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Cell Custom's 'Backer' enables unlimited cell phone customization

Cell Custom, a cellular phone accessory company, has announced the launch of the "Backer" on Kickstarter. The Backer enables users to change the look of their phone or case instantly, without having to buy new cases. Additionally, users are able to move and swap phone accessories without the loss of adhesive stickiness. The Backer is made of die cut nylon loop fabric with acrylic adhesive backing. The peel-and-press acrylic adhesive quickly adheres to the back of a cellular phone or case, and the loop fabric allows any item with hook fabric to be securely attached. The Backer starts at nine dollars for the Kickstarter early bird special. Cell Custom's goal is to raise \$1,000.

"The Backer allows you to create a look that is uniquely you, and you can change that look as often as you want without having to buy a new phone case," said Tim Hayden, Cell Custom's CEO, who is an Addison resident. "Equally important, you can now move around your phone grips, ring holders, or any other accessory. Move your phone grip higher up to send some texts, and then move it to the bottom of the phone to take a selfie. And when you are done with an accessory, such as a magnetic car mount plate, take it off and leave it in the car. No other phone product on the market offers this level of functionality."

Along with the Backer, Cell Custom is selling five charity patches.

Each charity patch costs five dollars, with ten percent of each patch sale going to charity. The current patch offerings support military, police, firefighter, animal welfare, and humanitarian aid charities. Cell Custom donates only to charities that have received top ratings from Charity Navigator, BBB Wise Giving Alliance, and CharityWatch.

The Backer is made in the USA. Backer specifications include:
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- Please visit Cell Custom's Kickstarter page to pre-order the Backer at kck.st/2mMoS3f.
 For more about Cell Custom, visit cellcustom.com.

More about Cell Custom
 Cell Custom is based in Chicago and is focused on creating products that enhance cell phone functionality. Cell Custom is committed to manufacturing its products in the USA, and to supporting military, police, firefighter, animal welfare, and humanitarian aid charities.



Pictured is the "Backer," a cell phone accessory which enables users to change the look of their phone or case instantly, without having to buy new cases. The "Backer" was launched last week by the company Cell Custom, whose CEO is Tim Hayden, who is an Addison resident.

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Clarendale of Addison plans 'A Great Exhibition'

On Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 4-7 p.m., Clarendale of Addison, located at 1651 West Lake Street, is hosting "The Greatest Exhibition Since the 1893 Chicago World's Fair," a grand opening celebration set on the anniversary date of the record-breaking Chicago Day at the World's Fair more than 100 years ago. Just as the fair became a symbol of emerging American Exceptionalism, the opening of Clarendale of Addison symbolizes a new era in senior living.

Come enjoy the Belvedere Room transformed into a giant casino, the Salt Creek Bar, serving signature cocktails and craft beer flights, plus live musical entertainment and hors d'oeuvres.

To recreate the excitement of the 1893 Midway, you'll discover original debuts like Vienna Hot Dogs, Cracker Jacks, Pabst Blue Ribbon beer and the Ferris Wheel. Plus be entertained by Harry Houdini, sketch artists, a belly dancer, carriage rides and more. Free admission but please RSVP to 630-348-9020 by Monday, Oct. 7 as space is limited.

The Four C Notes concert supports Sister Cities program

Have you bought your tickets yet for the benefit concert at Addison Trail that will feature *The Four C Notes*? You won't want to miss a fun night out to step back in time and enjoy music from the 1960s! *The Four C Notes* is "Chicago's only tribute (group) recreating the iconic sounds of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons." The concert will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18, and tickets are \$30 each. There also will be a raffle with all proceeds toward the Village of Addison Sister Cities student-exchange program. For more information, and to buy tickets, visit dupage88.net/SisterCitiesConcert2019.

The Addison Sister Cities with Triggiano, Italy, is a non-profit organization program that strives to create and strengthen cultural exchanges. An agreement signed in 2003 was to encourage friendship and understanding between Addison and Triggiano. To date, Addison Trail has had about 50 students participate in the program.

The Addison Sister Cities Committee continues to raise funds to help offset the costs of hosting the Italian students and to provide scholarships for Addison Trail students to travel to Italy. The remaining costs are funded by the students and their families. Addison Trail will welcome visitors from Italy in October, and Addison Trail students and staff will go to Italy this spring. If you're interested in joining the Addison Sister Cities Committee, or for more information about the program, contact Marianne Fotopoulos with the Village of Addison at mftopolos@addison-il.org.

District 88 embraces the diversity of its student body and communities as a strength for its schools. The district has about 40 languages and more than 30 countries represented among its families, and almost half of the more than 4,000 pupils at District 88 speak a language other than English at home. The district continuously provides opportunities such as the Addison Sister Cities program for students to experience other cultures. Whether it's traveling to Europe or hosting guests from abroad, those interactions teach students life lessons and help them develop a global mindset.



This has nothing to do with Villa Park or surrounding areas, but I do know that some Chicago teachers live in the suburbs and read this paper. Chicago teachers, you want to go on strike? You're pulling my rope really thin. Nobody feels sorry for you anymore. You're going to make \$100,000 a year for working nine months. You have three months off every year. Class sizes too big. I went to a Chicago public school. Class sizes were 30 kids. Deal with it. If you don't like your job, quit because after you strike, I don't think you're going to have sympathy from anybody anymore. And it's not only from me, but from a lot of my neighbors, too. Remember this.

I sincerely hope everyone has had a chance to see the "hug"! The young man who hugged the woman who killed his brother set an example for all of us. He showed what it truly means to love and forgive—even under the most difficult circumstance. I'm not sure that I could have done that, but it might help some of us think less about hate and more about love and forgiveness.

So, our president refuses to answer any questions on anything. He loves to tweet because no one can question him. And, when the reporter ques-

tioned him, he said, "You talkin' to me?" The president will be impeached and it is not personal, and should never be personal. It is for the good of our country, and therefore, the world. He threatens and bullies even world leaders, not to mention every member of his own party. And now that he uses profane language on Twitter they will soon cancel his account as swearing is not allowed — then where will he vent? It is a very sad time for our country that we have to go through this process—and now the vice president will probably be impeached also. Can anyone say "President Nancy"?

During my daily walks on the Prairie Path rain or shine I've noticed over the last months that of a hundred cyclists have approached me from behind only three announced their presence. Illinois cyclist rules of the road require that a signal or horn, or verbal sign be given upon approaching a pedestrian from behind. It's just courteous.

So, Pelosi won't go after Clinton, she won't go after Comey, but she'll throw Trump to the wolves. I forgot; she's the leader of the pack.

A few area school districts are talking about ways to reduce students' stress and anxiety. Here's one sugges-

tion: Stop pushing the leftist propaganda that so-called "climate change" is going to destroy the planet in the next dozen years. It's a shame that so many children believe such nonsense.

Hello. I have noticed that India is issuing an ordinance that will prohibit the manufacturing, import, export, transport, sales, distribution, storage and advertising related to e-cigarettes. India is having a total ban on vaping and e-cigarettes and I want to know why DuPage County and Illinois don't follow, given the number of sickness and vaping deaths that are occurring in our country. There seems to be a vape shop every 20 feet in Villa Park and it seems like many of these people are coming from India because even India won't allow these vape shops. Why are our corrupt leaders allowing so many businesses for cigarettes, cigars and vaping? Thank you.

A man was elected president by the people of this country, which the political elite in Washington consid-

ered wrong. From their elitist pedestal they are telling us who should and should not be president. The political elite dictate to us because we, the American people, in their estimations are stupid and inept. The presidency should be settled by us at the ballot box by us, the American people. The greatest danger to our republic and our democratic way of life is a Democratic Party of Nadler, Schiff, Cortez, Pelosi and their followers. Beware of the lies, deceit and character assassinations. If you follow them, you deserve the outcome, which is chaos and loss of freedom.

You call in and complain about Elizabeth Warren, you complain about all the Democrats and you have a man sitting in the White House who is a disgrace to the United States of America. He's in bed with Russia; we know this, it's a proven fact. He is a womanizer, he is just a disgrace to the whole United States of America. We are the laughing stock of the world because of this buffoon who sits in our most sacred house, the White

House. And people who still defend him, you are obviously not Americans and you do not care about this land that he is inch by inch destroying and trying to make it a plutocracy. He's cutting away the protection of the lands, the water, the air, but you don't see anything wrong with this. I feel sorry for you.

I would like to know if anyone else noticed that this summer, there has been more road construction than I have ever seen in this county in my life. It is amazing and you cannot get anywhere as nothing is accessible and it takes very long to get to a couple of towns away because everywhere you go there is a road construction project. Why is that? Are these companies just given contracts to build roads that don't even need repair? I can't imagine that all these roads need constant summer repair.

Jerry Nadler of the Congress Democrat side should go back to being a penguin in Alaska. He is nothing but a penguin.

Community calendar

Saturday, Oct. 12 Chicago Haunted Gangster Tour

Interested in Chicago's history? Join Villa Park Recreation on a Chicago Haunted Gangster Tour that will let you follow in the footsteps of some of the most famous bootleggers in Chicago's history. The walking tour will visit hidden basements, around buildings and down by the dark Chicago River to show you what it was like to be a Chicago mobster during prohibition. Stories shared on the guided tour explore some of the most famous prohibition era gangster hangouts and establishments. The tour departs from Harry Carey's Italian Steakhouse and also stops at City Winery and Bar Louie. "Spirits" and food can be purchased at each stop on your own. This 21-and-older trip is from 4-8:30 p.m. The fee is \$40 which includes bus transportation and the tour. Get a group together and register today at the Iowa Community Center or Community Recreation Building. Call 630-834-8970 with any questions.

Monday, Oct. 14- Saturday, Oct. 19 Recreational Basketball League registration

Villa Park Recreation is holding priority registration for Recreational Basketball Leagues at a reduced fee of \$72. The registration fee is \$82 Oct. 21-26. Basketball teams are co-rec with practices one night per week at the Iowa Community Center or an area school. Practice for the Recreational Youth Basketball League for players in grades 1-4 starts the week of Nov. 4. The Recreational Interville Basketball League for players in grades 5-8 starts the week of Nov. 18. This league practices two days per week. All games are on Saturdays at Willowbrook High School's field house. Call 630-834-8970 with any questions.

Friday, Oct. 18 Annual Halloween Happenings

Villa Park Recreation is holding

loween Happenings, from 6-8 p.m. at the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa. Ghosts and goblins of all ages are invited to come in costume to trick-or-treat outdoors at each "Spooktacular" Halloween scene created by local merchants and organizations. After trick-or-treating head inside for Halloween fun that includes the World's Greatest Halloween Balloon Stage Show presented by Smarty Pants. You'll be amazed by the giant balloon creations. Halloween Happenings will be held rain or shine. The outside trick-or-treating portion of the event is free and no pre-registration is required. For those attending the indoor entertainment, the fee is \$5 per person; \$8 per person day of event, provided space is available. Info: call 630-843-8970.

Halloween Happenings wants you!

Parks & Recreation invites area merchants, scout groups, clubs and organizations to participate in Halloween Happenings from 6-8:30 p.m. by sponsoring a trick-or-treat station which will be set up outside on the grounds of the Iowa Community Center. The \$15 fee will provide groups with a table, chairs and electricity, if needed. Participating in Halloween Happenings as a sponsor will give your organization great exposure and is a wonderful opportunity to promote your business. Halloween Happenings gives kids the opportunity to trick-or-treat outdoors for free and to watch entertainment by the world's Greatest Halloween Balloon Stage Show presented by Smarty Pants indoors (fee charged) after the trick-or-treating. Scenes don't have to be elaborate but groups can be as creative as they like. Groups provide their own candy to pass out. This event is sponsored, in-part, by the Villa Park Lions Club.

Saturday, Oct. 19 Library brings guest storytellers to Grand Re-Opening

The Villa Park Public Library

will ages to celebrate its Grand Re-Opening from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. In addition to a ribbon cutting, tours or the library's new and renovated spaces, and highlights of the library's history, the Grand Re-Opening will include fun activities for the entire family, like storiytme with Princess Beauty and Pirate Quigley. The event will also feature crafts, music, refreshments and other surprises. Registration is required for Storytelling with Princess Beauty and Pirate Quigley. For more information, visit the library's website at vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Correction

In the Aug. 15 issue, a story appeared about the Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot Foundation and the Freedom & Dignity Fest concert featuring Toby Keith that was to be held on Saturday, Aug. 10 at the Schaumburg Boomers baseball stadium. The story indicated Imagn Events filed for bankruptcy the Wednesday prior to the event. According to the Foundation, it learned of the company's intent to file for bankruptcy, but not that they had actually filed.

The owners of Imagn Events indicated there was no intent to file bankruptcy and they have not filed. The Review regrets the error.

College news

Walenga starts college at UK
Tyler Walenga, of Villa Park, is one of 1,661 incoming freshmen in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Kentucky, beginning with the fall 2019 semester. Tyler's academic major is Biology.

Resident enrolls at Belmont U
Villa Park native Claire Michell has enrolled at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., this semester as part of the University's largest class

Test-drive a Ford this Friday to support Willowbrook students

Roesch Ford in Bensenville is bringing Ford Motor Company's Drive 4 UR School program to the District 88 community in an effort to raise up to \$6,000 (per event) to benefit District 88 students.

For every person who test-drives a new Ford vehicle at the time and date listed below, Ford Motor Company will donate \$20 to the District 88 Foundation:

Friday, Oct. 11, 5 to 7 p.m. at Willowbrook, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave. in Villa Park (sign up for a test-drive at www.dupage88.net/WBFordEvent2019).

Funds raised by the District 88 Foundation have been used to support students through initiatives such as providing computers and Internet access, subsidizing Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level tests and offering mini-grants for staff to develop instructional opportunities for students.

The District 88 Foundation is a member of the Partnership for Inspired Education (PIE) Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

that serves public school students in District 88, Addison School District 4, District 45 and Salt Creek School District 48. For more information about the foundations, go to www.dupage88.net/foundation.

The test-drive events will feature many vehicles from Ford's impressive lineup. Dealership staff on-site will be able to assist and provide more information about any of the Ford vehicles available for a test-drive.

To date, Ford Dealerships throughout the U.S. have helped raise more than \$40 million for local schools and nonprofits, thanks to their hard work and working with the Drive 4 UR School and Drive 4 UR Community programs.

No purchase necessary. must be 18 years of age or older with a valid driver's license and valid automobile insurance. Donation of \$20 per valid test-drive, up to 300 total test-drives, for a maximum total donation of \$6,000 per event. Limit one (1) donation per person and one (1) donation

Soccer

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a really demanding position. He hasn't come off the field over the past three games and is giving us a skilled player in the back to help clear up mistakes. I'm very proud of his effort and how he has stepped up.

"Jose has helped us with his long throw-ins on the offensive end. He also is very tall so he wins a lot of the 50-50 balls near the penalty box and in the middle for us. He also has stepped up in Martin's absence."

Continuing with the defensive theme, goalie Ernesto Padua has four shutouts in his first 10 games of action.

"He has let up only one goal in four of the games and in two games he let up only two goals," Dini pointed out. "He is a senior who has been very solid this season in net. He gives us great leadership and is a big reason why our record is so good."

Dini likes how Addison Trail has navigated a demanding schedule thus far.

"I am very pleased with our progress and our record," he said. "We have responded well to our schedule, and are really playing well as a team right now. Our juniors have adjusted to the speed of the varsity level and are giving us quality minutes. Our seniors have provided leadership and experience, which is needed against the better teams. I like the direction of the team right now and look forward to the second half of a very challenging schedule."

Addison Trail was slated to play York earlier this week in a WSC crossover. York knocked the Blazers out of the playoffs two years ago and then Addison Trail won twice last year, including a 3-1 decision in a regional title game. York defeated Addison Trail in PKs in the semifinals of the 14-team summer league this past summer. "Needless to say, it's a very good rivalry," Dini said.

Addison Trail also was scheduled to honor its 15 seniors in the program for senior night earlier this week as well against Proviso East.

"I am very pleased with the season we are having so far," Dini said. "We were not even preseason ranked in the top 50 in any rankings and now we are top 25 in every ranking. We graduated so many players last year, but we have rebounded well with our returning seniors and the juniors who are new to the team. To be 9-2 halfway through the season is a bit of a surprise, but it proves hard work does pay off. Our only losses are by 1-0 in penalty shootouts, so our guys never give up. We have come from behind to win three games this year. Our second half of the schedule is very difficult, but we always plan it that way. It prepares us for the playoffs. We always want to play the best teams. That is how you get better."

Dini heaped plenty of praise on new varsity assistant coach Angel Vega, a 2001 Addison Trail graduate. Both Dini and Vega played the sport at Addison Trail.

"It has been a huge help having Angel with me," said Dini. "He does a really nice job motivating our players and teaching them the game of soccer. We both played at Addison Trail, so it means a lot to us to continue to have a good team year after year."

Addison Trail cross country teams making progress

Moran, Sanfilippo leading the way for boys and girls teams respectively

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail boys cross country team had some success at the recent Fenton EarlyBird Invitational.

At the varsity level, Dylan Moran finished in 23rd place, while Alex Martinez was sixth in the frosh-soph race there.

Blazers coach Brad Donaldson said depth continues to improve for his team. "Our second team is progressing very well," he said. "They are getting stronger and more confident in their racing and taking on a more competitive attitude."

On the course, Donaldson is seeing stronger finishes from his runners. "We

"Our second team is progressing very well. They are getting stronger and more confident in their racing and taking on a more competitive attitude."

- Blazers coach
Brad Donaldson

have improved in the back-half of the race," he explained. "They are looking to gain ground and close the race strong."

Leadership has been another bright spot.

"What impresses me the most is their respect for each other as teammates," he said. "They are a great group with great leadership."

Individually, Donaldson likes the progress Cole Greaves and Jon Ramos

are making.

"Cole and Jon are coming on strong," the coach said. "Their race conditioning is evolving and they are gaining confidence with every race and starting to learn how to push themselves through the second half of the race."

Addison Trail runs at St. Charles Saturday.

"We have made solid progress this year," said Donaldson. "We need our

third group to move up to a varsity level. We are still seeking a solid fifth score that can make us competitive. That group, led by Daniel Alvarez and Aaron Paz, has been getting better every race and just needs to develop some more confidence in racing situations and that will help us a great deal."

On the girls side, Addison Trail has been paced by Viviana Sanfilippo. She was 23rd overall in the varsity girls race at Fenton, which earned her a plaque. She finished 39th overall in the Class 3A varsity girls first to finish invitational in Peoria, which earned her a medal.

Coach Kirsten Olson also has been pleased with the efforts of Maddie Ford.

"Maddie has really shown a strong effort at competing and just missed a personal best in our double-dual against Morton and Leyden," she noted.

Willowbrook girls tennis team thriving of late

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls tennis team has turned up the heat of late.

The Warriors recently went 3-0 in a series of dual matches, including a 5-2 win over District 88 neighbor Addison Trail in a West Suburban Conference Gold Division contest.

Through late last week, Willowbrook was 5-4 in duals, while its junior varsity team was 6-3.

In earlier action, Willowbrook won its annual District 88 Classic eight-team tournament. Willowbrook is scheduled to host its senior day this coming Tuesday against Riverside-Brookfield where its eight seniors will be honored.

Coach Ed Delacruz lauded the recent play of the No. 1 doubles team of Ellie King and Ryley Goles, who had a recent three-set win against Downers Grove South.

Captains Priscilla DelValle and Maddie Brown have been constants

"I knew we would have been in the mix for a top-three spot, but our girls played amazing and we pulled it off."

- Coach Ed Delacruz

practices have been working out." Penelope DelValle went 3-0 during a recent stretch of matches.

"She has tremendously improved her record," said Delacruz. "Penelope is playing with confidence now, which is a huge boost going into the conference tournament and sectionals in the next couple weeks."

At the District 88 Classic, Delacruz noted his team has no champions, but the team accumulated enough points overall to overtake Nazareth Academy by a single point to win the tournament.

Goles and Brown took third at No. 1 doubles, while Victoria Zlatkova and Liz Martynenko were second at No. 2 doubles. Penelope DelValle was fourth at No. 1 singles, while Priscilla DelValle was second at No. 2 singles.

"I knew we would have been in the mix for a top-three spot, but our girls played amazing and we pulled

it off," said Delacruz. "Speaking to our JV coach at the beginning of the season, she told me that I was taking over a program that had a good amount of depth, which is amazing to hear when one is taking over."

Delacruz also was complimentary of the play of Zlatkova and Martynenko at No. 2 doubles.

"They are both juniors and have our overall best winning percentage with an 11-5 record," the coach said. "They are lined up next year to be our No. 1 doubles team. They are best friends and have the best communication on the team. They never miss practice and give it their all. They are the perfect players to have for a coach."

Willowbrook was 2-2 in WSC Gold play through late last week.

"We are 2-2 in a year where every team in the conference is beating each other, so the conference is up for grabs and we are in the mix," Delacruz said.

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Addison Trail to present fall play, 'Anon(ymous)'

Imagine leaving everything and everyone you know behind and venturing to a new land. Imagine making that voyage on your own, with nothing and no one familiar to help guide you.

Addison Trail invites you to experience that journey through the school's fall play, "Anon(ymous)" by Naomi Iizuka.

"The play tells the story of a young man named Anon and his travels through America after he gets separated from his mother, Nemasani, while fleeing his war-torn country as a refugee," said Addison Trail sophomore Adam Sakleh, who plays Anon. "It's a compilation of the people he meets and the experiences he has along the way."

"Anon(ymous)" will be performed on Thursday, Oct. 10, Friday, Oct. 11 and Saturday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. There is also a 2 p.m. performance on Oct. 12.

The performances are part of Hispanic Heritage Month. As part of Hispanic Heritage Month, Addison Trail will host its sixth annual Kermes (Latino food festival) starting at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12. Enjoy the 2 p.m. performance of "Anon(ymous)" before the Kermes, or come to the Kermes before the 7 p.m. show.

Theatre Director Anna McSweeney said she chose "Anon(ymous)" because it exemplifies and reflects what's currently happening in America, as well as the stories of many Addison Trail students and families.

"This year, our Theatre program is partnering with our Interact Club to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, and I knew two of our performances were going to take place on the same day as our Kermes, a Latino food festival we host to recognize the month," she said. "I wanted to choose a play that not only spoke to Hispanic Heritage, but also spoke to the diversity within our Theatre program. 'Anon(ymous)' is about a young person's journey as he experiences the loss of a parent while immigrating to America. He meets a variety of characters, who help, teach and scare him. We really wanted to represent the stories of our own students and where they and their families come from. Throughout the process, we learned so much about one another and how very similar our stories can be."

McSweeney described the production as "magical realism" and said the set will incorporate projection technology to guide audience members as the story travels to more than 20 locations. The crew was even able to have a video workshop with staff at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind., to learn about this technique.

McSweeney added the play will be considered for the 2020 Illinois High School Theatre Festival (IHSTF), which will take place from Jan. 9 to 11, 2020, at Illinois State University. If selected, "Anon(ymous)" will be performed during the festival.

Senior Dominika Zdanowicz, who plays Nemasani, said the production offers a strong message.

"I hope it shows audience members America is diverse and that

(At right) Addison Trail students who are members of Theatre Crew work on the set for the school's upcoming fall play, "Anon(ymous)." Performances will take place on Oct. 10, 11 and 12. The production will incorporate projection technology to guide audience members as the story travels to more than 20 locations.



[top left photo]: Freshman Lea Staller (who plays the goddess Naje) and sophomore Adam Sakleh (who plays the lead of Anon) rehearse a scene from the school's upcoming fall play, "Anon(ymous)." Performances will take place on Thursday, Friday & Saturday, Oct. 10, 11 & 12. [top right photo]: Cast members practice a scene from the play, which tells the story of a young man named Anon and his travels through America after he gets separated from his mother, Nemasani, while fleeing his war-torn country as a refugee. [bottom photo]: Senior Dominika Zdanowicz (who plays Nemasani) and Sakleh show off the production's powerful themes.



people come here for a better life," she said. "We have a lot of diversity here at Addison Trail as well, and I hope people see not everything is as it seems - you never know someone's true story."

"Anon(ymous)" will be performed in the Addison Trail High School auditorium, 213 N. Lombard Road. Tickets are available at the door for \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and children ages 3 to 12, \$3 with an Activity Pass, and are free with a District 88 Senior Gold Card. Those who attend the Kermes (Latino food festival) on Oct. 12 will get \$1 off their ticket for the 7 p.m. performance that day. For questions or more information, call 630-628-3365.



ATHS to host sixth annual Latino food festival 'Kermes'

Part of Hispanic Heritage Month

On Oct. 12, Addison Trail will host its sixth annual Kermes (Latino food festival) as part of the school's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration.

The event is sponsored by Addison Trail's Interact Club and Padres Latinos or Acción group and will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. at the school, 213 N. Lombard Road in Addison.

The Kermes will feature traditional Latino dishes, as well as live entertainment, raffles and family-friendly activities. Admission is free, and food tickets cost \$6 each. Proceeds will go toward scholarships for Addison Trail students.

And be sure to come early for the 2 p.m. performance of Addison Trail's fall play, "Anon(ymous)," before the Kermes, or come to the Kermes before the 7 p.m. show! Read more about the play in the article above.

A discounted meal and drink ticket will be available for \$5 for those who attend the play. And those who attend the Kermes will get \$1 off their play ticket for the 7 p.m. performance that day!

For more information, call the school at 630-628-3300.

Willowbrook names September recipient of 88's Best recognition

Samuel (Sam) Bruns has been named as Willowbrook's September recipient of 88's Best recognition for his outstanding academic accomplishments. Bruns, a senior, was recognized during the Sept. 23 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

Bruns said he attributes his success as a student and a person to the role models he has had throughout his life. From his parents, to his brother, to his classmates and teammates, to his teachers and coaches, he credits their influence as the reason he is driven to make the most of every opportunity.

As a result, Bruns has built an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular accomplishments at Willowbrook.

As a student, Bruns consistently pursues the most rigorous courses available at Willowbrook. At the conclusion of his high school career, he will have completed nine Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses,

two dual-credit classes and a multitude of honors courses.

Bruns has been named to the Distinction Honor Roll each semester of his high school career and is an inductee of the National Honor Society, Civitas (Willowbrook's Social Studies Honor Society) and the Math, World Language and National English honor societies. He also has received the Outstanding Freshman Award and the Human Relations Award.

Beyond the classroom, Bruns further commits his time and talents to a variety of clubs and activities at Willowbrook. He is a board member for New Beginnings, serving as a mentor for freshmen as they transition to high school.

He also is a four-year member of the boys basketball team and the boys volleyball team, serving as captain for each.

Outside of Willowbrook, Bruns can be found volunteering as a volleyball coach at a local elementary school and maintaining a part-time job.

"Bruns is one of those students who you wish you knew/had prior to his last year in high school," said Brett Blair, Willowbrook English Department Head. "Diligent, dedicated, focused and studious are just a few words that give a simple snapshot of who Sam Bruns is. He truly is a pleasure to have in class."

Willowbrook English teacher Regina Wathier agreed. "Bruns is a positive, caring and inherently decent and kind human being, in addition to being a diligent, thoughtful student," Wathier said. "He brightened up the class with his supportive and encouraging comments."

Willowbrook math teacher Elizabeth Zwart said Bruns' internal motivation to be the best he can be in all aspects of life is what makes him stand out.

"Bruns is an amazing young man, who demonstrates kindness, maturity, grit and respect at all times," Zwart said. "Bruns pushes himself to excel in his classwork and is very good at advocating for himself and his own understanding when needed."

Bruns is a natural leader in the classroom and beyond, which was observed by Willowbrook English teacher Terri Woebel.

"When AP students return to school, I ask a student to facilitate a Socratic Seminar for his or her peers regarding their summer reading," Woebel said. "Bruns volunteered



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Willowbrook senior Samuel (Sam) Bruns (left) has been named as Willowbrook's September recipient of 88's Best recognition for his outstanding academic accomplishments. He's pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dr. Daniel Kräuse.

immediately, and he genuinely did the best job respectfully leading his peers in discussion while I observed. I felt as though I was watching a seasoned teacher jump in as a substitute for me. He is a genuine leader at our school."

Bruns' plans for the future include applying to The University of Chicago, New York University, Washington University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Carnegie Mellon University. He is looking to continue his studies in communications or industrial organizational psychology.

Obituaries

Dolores R. Olson, 91

Dolores R. Olson, nee Oldenburg, of Villa Park, passed away on Sept. 28, 2019, at the age of 91. Beloved wife of the late Donald. Loving mother Virginia Olson, Patricia (Ed) Peterson, Steve, David and the late John Olson. Cherished grandmother of Brian and Cory (John) Schmid. Great grandmother of Lyla Schmid. Fond sister of the late Elmer "Ricky" Oldenburg. Aunt and great aunt of several nieces and nephews.

Visitation Thursday Oct. 3, 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Steuerle Funeral Home 350 S. Ardmore Ave. Villa Park, IL 60181. Funeral service was held Friday, Oct. 4, at the funeral home. Interment at Elm Lawn Cemetery in Elmhurst. Info: 1-630-832-4161 or steuerleff.com.

Claudia J. Hanrahan, 87

Claudia J. Hanrahan, nee Ditter, of Berkeley, passed away on Oct. 2, 2019, at the age of 87. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Loving mother of Patrick (Robin), Richard (Lynda), Robert (Jaime), Dawn (Pedro Landa) Hanrahan and the late Stephen. Cherished grandmother of Stephen Dembowski, Robbie (Ryan) Ocasio, Kasie Dembowski, Michael Dembowski, Marc (Jeannie), Abigail, Emily, Madalyn, Gia, Sofia and Mia Hanrahan. Great grandmother of Hayes Hanrahan. Loving sister of Charles (the late Louise) Ditter. Aunt and great aunt of many. Funeral Mass was held on Monday Oct. 7, at St. Domitilla Church, 4940 Washington Street, Hillside. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home, 350 S. Ardmore Ave, Villa Park. Info: 1-630-832-4161.

Alex Korynecky 98

Alex Korynecky, of Villa Park, passed away on September 28, 2019, at the age of 98. Beloved husband of the late Maria. Loving father of Hosanna Korynecky, Gladys (David) Novotny, The late Nestor Korynecky and Irene Shaffer. Dear Brother of the late Steve, Frank, Anna and Peter. Uncle of many. Services were

held Wednesday Oct. 2, at Steuerle Funeral Home, 350 S. Ardmore Ave. Villa Park. Interment to follow at Mt. Emblem Cemetery in Elmhurst. For further information 1-630-832-4161.

Lucille Fischer, 88

Lucille "Lucy" G. Fischer died peacefully on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019 in Bloomingdale, Illinois at the age of 88. Lucy is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Carl and Audrey Fischer of Sagamore Hills, Ohio, nieces Linda (Warren) Mohar of Baraboo, Wisconsin and Beth (Pat) Strocchia of Plainfield, Illinois, and nephews Mark Davis (fiancee Darlene Derengowski) and Thomas (Stacey) Fischer of Fort Mill, South Carolina, and several great-nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents Carl and Gertrude Fischer, her sister Trudy Davis and her nephew Robert Fischer.

Lucille was born on March 24, 1931 in Chicago to Carl and Gertrude (Reinhard) Fischer. She graduated from St. Alexander's Elementary School in Villa Park and Immaculate Conception High School in Elmhurst. She lived at 146 N. Villa Ave. in Villa Park most of her life. Lucy was employed by Canadian Grand Trunk Railway as a customer service representative and daily rode the commuter train back and forth from Villa Park to Union Station in Chicago.

Lucy was a generous person who made a point of always remembering friends and loved ones with birthday and holiday cards. She was an active and dedicated lifelong member of St. Alexander parish and she loved to read, travel and go out to dinner.

A memorial visitation is scheduled for 9:15 a.m. followed by memorial Mass at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, at St. Alexander Catholic Church, 300 S. Cornell Ave, Villa Park. Father Rosenbaum will officiate the ceremony.

The family would like to thank the staff at Alden Valley Rehab in Bloomingdale for taking such good care of Lucy these past five years. Info: 630-832-4161.



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Students play the national anthem

District 45 students played "The Star Spangled Banner" before the start of Saturday's Just For Fun 5K Run in Villa Park. Pictured left to right are: Abby Finnegan, Vince Peshel, Evan Lundgren, Ethan Ronda, Oscar Ramirez, Ryan Guilfoyle and Matt Fitzgerald. More than 200 people participated in Saturday's 5-kilometer run/walk and 1-mile children's run. The event honors the memory of Bonnie Scahill, a former physical education teacher in District 45 who passed away in 2013.

AT selects Gunnerson for 88's Best recognition

Quincy Gunnerson has been named as Addison Trail's September recipient of 88's Best recognition for his outstanding academic accomplishments. Gunnerson, a senior, was recognized during the Sept. 23 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

Academically, Gunnerson is in the top tier of students at Addison Trail. He has received A's in every course he has taken during his high school career and will have completed 11 honors courses and 11 Advanced Placement (AP) college-level courses when he graduates. Gunnerson said his parents have encouraged him throughout his life and have motivated him to do well. His brother, Alexander (an Addison Trail alumnus of the class of 2017), also received the 88's Best award and serves as friendly competition that drives him to succeed. However, much of his motivation comes from within.

"Gunnerson is a mature, brilliant, hardworking young man with an incredibly bright future ahead of him," said Kira Bonk, Addison Trail science

teacher. "I am so lucky to have taught him his junior and senior years. Gunnerson is a shining example to his classmates of someone who is ambitious, but not proud, and intelligent, but not condescending - a very rare combination!"

English Department Head Amy Ferraro agreed.

"Gunnerson was a standout student in AP Language last year," she said. "He was consistent, prepared and thoughtful on a daily basis. I could always count on Gunnerson to contribute to class discussions in a way that moved the class forward and challenged his peers to think in new ways. He has a great sense of humor and is always personable and engaging when speaking with adults and classmates. His writing grew tremendously throughout the school year, because he was determined to improve his skills."

Involved with extracurricular activities at Addison Trail, Gunnerson has participated in Business Professionals of America (BPA), Key Club, National

Honor Society and serves as a Blazer Ambassador. But his favorite extracurricular activity is being a member of the Boys Track & Field Team. He also has a love of cars and is taking an auto class this year as one of his electives.

"Gunnerson is a model student-athlete," said Jim Ziebka, boys track & field head coach. "Not only does he put relentless effort into his academics, but he is an outstanding Track & Field athlete as well. No matter what our team needs, Gunnerson is always up to the task. He does a great job mentoring our younger student-athletes in practice, as he commits to excellence every day. He is always willing to help fundraise and volunteers for Kiwanis Peanut Day and the Northern Illinois Food Bank. We are all anxiously awaiting the start of the season to see what lies ahead for him. Gunnerson is one of those unique individuals who will be successful no matter what he decides to pursue. Addison Trail is a better place because of him."

With plans to apply to The University of Alabama, The University of Texas at Austin, University of Colorado Boulder and Indiana University, Gunnerson

is planning to major in business, considering a future in finance, early in investment banking.



Submitted photo Rock Valley Publishing. Pictured here with Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden is senior Quincy Gunnerson, who was named as Addison Trail's September recipient of 88's Best recognition for his outstanding academic accomplishments.

Fenton boys cross country team 7th at DePaul Invitational

Elizondo continues to star for Bison

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Fenton boys cross country coach Patrick Fritsch has a lot to be excited about lately.

While the Bison have been busy on the invitational circuit, Fritsch has seen more important progress made away

from the courses.

"We are doing a great job putting in the consistent training every day," he said. "They are engaged and eager to improve on every workout or race we have. This creates a healthy, competitive environment that drives both the individuals and team toward positive

results."

Fritsch likes the team's "desire to improve each and every day."

"Each guy on our team wants to be the best they can be," he said. "When they don't meet their own expectations, there is obvious disappointment. But there is also a desire to analyze and reflect on what may have gone wrong."

Fenton was seventh out of 20 teams at the recent DePaul Invitational and also took 16th at the Warren Invitational.

Sam Elizondo has finished first among Fenton runners at every meet this season, Fritsch pointed out. "Sam has set a personal best in every race this year and is improving each week," the coach noted.

Fritsch said improved depth at the lower levels also has been a bright spot. "We have a great group of freshmen that are competing very well at the lower levels," he said. "This improved depth has helped push our varsity runners. They know that if they are

not putting in the training, there will be someone to step up and take their spot."

Freshman Emilio Sanchez is on Fritsch's radar for individuals who have improved since the start of summer training.

"Emilio has started to show the talent we saw throughout the summer," the coach said. "We increased his volume of training at the start of the regular season and it took him a few weeks to adjust. He has started to see the benefits of his training, which is only motivating him more each day."

Fellow freshman Estevan Cerna was cited for his progress as well.

"Estevan is another freshman we did not see until our second week of the season," Fritsch explained. "He has shown incredible progress from where he started to where he is right now."

Fritsch noted in his first time trial of the season, Cerna averaged 8:07 per mile for two miles. In the team's most recent meet, Cerna shaved that time to an average of 7:17 per mile for three

miles. "This is amazing improvement and is just a glimpse of Estevan's potential," he said.

Fenton's top seven runners road Saturday to run in the Peor School Invitational at Detweill in Peoria, site of the state meet. Later, Fenton runs in the Elmwood Invitational ahead of the Upstate Eight conference meet hosted by Elgin on

19. "The progress we have made has been great," Fritsch said. "We improved the average time of five runners in average in every. This demonstrates we are strong as a whole compared to last year's

"However, our first 11 fifth-runner spread still is too close to be competitive as a team. We three runners who have the potential to fill that number-five spot, but have claimed it as of yet. So stepping up to improve the rest of our fifth runner is crucial if we want to finish top-five at sectionals and for state."

Fenton girls volleyball team 4th at IMSA tournament

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton girls volleyball team had itself a recent busy stretch.

After dropping an Upstate Eight Conference match to Glenbard South, the Bison finished fourth at the IMSA tournament.

Fenton downed Chicago Kennedy in three sets, lost to Westmont in three sets and defeated Mooseheart to qualify for the gold bracket based on point differential.

Fenton then lost to tournament-champion McHenry and lost to Westmont in the third-place match.

Fenton was 15-12 overall and 2-2 in Upstate Eight Conference play through late last week.

Noha Zaggoti was leading the Bison in aces, assists and digs, while Julianna Krebasch was tops in kills and blocks for the team.

Fenton coach Kelly Torres said the team has been working on a number of different offensive initiatives of late.

"We are working on executing some different plays on offense to give teams different looks," she said. "Now that we just completed our final tournament, we will have more practice time than most teams. We only have seven matches from now until we start regionals on Oct. 29."

Torres said Fenton must continue to fine-tune the defensive/passing

serve-receive portion of its games.

"This past week was about the same as the rest of the season," she said. "We are very good in spurts in these areas and then we are not so good. It is our mission to have all these areas working at their best in time for regionals."

Torres noted sophomore middle blocker Abbey Boehm and senior setter Noha Zaggoti have been key cogs of late.

"Abbey has been getting more time of late and has really been responding offensively," she said. "When she is getting set, she has been putting the ball down."

Torres labeled Zaggoti "a superstar all season," she said. "However, she has taken it to a higher level the last couple weeks. Numerous coaches and officials have commented on how well she is playing."

Fenton's schedule slows considerably this week. The Bison head to East Aurora for a UEC match and then return to action Oct. 8 against UEC foe Bartlett.

"We're a little disappointed in the overall record due to dropping a few matches we feel we should have won," Torres said. "However, it has been really good having the opportunity to play some really good competition the last two weeks. These matches only will make us stronger for the state tournament."

Household hazardous waste event to be held Saturday, Oct. 5

A one-day household hazardous waste event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Village of Bensenville Public Works Facility located at 711 E. Jefferson St. This event will take place in partnership with IIEPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency), DuPage County, Heritage Environmental Services, and the Village of Bensenville.

Residents are encouraged to arrive early as waste collection will end promptly at 3 p.m. This event is for residential use only and is available to all residents of Illinois. Businesses, industries, or agricultural

organizations will be turned away.

Acceptable items include:

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Warriors rout Addison Trail 42-12 in annual District 88 Bowl

Homecoming win delayed by storms; Willowbrook grabs a 42-0 halftime lead

The Willowbrook football team improved to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the West Suburban Gold Conference following Saturday's 42-12 victory over Addison Trail in Villa Park.

The Warriors dominated the visiting Blazers in the annual District 88 Bowl. Willowbrook scored touchdowns on its first six possessions to build a 42-0 halftime lead. The lead of at least 40 points led to a running clock during the second half of Willowbrook's homecoming game, which was rescheduled to Saturday morning because of Friday's storms.

"We're always preparing for somebody else, but kind of focusing on ourselves," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth after the win. "I thought our guys adjusted well. The game was postponed late in the afternoon [on Friday]. We came back this morning and responded well to the change in schedule. Whenever, wherever—you've just got to be ready to play."

The Warriors also built a 42-0 halftime lead in their previous game—a 42-7 conference victory at Leyden on Sept. 20.

Willowbrook, which has won four straight games since losing its season opener, will play a conference game

at Hinsdale South (3-2 overall, 2-0 in the conference) this Friday. The Hornets beat Downers Grove South 33-28 on Saturday.

"Hinsdale South always gives us trouble," said Hildreth. "It will be another challenge this week."

Beating Addison Trail allowed the Warriors to maintain possession of the District 88 Bowl trophy—known as "The Lady." Willowbrook has won its last four meetings with the Blazers. Addison Trail fell to 0-5 overall and 0-2 in the conference following Saturday's loss.

Senior quarterback Sam Tumilty ran for touchdowns on the Warriors' first three drives. He finished the first drive—a 49-yard drive—with a 20-yard touchdown run on a broken play. He added one more touchdown run later in the first quarter, barreling 14 yards for a score on a fourth-and-two play. Tumilty broke several tackles before crossing the goal line.

Tumilty delivered a 22-yard run in the second quarter to complete a 77-yard drive. The Warriors scored their next touchdown after senior Travis Moore blocked an Addison Trail punt. Moore recovered the loose ball and returned it to the 2-yard line. Sophomore Jaylon White ran the ball

into the end zone on the next play.

The Blazers fumbled the ball on their next possession. Moore recovered the fumble at Addison Trail's 18-yard line. Moments later, senior Ta'Vion Geanes scored on a 1-yard touchdown run.

The Warriors scored their final touchdown when Tumilty threw a 43-yard touchdown pass to senior Everett Stubblefield with 3:33 left in the first half. Stubblefield was wide open on the sideline; he caught

Tumilty's pass near the 20-yard line and trotted into the end zone.

Sophomore Izzy Manning, who made all six of her extra-point kicks in the game, booted the conversion kick after Stubblefield's score to give the Warriors their 42-0 lead.

Addison Trail scored its first touchdown on a short run on the first play of the fourth quarter. The Blazers added another touchdown on an 18-yard pass with about six minutes left in the game.



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS/Rock Valley Publishing

Willowbrook's football team pounded Addison Trail 42-12 on Saturday morning in Villa Park. The Warriors built a 42-0 halftime lead in their homecoming game, which was rescheduled to Saturday because of Friday's heavy storms. Senior quarterback Sam Tumilty (No. 6) ran their Warriors' first three touchdowns. Senior Ta'Vion Geanes (No. 5) added one touchdown run in the second quarter. In another photo, Addison Trail senior quarterback Anthony Valenti (No. 8) fires a pass. Valenti threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to senior Anthony Carlson in the fourth quarter. Willowbrook extended its winning streak to four with Saturday's win. The Warriors improved to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the West Suburban Gold Conference. The Blazers, whose overall record fell to 0-5, will play a conference home game against Downers Grove South this Friday.

Week 6 football previews

Willowbrook (4-1, 2-0) at Hinsdale South (3-2, 2-0)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Hinsdale South High School, Danon

Last week: Willowbrook 42, Addison Trail 12, Hinsdale South 33, Downers Grove South 28

Last year: Willowbrook 20, Hinsdale South 10

Outlook: Sole possession of first place in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division is on the line here. The Warriors and Hornets are the last two remaining unbeaten within the conference. Hinsdale South's three wins are against teams with below 500 records, including a pass of winless squads that brought 0-4 marks into Week 5. The Hornets' two losses came to teams that had a combined 7-1 mark heading into Week 5. Hinsdale lost by a combined 75-7 count in those two contests. Don't bet against the defending WSC Gold champs on the road here.

Fenton (2-3, 2-3) at Glenbard South (4-1, 4-1)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Glenbard South High School, Glen Ellyn

Last week: Bartlett 48, Fenton 22, Glenbard South 12, Larkin 6

Last year: Teams did not play each other

Outlook: Two former Metro Suburban Conference foes reunite in Glen Ellyn on Friday night. This series dates back to the days when the MSC had five teams and teams were forced to play five non-conference games. Both find themselves: Upstate Eight Conference members now. Fenton has lost three in a row after last week's 48-22 setback to Bartlett. Glenbard South's only loss was to Bartlett by a somewhat similar 49-14 score. Glenbard South's wins have come against Streamwood (Fenton lost to Streamwood), Elgin (21-12, Maroons are 1-4), East Aurora (24-21, the Tomcats defeated Streamwood in Week 5) and Elgin Larkin (12-6, Fenton beat Larkin 33-0 to start the season). At the junction in the season with play-off talk looming, wins start to become critical. A Fenton win here would change its season fortunes in a hurry. A loss gives the Bison little wiggle room the

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Willowbrook boys golf team wins Addison Trail Ryder Cup-style quad

Girls volleyball team defeats Streamwood

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook boys golf team recently took home a championship contested under a unique format.

The Warriors won the Addison Trail Ryder Cup-style quad held at The Preserve at Oak Meadows (par 36 from the blues).

Willowbrook shot 108 in the Ryder Cup format. Addison Trail was second at 133. Morton had 144, while Glenbard North had 145.

The win moves the Warriors to 9-3 overall.

The Ryder Cup quad rules have each team bringing three teams of two golfers who play together and record one score on the scorecard. Each team of two golfers plays three holes of alternate shot, three holes of best ball and three scramble holes.

For Willowbrook, the teams of Logan Rattana and Utah Keehner, Nick Cipriano and Brett Vandergrift and Andrew Rugg and Jake Cieslak all shot even-par 36.

Willowbrook was scheduled to compete in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet earlier this week at Prairie Bluff in Lockport ahead of this coming Monday's Class 3A regional at Carriage Greens in Darien.

Girls volleyball
The Willowbrook girls volleyball team was a recent 25-16, 25-12 non-conference winner against Streamwood.

Natalie Cipriano had 10 kills and three digs, while Katie Linnig added one kill, one ace, four assists and two digs. Payton Ceh had one kill, four digs and two assists, while Alejandra Lopez registered one ace and 11 digs. Kyla Ostrowski recorded two kills, one ace, one block and three digs. Grace Reckamp had five kills, nine digs, eight aces, one

ace and one block, while Stephanie Dasbach added three blocks.

Willowbrook then dropped a 26-24, 25-22 West Suburban Conference Gold Division match to Downers Grove South. The Warriors dropped to 1-2 in WSC Gold action.

Linnig had seven assists and nine digs. Ceh had three kills, nine digs, two aces and three assists. Alondra Mendoza had three blocks. Noelle Faulk had two kills and two digs.

Ostrowski had five kills, two aces and four digs. Reckamp had five kills, two blocks, seven digs and

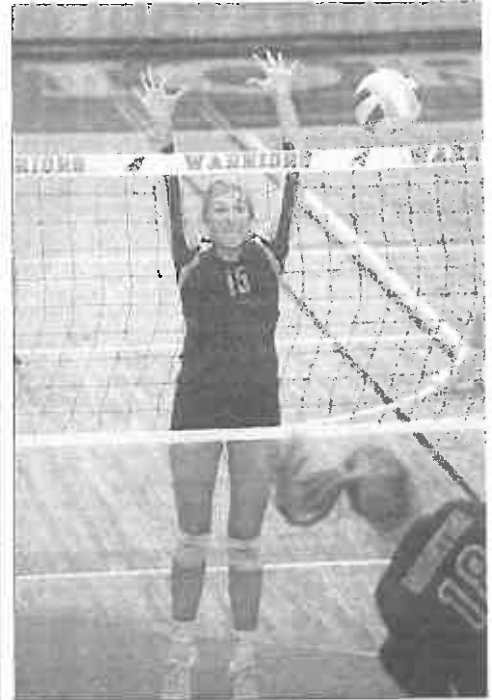
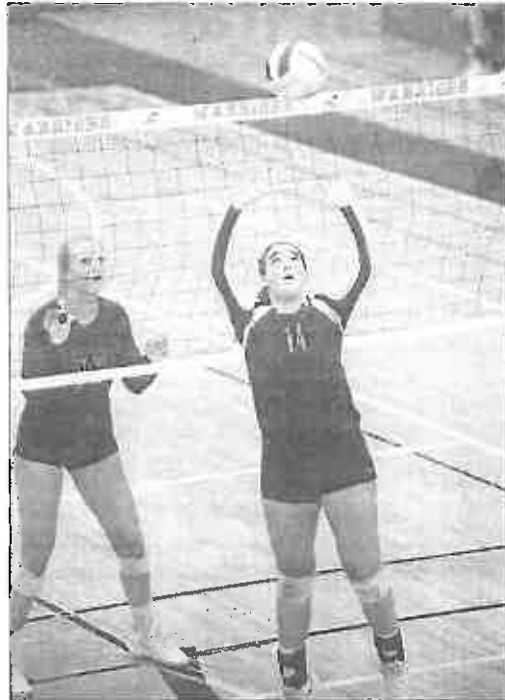
11 assists, while Dasbach had four kills.

In a 25-13, 25-14 non-conference loss to Montini, Cipriano had three kills. Ceh had one kill, nine digs and one assist. Ostrowski had one ace, five digs and one assist; while Reckamp had four kills, one ace,

five digs and four assists.

Girls cross country

The Willowbrook girls cross country team was 10th at the Minooka Flighted Invitational. Melissa Martinez finished in the championship flight, running 20:18 over three miles.



Willowbrook's girls volleyball team faced Montini in a Sept. 25 match in Villa Park. The visiting Broncos defeated the Warriors 25-13, 25-12. One photo from the match shows Willowbrook junior Grace Reckamp (No. 14), who tallied five digs, four kills and four assists in the match. Another photo shows junior Stephanie Dasbach (No. 15) at the net. Willowbrook's overall season record dropped to 13-7 following the loss to Montini.

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rest of the way.

Downers Grove South (2-3, 1-2) at Addison Trail (0-5, 0-2)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Addison Trail High School, Addison

Last week: Hinsdale South 33, Downers South 28; Willowbrook 42, Addison Trail 12

Last year: Downers South 29, Addison Trail 26

Outlook: Addison Trail was eliminated from playoff consideration after last week's loss to District 88 rival Willowbrook. The Blazers now turn their focus to a Downers Grove South team that is 2-3 against a schedule where none of the five teams it has played thus far had below .500 records heading into Week 5. Last week, the Mustangs lost to a Hinsdale South team that is one of two remaining unbeaten within the Gold Division of the West Suburban Conference. Hinsdale and the other conference unbeaten, Willowbrook, battle this week for the sole possession of first in the division.

Things looking up for Addison Trail boys soccer team

Blazers win four-team PepsiCo pod; will donate check to charity

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The news was great on and off the field recently for the Addison Trail boys soccer team.

The Blazers downed St. Viator 2-0, Dundee-Crown 3-1 and Wheaton Academy 3-1 to win the PepsiCo Charity Pod Final. Coach Ryan Dini noted the Blazers will receive a check for winning its four-team pod and the program will be donating the check to Chicago Top Soccer, a charity organization that supports kids with special needs and gives them the opportunity to play soccer.

Addison Trail then lost 1-0 on penalty kicks to Wheaton-Warrenville South in the PepsiCo semifinals.

"It was 0-0 at the end of regulation and we outshot them 22-4 and hit the post twice," Dini noted. "Wheat-

on-Warrenville played all defense in the second half and had only one shot. They wanted to take us to penalty kicks. It was just bad luck that day for us, but that's soccer. We couldn't hit the back of the net."

Addison Trail lost 5-4 in PKs. Through late last week Addison Trail was 9-2 overall and 2-0 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play.

Statistically, junior forward Aaron Sanchez was leading the team in scoring with eight goals and four assists, while junior forward Anthony Hernandez had five goals and four assists. Senior midfielder Leo Acosta had three goals and eight assists.

"We are having a different player score every game, which makes it very hard to key on any guys on our team," Dini said. "The team also is transitioning really well from defense to offense. Our team speed and depth is really giving our opponents trouble. We are subbing four to five guys at a time so our players are fresh

and are wearing down teams in the final third of the game."

Team chemistry also has taken a leap forward, Dini noted. "Without a doubt," he said. "Our players expect to win and put in the effort to be successful."

"We have made everything at practice a competition, so we are playing hard all the time. I also have seen our guys come together and enjoy being around each other. At the beginning of the season, we would score and only a guy or two would go and celebrate with our team. Now, the whole team celebrates and guys are pulling for each other. It's been great to see and really a pleasure to see the growth of the unit."

Dini labeled the team's offense as consistent all season, while he pegs the Blazers' defensive exploits as outstanding.

"We still have a couple players who are just a little off right now with finishing so we hope to fix that soon," he said. "If everyone is on, we

are a very scary team to play against. Our decision-making needs to improve in the final third of the game as well as our creativity. We work on this constantly, so hopefully we see more of this in games."

Dini noted returning all-conference defender Martin Murillo missed a recent stretch.

"We have stepped up in his absence," the coach said. "We played three solid teams over stretch and have held them to a total of two goals. Martin should be back (Dini was hopeful that would be this weekend), which will give us a boost because he is one of our players."

Defenders Angel Gomez (a junior) and Jose Villegas (a senior) been rock-solid in the back for the Blazers.

"Angel has stepped up in the absence of Martin," Dini said. "I'm playing center back for us, which

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Warriors pound Hornets 35-0 to close in on another conference title Team posts its first shutout of the season

The Willowbrook football team routed Hinsdale South 35-0 on Friday night in Darien to improve to 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the West Suburban Gold Conference.

The Warriors, who have won five straight games, will face York (3-3) of the West Suburban Silver Conference this Friday in Villa Park. A victory over York will seal a 2019 post-season berth for the Warriors, who have advanced to the state quarterfinals of the playoffs in each of the last three seasons.

Willowbrook jumped to a 21-0 first-quarter lead over Hinsdale South (3-3 overall, 2-1 in the conference). The Warriors added one more touchdown in the second quarter to build a 28-0 halftime lead. They added their final touchdown in the third quarter.

Willowbrook built 42-0 halftime leads in its two previous games—conference victories over Leyden on Sept. 20 and Addison Trail on Sept. 28.

Senior quarterback Sam Tumilty threw three touchdown passes and added one touchdown run for the Warriors. Tumilty ran 72 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter. Senior Deandre Holliday made a pair of touchdown receptions for the Warriors. He also provided an interception on defense.

Senior Alessio Battaglia hauled in a touchdown reception of nearly 40 yards. Sophomore Jaylon White scored the Warriors' final touchdown of the game on a second-half run.

"I thought our guys had a really good week of practice," stated Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth after the victory. "We left some points out there. We have to be more efficient and execute better. We also need to minimize the big plays on defense."

After playing York this week, the Warriors will complete the regular season with conference games against Morton and Proviso East. Willowbrook posted perfect 6-0 conference records in 2017 and 2018.



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Young runners

The participants in the 1-mile kids run for children in kindergarten through fifth grade begin their race on Saturday morning following the Just For Fun 5K Run in Villa Park. The event's 5-kilometer run began at 8:30 a.m. The kids run started an hour later. Some of the contestants are pictured they head westbound on the Illinois Prairie Path. More than 200 people took part in the 5-kilometer run and 1-mile kids run.

Improved Willowbrook girls volleyball team looks to make late-season push

By Mike Miazga
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When the grind of a high school sports season gets into full swing, having a full week of practice and no games becomes a rarity.

But that's exactly what the Willowbrook girls volleyball team encountered last week, which was music to coach Irene Mason's ears.

"It was good," she said. "The girls got to work on some things that we need to adjust. We got a lot of reps in on things we need to improve on, which is nice. We also got some girls some rest. It's a long season and their bodies are kind of tired."

Recently, Willowbrook defeated Streamwood in a non-conference match, lost to Downers Grove South in a West Suburban Conference Gold Division matchup and dropped a non-conference match to Montini.

The Warriors were 13-7 overall and 1-2 in WSC Gold play through late last week.

Mason continues to see improvement on multiple levels. "Our serving is still great. It's been really strong," she said. "Our defense is always impressive. We're still working hard on that."

On the offensive side, Mason noted Willowbrook has taken a step forward in the variety department.

"We're finding different ways to score the ball," she said. "We struggled early on and now we have a few hitters who have improved on ball control enough to where they can consistently find openings on the court and intentionally put the ball in places. We work on it a lot. They are finding openings, being flexible and adjusting their swings. Our hitters have improved overall."

Mason loves the intensity she sees from her group.

"I love the hustle on the court," she said. "They work hard and go for everything, whether it's in practices or in games. It's who we are and what we do. They are not going to let balls drop without the effort of someone going for it. We have a lot of kids who play with a lot of heart, which is important in a quick game like volleyball where there are all kinds of momentum shifts."

Mason has seen widespread key contributions of late from the likes of Payton Ceh, Katie Linnig and Stephanie Dasbach.

"The last two matches, Payton's

energy has been really high. She plays consistent," Mason said. "Katie, our setter, has been playing great defense in our last three matches and Steph Dasbach has been blocking well consistently. That's been a big help for us in the middle."

Grace Reckamp and Natalie Cipriano also have excelled of late. "Grace continues to be a leader, very consistently and very strong," said Mason. "In our win against Streamwood and the Downers South and Montini matches, she stood out in all of those. Natalie is only a freshman. She had a great night against Streamwood with like 10 kills. She looked confident. She's feeling more comfortable out there and is getting more confident."

Willowbrook played Glenbard East and Hinsdale South earlier this week and will head to the Elk Grove tournament on Saturday.

"One reason we're glad we are getting this Glenbard East match in is because they are in our sectional," Mason explained. "If we can get a win against them, hopefully that will help us where we end up going in regionals."

Overall, Mason has plenty to be pleased about with her group.

"Absolutely, I'm happy," she said. "We lost eight seniors from last year and then lost a starter to injury before the first match. That's nine players in key roles. The focus was on who was going to step up and how we as a

team and a program can step up to see what are expectations are perform like we can perform. So that now, people are getting confident and more comfortable in their

Fenton boys golf team place two on all-conference list

Bison boys soccer team to play in Pepsico championship Sunday

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton boys golf team completed its first year in the Upstate Eight Conference by finishing sixth at the recent conference meet.

Individually, the Bison had two golfers earn all-conference honors. Junior Patrick Block finished 13th and was named all-UBC, while sophomore Andrew Hoffing was 20th and also picked up all-conference accolades.

Fenton finished the UBC regular season with a 4-5 dual-meet mark. Coach Rick Johnson also lauded

the efforts of freshman Taylor Ierski. "Taylor has played well year," he said. "I am looking forward to next year with this very team."

Fenton played in the Class Montini regional earlier this week at Village Links in Glen Ellyn, berths in this coming Mor Class 2A Hinsdale South sec at Prairie Bluff in Lockport we the line.

Fenton boys soccer

Fenton's boys soccer team 6-8-2 overall mark through its 16 contests of the season. The were 1-4-1 in Upstate Eight Conference play through late last week.

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Week 7 football previews

York (3-3) at Willowbrook (5-1)
When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Willowbrook High School, Villa Park
Last week: Hinsdale Central 28, York 21;
Willowbrook 35, Hinsdale South 0
Last year: Willowbrook 28, York 14

Outlook: This annual neighborhood battle has some significance meaning this year. Visiting York, which is much improved under second-year coach Mike Fitzgerald, needs to get to five wins to become state playoff eligible (with favorable matchups with Oak Park-River Forest at home and Proviso West on the road to close out the regular season). They have three shots at getting two wins the rest of the way here. Willowbrook can punch another state playoff ticket with a victory at home Friday and that will turn its attention to showing up another West Suburban Conference Gold Division title. The Warriors knocked off the other WSC Gold sub-area in impressive fashion on the road last week at Downers. Willowbrook finishes up with a win at Morton and an improved Proviso East team that heads into Week 7 with a 4-2 record, needing to win only once in its final three games to become playoff eligible (unless Proviso West is one of those three games). Proviso East has only made the playoffs twice in school history, the last coming in 2008.

Elgin (2-4, 2-4) at Fenton (2-4, 2-4)
When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Fenton High School, Bensenville
Last week: Glenbard South 44, Fenton 20;
Elgin 23, Streamwood 22
Last year: Did not play

Outlook: Fenton has fallen on hard times after starting the year 2-0. The Braves still have a shot at becoming playoff eligible, but would have to win their final three contests to do so. That final regular season stretch includes Friday's game at home against Elgin High and then road contests with East Aurora (2-4) and unbeaten South Elgin (6-0). Elgin's only other win was against unbeaten West Chicago (57-12). Fenton beat West Chicago 51-13.

Leyden (1-5, 1-2) at Addison Trail (0-6, 0-3)
When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Addison Trail High School, Addison
Last week: Lyons Township 34, Leyden 7;
Downers South 42, Addison Trail 0
Last year: Leyden 21, Addison Trail 7

Outlook: The Braves hope to get into the win column for the first time this season against a Leyden team that has had its own share of struggles. Leyden's only win came against 0-6 Morton. Addison Trail has scored 47 points this season and given up 276, while Leyden has scored 74 points and surrendered 176. Addison Trail wraps up 2019 with games at Hinsdale South in Week 8 and welcomes Morton to town to close it out in Week 9.

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dropping a 1-0 conference decision to West Chicago.

Ivan Jaramillo was the team's leading scorer with 17 goals and eight assists through late last week.

Fenton coach Victor Ruiz noted his squad has dealt with its fair share of adversity this season. "We're working well together despite a lot of injuries to starters," he said. "We've seen lots of improvement on both sides of the ball."

Ruiz noted he's been impressed with the amount of players who have been involved on the offensive end this season. "We're scoring goals from different players," he said.

Ruiz added Fenton's defensive unit has been working well together, while Victor Carmona has asserted himself in goal. "Victor Carmona has taken over the net," said Ruiz. Fenton has a busy stretch of its

schedule coming up with contests against Bartlett, Downers Grove South, Elgin and Huntley.

The Huntley game on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 1 p.m. is part of the Pep-sico Showdown championship series being held at the Lyons Soccer Complex.

Fenton boys cross country

The Fenton boys cross country team took 16th at the recent Bill Dawson Blue Devil Invitational held at Shiloh Park in Zion.

Sam Elizondo led Fenton with a 31st place finish in 17:17 for three miles. Jimmy Palumbo was 69th with a time of 18:24. Matt Sisto was 96th with a time of 19:24. Juan Sosa finished 106th with a time of 19:51, while Chris Kovich was 112th with a time of 20:39. Roman Gomez was 116th with a time of 22:10 and Jacek Lula took 119th with a time of 22:38.

Keehner earns all-conference honors for Willowbrook boys golf team

Warriors girls golf team competes in WSC tournament

By Mike Miazga
 CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook boys golf team finished third at the recent West Suburban Conference Gold Division tournament held at Prairie Bluff in Lockport. Contestants played from the blue tees on the par-72 layout.

Willowbrook finished with a 354 team score.

Senior Utah Keehner shot 85 and earned all-WSC Gold honors. Senior Logan Rattana carded an 89 for 18 holes, as did freshman Brett Vandergriff. Junior Andrew Rugg was Willowbrook's final counting score. He shot 91.

The Warriors played in a Class 3A regional earlier this week at Carriage Greens in Darien where berths in the coming Monday's Class 3A Glenbard West sectional at Village Links in Glen Ellyn were on the line.

Willowbrook girls golf

The Willowbrook girls golf team finished seventh at the recent West Suburban Conference meet. Sophomore Emma Rattana led the way with a 99. Alexis Masseo shot 102, while junior Petyon Mitrick shot 111 and Mickey Martens shot 111.

"Conditions were less than ideal," noted Willowbrook coach Jim White of the tournament, which was played in the rain at Broken Arrow in Lockport.

Willowbrook finished the regular season 5-7 overall and went 3-6 in WSC duals. The Warriors closed out the regular season with a 198-234 win against Addison Trail and a 169-184 win against Riverside-Brookfield.

"We are starting to be more consistent with the scores from the top golfers," White said. "We are seeing lower scores and better course management."

White said Rattana, a state qualifier as a freshman, has been consistent "and has high expectations every time she plays," he said.

White added Mitrick is improving her score every match, "and having more fun and less stress."

White said the most impressive thing he's seen from his team this season has been its approach to the game "with respect and determination to be better as individuals and as a team," he said.

Willowbrook cross country

The Willowbrook boys cross country team is gearing up for the upcoming West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet at O'Brien Park, hosted by Downers Grove South.

"Downers South is favored to win, but there will be close races for second and third between Leyden, Morton and I think us, but Hinsdale South will be contending, too," said Willowbrook coach T.J. Artman. "Our boys are training hard and getting excited for the race. We'll have one senior in the starting lineup and



CHRIS FOX FILE PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

The Willowbrook boys golf team played in last week's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at Prairie Bluff Public Golf Club in Crest Hill. The Warriors placed third in the team standings with their combined team score of 354. Downers Grove South won the conference title, while Hinsdale South finished second. Willowbrook senior Utah Keehner (pictured) earned All-Conference honors by firing an 18-hole score of 85 on the par-72 course at the Oct. 1 conference meet. Keehner shot a 45 on his first nine holes and a 40 on his second nine. Keehner finished 10th in the individual standings at the conference meet. The top 14 finishers earned All-Conference status. Senior Logan Rattana and freshman Brett Vandergriff both shot rounds of 89. Junior Andrew Rugg shot a 91 for Willowbrook's fourth contributing score in its team total of 354 (85+89+88+91).

the rest are juniors and sophomores, maybe even a freshman."

After the WSC Gold meet is the IHSA state series.

"The season is flying by," said Artman. "We're looking toward the IHSA series. It's going to be tough to move the team through, but hopefully we have our best races coming up."

The boys team competed in Saturday's Pat Savage Invitational at Niles West High School in Skokie. The Warriors ran to an 11th-place finish in the 24-team White Division.

Junior Tyler King of Willowbrook finished the event's 3-mile race in a 25th-place time of 16 minutes, 37.42

seconds. Senior Brandon Heseltor (17:07.35) finished 48th, while Juniors Ben Cumteen (17:49.01) and Thomas Florey (18:03.76) placed 90th and 109th, respectively. Sophomore Damian Rocha (18:13.57) placed 122nd.

Two members of Willowbrook's girls team competed in the event's White Division girls race. Junior Melissa Martinez ran to an 11th-place finish. She completed the 3-mile race in 20 minutes, 9.15 seconds. Senior Madeleine Wilkie (20:25.39) posted a 16th-place finish.

Editor's note: Chris Fox contributed to this report.