

Addison Trail boys' cross country team splits WSC Gold double dual

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The Addison Trail boys' cross country team split a recent West Suburban Conference Gold Division double dual with Willowbrook and Proviso East. The Blazers defeated Proviso East 17-32 and dropped a 24-33 decision to Willowbrook.

Coach Brad Donaldson's team is coming off a fifth-place conference finish a year ago, but returns a number of key performers from that group. Junior Dylan Moran is back. He was a sectional qualifier last year and ran a season-best time at that postseason meet. Donaldson noted Moran is aiming to break the school record this year. "Dylan is our top runner with the biggest potential right now," said Donaldson. "He is the race leader, and I'm really excited to see how good he can be. He is a competitor at heart and will challenge himself against the best. I look forward to some great races."

Senior Julian Lara also returns. "Julian is a tremendous leader for

us," said Donaldson. "His leadership ability keeps everyone on task." Senior Jonathan Ramos is the Blazers' No. 3 returning scorer from 2018. "Jonathan also is a tremendous leader," Donaldson noted. Junior Cole Greaves also is back and Donaldson said he will be a key scorer for the Blazers. "Cole has tremendous upside with great foot speed," he said. "He just needs to carry it over distance." Sophomore Alex Martinez was a regional team member as a freshman last fall. "Alex is only a sophomore and has tremendous potential in cross country," said Donaldson. "Seeing where he is at this year after track season is amazing. It could be a real battle to see if he can catch up to Dylan." Moran and Martinez finished second and third in the double dual against Willowbrook and Proviso East.

Key newcomers to the group include sophomores Max Ojeda and Aaron Paz (transfer). "This group has a tremendous work ethic," Donaldson said. "They have been engaged and work-

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— Brad Donaldson
Cross country coach

ing out since the end of the track season, and have had a consistent focus and commitment to improving their personal performance. Even outside organized workouts, they have been getting together and working out and pushing each other. It's great to see them holding each other accountable."

Donaldson has a deeper roster this season.

"Our overall depth and fitness level has improved dramatically," he said. "We have a larger group of athletes focused on competing this year, more so than just training." Focus is something Donaldson is stressing to his runners.

"I think overall focus and staying focused on the season goals is going to be the key," he said. "They are a group that over the next two years can be really good. They just need to keep those beliefs at the forefront and not be swayed by individual meet results or the gen-

eral ups and downs of the season." Donaldson said Downers Grove South and Morton look to be key contenders in the WSC Gold once again.

"We are focused on spots 3-5 and looking to be competitive with Willowbrook, Leyden and Hinsdale South," he said. "We are hoping to push them for the middle of the conference and make it a tight race in October. We're also focused on getting out of the regional as a team, rather than as just individuals." Addison Trail heads to the First to the Finish invitational in Peoria Saturday.

Block improves for Fenton boys' golf team

Bison boys' soccer team also on the upswing

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The Fenton boys' golf team sported a 1-2 record in Upstate Eight Conference action through late last week. Additionally, coach Rick Johnson was impressed with Patrick Block's 89 for 18 holes at the recent Fenton invitational at White Pines in Bensenville. "Patrick is really improving from last year," said Johnson.

Johnson noted additional team positives on the practice links. "We are practicing well," he said.

"We have a very competitive team. We are looking to take that attitude to the course (during meets)."

Play around the green and putting also has improved for the Bison. "The short game work is starting to pay off," said Johnson.

In addition to Block, Andrew Hoffer and Matt Riley have taken steps forward.

"Patrick, Andrew and Matt are starting to get themselves around the course, even when they don't

have their best stuff that day," Johnson noted.

Fenton has seven freshmen in the program.

"We are very young, so we are looking to get better each day," Johnson said.

Fenton boys soccer

The Fenton boys' soccer team was 0-2 in its first two contests. Fenton lost a recent 3-2 decision to Addison Trail at the Joe Novy tournament hosted by Addison Trail. In that game against Addison Trail, Jason Fuentes and Chris Hernandez each had a goal for the Bison. "We are still working to build team chemistry," Fenton coach Victor Ruiz said.

Ruiz noted Fenton is working hard to improve in "all aspects of the game," and is seeing improvements in all areas of the field.

"We are getting there," he added.

"In our first two games I was happy with the effort they put in." Fenton opened Upstate Eight Conference play earlier this week at home against Streamwood.

Fenton girls volleyball

Fenton's girls' volleyball team was slated to host South Elgin and Addison Trail this week before heading to the West Chicago tournament on Saturday.

Willowbrook girls' volleyball team making strides

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Willowbrook girls' volleyball coach Irene Mason has seen her team get quite defensive out of the gates this fall.

As in playing improved defense. "Overall, the team is doing an excellent job in serve-receive," Mason said. "We're passing the ball consistently and playing great defense."

Mason pointed out Willowbrook graduated eight seniors from last year and has lost one returning player to injury this season, which means plenty of new faces are becoming acclimated to the varsity game.

"We have improved on getting up to speed with the game," she said. "We have a lot of players who have had to adjust to the speed of the game at the varsity level."

Mason added improvements also are being seen at the net as well as in transition. "Our blocks have gotten much quicker, as well as our transitions," she said.

Individually, Mason has seen

well-rounded improvements from sophomore Kyla Ostrowski. "Kyla has stepped up in all area of her play; passing, serving, defense and scoring," she said. "She is quickly emerging into the confident outside hitter we've been looking for."

Ostrowski and freshman Natalie Cipriano are two of those younger players making an impact. "I've been most impressed by the ability of some of our younger players to step up and perform in key roles," said Mason. "Kyla and Natalie have really stood out and led our team offensively."

Junior Grace Reckamp was lauded for her leadership. "Grace has shown great leadership throughout the off-season and that has continued into the start of this season," said Mason. "She commands the offense for us, and her set selection and winning attitude have been outstanding."

Willowbrook continues to benefit from the defensive play of senior all-conference returner Payton Ceh.

"Payton's ability to read and react to the opponent's swing has been very impressive, as well as her overall court vision and ability to see the opponent's defense and place the ball in open areas," Mason explained. "I've also been impressed by Payton's ability to bounce back after her season-ending injury last year. She is back to dominating the back court and leading our team defensively."

In recent action, the Warriors dropped a 19-25, 25-23, 25-19 non-conference match to Glenbard North. The loss put the Warriors at 1-2 overall.

Ceh had one kill and 17 digs. Senior Alondra Mendoza had five blocks. Ostrowski had two kills, one ace and eight digs. Reckamp had five kills, two aces, three blocks, 10 digs and 11 assists. Sophomore Katie Linnig had six assists and eight digs.

The Warriors played District 88 neighbor Addison Trail earlier this week.

Week 3 football previews

Downers Grove South (1-1) at Willowbrook (1-1)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Willowbrook High School, Villa Park

Last week: Downers South 20, York 14; Willowbrook 21, Oak Park-River Forest 6

Last year: Willowbrook 42, Downers South 20

Outlook: Willowbrook opens West Suburban Conference Gold Division play against Downers South in Week 3. Both teams shook off Week 1 losses to win their respective WSC crossover contests in Week 2. Looking back to 2010, Willowbrook leads this series 5-4, having won the last four contests. Downers South won conference titles in 2010 and 2013, while Willowbrook has won the last two WSC Gold titles and puts a 12-game conference winning streak on the line Friday after having lost its last conference game of the year to Leyden in the 2016 season. Willowbrook's defense has allowed 20 points in the first two games against Providence Catholic and Oak Park-River Forest.

Addison Trail (0-2) at Proviso East (1-1)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Proviso East High School, Maywood

Last week: Downers Grove North 41, Addison Trail 0; Lyons Township 31, Proviso East 20

Last year: Addison Trail 44, Proviso East 0

Outlook: A big week here for Addison Trail. The Blazers dropped their first two contests to Conant and Downers North and now have a chance to kick off the West Suburban Conference Gold Division portion of their schedule on a positive note against Proviso East. The Pirates split their first two contests of the year, beating North Chicago 37-6 at home and then dropping its Week 2 WSC crossover game on the road to Lyons Township 31-20. Addison Trail then has state power Glenbard West on the schedule in Week 4.

Fenton (2-0, 2-0) at Streamwood (1-1, 1-1)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Millennium Field, Streamwood High School

Last week: Streamwood 33, Larkin 13; Fenton 51, West Chicago 13

Last year: Did not play

Outlook: Fenton is 2-0 to start the season for the first time since 2011, which corresponds to the last time the Bison qualified for the state playoffs. Fenton has outscored its first two opponents 84-13 and now heads to Streamwood for its third UEC contest. Streamwood beat Larkin 33-13 last week, while Fenton beat Larkin 33-0 in Week 1. Streamwood's other contest was a 13-6 loss to Glenbard South in its season opener. After Streamwood, defending UEC champion Glenbard East awaits in Week 4.

Willowbrook boys' golf team squares off against Hinsdale South Rattana off to strong start for Warriors

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The Willowbrook boys' golf team dropped a recent 146-167 West Suburban Conference Gold Division contest to Hinsdale South at par-32 Sugar Creek in Villa Park. The loss put the Warriors at 1-2 overall on the season.

Senior Logan Rattana led the way for the Warriors with a 35. Freshman Brett Vandergrift added a 41, while junior John "Wedge" Donovan had a 45 and junior Andrew Rugg finished with a 46. Hinsdale South's Grant Blum was the medalist with a 34.

Earlier, the Warriors partook in a pair of invitationals. Willowbrook hosted its annual John Hamman 18-hole scramble at Sugar Creek. The Warriors shot a 1-under-par 63 to take seventh. Joey Zopel, Jake Cieslak, Rugg, Bennet Fleming and Max Hirsch competed at Sugar Creek for the Warriors.

The Warriors sent a split-squad up the road to Bensenville and White Pines where they shot a 370 and took 21st at the Fenton invitational.

Of note at White Pines, Logan Rattana shot a 78, which earned him a 26th-place finish and an individual medal at the event, which coach Gary Walker termed a "loaded invite."

In addition to Rattana's 78, Vandergrift had a 90, senior Utah Keelner shot 99 and "Wedge" Donovan

ended with a 103 for 18.

Walker noted Willowbrook has 17 frosh-soph golfers and eight varsity competitors. "We have a very healthy program," he said. "Coach (Scott) Forcash and I are very happy to have those young Willowbrook athletes out for our sport."

Walker has seen an uptick in practice performance as well. "What we do daily at practice has improved," he said. "Coming off the summer, many of our athletes are doing other sports. We offer them highly structured practices to help them reach their potential."

Rattana has been a standout thus far for the Warriors. "Logan has been our leader for a few years now," said Walker. "He just fired a 78 at the Fenton invite. We have seven other athletes on the varsity who are a complete joy to work with and coach. We are looking forward to seeing how each of them ends the year."

Walker said the month of September should be a fruitful one for the Warriors. "The season is going according to plan," he said. "We always make a big jump in September. I always am impressed by how teachable and coachable our athletes are."

Willowbrook was scheduled to return to action earlier this week against Leyden in a WSC Gold match at Sugar Creek.

Addison Trail girls' cross country team poised for improvement

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Addison Trail girls' cross country coach Kristen Olson has reasons for optimism.

The Blazers return a number of key runners off a 2018 team that finished fifth in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division a year ago. Back is junior Viviana Sanfilippo, who was a 2018 all-WSC Gold performer and a sectional qualifier.

Her personal record last year of 18:39 is the second-fastest time in Addison Trail girls' cross-country history. Also returning is sophomore Maddie Ford, who was a freshman all-WSC Gold selection and her 20:48 PR ranks sixth on the program's all-time list. Juniors Jina Patel and Stephanie Arreguin also return from last year's varsity.

Key newcomers to the team include junior Elizabeth Guerrero, freshman Ximena Juarez and junior Jade Campos. Guerrero is in her first year of cross country, but was third in Addison Trail's top seven in the Blazers' season-opening meet against Willowbrook and Proviso East.

Juarez also is in her first year and was Addison Trail's fourth runner in the Willowbrook and Proviso triangular, while Campos, another high school rookie in the sport, was the squad's fifth runner. "We have an enthusiastic group of new runners who already are making efforts to continue the strong team bond that is Addison Trail cross country," Olson said.

Olson said the team is hard at work continuing to develop its competitive perspective and putting in the miles to match it, especially in its summer preparation.

In that season opener against Willowbrook and Proviso East, Addison Trail scored 15 points and defeated the Pirates and lost 24-37 to Willowbrook.

Sanfilippo won the double dual in a time of 19:49. Ford was third in 21:57. "We are hopeful that as our new runners develop during the season that we can continue to improve our overall conference place," Olson said. Addison Trail runs in the First to the Finish invitational in Peoria on Saturday.

Addison Trail football team findings its way

Blazers open conference play Friday in Maywood

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Earlier last week, Addison Trail football coach Paul Parper Jr. noted he thought his team might have to work its way through some growing pains in the early going of the season.

"It's where we are at right now," he said. "I assumed we would go through some growing pains and it showed in our game against Conant (Week 1) in terms of what we did."

Addison Trail lost to Conant 54-7 in Week 1 and then dropped a 41-0 decision to Downers Grove North in Week 2 to drop to 0-2.

"From an offensive standpoint we had seven players who had never played in a varsity game before," said Parper Jr. of opening night. "On defense it was six and that includes sophomores, juniors and one senior. We have a lack of experience and it really showed in what it means to compete in a varsity football game."

"We had two sophomores, two juniors and a senior on the offensive line and that shows too. We had an overall lack of experience, but we are going to get better."

Parper Jr. said the Conant game was a good measuring stick.

"We needed something to assess where we were at," he said. "We went out there inexperienced and it showed."

Parper Jr. said the message to his group has been simple. "I told each guy in the room that

they need to get better at two things," he said of last week's preparation. "If we do that, we'll be OK. We can't feel sorry for ourselves. We have to continue to get better and rise to the occasion. We are going to figure it out. We are going to go through some ups and downs, but this group is going to stay grounded and we are going to keep moving forward. Against Conant we never quit and we could have handed them our hat when that 40-point rule kicked in. The kids played hard for 48 minutes. We're not hanging our heads and feeling sorry for ourselves. These guys want to rise to the challenge and get better."

Parper Jr. has been pleased with the overall work of veteran AJ Carlson. "AJ is one of our senior captains who is out there making plays," the coach said. "He is our playmaker." Parper Jr. said Addison Trail cannot overly obsess about who is on the schedule each week.

"We will be outmanned a lot of the weeks, but this is a fight between us and us," he said. "We have to continue to get better. You compete to get better. Successes are measured in a lot of ways. Nobody in this building wants Addison Trail football to win more games than I do. We have to focus on the weekly successes. These guys are positive and resilient. One particular week does make a season."

Addison Trail faces Proviso East in Maywood Friday to begin West Suburban Conference Gold Division play.

Willowbrook cross country teams compete at LT invitationals

King finishes 29th in boys' varsity race; Martinez top 25 for Willowbrook girls

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Both Willowbrook cross country teams were in action at Saturday's Mike Kuharic Invitational hosted by Lyons Township.

Willowbrook's boys' team was 13th out of 15 teams at the varsity level with a score of 312. Junior Tyler King finished 29th in the 3-mile race with a time of 16:26.97. Senior Brandon Heselton was 68th with a time of 17:36.54. Junior Nick Leo was 71st with a time of 17:47.93, while junior Thomas Florey was 76th with a time of 17:57.53. Junior Ben Cunneen was 80th with a time of 18:08.88.

At the boys' JV level, sophomore Damien Rocha finished 70th with a time of 19:04.12. The Warriors were 12th as a team in the JV race. At the boys' freshman level, Charlie Hayes was 33rd with a time of 13:02.61 for two miles. Willowbrook's freshmen were seventh with 205 points.

Willowbrook's varsity is coming off a 2018 season where it finished

fourth in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division.

Top returning runners for the Warriors this season include King, Heselton and Leo. "Tyler most likely will be our top runner," Willowbrook coach T.J. Artman said. "Brandon is a strong senior with leadership who is ready to work and Nick is a strong junior who wants to be competitive and win."

Artman said strengths for this year's group will be team work and its positive attitude.

Artman also has been pleased with the team's progress in the strength and mileage departments since last season.

Artman said staying healthy and having fun every day will be keys to a successful season.

In terms of the WSC Gold Division, Artman said Downers Grove South is the team to beat, "then who knows?" he said.

The Warriors opened the season with a dual against conference foes Addison Trail and Proviso East. Willowbrook won against both

schools.

Upcoming for the Warriors is Peoria and Minooka.

Willowbrook's girls' team was in action at Lyons Township. Willowbrook's varsity was eighth in the 14-team event with points. Junior Melissa Ma finished 24th in the 3-mile race completed the race in 20:31. Senior Madeleine Wilkie was in 20:26.66. Senior Michelle Lalobos was 39th in 20:55.6. Junior Gracie Tumilty was 42:24.77. Junior Daylee B was 48th in 21:49.91.

Isabel Willett was 21st out of runners in the JV race. She completed the course in 23:08.04.

Willowbrook's freshman team was sixth with 145 points. Amelia Barrington took eighth a time of 14:32.16 for 2.2 miles. Yazmin Setaram was 1st in 15:23.77. Junior Bailey Dotso was 23rd in 15:42.84.

Lily Weder was sixth in the omni race in 21:15.85, while Lina Minjares was 37th in 24:2

Willowbrook girls' tennis team opens season against Glenbard East and St. Francis

Warriors to co-host District 88 Classic Saturday

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It's a new day for the Willowbrook girls' tennis team. The Warriors are under the direction of new coach Ed Delacruz, who is fresh off a stint as Willowbrook's head boys' soccer coach. Willowbrook opened the 2019 sea-

son with a 6-1 non-conference loss to neighbor Glenbard East and then dropped a 7-0 contest to Wheaton St. Francis.

"We have gotten off to a rough start, but our schedule is top-heavy with many talented teams in the beginning," Delacruz noted. "I know the wins will pile up soon."

Willowbrook is coming off a 2018 season where it took third in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division and finished with an overall 10-5 mark in dual matches. Top returners for the Warriors include the No. 1 doubles team of seniors Maddie Brown (a team captain) and Ellie King.

Sophomore Penelope DelValle is Willowbrook's No. 1 singles player, "which is amazing because she was No. 2 singles last year as a freshman," the coach pointed out.

DelValle's sister, Priscilla (also a team captain), plays No. 2 singles, while senior Rylee Gales will help out in a variety of spots. "Rylee is my most versatile player where I can play her high up at singles and/or doubles," said Delacruz, also the school's boys' tennis coach.

Delacruz already has seen progress in the short time the season has been underway. "Right now, I'm working on the structure of the team as I bring a new style," he said. "The ladies have done a great job with

having a hard work ethic in practice. My biggest coaching philosophy will be improving team chemistry. I'm trying to get to know players' tendencies and them in

Delacruz added Willowbrook fortunate to have a roster with plenty of options on it. "I have 13 girls rotate around to fill the 11 spots," he said. "As the season on, I believe this area will take and turn into a solid strength against our opponents."

The Warriors are scheduled to WSC Gold action Thursday against Proviso East ahead of hosting a with Addison Trail the annual team District 88 Classic on Saturday starting at 8 a.m.

Fenton girls' cross country team starts anew in Upstate Eight Conference

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Fenton's girls' cross country team is starting its first season as a member of the Upstate Eight Conference. And what better way to start anew with an experience-heavy roster. Coach Frank Kekstadt has exactly that with six of the team's top seven runners back from a 2018 team that took fifth in the Metro Suburban Conference Blue Division and advanced to a sectional where it took seventh as a team.

Back for Fenton are juniors Audrey Benitez, Guadalupe Honorato, Angelika Gasior, Amy Czauder-na and Lissette Hernandez, along with sophomore Carolina Rosas.

Top newcomers for the Bison include freshman Tania Miranda, sophomore Ally Durkowski and freshman Samantha Matuk. The only loss to Fenton's starting lineup was Ruth Kirkwood to graduated.

Kirkwood qualified for the state meet in her senior season. "It is possible that if our top newcomers show consistent improvement, we will be a better team," Kekstadt said. "We have better depth than last year as well, and that is our greatest improvement. We will have 11 girls competing for our top seven spots."

Kekstadt said the keys to a strong season always are the

same: "Staying healthy and consistent improvement during the entire season," he explained. Kekstadt said captains Benitez and Honorato are a pair of runners to keep an eye on this fall.

"They both have chances to qualify for the state meet based on improvement during the summer," he said.

Kekstadt added Fenton's initial foray into the UEC brings with it plenty of unknowns. "This is our first year. Nine of the 10 schools have larger enrollments," he said. "It's too early in the season to know how we will stack up and I am not concerned about it. This is my second year and my focus is on building a program."

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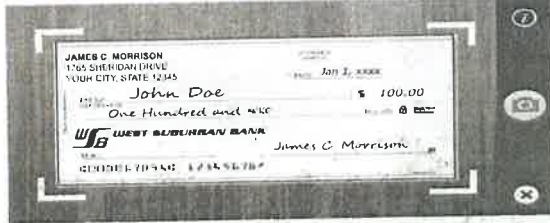
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Wesley students help feed the hungry

On Wednesday, Sept. 4, Wesley School 5th graders in Ms. Olson's and Ms. Constantopoulos' classes kicked off the new school year by participating in a service learning opportunity at the Addison Township Food Pantry. Addison School District 4 worked with Pantry coordinator Sandy Bays to initiate the service project in January 2019. A rotating schedule has been established that will have 5th grade students from the district's seven elementary schools taking their turns at visiting the pantry on Wednesday mornings throughout the school year.

"This was an excellent experience for our fifth graders," said teacher Ellen Constantopoulos. "The

students were thrilled to be able to help out others in their community. They realized how fortunate they are to have food at their homes, and it made them realize that helping others is important and satisfying. They look forward to going back to work in the pantry again in winter."

Bays spoke to the students when they arrived, explaining where the pantry gets its food and how it is distributed to Addison Township residents who are in need. The students eagerly helped restock shelves and freezers, preparing the pantry for its Thursday morning visitors. The Addison Township food pantry, located at 50 E. Oak Street, is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-11 a.m.



These Wesley fifth graders have a laugh while sorting and organizing items such as toilet tissue at the Addison Township Food Pantry. One lesson they learned: there's more than just food at the food pantry.

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Students from Wesley School learned a lesson in giving back to the community on Wednesday, Sept. 4 when they helped out with sorting and packaging foods for the Addison Township Food Pantry.



Pictured are (from left) Addison Trail Junior Gerardo Alvidrez, junior Gabriela Mendoza and senior Madison Walsh.

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Four from AT selected for 2020 Illinois All-State Theatre Festival

Addison Trail junior Gerardo Alvidrez, junior Gabriela Mendoza and senior Madison Walsh have been selected to participate in the 2020 Illinois High School Theatre Festival (IHSTF) All-State production of Elton John and Tim Rice's "Aida."

Performances will take place from Jan. 9 to 11, 2020, at Illinois State University. The event is for participants of the IHSTF only and is not open to the public.

The IHSTF All-State cast, crew and pit orchestra are comprised of top student performers, technicians and musicians from throughout Illinois. Nearly 180 students auditioned for this year's production, and 98 were selected.

Alvidrez, Mendoza and Walsh have been selected as members of the crew. Addison Trail Theatre Tech Assistant Alex Holod, who graduated from Addison Trail in 2009, has been selected as Co-Prop Designer.

About the Illinois High School Theatre Festival
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These two fifth graders from Wesley School sort packages of meat while helping out at the Addison Township Food Pantry on Wednesday, Sept. 4.

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Patriotic Warriors

The Willowbrook High School student section celebrated a "USA Day" theme for Friday's home football game against Downers Grove South. At the end of their halftime performance, members of the school's marching band followed their custom of marching from the field to the student section and playing "Hey Baby." Drum majors (left to right, wearing plumes) Kyle Haake, Siobhan

Heneghan and Emma Staunton scaled the fence to lead the band. Willowbrook trailed the visiting Mustangs 9-3 at halftime, but rallied in the second half to earn a 32-15 victory. The Willowbrook band joined about 20 other high school bands to perform with Northwestern University's band during halftime of Saturday's Wildcats' football game in Evanston.

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Art Fair celebrates its 64th year

Boasting a rich history and wealth of gifted artists, along with status as one of the Southland's most valued annual treasures, the Park Forest Art Fair, sponsored by Tall Grass Arts Association (TGAA), in September celebrates its 64th year, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 and Sunday, Sept. 22, in downtown Park Forest on the Village Green.

The artists hail from all over the metropolitan area. This year TGAA is pleased to introduce 23 new artists including Tim Arnold of Villa Park.

Arnold graduated from the Art College of DuPage with an Associate of Art degree and later graduated with a Bachelors in Fine Arts awarded with Honors at Illinois State University. He works with work with ceramics and sculpture. He won the Best in Category at both the Port Clinton Art Festival in Highland Park, and the Third Ward Art Festival in Milwaukee. He won first place at the Lakeview East Festival in Arts in Chicago.

For four years in a row, the Park Forest Art Fair has won the national "America's Best Art Fair Awards" competition sponsored by ArtFair-



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Tim Arnold of Villa Park is one of 23 new artists who'll be introduced at this weekend's 64th annual Park Forest Art Fair, sponsored by the Tall Grass Arts Association. Arnold works with ceramics and sculpture.

Calendar.com, the No. 1 website for art fair event listings. Named as one of the "Best Overall Art Fairs", the survey recognized Park Forest Art Fair as one of the best small, juried, fine art fairs in the country.

"This is the second oldest juried art fair in the Chicagoland region and it has maintained its quality over the years," event Chairwoman

Janet Muchnik said. Muchnik emphasized the event always attracts a variety of talents, "some new artists and many who have exhibited continuously for nearly four decades."

"Fair visitors have a tradition here of talking with the artists and in fact, the artists expect people to stop by and chat."

As a not-for-profit event with a huge volunteer force, costs to artists are very low. "Consequently, they can sell their works at very reasonable prices. This is the fair where people can buy originals for very reasonable prices."

The eclectic nature of the fair is quickly visible to visitors who will see ceramics, etchings, sculpture,

photographs, paintings in many media, digital art works, jewelry featuring original elements, and hand-blown glass.

A special feature of the fair is the Kids' Art Alley. It offers a range of hands-on art activities to delight the younger set, including the almost legendary Children's Art Contest.

Music plays an important role in the Park Forest Art Fair.

On Saturday, the village will host a music fest next to the food vendors and beer tent.

Fest favorite, Patchouli, will perform on Sunday, Sept. 22 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

For more information, visit: www.tallgrassarts.com.

Area mosquito spraying took place last week

Clarke Mosquito conducted spraying in Villa Park, Elmhurst and Lombard last week to control the adult mosquito population.

According to information provided by the Village of Villa Park, Clarke Mosquito conducted spraying in the three municipalities during the evening of Sept. 11.

The Village of Lombard related last week that the DuPage County Health Department has confirmed two cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) in Lombard.

The county health department stated earlier this month that the key factors in determining the degree of WNV activity are temperatures and rainfall. In hot, dry weather, mosquitoes that carry WNV (primarily Culex mosquitoes) breed in stagnant water and multiply rapidly.

Approximately one in five people who are infected with WNV will de-

velop symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, joint pain, vomiting, diarrhea or rash. Less than one percent will develop a serious illness.

According to the health department, the best way to prevent WNV is to "Fight the Bite" and follow the "4 Ds of Defense" to avoid mosquito bites:

- **Drain:** Drain items that collect standing water around your home, yard or business. Scrub and refill pet water dishes and birdbaths regularly.
- **Defend:** Use an insect repellent containing DEET when outdoors and reapply according to directions.
- **Dress:** Wear long pants, long sleeves and closed-toe shoes when outside to cover the skin.
- **Dusk to Dawn:** Wear repellent outdoors during these prime times for mosquito activity.

For more information, call Clarke Mosquito's hotline at 800-942-2555.

Villa Park to host Brewfest Sept. 28

Something exciting is brewing in Villa Park. Villa Park Brewfest will be held Saturday, Sept. 28, at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park, 318 E. Kenilworth, 2-5:30 pm.

Tickets are still available for this fantastic craft beer tasting festival that will showcase the talents and unique beers from area breweries.

Attendees will enjoy sampling many craft beers and hard ciders from more than 20 breweries. Tickets are available for purchase, online only, at tinyurl.com/villaparkbrew.

festNote that Brewfest is a 21 and older event; even the designated driver attendee needs to be at least 21.

Several food trucks will be at Brewfest offering a variety of food items for purchase. A free shuttle service will be offered and run from the Villa Park Metra Station, 349 N. Ardmore.

For complete Brewfest information, including a list of participating breweries and food trucks, visit villaparkbrewfest.com.



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Willowbrook Principal Dr. Daniel Krause (left) is honored by Dr. Jason Leahy, executive director of the Illinois Principals Association (IPA). Krause was recognized during the Sept. 9 District 88 Board of Education meeting for being named as President of the Illinois Principals Association (IPA) for the 2019-20 school year.

Willowbrook principal recognized for being named 2019-20 president of the Illinois Principals Association

During the Sept. 9 District 88 Board of Education meeting, Willowbrook Principal Dr. Daniel Krause was honored for being named as President of the Illinois Principals Association (IPA) for the 2019-20 school year.

Krause was recognized by Dr. Jason Leahy, executive director of the IPA.

Krause has been a member of the IPA since 2002. During his time with the association, he has served as president-elect, member of the Board of

Directors and member of the Membership Committee. Krause also has served the DuPage Region as State Director, Awards chairperson and member of the State Superintendent's Principal Advisory Council.

Krause has been recognized by his peers as the 2013 DuPage County High School Principal of the Year by the IPA, a finalist for the 2016 Golden Apple Stanley C. Golder Leadership Award and the Illinois State Board of Education's Those Who Excel program.

Obituary

Kathleen T. Nigro, 77

Kathleen T. Nigro nee Rabold, of Lombard, passed away recently at the age of 77. Beloved wife of the late Michael J. Nigro, Sr. Loving mother of Michael J. (Laura) Nigro, Jr., Mark (Judy) Nigro, Therese (Arthur) Ciszewski and Matthew (Traci) Nigro. Cherished grandmother of Michael J. III, Nicholas, Becky, Alex, Tommy, Connor, Dominic, Drew, Noah, Jim (Kelly) and Kelly (Adam). Great grandmother of Teddy, Maddy and Colleen. Dearest daughter of the late John and Kath-

leen Rabold. Fond sister of John (Kathy) Rabold and the late Michael (Kathy) Rabold. Aunt and great aunt of several. Funeral Mass was held Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019, at St. Alexander Church, 300 S. Cornell, Villa Park. Interment to follow at Assumption Cemetery, Wheaton, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to: Villa Scalabrini (Memory Care Unit), 480 N. Wolf Rd., Northlake, IL 60164 appreciated. Arrangements provided by Steuerele Funeral Home, 350 S. Ardmore Avenue, Villa Park. Info: 630-832-4161.



want to take away everything from plastic straws to gas-powered cars to nuclear power. They want to dictate how many kids you can have and what you can and cannot eat. What happened to the land of the free? ***

Liberals claim they're tolerant. They're tolerant all right, as long as you agree with them. If you don't agree with them, they'll shout you down, harass you, boycott you, publish your personal information on the Internet and threaten you and your family. And if you wear a red hat, they'll have a tantrum. Does that sound tolerant? ***

To the person offended by loud motorcycle pipes, it is true that some motorcyclists alter their exhaust pipes to make them louder. The fact that the sound makes you aware of their presence is the counter to distracted drivers we face every day. Today I was forced to evade a driver who decided my lane was better for him because unfinished repaving had left his lane bumpy. Without looking, he swerved over despite my loud pipes and four-speaker sound system. I'm sorry for your 10-minute hearing loss. A small price to pay for you not having to be sorry for someone's loss of life. ***

I'm confused. If you say you want to be part of the LGBTQ community, that's fine. If you say you are proud to be black, that's fine. If you say you are proud to be Hispanic, that's fine. But if you say you are proud to be

white, you are called a racist. So who is the racist? We should all be able to be proud. ***

This is for the high school parent clubs for football and basketball. I am thinking maybe you could possibly sell your 50/50 tickets during those games and do whatever you need, you know, 50 percent for the school scholarships and 50 percent for what you do. Thank you, bye. ***

Liar. Troubled. Dictator like Hitler. Cruel. Con man. Idiot. Racist. These are only a few of the insults directed at the president of the United States. Those directing these insults, people, are you nuts? Get a grip on your emotions. You are totally unhinged. ***

I watched some of the Democratic presidential debates on Thursday. What a joke! Can these candidates really be this clueless? One wants to take away your guns, another wants to give away \$1,000 a month for a year to 10 families, and they all want to raise your taxes, especially on those evil billionaires. I guarantee Bill Gates, Warren Buffet, the Walton family and other billionaires will find ways to avoid losing a large percentage of their fortunes to taxes, rather than let the government have it. It's too bad Donald Trump can be so petty and arrogant. If he could ever learn not to let his ego get in the way and not pick a fight with everyone, this next presidential election wouldn't even be close. There's a lot I don't like about Donald Trump

personally, but not only will I hold my nose and vote for him next year, I'll wear a gas mask if I have to before I'd vote for any of these circus clowns I saw on the debate. ***

Hello. I read some interesting statistics about the education system in Illinois, so I thought I'd call Speak Out and share them with all of you. Did you know that Illinois has 852 school districts? Over half of those school districts serve 1,000 students. The national average is 3,600 students. Talk about a bloated bureaucracy! More than 60 percent of Illinois property taxes pay for public education. Property taxes have grown by 9 percent, but home values have dropped 21 percent. Isn't that nice? And here's one that really got my blood boiling: More than 9,000 school administrators make more than \$100,000 per year and they'll each receive \$3 million or more in pension benefits during their retirements. Wouldn't it be nice to have a sweetheart deal like this when you retire? But it's all for the children, right? No, it's not. It's all about their salaries, their benefits and their retirements. ***

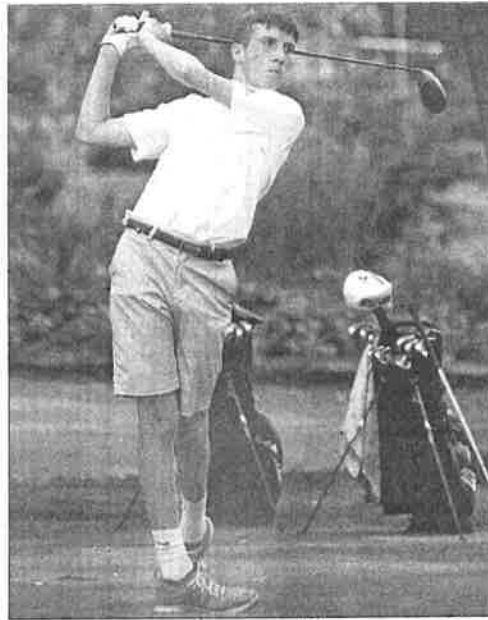
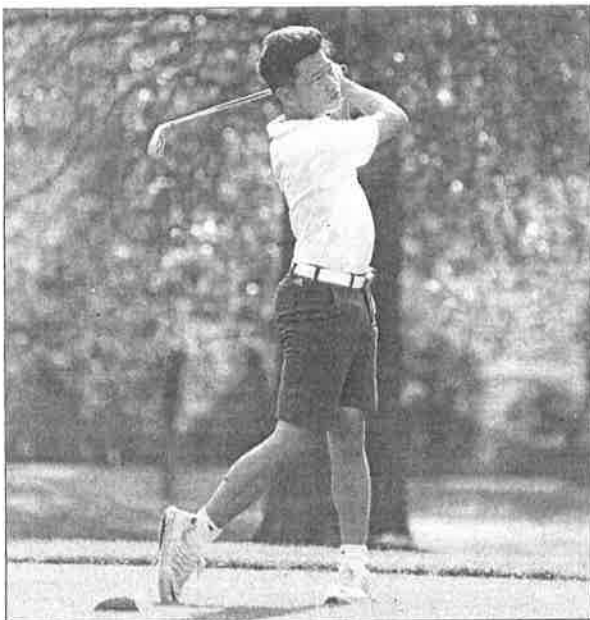
When I'm out driving, I've been noticing sports team flags that look like American flags. These flags have 13 stripes just like the American flag, but there's a team logo instead of the stars. I'm sorry. Maybe I'm old-fashioned, but I think these types of flags disrespect our country's flag. Why not fly the real American flag instead?

Villa Park calling. Seriously America, why are some of you pretending there's not something wrong with traitorous Trump, the current occupant of the office, as well as the people who support his bizarre, erratic and unfit behavior? Even some of Trump's closest advisers, friends and allies have come out to say publicly they do not think he is mentally well and that his staff is covering up for his mental decline. Most Americans have eyes, ears and common sense, decency and sound judgment, which is unlike Trump. Every day more and more of the American public conclude that Donald Trump is unfit to be our president. America, enough is enough. Vote this deranged, lying, mentally damaged, sad excuse for a human out of the office before he can do more damage to our country. Your lives, and your sons' and daughters'

lives depend upon it. Thank you. ***

I have noticed on Facebook posts about lots of dogs, cats and the occasional bird that somehow go missing. As a pet owner, my foremost responsibility is my pet's safety. I realize things do happen, but if nothing else, with all the coyote sightings in town, I would think people are being more vigilant about their animals. Apparently not. Especially cats; what possesses people to let their cats be "indoor/outdoor" pets, especially if declawed? And, dog owners, please keep your dog on a leash. It is a local ordinance. I fear for our furbabies. ***

I can understand why people don't like Donald Trump, but these Democratic candidates are wacky in their own right. Did anyone watch that climate change town hall? Democrats



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A win for the Warriors

The Willowbrook boys golf team won the title at Saturday's Leyden Quad at the White Pines Golf Club's West Course in Bensenville. The Warriors turned in a team score of 334 to decisively beat Leyden (375), Fenton (388) and Maine East (414). Willowbrook senior Logan Rattana earned medalist honors at the meet by firing an 18-hole score of 80 on the par-72 course. Junior Nick Cipriano (83), junior Jake Cieslak (85) and freshman Brett Vandergriff (86) added the Warriors' three other contributing scores to account for the team score of 334 (80+83+85+86). Earlier in the week, Willowbrook beat Leyden 150-162 in a West Suburban Gold Conference dual meet at Sugar Creek Golf Course. Rattana, (left) and Cipriano (right) are pictured during the Sept. 10 victory, which gave the Warriors an overall dual-meet record of 2-2, and a conference record of 1-1. Senior Joey Zopel shot Willowbrook's low round of the dual meet against Leyden, carding a nine-hole score of 35 on the par-32 course. Vandergriff and Cipriano both contributed scores of 38, while senior Utah Keehner shot a 39 to provide the Warriors' team total of 150.

College news

Villa Park native named Academic All-Conference

A student at Carthage College in Kenosha, Meghan Koterba of Villa Park is one of 190 student-athletes selected to the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) Academic All-Conference team for the winter and spring seasons. This was announced on Thursday, July 18.

Local resident enrolls at Colby College

Samuel Munoz, Jr. of Villa Park enrolled at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, this fall.

Before classes began Sept. 4, Munoz took part in a weeklong orientation that included an introduction to academic and intellectual life at Colby, participation in an outdoor education trip (COOT), and an address by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Professor of Sociology and African-American Studies Cheryl Townsend Gilkes at Colby's 202nd Convocation. A graduate of Willowbrook High School, Munoz is the son of Samuel and Laura Munoz of Villa Park.

The Class of 2023 was selected from the largest and most academically qualified pool of applications in Colby's 207-year history.

This class will be benefit from DavisConnects, Colby's innovative program that supports all students in their pursuit of independent and collaborative research, global experiences and internships to prepare them for postgraduate success.

SPORTS

SEPT. 19, 2019

Warriors come alive to win conference opener

Four second-half touchdowns in a 29-0 surge to end the game

By Chris Fox

VILLA PARK REVIEW STAFF REPORTER

The Willowbrook football team rebounded from a flat first half to light up the scoreboard in the second half of Friday's home game against Downers Grove South. The Warriors scored the game's last 29 points to earn a 32-15 victory in their West Suburban Gold Conference opener.

Willowbrook, which has posted perfect 6-0 conference records in each of the last two seasons, improved its overall 2019 record to 2-1. The Warriors will play a conference game at Leyden (1-2, 1-0) this Friday. Leyden began the West Suburban Gold season with Friday's 22-0 victory over Morton.

Downers Grove South, which fell to 1-2 overall, scored its touchdowns at the end of the first half and the beginning of the second half. Trailing 15-3 and in danger of suffering their first conference loss since 2016, the Warriors produced four touchdown drives—two in the third quarter and two more in the fourth quarter. Senior Sam Tumilty threw three touchdown passes and ran for another score in the second half. Tumilty fired two touchdown passes to senior Everett Stubblefield in the fourth quarter.

"Our guys battled and hung in," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth after Friday's victory. "We haven't been in a rhythm all year offensively. For a quarter and a-half or so we got ourselves into a rhythm and finished drives."

The Mustangs opened the scoring by converting a 27-yard field goal attempt early in the second quarter. The Warriors responded with a field goal of their own on the ensuing drive. Tumilty's 53-yard pass to senior Deandre Holliday set up the score—a 26-yard field goal by sophomore Izzy Manning that tied the game at 3-3 with about nine minutes to play in the first half.

The Mustangs nearly took up the rest of the second quarter on their next drive, which ended with a 1-yard touchdown run with just 24.9 seconds left in the half. Downers Grove South ran for a two-point conversion but failed, leaving the team with a 9-3 lead.

The Mustangs received the second-half kickoff and drove 60 yards for a touchdown—a 2-yard scoring run. The conversion pass failed. Downers Grove South held a 15-3 lead with less than nine minutes to play in the third quarter.

Willowbrook's next drive covered 60 yards in less than two minutes. The Warriors completed the drive



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The Willowbrook football team rallied from a 15-3 deficit to beat Downers Grove South 32-15 on Friday in Villa Park. The Warriors, who opened their West Suburban Gold Conference schedule with the victory, improved their overall season record to 2-1. Senior Sam Tumilty (No. 6-above) threw three touchdown passes. He also ran for one touchdown. Senior Everett Stubblefield (No. 3-above right) hauled in two touchdown receptions in the fourth quarter. He is pictured on his first touchdown—a 35-yard reception early in the period. Sophomore kicker Izzy Manning (No. 96-right) made all three of her extra-point attempts. She also made a 26-yard field goal in the first half.

with Tumilty's 10-yard touchdown pass to sophomore Nick Mabutas, who made a juggling catch just short of the goal line. Mabutas corralled the ball as he fell into the end zone. Manning added the extra-point kick to cut the Mustangs' lead to 15-10 with 6:50 left in the third quarter.

"The coaches got on us at halftime," said Tumilty. "They scolded us and said we needed to play with more heart in the second half. They scored early in the second half and we knew we had to score. We had to keep working on offense and stop them on defense."

Willowbrook's defense forced a punt on the Mustangs' ensuing drive. The Warriors then marched 80 yards for a go-ahead score—a 1-yard run by Tumilty that gave the team its first lead of the night. Tumilty added a successful two-point conversion run

to boost Willowbrook's lead to 18-15 with 1:25 left in the third period.

The Warriors' defensive unit delivered another stop on Downers Grove South's ensuing drive. Willowbrook took possession late in the third quarter and produced a 64-yard touchdown drive that ended with Tumilty's 35-yard touchdown toss to Stubblefield with 10:45 left in the fourth quarter.

Tumilty threw the pass high in the air to Stubblefield, who made the catch near the 7-yard line and fought off a defender as he crossed the goal line.

"I beat him [the defender] deep, and Sam led me with the pass," said Stubblefield. "At halftime our coaches got on us about not playing hard and not playing to the best of our abilities. Once we scored our first touchdown, that's when the momen-



tum started going."

Willowbrook's next offensive drive covered 52 yards and ended with Tumilty's 15-yard touchdown pass to Stubblefield. Manning's third extra-point kick of the game closed

out the scoring. A strong run by sophomore Jaylon White helped set up the Warriors' last touchdown.

"He came in and gave us a late in the game," said Hildreth. "White."

Fenton football team loses in double overtime to Streamwood

Bess turns in another strong performance for Bison

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

While the result isn't what it hoped for, the Fenton football team continued pushing forward in Week 3.

The Bison went to Streamwood and lost a tough 28-21 Upstate Eight Conference game to Streamwood in double overtime at Millennium Field.

The loss put Fenton at 2-1 overall

and 2-1 in UEC play.

"It was a good high school football game," Fenton coach Matt Lynch said. "It was a back-and-forth battle. At times, we played really well and executed, and at times we had some mental mistakes. It was the mistakes that ultimately cost us the football game. It's not so much what Streamwood did, but what we didn't do."

Lynch referenced a pair of Fenton red-zone possessions. "We did not capitalize on those two possessions," he said.

"We had one early in the game

and one late. The one early, we easily could have gone up 21-0, instead it's 14-7. They took advantage. When you play in these types of games, that's what ultimately hurts you."

Lynch said a game such as this could prove beneficial in the long run. "As I explained to the coaches and players when I talked to them after the game, when you are rebuilding a program, you may have to go through this where you have these moments," he said.

"You use it as a wakeup call or whatever you call it. We took some

good things out of this one, no doubt. But in Week 1 and Week 2 we preached that we can't have mental errors because they will come back to bite you in close games and it bit us."

Lynch pointed out Fenton still has a relatively young makeup to it. "We are playing a lot of kids who have never played varsity football before," he said. "Now, they are getting that experience."

Lynch lauded the performance of Andre Bess, who ran 26 times for 169 yards and scored a pair of touchdowns.

"Andre is having a fantastic year," the coach said. "He's right around 600 yards for the three games so far and has like seven touchdowns. He's a tough kid who battles out there. He's 160 pounds and is carrying the rock for us, and we don't run an offense where he just runs outside. This young man is doing a fantastic job."

Fenton plays defending UEC champion Glenbard East Friday in Bensenville. Glenbard East won the conference with a 9-0 record last year. The Rams bring a 3-0 record into Friday's game.

Week 4 football previews

Willowbrook (2-1, 1-0) at Leyden (1-2, 1-0)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Leyden High School West Campus, Northlake

Last week: Willowbrook 32, Downers South 15;

Leyden 22, Morton 0

Last year: Willowbrook 26, Leyden 9

Outlook: Willowbrook looks to move to 2-0 in West Suburban Gold play on the road against a Leyden squad that erased memories of losses to Shepard (20-10) and Glenbard West (55-8) in the first two weeks by shutting out 0-3 Morton last week. Willowbrook has won the last two conference titles and now has a 13-game conference winning streak. This is Leyden's homecoming game.

Glenbard East (3-0, 3-0) at Fenton (2-1, 2-1)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Fenton High School, Bensenville

Last week: Glenbard East 42, West Chicago 15;

Streamwood 28, Fenton 21 OT

Last year: Did not play

Outlook: Fenton looks to get back on track after a tough two-overtime loss on the road to Streamwood. Fenton encounters the defending Upstate Eight Conference champions Glenbard East this week. The Rams are off to a 3-0 start and are 12-0 in the conference over the last two years. East advanced to the second round of the playoffs last season. A good comparison here is West Chicago. Fenton defeated West Chicago 51-13, while East won 42-15. Glenbard East also holds conference wins against Elgin (27-18) and Bartlett (24-21), which hosts Fenton in Week 5.

Week 4 football previews

Glenbard West (3-0) at Addison Trail (0-3)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Addison Trail High School, Addison

Last week: Glenbard West 59, Proviso West 0; Proviso

East 48, Addison Trail 28

Last year: Glenbard West 27, Addison Trail 0

Outlook: Things don't get any easier this week for the Blazers. After losing on the road to Proviso East (The Pirates now sport a 2-1 record), Addison Trail welcomes state power Glenbard West to town for the annual meeting between the two schools. Glenbard West holds wins over Maine South, Leyden and Proviso West, which were a combined 0-6 heading into Week 3.

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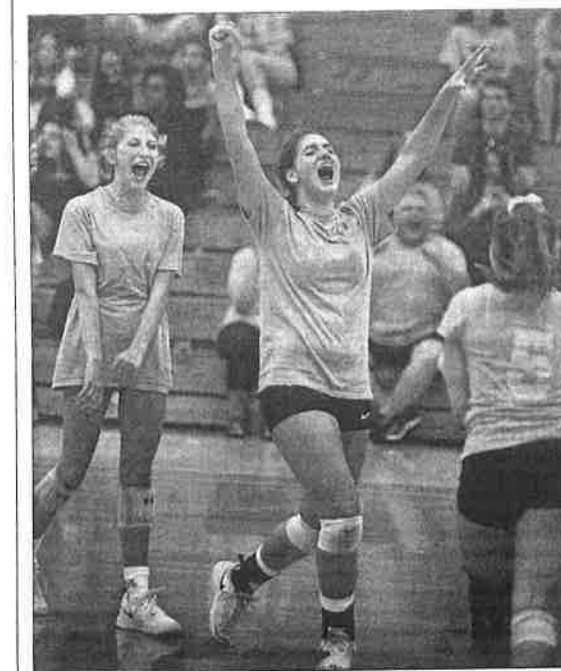
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Paws on the Path

The Villa Park Community Pride Commission held its annual Paws on the Path event on Saturday along the Illinois Prairie Path near the Rugaard Gazebo. Dog owners brought their dogs to the free event, which included vendors, adoption services, dog pools, a doggie food truck and free doggie bags donated by Ruff Life in Lombard. One photo (above left) shows Kallee Bobrowski, age 12, meeting Jasmine—a 1-year-old Husky. Another Husky—Blu—is pictured (above right) on the path. Marshmallow—a 7-month-old Husky—is pictured (below left) in one of the doggie pools near Daisy—a 3-month-old Australian Shepherd. One more photo (below right) shows Hope—a 1-year-old Boxer—in a doggie pool. Hope is pictured with her owner, Tina Alicea.



Willowbrook girls volleyball opens conference play

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The Willowbrook girls volleyball team opened its West Suburban Gold Conference season with last week's match at Addison Trail. The Blazers edged the Warriors 25-13, 20-25, 25-20. Willowbrook held a 15-13 advantage in the decisive third game, but Addison Trail won nine of the next 10 points to take a 22-16 lead. Junior Grace Reckamp provided 20 digs, 11 assists, six kills and three aces in the match. The photo at left shows Reckamp (No. 14, center) celebrating after the Warriors won a point during the second game of the Sept. 10 contest. Freshman Natalie Cipriano, pictured in the same photo (No. 1, left) contributed six kills and four digs. Sophomore Katie Linnig (No. 4-below) contributed 13 digs and six assists. Senior Payton Ceh made a team-leading 25 digs, while junior Alejandra Lopez provided 12 digs. Junior Stephanie Dasbach and sophomore Kyla Ostrowski delivered six and four kills, respectively. One day after losing to Addison Trail, the Warriors defeated Riverside-Brookfield 25-21, 25-18 in a non-conference match. That victory gave the Warriors an overall record of 5-5. Willowbrook improved to 10-5 by reeling off five wins at Leyden's six-team, round-robin invitational on Saturday. The Warriors earned two-game victories over Taft, Lane Tech, DePaul College Prep and Leyden. Willowbrook lost the opening game of its match against Conant, but rallied for a 17-25, 25-14, 16-14 victory. See story on page 18.



College new

Residents among Wheaton College graduates

Wheaton College congratulates a class of 2019 graduates, who now have a worldwide network of 45,000 alumni. Among them are the following Park residents: Esther Han, who graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Business Economics and a minor in Art; Sarai Lopez, who graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication with a Rhetoric concentration and Spanish.

Award-winning Carthage Choir includes Villa Parker

Laura Smith from Villa Park is a member of the Carthage Choir, which won two first prizes, winning both categories at the renowned annual national Chorwettbewerb Spitaler Drau, an international competition hosted in Spittal, Austria. Representing the U.S. and beating out steep competition from nine other countries, Carthage Choir won two nights' contest, an achievement matched by four choirs from the U.S. in its year history of the competition.

Residents make spring Dean's List at Millikin

Millikin University has announced the names of the outstanding graduates who have been named Dean's List for the spring 2019 semester. The list includes Villa Park residents John DeAngelo and Emily

Calendar

Saturday, Sept. 28 Villa Park Brewfest

Villa Park Brewfest will be at Cortesi Veterans Memorial, 318 E. Kenilworth, from 2 p.m. Tickets are still available! This craft beer tasting festival will showcase the talents and beers from area breweries. Attendees will enjoy sampling many craft and hard ciders from more than 10 breweries. Tickets are available for purchase, online only, at tinyurl.com/villaparkbrewfest. Please note: Brewfest is a 21-and-older event; even the designated driver needs to be at least 21. So food trucks will be offering a variety of food items for purchase. Shuttle service will be offered, run from the Villa Park Metro station, 349 N. Ardmore. For more Brewfest information, including a list of participating breweries, food trucks, visit villaparkbrewfest.com.

Saturday, Oct. 5 Zumbathon charity event

Villa Park Recreation is hosting the Zumbathon charity event, benefiting the Lupus Research Alliance, from noon-2 p.m. at the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa. Participants will dance for hope and support this 90-minute Zumba class with the Recreation Department's 10 instructors. The suggested donation is \$15. The Zumbathon will include a silent auction and bake sale. Purchase event T-shirts via email to info@villapark.com.

Addison Trail boys' soccer team seeded 10th out of 70 at PepsiCo tournament

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail boys' soccer team is in a great place heading into an extremely tough portion of its schedule.

The Blazers were 6-1 through their first seven contests, including a 2-0 mark in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division.

Addison Trail downed Sycamore 3-2 to take third at its own Joe Novy tournament. The Blazers also recorded recent WSC Gold wins against Hinsdale South (6-1) and District 88 neighbor Willowbrook (6-1). The win against Willowbrook keeps the District 88 Soccer Trophy at Addison Trail for a fifth straight year.

However, with his team off to a good start, coach Ryan Dini knows his players will have to be at the top of their games with a tough part of the schedule looming.

The Blazers played Dundee-Crown earlier this week in the PepsiCo tournament and will play at Wheaton Academy today (5:30 p.m. or 7 p.m.) in another PepsiCo game.

Addison Trail is seeded 10th out of 70 teams in the prestigious annual event.

"We have a nice record right now with our only loss to a solid Glenbard North team," Dini said. "Our next three weeks of the schedule is very difficult with four games in the PepsiCo Challenge, away games at Leyden and Glenbard West, and home games against York and Proviso East. We are looking forward to the challenge and really learning more about what our team needs to improve on. These three weeks have big implications on state seedings for the playoffs, so we need to get some wins against very good competition."

Through seven games, junior Aaron Sanchez was leading the team with seven goals and two assists. Junior Anthony Hernandez had five goals and one assist, while senior

Leo Acosta had three goals and four assists.

Senior Jose Galindo had four goals and three assists.

Senior goalie Ernesto Padua had a 1.00 goals-against average and a .860 save percentage.

Dini said Addison Trail is excelling in the second half of games. "We are doing a really good job of putting one half together this season," he said. "So far, we have been playing really good in the second half of soccer games. Our adjustments at half-time have been working and we play with much more urgency and speed. We are also finding different ways to win games."

Along the same lines, Dini touched on the need for Addison Trail to come out of the gates even stronger.

"We are starting out slow and not using our speed to start games. We have switched up our warmup and constantly talk about starting out fast, but have yet to accomplish the

type of play to start games," he said. "It has been extremely frustrating and is something we need to get better at."

Addison Trail has outscored opponents 29-6 in those first seven games. "That is pretty impressive," said Dini. "We are getting goals and assists from different players each game, so it has been a team effort. We are using all 19 players on our roster each game, and our depth is really wearing teams out in the second half. This is also keeping all our players engaged in the game and ready to play when their number is called."

The numbers are equally impressive on the defensive end where Addison Trail has three shutouts in seven games, and in those other four games, the Blazers have let up two goals twice and one goal twice.

"Our defense has had a couple of key injuries in the past week, but some of our juniors have really stepped up," said Dini. "Our team depth has really helped out and we hope to get two players back from injury in the next couple of weeks, which should add to making our defense even stronger."

Padua has given Addison Trail strong presence in goal. "Ernesto has been really solid in net for us," said Dini. "He is a leader on the field and is very technical as well. He's excellent on restarts and very accurate in passing from the back on transitions and switching the field attack."

Dini also praised the play of sophomore Sandoval and Sanchez.

"Alex is our only sophomore varsity and has worked his way into the starting lineup," he said. "He's a very high work rate and wins a lot of soccer balls in the middle of the field for us. I have been really impressed with how physical he is and how he uses his body to shield off defenders. He has been an excellent addition to our rotation and earned starting minutes."

Dini pointed out Sanchez has recent two-game stretch where he stepped up his scoring totals. "Aaron can play forward or wing for us and adds speed and size to our attack," said Dini. "This is his first year playing for Addison Trail."

Sanchez played with the Eclis club soccer team the last two seasons.

Willowbrook girls' volleyball team wins Leyden invitational

Warriors hit 10-win mark thanks to strong all-around play

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls' volleyball team did a little bit of everything right.

And the result of that was winning the recent Leyden invitational with a 5-0 mark.

"We did a lot of exciting things," Willowbrook coach Irene Mason said. "Our serving has really come alive. Serving is a big part of our offense. We were serving aggressively and that helped us a lot. We played great defense and our hitters are scoring much better. Everybody played great."

Willowbrook opened the tournament with a 25-10, 25-6 win over Chicago Taft. Katie Linnig had one kill, four aces, six assists and one dig. Payton Ceh had one kill, five aces, nine digs and one assist. Noelle Faulk had three kills, one block and two digs. Kyla Ostrowski had seven kills, two aces and one dig. Grace Reckamp had one kill, seven aces, one block, four digs and four assists. Stephanie Dasbach had one kill and two blocks.

In a 25-15, 25-13 win over Chicago Lane Tech, Natalie Cipriano had four kills and three digs. Linnig had two aces, seven assists and three digs. Ceh had four kills, two aces and 14 digs. Alondra Mendoza had four kills. Faulk had one kill, one block and one dig. Ostrowski had four kills, two aces, one block and three digs. Reckamp had three kills, four aces, seven digs and six assists, while Dasbach had two kills and two blocks.

In a 25-12, 25-13 win over DePaul College Prep, Cipriano had six kills, one block and one dig. Sofia Espinosa had two aces and one dig. Linnig had four assists and two digs. Ceh had two aces and 12 digs. Mendoza had one kill, two blocks and one dig. Alejandra Lopez had two aces and three digs. Faulk had four kills. Ostrowski had three kills, two aces and two blocks. Reckamp had one kill, four aces, one block, two digs and eight assists. Dasbach had two kills, four blocks and one dig.

In a 25-14, 25-7 win over host Leyden, Cipriano had two kills, one block and one dig. Espinosa had two aces and two digs. Linnig had one kill, four aces, six assists and three digs. Ceh had one kill, one ace and eight digs. Mendoza had one kill and one block. Lopez had one ace and four digs. Laine Degnan had two kills and one dig. Ostrowski had five kills, one block and three digs. Reckamp had five kills, eight digs and seven assists, while Dasbach had five kills and two blocks.

Willowbrook closed the tournament with a 17-25, 25-14, 16-14 come-from-behind win over Conant to move to 10-5 on the season.

Cipriano had six kills, one block and two digs. Espinosa had one ace, three digs and one assist. Linnig had three aces, seven assists and six digs. Ceh had two kills, 15 digs and two assists. Mendoza had three kills, two blocks and one dig. Lopez had three aces and six digs. Faulk finished with one kill, one block and three digs. Ostrowski had three kills, four aces and four digs. Reckamp had eight kills, one ace, one block and 12 digs and Dasbach had five kills and three blocks.

"We ended up pulling out that last match against Conant, which was big," said Mason.

Mason has been particularly impressed with Reckamp's play of late, along with a host of others.

"Grace is leading us on all levels of the floor with her serving, her sets, her swings and defense," she said.

"She's playing all-around great volleyball. Payton Ceh is a great leader for us and she stands out defensively as always. Kyla Ostrowski is our No. 1 outside hitter and is finding ways to score the ball. She's serving aggressively and passing well."

"Stephanie Dasbach is a middle for us and is doing a great job blocking and is getting more comfortable hitting. She's connecting with both setters very well. And this is the first time this season Katie Linnig is looking exactly how I want her to at our other setter position. She has all over the place at Leyden. She had a good selection of sets and was playing smart out there. Her serving is back to what it was. She really carried us."

Earlier, Willowbrook lost 25-13, 20-25, 25-20 to District 88 foe Addison Trail in a West Suburban Conference Gold Division match.

In a 25-21, 25-18 non-conference win against Riverside-Brookfield, Cipriano had three kills and one dig. Espinosa had two aces and two digs. Linnig had seven assists and three digs. Ceh had one kill, one ace and 10 digs. Lopez had 10 digs, one ace and one assist. Faulk had two kills and one dig. Ostrowski had five kills, one block, two aces and four digs. Reckamp had six kills, four aces, six digs and eight assists, while Dasbach had three kills, two blocks and three digs.

Willowbrook was scheduled to face Morton and Proviso-West this week.

"We were upset we lost Elizabeth Bruschuk to injury before the season, but the girls have definitely stepped up," said Mason. "Hopefully we can continue going up and keep winning. We're playing well at the right time."

Addison Trail girls' volleyball team off to solid start

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The returns have been good so far for the Addison Trail girls' volleyball team.

The Blazers, under the direction of coach Dan Styler, were 10-5 through their first 15 contests and 1-0 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action after beating District 88 neighbor Willowbrook in three, 25-13, 20-25, 25-20.

In other recent action, the Blazers were 25-10, 25-9 non-conference winners over Fenton. Addison Trail also took second in the Willowbrook tournament, going 4-1 there. The Blazers beat West Chicago, Glenbard North, Willowbrook and Glenbard South, and lost 25-21, 20-25, 26-28 to Metea Valley in the championship match.

Through the first 15 contests, senior standout Jessica D'Ambrose was leading the team in kills with 108, service aces with 20 and was passing at a 2.15 clip on a 3.0 scale. Junior Mia Johnson was leading the team in blocks with 24 and senior Amy Reyes was tops in setting assists with 277.

Styler has seen particular improvement on defense and at the net.

"We have been playing strong defense," he said. "Our back-row defenders always are tough. We've also made some positive strides with the efficiency of our blocking scheme."

Styler especially liked how his team performed in the win against Fenton. "In our match against Fenton, I was happy with our improvement in covering our hitters," he said. "Also, we got a step faster in transition and it showed with our offensive efficiency."

Styler explained the Blazers have started to diversify their offensive scheme more so compared to the beginning of the season. "Ally Severi-

no has really stepped up as a versatile option to move offensively," he said.

The coach added the team's passing attack improves as matches go on. "Once our passers get settled in a match, we have a talented group of ball-control players," Styler said. "Our hope is to get off to a strong start in this are in each match."

Johnson has been a key bright spot defensively at the net. "Mia Johnson has proven to be our best blocker with her transition to right side," Styler pointed out. "She disrupts attackers on the opposite side of net."

Reyes was cited for her consistent approach running the offense. "Ally has been a steady facilitator on the side of the net," Styler said. "She's putting her hitters in a position to score routinely. I'm so impressed how much she has transformed leader over the years with her poise and confidence."

Styler also lauded the recent play of D'Ambrose, Severino and outside Katrina Bielanski.

"Jessica continues to amaze us every match," he said. "How we have also seen Ally flourish, rare to see a middle blocker that play multiple positions like she has. We've also benefited from the around contributions of Katrina. The game has evolved since last year."

Addison Trail returned to conference play earlier this week against Leyden.

"We've played some stellar sets so far," said Styler. "We are excited to have 10 wins so far, but we learned so much from our five losses. We squared up against some of the premier teams in the state. It helped us go back to the drawing board with areas to improve on. We have a group of resilient young ladies. Every loss will help us get better."

Willowbrook boys' golf team wins Leyden quad

By Mike Miazga
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The Willowbrook boys' golf team had Leyden's number this past week.

The Warriors not only won the Leyden quad, but downed the Eagles in a West Suburban Conference Gold Division matchup.

Willowbrook won the Leyden quad at White Pines in Bensenville with a team score of 334 on the par-72 layout.

Willowbrook was 41 shots better than second-place Leyden. Fenton took third with a 388 and Maine East

was fourth with a 414.

The win moved Willowbrook to 5-2 in duals this season. Willowbrook has won four in a row. (See photos and individual results from the Leyden quad inside this issue.)

Earlier in the week, the Warriors downed Leyden 150-162 in the WSC Gold dual at Sugar Creek in Villa Park.

Senior Joey Zopel led the Warriors with a 35 on the par-32 track. Freshman Brett Vandergrift finished with a 38, as did junior Nick Cipriano. Senior Utah Keehner rounded out the

Warriors' scorecard with a 39.

Willowbrook was scheduled to play in the West Chicago invitational earlier this week at St. Andrews before facing Morton in a WSC Gold dual at Fresh Meadows. Willowbrook is slated to head to Village Greens in Glen Ellyn today to face off against Downers Grove South in another WSC Gold contest.

After Downers Grove South, Willowbrook rounds out its regular-season schedule with the Addison Trail quad at Oak Meadows before facing Addison Trail in its annual District 88 dual meet, which is scheduled for Saturday Sept. 28 at 1 p.m. at Prairie Bluff in Lockport.

Prairie Bluff also is the site of the WSC Gold tournament on Oct. 1.

Sudoku Puzzle Answers

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Crossword Puzzle Answers

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that on August 21, 2019, the Board of Police Commissioners of Bensenville, Illinois, voted to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of the Village of Bensenville. The rule change pertains to the educational requirements necessary for applicants for the position of entry level police officer within the Village of Bensenville. Previously, Chapter III, Section 4 of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Police Commissioners of the Village of Bensenville required a four year Bachelor's degree as an educational minimum for entry level police officers. Chapter III, Section 4 has been amended to lower the educational requirements as follows:

No person shall be appointed the Department if he or she does not possess a high school diploma or an equivalent high school education. Police applicants must also possess a minimum of 60 semester college credit hours (or an equivalent from a quarter system) from an accredited college or university at the time of application submission. An exception to this requirement shall apply to applicants who within two years of the date of application have completed a minimum of three years of military service (with an honorable discharge) and possess a primary specialty of security, law enforcement, or military police as listed on the DD form 214.

Printed copies of the amended Rules and Regulations may be obtained from the office of the Village Clerk of Bensenville, 12 South Center Street, Bensenville, Illinois, 60106. The amended Rules and Regulations shall be effective ten (10) days after the date of publication of this notice.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AUDIT REPORT OF YORK TOWNSHIP

York Township hereby provides public notice that an audit of its funds for the period April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 has been made, and that a report of such audit dated September 2019 performed by Lauterbach & Amen, LLP has been filed with the County Clerk of DuPage, in accordance with 30 ILCS 150/0.1 et seq. The full report of the audit is available for public inspection at Town Hall 1502 S. Meyers Rd., Lombard, IL 60148 during regular business hours 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Friday except for holidays.

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Addison Garage Sales

ADDISON GARAGE SALE 551 W. Linda Ln., Addison, Friday, Saturday, Sept. 20-21, 9 AM - 3 PM. Tools, appliances, sports equipment, sofas and more.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Hearing Notice

The Village of Bensenville will be holding a public hearing to review one application for a DuPage County Community Development Block Grant. The project is the Kevyn-Stoneham-Franzen Street Improvements.

The Public Hearing location and time are as follows:
6:30 PM, October 8, 2019
Bensenville Village Hall Board Room
12 South Center Street
Bensenville, IL 60106

All interested persons are encouraged to attend this hearing. Questions regarding this hearing or the grant application may be directed to Mehul Patel at 630-350-3435.

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Public Hearing Notice

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