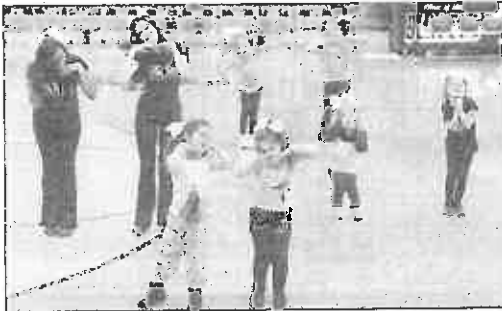




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Orchesis dancers in action

Addison Trail's Orchesis dancers performed during halftime of the Blazers' boys and girls basketball games against Willowbrook during the recent pack-the-place event.



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Winter dancers

After attending a winter dance clinic, these young dancers joined the AT Blazettes to perform during halftime of recent basketball games against Willowbrook.



Blazettes hold winter clinic

The Addison Trail Blazettes held a winter dance clinic for girls in kindergarten through eighth grade on Jan. 31. The young dancers joined the Blazettes to perform

Community calendar

Thursday, Feb. 13-The evolution of hip-hop at the Library

From 7-8 p.m. at the Large Meeting Room of the Addison Public Library, Urbanized Music, featuring Prof. Amina Norman-Hawkins of Columbia College and producer Coolout Chris, will present an interactive musical and oral history of Hip-Hop across the many genres of African American music, including a short performance. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3320.

Friday, Feb. 14 ARTventures at the Library

From 10-10:45 a.m. at the Addison Public Library, stop by for an art-based story time full of stories, creativity, and fun. For ages 18 months-5 years with caregiver. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3338.

Monday, Feb. 17 Book discussion at the Library

From 10-11 a.m. at 120 E. Oak St.,

there will be a discussion on the book "An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones.

Monday, Feb. 17-Thursday, Feb. 20 Creative studio pop-up at the Library

All the latest tools from the Addison Public Library's maker space will pop-up in the large meeting room each day after school from 3:15-4:30 p.m. for you to tinker, experiment and create. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3320.

Wednesday, Feb. 19 Try VR! at the Library

From 3-4:30 p.m. at the Addison Public Library, experience virtual reality through a cardboard VR headset. There will be so many experiences to choose from. Remember to bring a smartphone. No registration required. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3320.

Thursday, Feb. 20 • Third Thursday matinee at the Library

From 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Adult Programming Room of the Addison Public Library, a movie will be featured. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3320.

• English conversation at the Library

From 7-8:30 p.m. at the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library, practice speaking English while making friends. Literacy DuPage hosts this English conversation group. No registration is required. Everyone is welcome. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3320.

Friday, Feb. 21 Circle Up at the Library

From 3:15-4 p.m. at the Addison Public Library, we'll use fun games to help you chill out and connect. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3320.

'Celebrate Recovery' group seeks members

If you are struggling with hurts, habits, and hang-ups, and you want to walk in freedom and health, then this group is for you. It's not just for people with chemical addiction. It's for anyone going through struggles and tough times with poor choice patterns in their life, or any hurts you've experienced. Celebrate Recovery offers great love and support from others who have been through similar experiences.

The program is Christ-centered, based upon the Word of God, has 12-steps and 8-principles for recovery. If you are struggling, give Celebrate Recovery a try, please don't go it alone. Get the support you need to get through this tough time of your life. We offer a safe place for recovery to begin. Bring a friend and keep coming back!

The group meets every week on Saturday nights from 6 to 9 p.m. A dinner is provided for a small donation, followed by a large group meeting with a lesson or testimony. Afterward we split in small gender-specific open share groups. The meetings take place at Journey Church, 800 So. Rohlwing Rd. Addison. For more information, contact Tina at 630-965-3125 or send an email to: cr@journeychurchdupage.org.

SPORTS

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Addison Trail wrestling team sends five to sectionals

Four Blazers reach championship match

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail wrestling team emerged from one of the state's toughest regionals with five wrestlers holding sectional qualifications.

The Blazers had four wrestlers reach the championship match at the Class 3A Willowbrook regional Saturday in Villa Park and another win his third-place bout.

Adam Skrzypek (113 pounds), John Asuras (120 pounds), Jake Matthews (152 pounds) and Xavier Sierra (220 pounds) all wrestled for regional titles at their respective weight classes but lost to Montini

foes in their respective finales.

"Each of them lost to one of the top-ranked guys in the state," said Addison Trail coach Mike Rosengrant. "All four lost to Montini guys, but they all competed very well. They showed the can hang with the best guys in the state."

Rosengrant saw plenty he liked among the four regional title finalists.

"Adam in the semifinals wrestled a kid from Willowbrook who was big and strong, and in the beginning of the match it seemed like it was going to be a bamburner. Adam threw him and put him to his back and pinned him. That was a nice moment," the coach said.

"John is competing at a real high level now. I think he can make a nice run (this) weekend. Jake had two tough matches. Both guys he beat had six total losses. Against the guy

in the finals, I like the way Jake competed. He's not backing down.

"He's wrestling guys ranked higher than him. That's how you get better and that's what we are looking for. Xavier took care of his business and did what he had to do. He didn't make mistakes in the semifinals and wrestled smart. You have to do the little things the right way in those close matches."

Nick Skamra took third at 182 pounds and earned a sectional berth. The top three wrestlers in each weight class advanced to the sectional round.

"Nick avenged a loss from earlier in the season to a Leyden kid," Rosengrant said. "Nick was a four seed and beat that kid who beat him earlier. If he hadn't lost that match earlier in the year, he might have been the two seed. He did a good

job."

Freshman Seth Skamra finished fourth at 195 pounds and is a sectional alternate.

"Seth is a freshman who was unseeded," Rosengrant said. "What he did was very nice."

Rosengrant noted that Addison Trail brought 11 wrestlers out of a possible 14. "Giulian Frontier got hurt earlier in the week and couldn't come," he said. "We missed having a few guys and that hurt us with the team race a little bit."

Addison Trail finished fourth as a team in the regional. Only the regional champion advances to the dual-team sectional portion of the state series.

"The kids wrestled well and did what they were supposed to do," said Rosengrant. "They wrestled to what their expectation was. We got

through everybody we expected to get through and having Seth as an alternate was a nice bonus."

Rosengrant said Addison Trail's competitive schedule has paid off for his group.

"Most definitely," he said. "We knew from our schedule that we could wrestle at this level. At the seeding meeting some of our guys had a couple more losses than other teams, but that hard work is showing at this time of the year."

The coach is excited about Saturday's sectional at Conant in Hoffman Estates where berths in the Class 3A state finals in Champaign will be on the line. The top four wrestlers at the sectional level advance to state.

"We have four or five guys with a real shot to get downstate," Rosengrant said. "None of them are a fluke."

Willowbrook wrestling team advances four to sectional round

Seymore, Brockie advance to championship matches

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook wrestling team had itself a double treat on Saturday.

Not only did the Warriors host a Class 3A regional on their home mats, but they ended up qualifying four wrestlers for this coming Saturday's Class 3A Conant Individual Sectional in Hoffman Estates.

The top three finishers in each of the regional's weight levels advanced to the individual sectional. The wrestlers who finish in the top four in their weight divisions at the sectional will qualify for the IHSA individual state meet in Champaign.

Junior Elijah Brockie finished second at 195 pounds at the regional, as did senior Zach Seymore at 132 pounds.

Senior Gabe Yu took third at 113 pounds, while senior John Peterson placed third at 220 pounds. Brockie (34-8), Seymore (32-11), Yu (30-10) and Peterson (29-13) head to Conant, where berths in the state meet will be on the line.

Yu and Peterson both secured their sectional berths by scoring first-period pins over their opponents in the regional's third-place matches.

Junior David Kapica (23-13) placed fourth at 145 pounds and is a sectional alternate.

Willowbrook finished the regular season with a 16-10 overall mark in duals and went 3-3 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action.

"We have been fighting hard and peaking at the right time," Willowbrook coach Tim Ortiz said. "The guys have wrestled well."

Ortiz noted that one wrestling media outlet ranked Willowbrook in the Class 3A honorable mention team rankings last week.

"That is a nice accomplishment for the team," he said. "They have been working hard and doing everything right. They work for each other. It goes to show that all the work during the season and in the off-season is paying off."

Ortiz said Willowbrook was competitive in its WSC Gold duals. "In the conference we were two or three individual matches away from being 4-2 or 5-1," he said. "It was close. Every match we lost was close with in a match or two that could have gone either way. It shows the growth we are having. We are starting to get to where we want to be as a program. We fell right in the middle and our goal is to be in the top two or three teams. I'm happy."

"Now, we need to keep climbing in the right direction and keep climbing up the conference. Hopefully we can compete and win a conference title here soon."

In addition to Brockie, Seymore, Yu, Peterson and Kapica, Senior Wyatt Borri brought a 27-12 record into the regional at 170 pounds, while sophomore Nick Mabutas was 23-11 heading into the postseason at 152.

"The records our guys have are not bad, especially the way we changed up the schedule this year," said Ortiz. "We were in tougher tournaments and the schedule as a whole was tougher. Those records let the kids realize how all that hard work does pay off and it is not going unnoticed. Guys are wrestling hard and learning to wrestle every position."

Brockie and Seymore went undefeated in WSC Gold duals and will

be locks for all-conference accolades when that voting occurs. They also were honorable mentions in last week's Class 3A state rankings by one wrestling media service.

"Elijah is consistently been a leader for us," said Ortiz. "He's a guy we can count on to get a win when we need it. Zach is the same thing. He's been in the varsity lineup for four years now and has taken on a leadership role. He's not wrestling for himself. He's wrestling for the team. He's always going out there and chasing bonus points, if not pins, for the team. Gabe Yu has been the same way. He's wrestled tough as a senior. He's been in the lineup for a few years now and he finds ways to get bonus points for the team."

Ortiz pointed out Mabutas enjoyed a fine showing at this season's large tournament in Sycamore, where he recorded four pinfall victories and won his weight class there.

"He has his head on the right track," the coach said. "He puts pressure on himself to pick up big wins and bonus points for the team, which we love. At the same time, he's still young—he's only a sophomore. We are working on getting him to understand he doesn't always have to chase team points and can wrestle more freely. He's understanding that and has been looking better."

Ortiz also had high praise for Kapica.

"David is starting to figure things out in terms of not getting caught up in wins and losses and going out there and performing," he said. "We tell them to just go out and wrestle hard for six minutes and let the wins and losses take care of themselves. Wrestle hard for six minutes and good things will happen. Control what you can control. It's all starting



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Senior Zach Seymore (above left) and junior Elijah Brockie (above right) of the Willowbrook wrestling team both earned second-place finishes at Saturday's IHSA Class 3A regional in Villa Park. Seymore placed second in the 132-pound division, while Brockie took second in the 195-pound weight class. Seniors Gabe Yu (113 pounds) and John Peterson (220 pounds) both placed third in their respective weight levels at the regional. All four Warriors advanced to this week's Individual sectional at Conant High School in Hoffman Estates.

to click for David. He's not worrying about his opponents. He's going out there and doing what he can do. He understands that."

Willowbrook finished sixth in the eight-team regional's team standings

with 81.5 points.

First-place Montini dominated the field by winning first-place medals in 12 of the event's 14 weight classes. Montini advanced to the dual-team sectional round of the state series.



Junior Francesca Scarbaggio and freshman Maddie Muccianti of the Addison Trail gymnastics team both earned at-large berths in the all-around competition of this week's Glenbard South Sectional. The gymnasts earned their sectional berths with their performance at the Lake Park Regional Feb. 5. Scarbaggio (shown) earned an all-around regional score of 32.325.

Sophomores Bella Naumovsky (above left) and Tess Placek (above right) of the Willowbrook girls gymnastics team both earned trips to the Glenbard South Sectional with their strong performances in last week's Lake Park Regional. Naumovsky is pictured during her first-place regional performance on the uneven bars, which she won with her score of 9.125. In addition to qualifying for the sectional on the uneven bars, Naumovsky qualified in the balance beam and in floor exercises. Placek is pictured while approaching the vault at the Feb. 5 regional. She earned a fifth-place score of 9.05 in that event to qualify for the sectional. Placek also earned sectional berths on the balance beam and in the all-around competition. Willowbrook finished third in the team standings of the four-team regional with its score of 128.0. Lake Park (139.75) won the regional title, while Glenbard North (138.15) finished second. Addison Trail (123.70) finished fourth.

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Willowbrook, Addison Trail gymnasts earn sectional berths

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The IHSA released the complete list of at-large qualifiers for sectional competitions after the conclusion of last week's 16 regional events.

Both Addison Trail and Willowbrook girls gymnasts competed in the Glenbard South Sectional earlier this week.

They earned their sectional berths with their performances at the Lake Park Regional on Feb. 5.

The top five finishers in each regional event, including the all-around competition, automatically qualified for the sectional. Additional gymnasts earned at-large berths in each event.

Automatic qualifiers included Willowbrook sophomore Bella Naumovsky, who won the regional title on the uneven bars with a 9.125. Naumovsky tied for fifth on the balance beam (8.575).

Sophomore Tess Placek of Willowbrook earned an automatic sec-

tioned berth in the vault after placing fifth at the regional with a 9.05.

Placek earned an at-large sectional berth in the all-around competition with her score of 32.7. Two Addison Trail gymnasts—junior Francesca Scarbaggio and freshman Maddie Muccianti—also earned at-large berths to the sectional's all-around competition. Scarbaggio turned in an all-around score of 32.325 at the regional, while Muccianti delivered an all-around total of 31.0.

Placek earned an at-large sectional berth on beam (8.3), while Naumovsky earned an at-large berth on floor exercises (8.625).

Lake Park won the team title at the four-team regional. The Lancers finished just ahead of Glenbard North in the team standings. Lake Park earned a score of 139.75, while Glenbard North finished at 138.15.

Willowbrook (128.0) placed third, while Addison Trail (123.70) finished fourth.

Willowbrook boys basketball team defeats Romeoville

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook boys basketball team defeated Romeoville 70-55 on Saturday at The Ville Shootout at Lewis University in Romeoville.

The game had an interesting twist to it.

Willowbrook was originally supposed to play Chicago Lincoln Park in the game but Lincoln Park High School suspended the boys basketball team's season amid allegations of widespread misconduct.

Willowbrook moved to 10-16 overall with the win at Lewis.

Senior Everett Stubblefield poured in a team-leading 32 points in the victory over Romeoville. Stubblefield made 12 field goals, including four shots from 3-point range. He connected on four of five free-throw attempts.

Senior Sam Tumilty, who made three 3-point shots, added 20 points. Tumilty also contributed seven rebounds and five assists.

The Warriors trailed Romeoville 33-28 at halftime, but a strong third quarter lifted Willowbrook to a 46-41 lead after three quarters. The Warriors outscored Romeoville 42-22 in the second half.

The Warriors lost a 74-64 West Suburban Gold Conference game at Morton on Friday night. That loss left Willowbrook with a conference record of 3-6.

The Warriors trailed Morton 36-32 at halftime of Friday's conference contest. Morton held a 56-49 lead after three quarters.

"We haven't been doing a good job of closing out games," Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins said. "I thought we did a good job of being active defensively and forcing a lot of turnovers. It came down the wire and Morton made one last run at the end."

Stubblefield led the Warriors in Friday's game with

17 points, including three 3-point shots. Sophomore Sean Paige provided 14 points and 11 rebounds. Tumilty scored nine points, while sophomore Cory Baker contributed eight points by making eight of nine free throws.

"It's hard to pinpoint one thing we are improving on. Every game is something different," said Perkins. "We look good with certain things on certain days and then it's different the following day. Our focus is to go consistency for 32 minutes and play a complete game. That's what we are working on."

"We are in every game. We go right down to the wire but we have a two-minute stretch where we let a team go on a big run. We're trying to get to a point where we are not allowing that to happen."

Perkins lauded the play of Stubblefield and Tumilty of late, as well as Paige. "Our steady guys Everett and Sam have been playing much better and Sean, who is sophomore, has been coming along," he said.

Perkins added that Baker was recently elevated to the varsity team and has played well. "Cory has been a great addition," he said. "He's been progressing well. Senior Deandre Holliday also was cited for his steady efforts."

Perkins said the team's focus continues to be on playing its best heading into the Class 4A post-season.

"That's us in a nutshell," he said. "We're trying to fix things up. We have about three weeks before the playoffs start and we're hosting regionals. I have confidence in my kids. If we can get hot at the right time, we will do well. We are working at it. It's our goal."

"The kids are coming in here every day and competing and getting after it. Hopefully it pays off when we start the playoffs."

Warriors, Rams secure sectional berths

Willowbrook's Makaylah Jones wins her third straight individual regional title

The Willowbrook and Glenbard East girls bowling teams both advanced to the upcoming Hinsdale South Sectional by placing among the top four teams in Saturday's Metea Valley Regional.

York won the team title at the 12-team regional, which took place at Fox Bowl in Wheaton. The Ducks amassed a total team score of 5,723. Willowbrook finished second with its team total of 5,601. Metea Valley (5,404) earned third place, while Glenbard East (5,292) claimed fourth place, finishing ahead of Leyden (5,043) for the last team berth into the sectional, which takes place next

week at Bowlero in Woodridge.

The top four teams at each of the state's six sectionals will advance to the IHSA state meet, held Feb. 21-22 in Rockford.

Senior Makaylah Jones of Willowbrook won an individual regional title for the third straight year when she delivered the top score in Saturday's event. Jones, who won individual regional championships as a sophomore and junior, made it three in a row with this year's six-game total of 1,256.

Glenbard East senior Molly Galvin claimed second in the individual standings with her six-game total

of 1,222. York senior Rose Klinger (1,214) finished third.

"She was in the top three throughout the whole day," said Willowbrook coach Kevin Allen of Jones. "She had a 225 in the fourth game. That propelled her to the lead."

Jones said that the experience of winning two previous regional titles was important, but it wasn't the key to this year's success.

"It does help," said Jones of her past victories. "But the main thing is just keeping your mind off the bowling and staying focused on having fun."

Jones, who did not compete in a regional during her freshman season, added that the Willowbrook team's success is vastly more important than any of the Warriors' individual results.

The Willowbrook team won regional and sectional titles in each

of the previous two seasons. The Warriors didn't begin the current post-season with another regional plaque, but they did advance to the next round.

"The biggest thing is that we advanced," said Allen. "We're moving on. We wanted to win, but we did break that top four and get through to the sectional."

Senior Ashley DeLeon of the Warriors finished sixth in the regional's individual standings with her six-game total of 1,175. Sophomore Megan Beausoleil (1,112) of Willowbrook placed 10th among all individuals at the regional. Senior Victoria Salazar (1,083) provided a 15th-place finish, while freshman Christina Pettinger (975) finished 24th.

While Galvin led the Glenbard East team with her second-place total of 1,222 over six games, senior Kirsten Kadow (1,119) provided the

team with a ninth-place effort. Senior Lizzy Mazzolini (1,023) contributed a 19th-place finish. Senior Cassidy Wells (995) landed in 20th place, while junior Heather Cox (933) placed 30th.

Montini senior Elyse Spaccapaniccia earned a berth in this week's sectional by placing among the top 10 individuals at the regional who weren't members of a sectional-qualifying team. Spaccapaniccia rolled a six-game regional total of 1,083, which placed her 14th among all individuals.

Addison Trail finished seventh in the regional's team results. Junior Araceli Olascoaga of the Blazers advanced to the sectional as an individual after rolling a six-game regional total of 975. The top 10 individuals at the regional who weren't members of sectional-qualifying teams advanced to the sectional as individuals.

Warriors finish conference season with a victory

Herron scores 18 points in her final home game as a Warrior

The Willowbrook girls basketball team completed its West Suburban Gold Conference season with Friday's 66-40 win over Morton in Villa Park.

The win gave the Warriors an overall record of 15-12, and a 9-3 mark in conference play. Willowbrook finished second to Proviso East in the conference standings.

The Warriors are completing the regular season with this week's crossover game against a West Suburban Silver Conference opponent. Willowbrook will open the IHSA Class 4A post-season with a Feb. 18 game against Batavia at the Batavia Regional. The Warriors are the No. 8 seed in the Hoffman Estates Sectional. Batavia is the sectional's No. 10 seed.

Playing in their final home game

of the season, the Warriors took a 21-20 halftime lead against Morton. Willowbrook outscored the Mustangs 22-5 in the third quarter to take a commanding 43-25 lead with eight minutes to play.

Senior K'Aliyha Herron scored eight points for the Warriors during the third quarter. Herron and senior Khaylah Richey were both honored before Friday's game.

Herron finished the game with a team-leading 18 points. She also pulled down 10 rebounds. Junior Stephanie Dasbach scored 10 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Juniors Hannah Guthrie and Annemarie Knudsen both scored seven points. Junior Abbey Spada contributed six points. Richey and juniors Kenya Lewis and Kaylan Monday each provided four points.



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Senior K'Aliyha Herron (No. 15-above left) of the Willowbrook girls basketball team scored 18 points to lead the Warriors to Friday's 66-40 West Suburban Gold Conference win over Morton in Villa Park. Willowbrook improved to 15-12 overall with the win. The Warriors finished the conference season with a record of 9-3. Willowbrook's two seniors—Herron and Khaylah Richey (No. 14-above right)—were both honored before Friday's game—the Warriors' final home contest of the season. Richey contributed four points.



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Willowbrook girls bowling team earns second place



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The Willowbrook girls bowling team earned a second-place finish in the team results of Saturday's Metea Valley Regional. As one of the top four teams at the regional, Willowbrook secured a berth in this weekend's Hinsdale South Sectional. The top four teams at the sectional will advance to the upcoming state meet in Rockford. Willowbrook senior Makaylah Jones, who won individual regional titles as a sophomore and junior, won her third straight regional championship on Saturday. Jones rolled a six-game total of 1,256 in this year's regional to win the first-place medal in the individual competition. The members of Willowbrook's team, pictured left to right at the end of Saturday's regional, are: (front row) freshman Christina Pettling; and sophomore Megan Beausoleil; (back row) sophomore Molly Williams, senior Sara Whiting, sophomore Taylor Balslew, senior Ashley DeLeon, senior Victoria Salazar and Jones.

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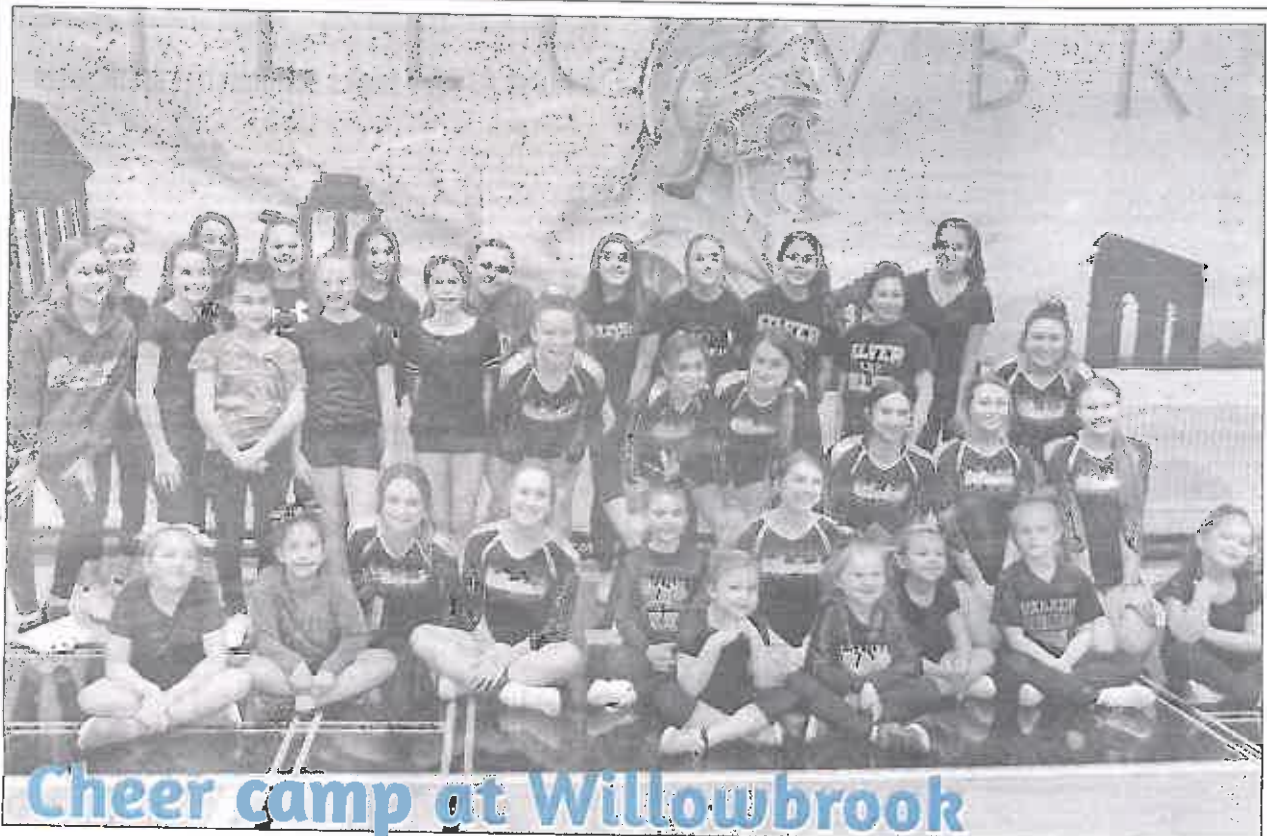
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Cheer camp at Willowbrook

Willowbrook High School's cheerleading program held its winter youth camp for children in kindergarten through eighth grade last week. The campers learned cheers, dances and jumps during the camp, which took place daily from Feb. 10-13.

The campers joined Willowbrook's cheerleaders for a couple of brief performances during halftime of Saturday's varsity boys basketball game.

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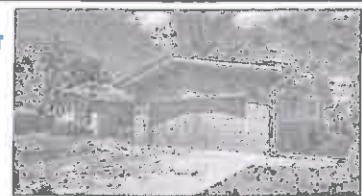
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I'd just like to say thank you to the Villa Park Paramedics. I had some problems last Wednesday and they came there promptly, got me to the emergency room, calmed my fears, teased and joked with me a little bit to get me to relax, and were so good to me. I am so grateful and I wish I had their names so I could thank them personally.

Who likes to eat? The Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry is having its first ever restaurant fundraiser at Chipotle, 695 Roosevelt, Glen Ellyn, on Saturday, Feb. 29, from 5-9 p.m. Please consider supporting our food pantry as they help feed our neighbors. Just bring a flyer from the pantry or go to "Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry" Facebook and show the flyer. See you there!

Hi, this is Villa Park calling. I just wanted to tell everyone that this District 45 referendum seems like it's something that's unnecessary and is trying to be pushed through because they have to realize it is the only non-partisan item on the primary ballot. I think that everyone should realize that they have to get out and vote on this or you're going to have your taxes increase for something they don't need. Thank you, bye.

Last week's paper was full of anti-Democratic, anti-American Speak Out calls. I hope more sensible people will write in and this paper will print them. Our "president" has broken so many laws, told thousands of lies and now is corrupting the Justice Department. It is getting serious, friends. He

may actually get impeached again, and let's do it, if that's what it takes to slow him down. We won't get him removed from office as the Republicans are all in Trump's pocket—and scared of him! But, freedom is not a guarantee, it's not a right; it is earned and fought for. Trump tells generals he knows better, he tells everyone he knows better. He knows very little, except how to cheat.

In response to a caller who said the Democrats are not a "do nothing" party as a previous caller opined, so they passed nearly 400 bills ... but have hit a snag in the Senate, as you say? I read the papers. While some are important legislation, I have yet to see anything come across that helps lower my property taxes and this will likely be the last year I can keep my house because of those taxes.

They refused to let even one firsthand witness to the alleged crime testify. They refused to allow any documentary evidence into the record for consideration. Alexander Hamilton once said that the suppression of evidence is the best kind of evidence. The best evidence shows that the sitting senators of my former party value holding power more than their sworn oath and their duty to America. Every one of them needs to be primaried and voted out of office.

If you want to talk about name-calling, how about calling out the big-

gest name caller of all: Trump?

Our grifter in chief is lashing out with the spite of a child, firing to and fro. The Republicans who support him despite his utter lack of moral character should be vilified and voted out of office along with Trump. Mitt Romney has only gained stature with his lone Republican vote for impeachment. He stands tall in a sea of cowards, his self-respect and moral fiber intact. The rest of them are slithering serpents, slithering their way into the wrong side of history.

I think I almost prefer the shenanigans of Donald Trump for four more years to the thought of a socialist regime that will gladly give someone else the shirt off my back; allow live-birth abortions (on my dime); let illegal immigrants vote, drive and receive free health care (again on my dime); intrude on my right to enjoy a large sugary fountain drink if I want it; and in other ways rule my life—or should I say ruin my life when I am forced to pay for others and can't afford to take care of my own responsibilities anymore. Oh, wait. I will then fall into the poor category and get handouts. I am not heartless: I contribute to charitable causes to help feed and clothe the less fortunate, but on my terms and organizations I believe in; at least while I still have a choice. With Trump I can tune him out, but I can't ignore an empty wallet.

I came across an article that was published in Forbes magazine dated Oct. 26, 2018. It was called, "Mapping the Illinois \$100,000 club: 94,000 public employees and retirees cost taxpayers \$12B," as in billion. I think it's safe to assume the number of public employees and retirees making \$100,000 or more today is higher than 94,000. Former governor Jim Edgar was one the article singled out for double-dipping. He had an Illinois General Assembly pension at \$166,000 per year, a state university retirement system pension at \$83,000 per year, and was hired back part time by the University of Illinois for another \$62,000 a year. The one that really caused me to do a double-take was reading that a Department of Corrections barber made \$105,300 and nurses made up to \$219,000! Unbelievable! Look up this article sometime if you want to read something that will leave you angry and shaking your head in disgust. It's no wonder this state is in the financial mess it's in today.



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Community calendar

Thursday, Feb. 27 Library presents home selling program

Donna Craft Cain, P.C. and a panel of local experts will be at the Villa Park Public Library from 7-8:45 p.m. to discuss the home selling process. Registration is required. Info: visit the library's website at vppli.info or call 630-834-1164.

Wednesday, March 4 Library hosting Bark for Books

The Villa Park Public Library will hold Bark for Books from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This program allows children of all ages to read with a dog. The library will have dogs certified by Therapy Dogs International® to be gentle listeners. Attendees should choose a book to read in advance. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an

adult. Registration is required for each session. Info: visit the library's website at vppli.info or call 630-834-1164.

Becoming Queen Elizabeth

Villa Park Parks and Recreation is offering a trip to the Jacob Henry Mansion Estate for a special presentation, "Becoming Queen Elizabeth" from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The presentation is part of a Royal Series performance at this historic mansion in Joliet. The performance includes a historical portrayal that explores the life of Queen Elizabeth, from her childhood, the abdication of her uncle, her marriage to Philip, her World War II service and her struggle to balance her roles as queen and mother. Get to know the woman behind the images, her sense of humor and savvy intelligence with which she meets her demanding obligations. The \$69 fee includes the presentation, lunch, historical talk and

self-guided tour of the award-winning mansion built in 1873. Register at the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa or Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood.

Thursday, March 5 Library introduces new Book Club

The Villa Park Public Library is pleased to offer its new Active Adults Book Club at the Oakbrook Terrace Park District, located at 15325 Ardmore Ave. An upcoming session will be held from 10-11 a.m. Visit the library to check out copies of the discussion books. Titles will be available approximately one month before their discussion dates. Registration is not required. For more information including book titles, visit the library's website at vppli.info or call 630-834-1164.

Monday, March 9 Library hosting storytimes at Oakbrook Terrace Park District

The Villa Park Public Library will hold Rhythm & Rhyme at the Oakbrook Terrace Park District from 11:30 a.m.-noon. Young children exploring their world and their adults can enjoy stories, music and movement. Sessions will be held at 15325 Ardmore Ave. in Oakbrook Terrace. Registration is not required. Info: visit the library's website at www.vppli.info or call 630-834-1164.

Ongoing events Dog obedience classes

Villa Park Recreation offers puppy, basic and intermediate K-9 Good Manners dog obedience classes. Instructor Kim Orala brings many years of expe-

rience with her and the philosophy that man's best friend will learn without being harsh. Therefore, dogs attending her classes cannot wear metal or chain collars but instead must wear flat snap or buckle collars. Instruction for basic and intermediate classes, for dogs ages 5 months and older, will include sit, down, stay, come when called and walking on a leash. Additional instruction will help to redirect inappropriate behavior such as jumping, nipping, mouthing and barking and how to deal with adolescent behavior. Puppy classes, for dogs ages 9 weeks-4½ months, include training given in the basic and intermediate classes plus walking on a leash, socialization between puppy and human, potty training and how to adjust to new surroundings. Proof of current vaccinations, including Bordetella, must be presented the first night of class. The 7-week classes are held at the Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood, with the next session starting Wednesday, Feb. 26. Basic and intermediate meets 6:30-7:30 p.m.; puppy, 7:30-8:30 p.m. The fee is \$98 resident/\$101 non-resident. Info: call 630-834-8525.

Fun classes for toddlers

Villa Park Parks and Recreation is offering classes for young children to keep them busy this winter.

Upcoming classes include Science Explorers, Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Feb. 26-March 25; Letter Time Fun, Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Feb. 25-March 24; and Exploring Toddler, Thursdays, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Feb. 20-March 19.

Info: visit invallepark.com or call 630-834-8970.

Villa Park Police to take part in Polar Plunge on Feb. 29

Donations benefit Special Olympics Illinois

Members of the Villa Park Police Department are participating in the 2020 Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge in Oak Brook on Saturday, Feb. 29.

Several members of the department will briefly plunge into frigid water—outdoors—at the Oak Brook Bath and Tennis Club in the middle of winter to raise money for Special Olympics Illinois. Donations will help to provide athletes with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to take part in Special Olympics programs.

For more information about the event, or to donate, visit plungeillinois.com. To contribute to the Villa Park Police Department's Polar Plunge team, visit ow.ly/HdRm50yfdx6.

Willowbrook student advances to IHSA individual events state final

Senior Chloe Devens of Willowbrook High School's speech team qualified for the upcoming IHSA individual events state final with her performance at Saturday's IHSA sectional at Wheaton Warrenville South High School. Devens placed third in the sectional's extemporaneous speaking category. The top three finishers in each category at the sectional advanced to the state final, which will take place this Friday and Saturday at the Peoria Civic Center. Devens qualified for the sectional with her third-place showing at the Glenbard West Regional on Feb. 8.



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Willowbrook orchestra director to appear on 'Family Feud' Feb. 25

Willowbrook High School orchestra director Jan Bobek (far right) and his four siblings will appear on the Feb. 25 broadcast of "Family Feud." The show will air at 5:30 p.m. on WPWR-TV, Channel 50. Pictured left to right are Jeffrey, Matt, Donna, "Family Feud" host Steve Harvey, Daniel and Jan. The family auditioned for the show after Bobek's brother Daniel saw an ad on Facebook for tryouts in Schaumburg. To stand out from the other families at the audition, and to highlight the family's musical talents and Polish heritage, the Bobeks played the "Family Feud" theme song on the violin, viola and bass, and wore traditional Polish Highlander clothing. The Bobeks filmed their episode in California in June 2018. Bobek said that while he is unable to share the outcome of the episode, appearing on the show is a memory and opportunity the family will always cherish.

Dance for Habitat for Humanity March 1 in Lombard

Lombard Villa Park Jazzercise and DuPage Habitat for Humanity have teamed up to raise funds for DuPage Habitat for Humanity Women Build Week. On Sunday, March 1, LVP Jazzercise will host a fundraiser class from 4:45-5:45 p.m. at its location in Eastgate Shopping Center, 837 S. Westmore-Meyers Road, Lombard. All are welcome to join in for a class filled with dance, strength training and lots of fun. Suggested donation \$10; cash or checks payable to DuPage Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity Women Builders have been picking up hammers and helping change lives for more than 25 years. In DuPage County, over 5,000 single female households live below the poverty level, including over 10,000 children. Building homes with DuPage Habitat is a concrete way to address the problem because it provides the opportunity to build strength, stability and self-reliance through affordable homeownership. Women Build week focuses on women helping women and families realize the American dream of homeownership. No construction experience needed! For more information regarding the Jazzercise Fundraiser or DuPage Habitat for Humanity Women Build Week May 2-9, contact Jean Marie Milligan at 630-646-0647.



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Naumovsky advances to state meet

Sophomore ties for third on uneven bars at sectional

Willowbrook sophomore Bella Naumovsky earned a berth in the IHSA state gymnastics meet by tying for third place on the uneven bars at last week's Glenbard South Sectional.

Naumovsky and Glenbard East sophomore Erin Donovan tied for third with their scores of 9.2.

The top five finishers in each sectional event automatically qualified for the state meet.

"I am so happy that I made it to state," said Naumovsky shortly after leaving the awards stand at the sectional. "This is a pretty big deal for me. I was really nervous the whole time, but it went well."

Naumovsky qualified for the Feb. 10 sectional at Glenbard South by winning a regional title on the uneven bars at the Lake Park Regional on Feb. 5. She also earned sectional berths on the balance beam and in floor exercises.

Naumovsky did not compete in the floor exercises at the sectional. She did participate on the balance beam, where she received a score of 8.6, good for 16th place.

Naumovsky stated that she scratched from the floor exercises at the sectional to focus on her routines on the uneven bars and the balance beam. She noted that she is still re-

covering from hip surgery, which she underwent about one year ago.

Naumovsky competed in club gymnastics up until this year. She joined the Willowbrook team this season. She competed in her first meet as a Warrior in January.

According to the IHSA's records, Naumovsky is the first Willowbrook girls gymnast to qualify for the state meet in 11 years. Jeni Scahill qualified for the 2009 state meet in the balance beam event.

"It's been a long time since a Willowbrook girl made it to the state meet," said Willowbrook coach Deanna Zuchowski. "We are excited to see Bella move on."

Willowbrook sophomore Tess Placek also competed at the sectional. She narrowly missed qualifying for the state meet on the vault. She placed seventh on the vault at the sectional, where she earned a score of 9.2. Placek also competed on the balance beam (7.55) and in the all-around competition (32.575) at the sectional.

"I couldn't be more impressed with how Bella and Tess have been working for the last couple of weeks," said Zuchowski. "They've really improved all season, and this was the culmination of all their hard work."



The photo above shows Naumovsky during her performance on the uneven bars. Naumovsky is the first Willowbrook girls gymnast to qualify for the state meet in 11 years. Jeni Scahill qualified for the 2009 state meet's balance beam competition.



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Willowbrook sophomore Bella Naumovsky (left) and Glenbard East sophomore Erin Donovan (right) are pictured on the awards stand at last week's girls gymnastics sectional at Glenbard South High School. Naumovsky and Donovan tied for third place on the uneven bars competition with their scores of 9.2. Both girls earned berths in this week's IHSA state meet in that event. The top five finishers in each sectional event qualified for the state meet.

Three Addison Trail wrestlers qualify for individual state meet

Willowbrook's Brockie is also headed to Champaign

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail wrestling team emerged from one of the toughest sectionals in the state—the Conant Sectional in Hoffman Estates—with three state qualifiers.

The Blazers will send junior John Asiruras, junior Jake Matthews and senior Nick Skamra to this week's IHSA Class 3A individual state meet in Champaign.

The top four finishers in each sectional weight level advanced to the individual state meet.

Matthews finished second at 152 pounds and now has a 26-6 overall record.

Skamra was third at 182 pounds. He won the third-place match via fall in 1:17 and improved to 35-12 overall.

Asiruras took fourth at 120 pounds. He lost via fall in the third-place match and brings a 33-10 mark to the state finals.

Willowbrook wrestling

Willowbrook junior Elijah Brockie won the 195-pound title at the Class 3A Conant Sectional on Saturday to punch his ticket to this week's IHSA Class 3A individual state meet in Champaign.

Brockie earned an 8-2 win in the sectional championship match to improve his season record to 38-8. Brockie won four matches at the sectional.

Willowbrook seniors John Peterson, Zach Seymore and Gabe Yu also competed at the Conant Sectional. Seymore, who competed in the 132-pound level, won his first match at the sectional with a first-period pin. He lost his next match before picking up a win with another first-period pin. Seymore's season ended when he lost his next

match. He completed the season with a 34-13 record.

Yu won his first two sectional matches in the 113-pound weight class.

He scored a first-period pin in his first match and won by major decision in his next match.

Yu then lost his next two matches. Yu finished the season with a 32-12 record.

Peterson, who competed in the 220-pound division, lost a pair of matches at the sectional. Peterson completed the season with a record of 29-15.

Addison Trail girls bowling

Addison Trail junior Araceli Olascoaga rolled a 1,038 series at Saturday's Hinsdale South Sectional. Olascoaga had high games of 193 and 178. Sophomore Sarah Soucie rolled an 864 series and had a high game of 177.

Neither of the two Blazers advanced to the IHSA state meet.

Makaylah Jones earns individual berth in state bowling meet Warriors seventh at Hinsdale South Sectional

The Willowbrook girls bowling team didn't earn a state-meet berth during Saturday's Hinsdale South Sectional, but senior Makaylah Jones qualified as an individual.

Jones will compete in the IHSA state meet, which begins this Friday at The Cherry Bowl in Rockford. She secured her state-meet berth by finishing among the top five individuals at the sectional who weren't members of qualifying teams.

The top four teams at the sectional advanced to the state meet's team competition. York won the Hinsdale South Sectional title with its total score of 5,630. Downers Grove South (5,528) placed second, while Metea Valley (5,291) finished third. Hinsdale South (5,286) turned in a fourth-place showing to earn a state-meet berth. Willowbrook (4,863) placed seventh in the 12-team sectional.

Twenty-four teams—the top four teams from each of the state's six sectionals—advanced to the team competition of the state meet.

Willowbrook qualified for the state meet in each of the previous two seasons by winning sectional titles. The Warriors won the Glenbard East Sectional in 2018. One year ago, Willowbrook won the Hinsdale South Sectional.

Jones led the Warriors in Saturday's sectional with her six-game score of 1,127. Jones rolled scores of 189, 177 and 155 in her first three games of the day. She bowled a 195 in her fourth game and a 168 in her fifth game. Jones saved her best sectional performance for her final game, when she delivered a 243 to lock up her individual state-meet berth.

Jones posted the seventh-best total score among all individuals at the sectional.

Jones will participate in the state meet for the third straight year. She was a major contributor to Willowbrook's 2018 and 2019 sectional-championship teams. She won individual regional championships during her sophomore and junior seasons. On Feb. 8, she won her third straight individual regional title when she posted the top six-game score—a 1,256—at the Metea Valley Regional.

The Warriors finished 18th after the first day's competition of the 2018 state meet. The team placed 17th after one day of the 2019 state meet. The top 12 teams after the first day of the state meet advance to the finals.

Jones noted after Saturday's sectional that she recently committed to attend Elmhurst College, where she will study nursing and continue her bowling career as a member of the Bluejays' women's team.

For senior Christina Pettinger and



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Senior Makaylah Jones of the Willowbrook girls bowling team will compete as an individual in this week's IHSA girls state bowling meet. Jones qualified for the state meet with her solid performance at Saturday's Hinsdale South Sectional. The top five bowlers at the sectional who weren't members of state-qualifying teams advanced to the state meet as individuals. Jones rolled a six-game sectional score of 1,127. She delivered her best game of the day—a 243—in her sixth and final game. Jones finished seventh among all individuals at the sectional. She was a key member of Willowbrook's state-qualifying teams during her sophomore and junior seasons. Willowbrook finished seventh in the team standings of Saturday's sectional and did not qualify for the state meet. The top four teams at the sectional advanced to the state meet's team competition. Willowbrook won sectional titles in 2018 and 2019. Jones won three straight individual regional titles. She claimed her third straight individual championship at a regional at the Metea Valley Regional on Feb. 8. Jones will attend Elmhurst College, where she will study nursing and compete on the Bluejays' women's bowling team.

senior Ashley DeLeon both bowled six games at the sectional for Willowbrook. Pettinger delivered a six-game total of 999, while DeLeon rolled a six-game score of 936 that included a 211 in her sixth game.

Senior Victoria Salazar and sophomores Taylor Balslew and Megan Beausoleil each bowled three games at the sectional for the Warriors. Senior Maddie Brown competed in two games, while sophomore Molly Williams bowled one game.

Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming team finishes third in WSC Gold Meet

Squad logs numerous all-conference finishes

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming coach Neil Wahlgren was thrilled with how his team performed at last weekend's West Suburban Conference Gold Division Meet hosted by Downers Grove South.

AT-Willowbrook placed third overall, and Wahlgren noted each swimmer turned in impressive times, as evidenced by the multitude of all-conference honors earned at the meet.

"The guys did a really good job and a lot of them dropped a lot of time," he said. "It was a fun meet overall. It's always nice to beat Hinsdale South or Downers Grove South in some of the events, especially when Hinsdale South tapers for this meet."

Downers Grove South won the conference title. Hinsdale was second.

"Overall, the guys were out there cheering for each other and were excited about the meet," said Wahlgren. "That makes a difference. They dropped a lot of time and looked good in the water."

In terms of all-conference performances at Downers South, Aidan Nichols (Willowbrook) was All-WSC Gold in the 200-yard medley relay, 50 freestyle, 200 freestyle relay and the breaststroke.

"Aidan looked really good in the breaststroke," said Wahlgren.

Sean Pienkos (Willowbrook) earned all-conference honors in the 500-yard freestyle, while Eric Hoda (Willowbrook) was an all-conference performer in the 200 and 400 freestyle relay.

"Sean dropped good time in the 500 freestyle and took third overall," Wahlgren pointed out.

Marco Chaidze (Addison Trail) was all-conference in all three AT-Willowbrook relays (medley, 200 and 400).

Conor Craddock (Addison Trail) earned all-conference honors in the medley and 400 relays, as well

as the backstroke, where the freshman finished third.

Michal Niemirski (Addison Trail) earned All-WSC Gold plaques in all three relays, while Matthew Burrows (Addison Trail) was all-conference in diving and Nick Mitchell (Addison Trail) earned the honor in the butterfly.

"Michal really impressed me at this meet," said Wahlgren.

Burrows presented an interesting case study for AT-Willowbrook. He did his diving during the meet and then returned for regular swimming duties.

"He's been diving for us all season," said Wahlgren. "He did a really good job of diving and completing 1 dives. It was tough because he had to dive during the meet and then come over and swim after diving."

AT-Willowbrook's frosh-soph team also joined in on the fun. The 200 freestyle relay won the WSC Gold title with Sam D'Alessandro, Scotty Fitzgerald, Chris Mitchell and Gerald Legaspi swimming that relay.

"The guys did a great job dropping time and finish their races," Wahlgren said. "It was fun to watch their improvements. I am excited to see everyone tapered in their fastest for sectionals. I know we are going to be ready for the sectional meet."

"The guys swam their best times of the season at the meet. It was cool to see what the 200 frosh-soph relay did. It shows the strength of our youth compared to other teams. All of our relays were exciting to watch."

In the classroom, four AT-Willowbrook swimmers were cited for their academic excellence. Earning All WSC Gold academic honors were Raymond Brisbois (Willowbrook), Hoda, Nichols and Chaidze.

AT-Willowbrook swims Saturday in the Lyons Township Sectional, where berths in the state meet will be on the line.

"We want to keep dropping time," said Wahlgren.

"We're looking for personal bests. I want to see these guys drop some amazing time at sectional. That will be the joy of the sectional meet—how much time can we drop? From the beginning of the year until now, this pretty much all we work for—this one meet. It all comes down to the sectional."

Carlson a consistent cog for Addison Trail boys basketball team

Senior ups the ante in scoring department this season

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The hoop has become a magnet for Addison Trail senior boys basketball standout A.J. Carlson.

"My all-around game has improved a lot," he said. "It's my dribble-drive game, mostly. Last year I was looked at as the shooter on the team. That was my role, the shooter. I have developed a better driving game, for sure. I enjoy getting to the rim. Being able to shoot it kind of opens up that part of my game. I would say I am pretty good at pulling up off the drive. It's a big part of my game, and definitely transitions and getting down the court."

Carlson, a 6-1 senior guard, opened plenty of eyes recently with a 43-point performance against District 88 neighbor Willowbrook (Addison Trail won the game 77-70).

"I only had 12 or 14 points coming out of the half, and then I hit like four 3s and a layup within two minutes that really put us ahead. The

opening minutes of the third quarter were huge. I came out and shot with confidence and helped our team."

The 43-point effort blew by his previous career high of 28 points, which he notched in the first game of this season against Aurora Central Catholic.

Carlson started playing the sport in seventh grade "but I never took it that serious," he said.

"I never took it that serious. It was more just for fun. I got into basketball kind of late. I am glad I did. It's fun. It's definitely one of the most fun sports I have played."

Carlson also plays football (WR-DB) and baseball (shortstop) at Addison Trail.

"If I had to pick between the three, I couldn't tell you. Whatever season it is, is my favorite," he said. "All three are fun to play. They keep me in shape, and I love to compete. I definitely couldn't give one up. I could have focused on two, but I couldn't stop playing on all three."

Carlson added being a three-sport student-athlete isn't a walk in the park.

"It's extremely difficult," he said. "I have been doing it since freshman

year. It's time management. I literally takes away from the social I can't work and have a job. It's management, really."

Carlson said he's looking playing football and/or baseball the college level.

"Maybe both," he said. "I haven't decided yet."

Carlson is looking to study in college.

"Probably physical education then maybe be a coach somehow," he said.

In his spare time, Carlson fishing or playing sports and games with his friends.

"I grew up fishing. My grandpa would take me when I was little."

Carlson also is proud of his improvement in the classroom.

"My freshman and sophomore year I didn't take my grades seriously. I was not focused on still young. I won't be 18 on June. I was young back then a listening and did not do so well in school. That held me back. I regret that. The past two years

See CARLSON, Pa

Warriors win one at the buzzer; lose one at the buzzer

Tumilty's free throws help pull out a one-point victory; Warriors then lose by one to Downers Grove South

The Willowbrook boys basketball team has played several down-to-the-wire games this season. The Warriors have won a few of their close games, and suffered heartbreaking losses in others.

Willowbrook experienced victory and defeat in a pair of one-point decisions last week in Villa Park. The Warriors edged Thornton Fractional South 61-60 on Friday night. One night later, the Warriors dropped a 70-69 West Suburban Gold Conference battle against Downers Grove South.

Saturday's loss to the Mustangs moved the Warriors to 11-17 overall and 3-7 in conference play.

Senior Sam Tumilty made two free throws with 2.8 seconds on the clock to help Willowbrook to the win in Friday's game. The Warriors trailed 60-59 when Tumilty went to the free-throw line. He made both shots to give his team the lead. Thornton Fractional South tried and missed a shot as time expired.

Senior Everett Stubblefield scored a team-leading 24 points for the Warriors in Friday's win. He made nine shots, including four from 3-point range. Tumilty, who connected on three 3-point shots, added 17 points. Junior Amaris Hughes scored nine points, while sophomore Sean Paige contributed six points and eight rebounds.

Willowbrook led the Rebels 20-12 after one quarter and 32-28 at halftime. Thornton Fractional South held a 46-45 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Hughes scored seven of his nine points during the fourth period. He made three baskets in the final quarter, including one shot from 3-point territory.

The Warriors battled back from a double-digit deficit to nearly win Saturday's conference game against Downers Grove South. The visiting Mustangs led Willowbrook 32-22 at halftime. The lead stood at 48-38 late in the third quarter, but Tumilty drained a pair of 3-point shots to drop Downers Grove South's lead to 48-44 by the end of the quarter.



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Senior Sam Tumilty (No. 5-above) of the Willowbrook boys basketball team made six 3-point shots and scored a season-high 31 points during Saturday's West Suburban Gold Conference home game against Downers Grove South. The visiting Mustangs beat Willowbrook 70-69 in Villa Park. Tumilty is pictured while making the first of his six 3-point shots against Downers Grove South. Senior Everett Stubblefield (No. 3-right) scored 18 points in Saturday's loss. Tumilty made a pair of free throws with 2.8 seconds left in Friday's non-conference game against Thornton Fractional South to help the Warriors to a 61-60 home win. Stubblefield scored 24 points in Friday's victory, while Tumilty added 17 points. Saturday's loss gave the Warriors an overall record of 11-17 and a conference mark of 3-7.

The Mustangs scored five points in the first 35 seconds of the fourth quarter to rebuild their lead to 53-44.



Downers Grove South held a 63-52 lead with about 4:30 left in the game. Tumilty scored a basket to cut the lead to 63-54 with about 4:15 to play. Hughes made a pair of free throws to cut the deficit to 63-56 with 3:24 left on the clock. Tumilty drained a 3-pointer to trim the Mustangs' lead to 64-59 with about 3:08 remaining.

Hughes sank a 3-point shot to reduce Downers Grove South's lead to 64-62 with 2:20 to play. Tumilty's corner 3-pointer tied the score at 65-65 with about two minutes to play.

The Warriors had a chance to take

the lead a few seconds later, but they missed a pair of free-throw attempts.

The Mustangs scored to take a 67-65 lead with about 50 seconds remaining. Stubblefield made two free throws to even the score at 67-67 with 46.6 seconds left.

Downers Grove South scored with about 25 seconds to play to take a 69-67 lead. Once again, Stubblefield made a pair of free throws to tie the game. His fifth and sixth free throws of the quarter pulled the Warriors into a 69-69 tie.

Downers Grove South went to

the foul line with 4.9 seconds on the clock. The Mustangs missed the first free throw but made the second shot to take a 70-69 lead.

Following a couple of time outs, Stubblefield received an inbound pass and drove the length of the floor. He launched a driving inside shot that would have won the game. It didn't drop.

"If he makes that, it's a different story," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins after Saturday's loss. "It seemed like we were a step slow, but we kept fighting, and it came down to the last possession. All I can ask for is that we have the opportunity at the end of the game."

Tumilty, who drained six of nine attempts from 3-point range, scored a season-high 31 points. Tumilty made 11 of 16 shots from the field and converted all three of his free-throw attempts. He made three 3-point shots during the third quarter and added two more long-range bombs in the fourth quarter.

"Sam did a good job of picking us up and keeping us going," said Perkins on Saturday. "He was carrying us tonight."

Stubblefield, who made eight of nine free-throw attempts during the game, provided 18 points. Paige contributed eight points and eight rebounds. Hughes scored seven points.

Perkins noted that the Warriors have lost a bunch of other close games at the buzzer this season. Those losses include a 51-50 conference home loss to Hinsdale South on Jan. 14, as well as two last-second losses at Hinsdale Central's holiday tournament in December.

"Our record is not an indication of what we are," said Perkins, whose team will open the IHSA Class 4A post-season on its own court. The Warriors are hosting a regional in March.

Willowbrook is finishing the conference season with this week's road games at Proviso East and Leyden. The Warriors will play a crossover game against a West Suburban Silver Conference opponent in Villa Park on Feb. 25.

• Carlson

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been getting pretty good grades."

The Blazers senior took time as well to thank longtime head coach Brendan Lyons.

"It's been super-fun playing for him," Carlson said. "I love coach Lyons. He has helped me with my game and has pushed me to the next level. He's a real good person. It's the same thing with coach (John) Daniels. He's helped me out as well."

As the basketball calendar approaches the end, Carlson feels Addison Trail has plenty left to show.

"Hopefully we can win some more games here and go into the playoffs and see what we can do," he said. "Anything is possible in the playoffs. If we end up playing a play-in game, it would be great to win that and then go on for a chance to compete for a regional title."

Fenton boys swimming team showing consistent progress

Bison preparing for Saturday's sectional meet

By Mike Miazga
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As the Fenton boys swimming team prepares for Saturday's Glenbrook North Sectional, where berths in the state meet will be on the line, Bison coach Dan Hennebry has plenty of evidence to point to that shows the progress his team has made this season.

Fenton went 2-5 in dual-meet competition, took second at the Illinois Math and Science Academy invitational and placed third at the Leyden invite. The Fenton

junior-varsity team won the IMSA invitational.

Hennebry was particularly pleased with the 200 medley relay team of Brendon Dal, Patryk Bartnik, Maciej Sporna and Kasper Widlo, which earned a third-place finish and a season-best time at the Upstate Eight Conference meet.

The 400 relay team of Sporna, Dal, Bartnik and Widlo logged a top-12 finish at the Buffalo Grove invitational. In doing so, that quartet dropped 8.7 seconds off its time.

Hennebry said key improvements have been made in the sprints with the likes of Widlo, Sporna, Alex Diaz, Nick Coker, Dante Aviles and Miguel Flores, as well as in the individual events, such as backstroke (Dal, Yael Monzalvo and Dan Roucka), breaststroke (Bartnik,

Michael Rogowski, Patrick Karbowski and Gabe Rodriguez) and butterfly (Sporna, John Hernandez and Joe Mazariegos).

Paul Sofineti, Logan Selck and Ryan Peterson have recently been focusing on the 500 freestyle.

"All three have made remarkable strides, dropping their times tens of seconds," Hennebry noted.

Sporna, Widlo and Bartnik are the team's captains this season.

"They continue to make an impact on the season because they work hard and have the ability to perform well in competition," Hennebry explained. "These young men serve as the team's guideposts for how to be a teammate and a leader by voice and by example."

Hennebry also likes the balance his swimmers have between the

pool and the classroom.

"These are nice young men who have balance in swimming and studies, and other activities, such as band and choir," he said.

Widlo, Bartnik, Sporna, Dal, Sofineti, Logan Selck, Diaz, Mazariegos and Peterson will lead Fenton's efforts at Glenbrook North Saturday.

"Our season has gone well," said Hennebry. "Assistant coach Sashko Tsintsev has done a fine job in both refining our swimmers' techniques, as well as pushing the swimmers appropriately to achieve their best."

"This was most recently demonstrated at the Upstate Eight Conference championship on the JV and varsity levels during which the team performed well with excellent times."

Warriors complete regular season with a loss at Lyons Township

Dasbach, Herron and Knudtson earn all-conference recognition

Willowbrook's girls basketball team finished its regular season with last week's 74-28 loss at Lyons Township in a crossover game between West Suburban Gold Conference and West Suburban Silver Con-

ference teams.

The Warriors ended the regular season with an overall record of 15-13.

Willowbrook finished second in the West Suburban Gold Conference with a 9-3 record. Lyons Township placed second to York in the West Suburban Silver Conference standings.

The Lions led the Warriors 23-5 through one quarter of the Feb. 11 game in La Grange. Lyons Township's lead grew to 37-10 by halftime.

The Lions made four shots from

3-point range in the first half. Lyons Township made five 3-point shots in the third quarter and added one more 3-pointer in the fourth quarter. The Lions' lead stood at 58-24 at the end of the third quarter.

Junior Annemarie Knudtson scored a team-high 12 points for the Warriors. Junior Stephanie Dasbach provided nine points and eight rebounds.

Senior K'Aliyha Herron of Willowbrook left the game after suffering an injury in the third quarter.

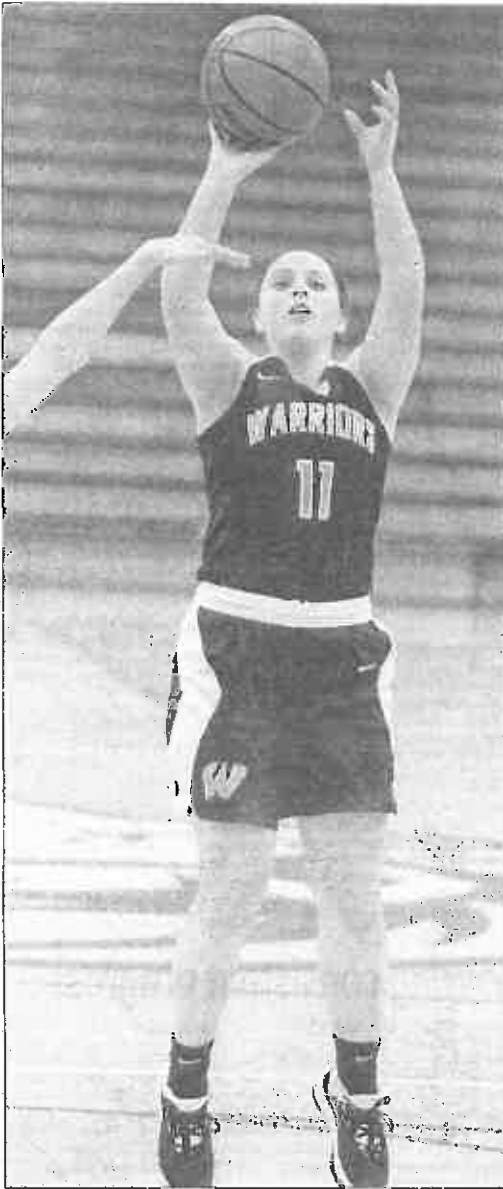
Dasbach, Herron and Knudtson were named to the West Suburban

Gold Conference's all-conference team. The three Warriors joined other members of the all-conference teams who were introduced during halftime of the Feb. 12 cross game between Proviso East (the S. champion) and York (the S. champion).

York edged Proviso East 51-4 that contest, which took place at disson Trail.

Willowbrook began post-season play at this week's IHSA Class Batavia Regional.

The Warriors faced Batavia regional semifinal.



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The Willowbrook girls basketball team wrapped up the regular season with a 74-28 loss at Lyons Township on Feb. 11. The Warriors closed out the regular season with an overall record of 15-13. The Warriors and Lions met in the West Suburban Conference crossover game between the second-place teams in the Gold and Silver divisions. Willowbrook finished second to Proviso East in the Gold standings, while Lyons Township finished second to York in the Silver level. Junior Annemarie Knudtson (No. 11) scored a team-leading 12 points for the Warriors in the regular-season finale. The Warriors began the IHSA Class 4A post-season earlier this week at the Batavia Regional.

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