming events

TODAY

Boys basketball
Addison Trail, Downers Grove North, Downers Grove South, Glenbard West, Hinsdale Central, Hinsdale South, Willowbrook, York vs West Suburban Conference Tournament, TBA
Morton at Aurora Central Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
Plainfield South at Naperville Central, 7:30 p.m.
Wheaton Academy at Lake Forest Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Class 2A Beecher regional
Westmont vs. Beecher/Pennsauke winners, 7 p.m.
Class 2A Timothy Christian regional
Timothy Christian vs. Weather Christian/Quinn winner, 7 p.m.