

# District 88 braces for coronavirus

## A message from Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton

District 88 Schools, which provides a great deal of school news coverage for the Addison Independent and the Villa Park Review through its weekly newsletter, released an important message from DuPage High School District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton regarding coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The message was provided in lieu of this week's newsletter.

The regular District 88 Newsletter is scheduled to resume on Friday, March 20. Meanwhile, Helton, Superintendent

sued the following communication:

### Important update from District 88 regarding COVID-19 coronavirus

At District 88, the safety and well-being of students and staff is our No. 1 priority. We continue to carefully monitor developments regarding coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and are working with the DuPage Regional Office of Education, the DuPage County Health Department, the Illinois Department of Public Health and local officials and school district leaders to ensure the safest environment at our buildings. Please keep in mind the situation is rapidly evolving, and recommendations and amendments could be made at any time. As information be-

comes available, we will share updates at [dupage88.net/Coronavirus](http://dupage88.net/Coronavirus). This will be the official site for communication from District 88.

### About transitioning to an online E-learning environment

Based on the mandate given by Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker, along with our communications and coordination with the agencies mentioned above, District 88 will transition to an online E-learning environment to promote social distancing. March 16 will be an Institute Day for staff to prepare and will be a student non-attendance day. E-learning will begin on March 17 and will continue through March 27. Spring Break is still scheduled to take place from March 28 to April 5,

with an anticipated return to school on Monday, April 6.

As a result, the following measures will be implemented until further notice:

- All school-related activities and events are suspended.
- All international and domestic school trips are suspended.
- All field trips are suspended.
- All external rentals and community classes/activities are suspended.
- All District 88 facilities will be closed to the public.

District 88 will work to reschedule these events as best as possible.

Staff members will use March 16 as an Institute Day to prepare for E-learning, and E-learning is scheduled to take place from March 17 to 27. This will

allow us to provide continuation of learning during this time that meets the needs of all of our students and families. We will continue to focus on providing a high-quality learning environment that meets our mission of working for the continuous improvement of student achievement. For families who don't have Internet access at home, please contact your student's counselor, an administrator or a librarian, and we will help make arrangements.

For details, visit the District 88 website.

### Save The Date:

Please note by switching Institute Day from May 18 to March 16, May 18 will now be an attendance day for students. Please plan accordingly.

## Doctor offers tips on anxiety about coronavirus

Excessive anxiety can have a negative impact on all areas of life: our relationships, parenting, quality of life, even our immune system. Given the current circumstances, having good coping mechanisms in place is essential to our health and well being.

Everyone is talking about coronavirus (COVID-19) right now, and for



Dr. Aaron Weiner

good reason. The World Health Organization has declared the outbreak a pandemic, and while 80% of cases are mild and individuals under the age of 50 have a low mortality rate (0.2%), the mortality rate begins to rise for individuals older than 50 and is very significant for those over 80.

"Concerns about coronavirus are absolutely warranted, and it's essential that we ... follow the [official] recommendations to slow the progression of COVID-19," said Aaron Weiner, Ph.D., director of addiction services at Linden Oaks Behavior

Health, part of Edward-Elmhurst Health. "It's also critical that we ... make an intentional effort not to let our anxiety get the better of us."

Dr. Weiner offers the following suggestions (below is a partial list, the full list can be found at [theindependentnewspapers.com](http://theindependentnewspapers.com)):

- Limit the amount of time you spend reading about coronavirus news. It's very easy to look online repeatedly, hitting refresh to see if the case count of infected individuals has risen in the last day, or last hour. While it is important to stay

informed, remember that every time you expose yourself to disturbing news, you are stoking the fires of your own anxiety. "Choose one time per day to read about coronavirus news, and once you are updated, wait until tomorrow to check again," said Dr. Weiner. "If you find that coronavirus news is all over your social media, consider reducing your exposure there as well."

- Focus on what you can control to keep healthy. Let go of what you can't. You can significantly reduce the risk to yourself and your family

by following recommended guidelines from our healthcare institutions. Then rest easy, knowing you've done your part to keep your family safe.

- Take precautions, but don't go overboard. The CDC reports that preventative masks are most useful right now for containing germs if you're sick, but not for keeping germs out when you're in public. Also, people tend to touch their face more often when wearing a mask, which is associated with increased risk of con-

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# Area schools transition to online learning in the wake of pandemic

## School buildings closed to promote social distancing

By Chris Fox

VILLA PARK REVIEW STAFF REPORTER  
This was supposed to be a typical week at Willowbrook High School. Five days of classes, rehearsals for the spring play and a student council blood drive are some of the events on the school calendar for the week of March 16-20.

A few of Willowbrook's spring sports teams were planning to compete in their first events of the season this week.

This, of course, has not been a typical week. The COVID-19 pandemic led to the closing of all K-12 Illinois schools until at least March 30.

On Friday, March 13, Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced that all K-12 schools in Illinois, public and private, would be closed from March 17 through March 30. According to Pritzker, there are approximately 2 million K-12 students in the state.

Spring break week for the area's public schools is March 30 through April 3, so students and staff had already planned to be away from school that week.

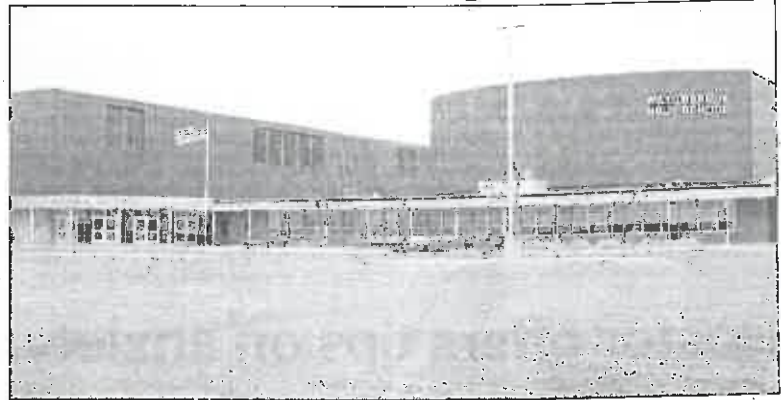
While Willowbrook's school building is closed this week and next week, the school year will continue with on-line instruction.

"District 88 will transition to an online E-learning environment to promote social distancing," said District 88 Superintendent Scott Helton in a statement on Friday.

Monday, March 16, was an institute day, with no attendance for students. Staff members went to school on Monday to prepare to implement the E-learning education.

"E-learning will begin on March 17, and will continue through March 27," added Helton, who oversees a district that includes Willowbrook High School and Addison Trail High School. Helton added that there is anticipated return to school on April 6.

Until then, all school-related activities at Willowbrook, including athletic events, are suspended. All international



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Willowbrook High School, like all other K-12 public and private schools in Illinois, is closed this week and next week because of the COVID-19 pandemic. All school-related activities and events at Willowbrook have been suspended until further notice. Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced on Friday, March 13, that all K-12 schools in the state would be closed from March 17 until at least March 30. Willowbrook and other area schools have their spring break during the week of March 30 to April 3, so the earliest that students from those schools will return to normal classes is Monday, April 6. Teachers from Willowbrook and Villa Park's public grade schools will provide online instruction to their students while the school buildings are closed.

and domestic school trips are suspended, as are all field trips. All external rentals and community classes and activities have also been postponed.

In late February, Helton noted that a group of District 88 students and staff members were scheduled to travel overseas during the week of spring break. That trip has been cancelled.

"We will continue to focus on providing a high-quality learning environment that meets our mission of working for the continuous improvement of student achievement," added Helton.

Julio Del Real, Willowbrook's director of deans, noted that all of the school's students have a portable computer.

"This is the first year [the 2019-20 school year] that every single one of our students has a laptop," said Del Real. "Our leadership team from the superintendent on down has been working very hard at trying to come

up with the best possible solution for something of this magnitude."

Students and teachers already use the Google Classroom web service. During the E-learning period, teachers are expected to post online assignments by 8:30 a.m. of each E-learning day. Students are expected to sign in—a form of reporting attendance—by 10 a.m. Teachers will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for students who have questions.

Willowbrook's Class of 2020 is scheduled to graduate on May 17.

"Willowbrook High School is not just a building! It is a community! A family!" stated Dan Krause, the school's principal, in a Twitter post on Sunday. "And we are Warriors! And we will be back together again soon!"

Some districts had decided to close before Pritzker's announcement.

"Early Thursday evening [March 12], Gov. J.B. Pritzker addressed the media regarding the rapidly evolving state of affairs as it relates to COVID-19," said Salt Creek District 48 Superintendent Jake Chung in a message to district parents and guardians made on Friday, before Pritzker announced all K-12 schools in Illinois would close.

"Although we do not have a confirmed case in Salt Creek District 48 at this time, the health and safety of our students and staff must remain our top priority," Chung added. "In light of the increased recommendations for social distancing that were shared by the governor, combined with the latest guidance from health and other government officials, we believe the most responsible action is to close all Salt Creek District 48 schools beginning on Monday, March 16, and we will remain closed until further notice."

Salt Creek District 48 includes Villa Park's Albright Middle School, as well

as Stella May Swartz School in Oakbrook Terrace.

Chung added in his statement to district parents and guardians that additional details about an E-learning option in the district would be communicated to them when available.

District 45, which includes three Villa Park schools—Jackson Middle School, Jefferson Middle School and North Elementary School—along with five Lombard schools, used Monday and Tuesday to finalize its E-learning preparations. The district planned to begin E-learning on Wednesday, March 18.

District 45 parents and students were permitted to visit their schools between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Monday, March 16, to pick up essential personal items.

"Currently, we are hopeful that classes will resume on April 6," noted statements from both District 45 and Salt Creek District 48. "Please know that this could change as the situation is fluid around our community and across Illinois."

District 45 and Salt Creek District 48 related that they are awaiting clarification from the Illinois State Board of Education regarding the use of emergency days in place of days missed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Like District 88 and Salt Creek District 48, District 45's spring break takes place the week of March 30 to April 3.

"I'd like to thank the entire district community for their continued support," said District 45 Superintendent Anthony Palmisano in a March 15 update. "I have been truly amazed by the generous offers extended to us by community members, parents, and staff members, along with many of our district's vendors. I'm reminded during these difficult times how truly blessed I am to be part of this community."

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equipment if needed.

"I want to recognize our healthcare partners and hospitals who continue to work around the clock to respond to this disease. As we enter the next phase of our response, it will be critical for us to work together to minimize the disruption to our social, economic, and healthcare environments."

## Governor shuts down bars, restaurants

On Sunday, Pritzker ordered all Illinois bars and dine-in restaurants to close because of the threat of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

The temporary closure began at the end of the business day Monday, March 16, and continues through Monday, March 30.

That includes St. Patrick's Day, to the distress of the owners of many establishments.

Delivery, drive-thru and curbside pick-up service will still be allowed.

Pritzker made the announcement during his daily update on COVID-19 in the state. He went on to say there are now 93 cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Illinois—that's 29 new cases since Saturday's announcement. Those cases include the two announced in Sangamon County Saturday night.

New counties impacted are Champaign, Clinton, Sangamon, Whiteside, and Winnebago counties. Other locations with cases include Chicago and Cook, Cumberland, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, St. Clair, and Woodford counties.



# Coronavirus fact sheet for businesses and employers

**Editor's note:** The following is from the DuPage County Health Department.

Coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19, is a serious public health threat.

Cases of COVID-19 have been diagnosed in the United States, primarily in travelers from affected countries and quarantined repatriates as well as close contacts of COVID-19 patients, with recent reports of community spread in several states.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has indi-

cated that as more and more states experience community spread of COVID-19, successful containment within our communities becomes more difficult.

Ultimately, we expect we will see ongoing, sustained community spread in the U.S. and in DuPage County, and we are preparing accordingly.

We would like to make you aware of important and timely measures to help keep our businesses and workplaces safe, open, and operational.

When sustained transmission in U.S. communities is identified, the

U.S. response strategy will enhance implementation of actions to slow spread in communities. Implementation of basic precautions of infection control and prevention, including staying home when ill and practicing respiratory and hand hygiene, will become increasingly important. These strategies are referred to as non-pharmaceutical interventions, or NPIs.

Non-pharmaceutical interventions can be disruptive and might have societal and economic impact on individual persons and communities.

## What businesses and employers can do

In the absence of presence of the virus in our community, there are steps that we would encourage you to take now, as well as actions that will prepare you, if/when the virus does begin circulating in our county.

CDC is recommending the use of the "Community Mitigation Guidelines to Prevent Pandemic Influenza — United States, 2017" (available at [www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/rr/r6601a1.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/rr/r6601a1.htm)). This document looked at what can be done at the individual and community level during a pandemic when a vaccine or proven medical treatment for the disease are not available. This document provides a framework for our national and local response strategy.

Drawing from these guidelines, CDC has developed this business-specific guidance document, "Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), February 2020" (available at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specificgroups/guidance-business-response.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specificgroups/guidance-business-response.html)).

At this time, we encourage all businesses and employers to assure that key prevention strategies are included in your emergency operations plan, and that you are promoting the use of the following:

- Actively encourage sick employees to stay home;
- Separate sick employees;
- Emphasize staying home when sick, respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene by all employees;
- Perform routine environmental cleaning;
- Advise employees before traveling to take certain steps.

The above items as well as consideration of planning for outbreak prevention and response, including emergency communication strategies, are covered in this CDC guidance. All employers need to consider how best to decrease the spread of acute respiratory illness and lower the impact of COVID-19 in their workplace in the event of an outbreak in the U.S. For questions regarding work-related or personal travel considerations, CDC's information and updates about COVID-19 for travelers is available at: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html).

At this time, most people in the United States have little immedi-

ate risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19. However, some people are worried about the disease. Fear and anxiety can lead to social stigma towards Chinese or other Asian Americans.

DCHD emphasizes the importance of preventing stigma and bullying by protecting dignity and privacy, and treating people with respect, fairness, and compassion. To prevent stigma and discrimination in the workplace and in our community, do not make determinations of risk based on race or country of origin. CDC information and resources on stigma prevention are available at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/relatedstigma.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/relatedstigma.html).

DuPage County residents with concerns about exposure or specific symptoms are encouraged to call the DCHD Communicable Disease and Epidemiology (CDE) program at (630) 221-7553 (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or (630) 682-7400 after hours, so specific situations may be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Additionally, for anyone feeling emotional distress or in need of emotional support, the DCHD Crisis Hotline (630) 627-1700 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Importantly, however, studies have shown that early layered implementation of these interventions can reduce the community spread and impact of infectious pathogens such as pandemic influenza, even when specific pharmaceutical treatments and vaccines are not available.

These measures might be criti-

cal to avert widespread COVID transmission in U.S. communities. There are three categories of NPIs:

- Personal NPIs which include personal protective measures that can take every day to keep from getting sick, like staying home when you are sick, covering your coughs and sneezes, and washing hands often with soap and water;
- Community NPIs which include social distancing measures designed to keep people who are sick away from others as well as school closures and dismissals;
- Environmental NPIs which include surface cleaning measures that remove germs from frequently touched surfaces and objects.

Similar to the federal efforts outlined, the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) will maintain a dual approach where continue measures to contain the disease but also employ strategies to minimize the anticipated impact on our communities. Non-pharmaceutical interventions will be the most important tools in our response to this virus.

These interventions may vary by the community level depending on local conditions.

What is appropriate for one community or workplace seeing transmission won't necessarily be appropriate for a community or workplace where no local transmission has occurred. This parallel proactive approach of containment and mitigation will delay the emergence of community spread while simultaneously reducing its ultimate impact.



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## District 88's Best

Willowbrook senior Jack Carey (left) was named his school's February recipient of the 88's Best award. Carey, who is pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (right), was recognized during the District 88 Board of Education meeting on Feb. 24. The district's board and administration created the 88's Best award to honor students for their achievements in and out of the classroom. Carey has consistently pursued the most rigorous courses available at Willowbrook. When he graduates, he will have completed eight Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses, as well as several honors and dual-credit courses. Carey has been named to the school's honor roll in each semester of his time at Willowbrook. He is an Inductee of the National Honor Society, the World Language Honor Society, the National English Honor Society and Willowbrook's social studies honor society—Civitas. Carey is a member of the boys volleyball team, as well as the student council. Outside of Willowbrook, Carey serves as an intern for State Rep. Deb Conroy, and has led an anti-vaping campaign focused on direct messaging to youth. His anti-vaping efforts led him to testify to the Illinois State Legislature in Springfield. Carey is also a lifeguard and a swim instructor. Carey will attend Northern Arizona University. He plans to pursue a law degree and a career as a juvenile judge.



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## Stocking up

This shopper at an area Jewel store stocks up on items, including a large package of paper towels, Sunday night. Toilet paper, paper towels, hand sanitizers and disinfectants have been flying off store shelves, leaving these items in short supply.

# SPORTS

MARCH 19, 2020

## As pandemic sidelines high school sports, athletes wait to play

STAFF REPORT

The high school spring sports season—the busiest season of the school year—is on hold.

Several high school teams were preparing to compete in their season openers this week and next week, but all of those events have been suspended because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some of the state's winter programs weren't able to finish their seasons. On Thursday, March 12, the IHSA announced it had canceled its remaining winter post-season tournaments, including the state's boys basketball events.

Naperville Central, which beat Glenbard East in a March 11 semifinal game at the Class 4A Addison Trail Sectional, was supposed to play Lake Park in Friday's sectional final. In the IHSA's Class 2A level of boys basketball, Elmhurst's Timothy Christian advanced to the state semifinals in Peoria. The Trojans were supposed to face Sacred Heart-Griffin of Springfield in Friday's semifinal matchup in Peoria.

On Friday, March 13, Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced that all K-12 schools in Illinois would be closed until at least March 30.

Willowbrook, Glenbard East and Montini will all have their spring break during the week of March 30 to April 3. The earliest that regular classes will resume at the three schools is Monday, April 6.

All school-related activities and events, including athletic practices and competitions, have been postponed during the time the area's high schools are closed to regular classes.

The Willowbrook and Glenbard East girls soccer teams were both supposed to begin their seasons with separate March 17 matches in the 32-team Windy City Classic. That tournament, which was supposed to run until March 26, has been cancelled.

Both Willowbrook and Glenbard East held their first practices of the season on March 2. Each team held its last practice before the suspension on Thursday, March 12.

"We didn't know for sure that it was our last practice, but with all the communication coming from the district [Glenbard District 87] about e-learning and from Gov. Pritzker, we were pretty sure it would be our last," said Glenbard East coach Kent Overbey. "We made sure the players had a good one."

Overbey said that the Rams are scheduled to play a match against West Chicago on April 6—the possible date that regular classes will resume. It's unlikely that match will take place on that day, as teams would not want to play a match after not practicing for over three weeks.

"The main thing we tried to communicate with the team was that this

is an awful situation, and that we all just need to stay ready for the opportunity to perform, whenever that happens," added Overbey when asked what he told the team's players about the extraordinary suspension. "It was sort of surreal because none of us has ever gone through it before. We made sure the team knew that we appreciated their hard work and their dedication, and that we would have a fitness routine for them that they could do at home to stay in shape. The hardest part was the seniors."

Willowbrook girls soccer coach Julio Del Real, who is the school's director of deans, was also thinking about his team's seniors as he discussed the suspension of the season.

"The ones I feel worst for are all of my seniors," said Del Real. "I feel bad for everybody, but the seniors are the ones who come to mind. I am hoping and praying that we will get something going, to get these young ladies what they deserve, which is at least some of the season, and the opportunity to go out on their terms."

While Overbey sensed that the March 12 practice would be the Rams' last practice for awhile, Del Real and the Warriors were expecting to have a practice on March 13.

"We were ready to go on Friday [March 13], but we were told to stop," said Del Real, who sent a group message to his players at about 2 p.m. on Friday to notify them the practice had been cancelled. He later informed the team that the season had been suspended.

"This is one of the most difficult things I've had to go through as a coach," added Del Real, who has been coaching for about 30 years. "You are preparing with the kids, putting the time in. To suddenly stop like this—we accept it, but it still feels horrible."

Del Real and other coaches and athletic directors warned their athletes not to practice or compete with their non-school club or travel teams while the spring season is suspended. If they do participate with their club or travel teams during that time, they will be ineligible to play for their high school teams when the suspension is lifted.

The Glenbard East boys volleyball team was supposed to begin its season with a March 24 match against Willowbrook. The Rams held their tryouts and first practices last week.

"We got tryouts done and barely got teams picked," said Glenbard East coach Marci Maier. "We had practice on Wednesday and Thursday before we were sent home on Friday. We were very excited after Thursday's practice. The boys were working hard."

Maier and her coaching staff gave the program's players some work-outs to do at home with little or no

equipment to stay in shape during the suspension.

"I hope everyone stays safe and healthy through this difficult situation," Maier added.

### Addison Trail and Fenton

Addison Trail athletic director Matt Thompson was told of activity hiatus plans ahead of Pritzker's announcement last Friday.

Fenton athletic director Todd Becker said late last Friday that as of now, all of the Bensenville school's activities, practices and games are cancelled until April 6.

At Addison Trail, baseball coach Mike Kennedy had some tough conversations with his players.

"It's unfortunate to have those types of conversations with the kids," he said. "I feel bad for our seniors. We don't play a lot of games during this time, but that's not how you want to start your senior year. That being said, you 100 percent have to go on the side of caution. It's nice that we are being proactive instead of reactive. The best-case scenario is nobody gets the virus and everything works out well. We have to be safe under

these kind of circumstances."

Kennedy said his team will miss at least eight games using April 4 (a Saturday) as a possible return barometer.

He said his staff had a feeling last Thursday that an announcement such as this was coming. That greatly altered that day's practice plan.

"We had one last practice Thursday," he said. "I walked out to the field. I knew it was coming. I took out three new pearls and threw them out there and told the kids to go play and pick teams. I sat back and watched them play and have fun. We weren't going to do drill work. Let them go play. It could be weeks before they have a chance to do it again."

"The tough part was getting them off the field. It was very reminiscent of a sandlot game. It was fun and it was fun to watch. There was no coaching going on. I was a spectator and watched. It's what I get to hold onto for three weeks, seeing those guys enjoying baseball in its purest form."

Kennedy noted Addison Trail had been outdoors five times for practice prior to the suspension notice.

"It was great and awesome," he

said. "Our field was ready to the third day of practice. We had talking to Glenbard East about ing up our season opener to w er day looked the best (this ' That's not going to happen."

Kennedy said the key will be happens when school and act are given the high sign to resun

"When we get out of hiatus are we going to respond to he asked. "That's the questic ery team in the state has to a Do we come back and hit the g running? Some pitchers will no done any organized baseball i or three weeks and then have t right into games. How are you to adapt and how will things res?"

"You have to be prepared ar have to be ready. The teams if the most prepared and disci will be the most successful. Wt a good handle on that stuff. Y ways shoot to improve and be than before, and that, of course, goal."

Staff reporter Chris Fox and respondent Mike Miazga contr to this report.



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## All-conference Warriors

Three members of the Willowbrook girls basketball team—senior K'Allyha Herron, junior Stephanie Dasbach and junior Annemarie Knudtson—were named to the West Suburban Gold Conference's all-conference team for the 2019-20 season. The Warriors posted a conference record 9-3 during the recently concluded season. They finished second to Proviso East in the conference standings. Willowbrook completed the season with an overall record of 15-14. Herron (No. 15-abc left) set a new program record for steals in a season. She made 150 steals during the 2019-20 campaign. Herron finished her Willowbrook career with a program-leading 253 steals. Dasbach (13-abc above middle) posted double-double outputs (with double figures in scoring and rebounding) in 22 of the team's 29 games. She delivered a double-double effort in Willowbrook's last game the season—a 69-63 overtime loss to Batavia at the IHSA Class 4A Batavia Regional. Dasbach tallied 17 points and 18 rebounds in that contest. Knudtson (No. 11-abc right) delivered one of the top games of the season in the same game. She sank three shots from 3-point range in the fourth quarter to help send the game to overtime. Knudtson scored a team-leading 18 points in the season finale. She made four 3-point baskets and handed out six assists.

## Addison Trail baseball team looking to take the next step

**Carlson, Conrad and Lollino are key pieces back for Blazers**

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

Senior standouts are never a bad thing to have on a baseball roster.

And the Addison Trail baseball team has several of those heading into the now-delayed 2020 season.

Back for the Blazers are senior three-year varsity player AJ Carlson (middle infielder/outfielder), along with classmates Alex Conrad (pitcher) and Jonathan Lollino (catcher).

"AJ is a three-year varsity guy at the top of the order, Alex is our one starting pitcher coming back and Jonathan did an outstanding job behind the plate for us last year," coach Mike Kennedy noted. "He should be a strong force for us back there this year."

Addison Trail is coming off a 2019

season where it went 12-17 overall and 7-11 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action.

The Blazers also will receive contributions from seniors Hesseley Gonzalez (third baseman/first baseman/catcher) and Sam Conforti (third baseman/first baseman/pitcher), juniors Mario Perri (infielder), Victor Gutierrez (utility), Brian Jensen (designated hitter/catcher) and Dino DiGrazia (first baseman), and sophomore Anthony Biancalana (outfielder/left-handed pitcher). Kennedy said Jensen brings a big bat to the lineup, while Biancalana and Conforti (reliever) will help on the mound.

Kennedy said Addison Trail will get it done with the glove this spring. "We should be pretty solid on the defensive side," he said.

Attention to detail has been a key point stressed thus far. "We are really stressing running the bases and being aggressive on the bases," said Kennedy. "Being smart will help us win

games. Our intelligence and being baseball guys will help us win."

Addison Trail will benefit from Carlson's continued presence at the top of the order. He hit around .350 last year, Kennedy noted. "AJ getting on base is going to be crucial," Kennedy said. "We are going to have to be smart and hopefully we can create some good opportunities for hitters to get good pitches. If we are aggressive, then we can get fastballs and when we get fastballs we have to jump on them."

"Our philosophy is get your pitch and hit it. We don't return a lot of experience right now doesn't mean we aren't good. It means we haven't really been tested yet. We have strong guys and guys who can hit the ball hard. We'll see that eventually this spring."

Conrad gives Addison Trail an experienced starter on the mound.

"Alex has worked a lot on sec-

ondary pitches and hitting his spots, getting ahead early in the count and keeping the defense on its toes by getting guys out," said Kennedy. "We don't have anybody who will get up there and blow the ball by anybody. We have to change speeds, hit spots and play defense."

"If we do that and throw strikes and change speeds and play defense, you will be in a lot of games. They know they have to do that to be in baseball games. Our focus right now is to throw strikes and play defense behind our pitchers."

Kennedy said Downers Grove South and Willowbrook are teams to watch in the WSC Gold.

"Downers Grove South is coming back and they are pretty loaded," he said. "Year in and year out they seem to be the team to beat and this team is no different. They have the most experience coming back. The last few years, Willowbrook has always been tough and they are coming off

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—Mike Kennedy, coach

winning the conference.

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## Fenton boys basketball team celebrates record-tying season

**Bison equal school record for wins with 21**

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton boys basketball team's season was one for the record books.

Coach Chaz Taft's squad finished 21-12 overall and went 11-7 in Upstate Eight Conference action in its first year in the league.

More importantly, the 21 wins ties the program single-season record, equalling that of the 1975-1976 team.

"We did great," said Taft. "Our seniors and everybody else on the team all came together. It was really good

to see. They weren't just teammates. They were friends off the floor. They hung out a lot together and did a lot of team bonding stuff throughout the season. Them coming together as a group was a big part of their success."

Fenton reached a Class 3A regional championship game where it lost to St. Viator.

Andre Reed and Diamon King were named to the all-Upstate Eight Conference team. Taft noted both players averaged 15 points per game with King also averaging eight rebounds a contest. Reed sank 102 three-pointers, which equates to

nearly four made per game.

"Both of them are looking at Division III colleges," said Taft. "Once everything settles down here (with the coronavirus), they will start looking at numerous schools in the area."

Taft also lauded the play of senior point guard Jose Alvarez.

"He led us the whole way," he said. "He broke the single-season record for assists and broke the career record for assists. He was our main guy who handled the ball every time and got us into our stuff. He handled pressure and got the ball to the guys who needed it. He was great all year."

Taft is pleased with how Fenton

handled itself in its first year in the UEC.

"We had 11 wins and that was a great first year," he said.

Fenton also enjoyed success at the lower levels this season. The sophomore team went 16-12, while the freshman A group was 20-9 and the freshman B team was 16-6. Add it all up and Fenton's boys basketball teams went 73-39.

"Our lower levels were successful," Taft said. "That was great to see."

Fenton will graduate seven seniors from the team. That list includes Reed, King, Alvarez, Bobby Kozy,

Alex Kopec, Ivan Sosa and Detwan Yoakum. "We are happy for the seniors and happy that they kept making progress every year," said Taft.

Taft said the program is night and day now from when he took it over several years ago.

"The attitude around school has changed and the number of people at games are packed now. Games are packed," he said. "This senior class of kids for four years they never rooted for a winner. And now it's just the kids who come to the games and the crowds we have. They are rooting for a 20-game winner. It's huge for our community and our school."

## Fenton softball team looking to build upon success

**Five all-conference players return for Bison**

By Mike Miazga  
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton softball team is hoping to keep the strong momentum it built last season going at full tilt this spring.

Coach Dave Mello's group went 23-13 a year ago and won the Metro Suburban Conference Red Division title with an 8-2 mark in its last season in that league. The Bison lost in a regional title game to Evanston.

Mello has plenty of reason to believe that momentum will keep growing with five all-conference performers returning, plus many more. Back are all-MSC Red selections Alyssa Texta (senior catcher), Gianna Saldana (senior third baseman), Ashley Milano (senior left fielder), Cynthia Ibarra (junior pitcher/shortstop) and Clairia Panos (junior pitcher, shortstop). Also back are seniors Joni Lucas (first base) and Gianna Mendoza (pitcher), as well as juniors Madison Spencer (center fielder) and Ashley Mitchell (pitcher-catcher), along with sophomore Ximena Ban-

uelos (catcher/utility).

Juniors Grace Mundelius, Alexis Mendoza, Alyssa Russo and Briana Contreras also are back. They played on the JV team last year, but played in a good number of varsity games as well as sophomores.

Key newcomers include freshmen Kaitlyn Hoffer (middle infielder) and Daniella Trentadue (pitcher/third baseman).

"It's early, but the strength of this team so far is how close the team is already," Mello said. "Last week they had an early release day and the girls organized a team lunch that none of the coaches even knew about until after. At practice, they all really enjoy being around each other. I think they are going to come back even closer after this break because they will realize just how much they missed being together."

Mello said he will have plenty of options at the plate this season. "We are able to do a little bit of everything offensively," he said. "We have girls who can hit for average, girls who can hit for power, girls who can slap and girls who can steal. We feel really good about our offense."

Mello noted defensively, the Bison should be solid.

"Prior to this break, we were get-

ting a lot of defensive work in and you could see the improvement each day," he said. "We had been outside four times already and were ready to go."

Mello also likes where Fenton sits in the pitching department.

"Our pitching situation is really good," he said. "We have five girls who we plan to rotate in the circle. Gianna is the oldest of the five. We have three juniors in Cynthia, Ashley and Clairia who are joined by Daniella, a freshman. Our early season plan is to use them all and see where we are after about a month of games."

Fenton will play its first season in the Upstate Eight Conference this spring.

"The UEC is going to be a great challenge for us," said Mello. "Glenbard South is always really good. Bartlett has a very good team returning and adds a really good freshman pitcher. South Elgin is really good and has talent all over the field."

Mello said the team has high hopes for the season.

"As a coaching staff we feel we have the girls to put together a special season," he said. "Last season was very successful and we lost some key players. However, we have looked even better this season. We are sure

it may take some time to get rolling again once we get back together, but knowing how driven this team is will certainly help us. It was very difficult

(last week) when they found out we were being sent home. However, we know they will return ready to go whenever we are allowed to."

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York senior guard Nate Shockey (10) averaged 21 points, five rebounds, three assists and three steals in leading the Dukes to the West Suburban Silver championship.

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## BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

# 'I didn't like to lose and I still don't'

Nate Shockey's burning competitiveness and next-level talent fueled 28-5 York

By BOB NARANG  
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At times, York senior guard Nate Shockey's burning competitive desire can get the best of him. Or lead to a few odd comments or glares from opponents.

York coach Vince Doran first noticed Shockey's intensity level when Shockey was in eighth grade.

Besides physical talents on the hardwood, Doran said Shockey possessed a knack to attract a different form of attention.

"He was a pain in the rear end as an eighth-grader," Doran said, laughing. "I remember our high school basketball team that had an opponent that had

ers from last season's program-best 29-win team, Shockey averaged 21 points, five rebounds, three steals and three assists this season.

Led by Shockey, the Dukes (28-5) finished just one win shy of equaling last season's historic record, despite their star player missing the final five regular-season games with mononucleosis.

Doran said Shockey, a North Dakota recruit, deserves to be considered among the all-time best to put on a York uniform for a program that dates to the 1920-21 season.

"We were just glad Nate was able to come back and play," Doran said. "It's tough when you sit out for that long. He was amazing all year long. He led us in scoring, rebounding and steals. In my opinion, he definitely goes down as one of the best basketball players in York history."

Shockey burst onto the local hoops scene early in his junior season, when he started showing

## Suburban Life Media All-Area Boys Basketball Team

■ **COLIN CROTHERS, BENET, SENIOR:** Johns Hopkins commit and four-year varsity starter was top player for 23-9 sectional semifinalist. Strong post player averaged 14.8 points, 8.2 rebounds and shot 63% from the field.

■ **BILLY DURKIN, HINSDALE SOUTH, SENIOR:** Lewis recruit led 30-3 Hornets to best season in school history, the West Suburban Gold championship and a sectional semifinal. Three-year varsity player averaged 14 points, five rebounds and four assists, and made 57.3-pointers at a 30% rate.

■ **DARON HALL, GLENBARD EAST, SENIOR:** Upstate Eight Conference Player of the Year led 22-10 Rams to first regional championship since 2013. Hall scored 31 points in regional semifinal and 41 in regional final, both overtime wins, with game-winning shot in final. On season, Hall averaged 21.5 points, five rebounds, 2.6 assists and two steals, and made 72.3-pointers at a 40% rate.

■ **BRUCE HOPKINS, FENWICK, JUNIOR:** Louisville recruit and Chicago Catholic League's Player of the Year averaged 24.1 points, 10 rebounds and 3.5 assists for 27-7 sectional finalist. Broke Corey Maggette's single-season program scoring record with 795 points, with 11 games of 30 or more points.

■ **BRANDON MALONE, GLENBARD SOUTH, SENIOR:** Transfer from St. Joseph led Raiders to Upstate Eight Conference title, program's first conference championship since 2009. Was at his best in biggest games, with 18 points in conference-clinching win over East Aurora, 19 in comeback win at Bartlett and a career-high 27 in Raiders' third win over Glenbard East.

■ **GRANT NIEGO, LYONS, SENIOR:** Continuing a stellar family basketball tradition, senior guard averaged 19.5 points, five rebounds, three assists and two steals. Niego scored 30-plus points multiple times, including 32 versus Rolling Meadows and 31 in regional semifinal win over Proviso East. Also a tremendous defender.

■ **ROBERT NOCEK, ST. FRANCIS, SENIOR:** Spartans power forward led St. Francis to 20 wins and regional championship. The 6-foot-4 Nocek averaged team-high 14.8 points and 8.4 rebounds, and shot 64.3% from the floor.

■ **MATT OWENS, TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN, SENIOR:** Senior guard led Trojans to first state appearance in 40 years. Owens averaged 12.2 points, 4.6 assists and 3.3 rebounds. Class 2A second-team All-State.

■ **MANNY RODRIGUEZ, MORTON, SENIOR:** Tremendous shooter led Mustangs to 23-9 record and first regional title since 2015. Rodriguez was averaging 17 points going into playoffs. Rodriguez scored 25 points and hit seven 3-pointers in Proviso West Tournament championship game, and made half-court buzzer-beater to beat Hillcrest in the

# Previewing area baseball teams

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The high school baseball season is on hold for now, but that won't stop us from taking a look at what teams will look like. Here is a preview of area teams.

## Glenbard East Rams

COACH: Joel Pelland  
2019 RECORD: 23-13

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Jason Cousineau	Jr.	1B/P
Joe Hamilton	Jr.	SS

**Outlook:** The Rams are thin on the pitching staff after heavy graduation losses. Hamilton is one of the area's leading returning hitters. The junior shortstop batted .424 with 32 RBIs to lead a junior-dominated roster. The Rams will miss the production and leadership of graduated catcher Bret Bushka, who batted .451 with 33 RBIs and scored 37 runs last season.

## Glenbard South Raiders

COACH: Marco Eufrazio  
2019 RECORD: 25-14

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Jacob Cyrus	sr.	OF/P
Michael Nathe	sr.	OF/P
Ty Klayum	Jr.	P
Nicholas Villa	Jr.	P

**Outlook:** The Raiders are coming off a strong summer series, and they could be in the race for the Upstate Eight Conference title. Cyrus is one of the leading returnees, batting .383 with 37 RBIs and earning an 8-2 record with

Zach Raes  
Gavin Hepner

Jr.  
Sr.

IF  
IF

**Outlook:** The Hilltoppers suffered heavy graduation losses, especially to their pitching staff. But they return all-conference shortstop Hepner, though they must rely on several newcomers at key positions.

## IC Catholic Knights

COACH: Frank DeAngelis  
2019 RECORD: 14-19

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Kevin Cooke	sr.	SS/P
Dave Sykora	Jr.	OF/P
Tommy Ryan	sr.	IF/P
Nick Kozerski	so.	IF/P
Chris Vittek	sr.	IF/OF
Andrew Zwolsinski	sr.	OF/P
Michael Hilgart	Jr.	C/P
Joseph Cousineau	Jr.	C/IF
Brennan Fisher	sr.	1B/OF
Jack Ryan	sr.	OF
Will Cooke	Jr.	3B/OF

**Outlook:** The Knights are motivated to atone for last season's early playoff loss in the regionals. Behind a group of 13 seniors and a 25-player roster, the Knights should be in the running for the Metro Suburban Conference title.

## Montini Broncos

COACH: Rich Janor  
2019 RECORD: 23-11

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Michael Koszewski	sr.	CF/P
Kate Kremkow	sr.	OF/2B
Anthony Harris	Jr.	OF
Estimote Manna	sr.	SS

## Timothy Christian Trojans

COACH: Brian Whartnaby  
2019 RECORD: 5-21

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Harrison Stanton	sr.	IF/OF
Ethan Roemmich	sr.	OF/P
Bea Brady	sr.	OF/P
Ben Jones	Jr.	SS/P
Fletcher Roemmich	so.	IF
Donald Teber	fr.	C/P
Ethan Munk	fr.	IF/C

**Outlook:** Senior Ethan Roemmich, a returning all-conference performer, is the leader among the returnees. Stanton is slated to be a key contributor after an injury sidelined him last year. "The strength of our team is leadership, work ethic, our infield and hitting," Whartnaby said. "We'll be young, but our upperclassmen are solid leaders and have a lot of experience. Ethan should be a leader on the mound and at the plate."

## Wheaton Academy Warriors

COACH: Justin Swider  
2019 RECORD: 17-14

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Luke Roman	sr.	IF/P
Shane Baumgartner	Jr.	IF/P
Josh Cosme	Jr.	C/IF
Marcus Bult	sr.	1B/P
Wilber Reyes DelGado	Jr.	IF
Tyler Stermatz	sr.	OF/P
Joe Schaffer	sr.	OF/P
Andy Roman	fr.	IF

**Outlook:** Roman, an Indiana Wesleyan recruit, is one of the anchors on the team along with junior Baumgartner.

pitcher, is one of the best players in the state. The Iowa recruit was named the DuKane Conference Player of the Year in 2019 after batting .451 with seven home runs and 29 RBIs to go with a 3-0 record with 33 strikeouts in 83 1/3 innings.

## Wheaton Warrenville South Tigers

COACH: John Scherman  
2019 RECORD: 15-14-1

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Aiden Monce	sr.	1B/P
Phil Oddo	sr.	OF/P
Ray Nepras	sr.	SS/P

**Outlook:** The Tigers lost significant talent and experience from last season. The good news is Nepras established himself as a quality top-of-the-rotation pitcher after compiling a 7-1 record with a 2.14 ERA last season.

## Willowbrook Warriors

COACH: Vic Wisner  
2019 RECORD: 24-7

### TOP PLAYERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.
Sam Tumilty	sr.	SS/OF
Anthony Yarnotti	sr.	OF
Nelson Melon	sr.	OF
Bennett Fleming	so.	C
Isaac Sobieszczyk	fr.	IF
Max Vaisavla	so.	P

**Outlook:** The Warriors return three starters from last season's highly successful team, highlighted by three-sport star Tumilty.

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## Athletes, coaches wait to play ball

*Pandemic brings much of life, including high school sports, to a standstill*

### STAFF REPORT

Like every other high school softball coach in the area, Willowbrook coach Rachel Karos is used to unpredictable schedules.

When your softball season begins in Chicago and in March, you expect some games and practices to be postponed by rain, snow and freezing temperatures.

You don't expect a pandemic that closes school buildings and, in addition to wiping out several games, prevents teams from gathering for any type of indoor or outdoor practice.

The pandemic has shut down a significant amount of routine life, which, for many people, includes high school athletics.

"Our first game is supposed to be on March 23, and as soon as the 27<sup>th</sup> hit we were going to start playing pretty often over spring break [the week of March 30 to April 3]," said Karos last week.

All K-12 schools in Illinois are closed until at least April 8. Even if regular classes and athletic events start up on that day, a sizable portion of high school teams' spring seasons will be lost.

"I'm trying to pretend the weather just isn't allowing us to play this early, like in years past, but it's definitely weighing on me, thinking about the time I'm losing with the team, not just from the softball side of things," Karos said. "They are a great group of girls who deserve to have a memorable season."

Karos and the Warriors held their first official practice of the 2020 season on March 4. Eight days later, the team held what turned out to be its final practice of the month.

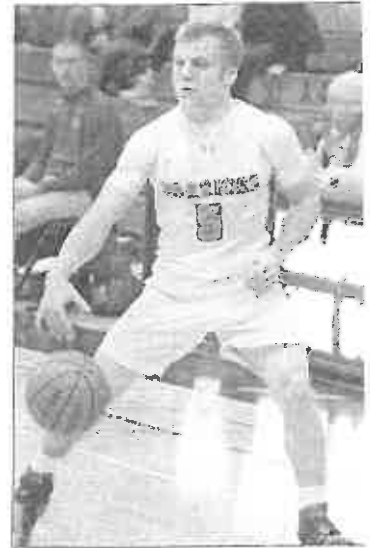
"Our last practice was March 12, but it feels like so long ago," said Karos, who has had almost daily contact with her team. Her connections with the Warriors include providing links to old NCAA games on YouTube, along with posting theme days on Instagram.

"Anything to keep them as close as I can during such a crazy, unpredictable time," she said. "I know they aren't just sitting around at home. Many of them are focusing on E-learning, as well as doing any skill training or workout that can be accomplished in their living room or in their own back yard."

## All-conference Warriors



Seniors Everett Stubblefield (No. 3-left) and Sam Tumilty (No. 5-right) of the Willowbrook boys basketball team were both named to the West Suburban Gold Conference's 2019-20 All-Conference team. Both Warriors played in all 33 of their team's games during the season, which ended earlier this month. Stubblefield averaged a team-leading 21.2 points per game. He made 89 of 273 shots (nearly 33 percent) of his attempts from 3-point range and connected on 94 of 129 (almost 73 percent) of his free-throw attempts. Stubblefield, who became the program's all-time leading scorer near the end of the season, also contributed 153 rebounds, 101 steals and 73 assists. Tumilty posted Willowbrook's second-best scoring output, averaging 12.5 points per game. He made 45 of 162 (about 28 percent) of his 3-point attempts. Tumilty provided 142 rebounds, 62 steals and a team-leading 116 assists during the season. The Warriors finished the 2019-20 campaign with an overall record of 13-20. Willowbrook went 4-8 in conference play to place fifth in the West Suburban Gold standings.



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## Relay for Life fundraiser brings in almost \$90,000

Earlier this month, about 500 students from Willowbrook High School and Addison Trail High School took part in the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Relay for Life of District 88 Youth fundraiser. The students from the two District 88 schools spent the night in Willowbrook's field house during the fundraiser, which raised money for the American Cancer Society. Before the event, students formed fundraising teams. A team of Willowbrook sophomores—It's Possible—raised the third-most money of all the teams. The students from the Class of 2022 raised over \$15,500. A few of the members of the It's Possible team, pictured left to right at the Relay for Life event, are: Tess Placek, Mackenzie Parente, Frances Parrillo, Allison Harr, Teagan Ferris, Emily McNamara, Ava Cappitelli and Kayla Neff.



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## School districts provide food service

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District 88 is teaming up with other area school districts, including District 45 and Salt Creek Sch District 48, to provide meals to students while schools are closed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Last week, about 140 volunteers prepared and distributed thousands of meals to students. From a.m. until noon, each day from March 17-20, breakfast and lunches were provided free of charge to residents up to the age of 18. The meals were distributed outside of several schools, including Willowbrook High School and District 45's Jefferson Middle School. Cottage Hill Operating Company helped to deliver the food to the schools. The program is continuing this week, each day from March 23-27. photo at left from Friday shows (left to right) Cathy Bies of Cottage Hill and Willowbrook High Sch English teacher Daniel Filegel distributing meals outside of Willowbrook's main entrance. Volunteer distributed about 50 breakfasts and about 50 lunches at Willowbrook on Friday. Volunteers at Jefferson Middle School helped to provide more than 60 breakfasts and over 60 lunches on that same day. photo above from Jefferson on Friday shows (front, middle) Isela Aquino—assistant to Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause—and (back row, left to right) Cottage Hill's Barbara Huff, Marla Ivancevic—assistant to Willowbrook assistant principal Bob Daly—and Donna O'Neill—assistant to Willowbrook athletic director Brandon Murphy.



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## Police Reports

Area police departments recently reported the following arrests and citations.

Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a conviction, and that suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Persons charged with domestic battery are not named in order to protect the privacy of victims. Juveniles age 17 or younger are not named.

### Addison March 14

Daniel M. Hyzy, 28, of Medinah, was charged with DUI in the 2400 block of W. Lake at around 2:30 a.m.

### March 13

Leonel Trujillo-Urquiza, 26, of Villa Park, was charged with DUI, hit-and-run, improper lane usage and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident near Wood Dale and Overcamp at around 6:24 p.m.

### Villa Park March 14

Retail theft was reported at a lo-

cal store at 5:03 p.m. Police said unknown suspects failed to pay for the full amount of the items scanned.

### March 11

Leah N. Burris, 32, of Crestwood, was charged with retail theft at a local store at around 7:23 p.m.

Kevin T. Carlson, 26, of Lombard, was charged with aggravated fleeing and eluding a police officer, DUI-drugs, two counts of resisting or obstructing a police officer, transportation or possession of open alcohol by the driver, driving while license revoked, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, failure to signal when required and no insurance in the 300 block of E. Central Feb. 26. The original complaint and arrest warrant were issued March 11.

### March 10

Pleasure A. Osborne, 24, of Chicago, was charged with retail theft at a local store at around 10:10 p.m.

### March 9

Mariano Morones-Ramirez, 32, of Villa Park, was charged with DUI,

leaving the scene of an accident involving damage to an attended vehicle, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, driving too fast for conditions, and failure to yield to an emergency vehicle near Vermont and Yale at around 12:12 a.m.

Sylvester Wheatley, 61, of Villa Park, was charged with DUI-drugs, improper lane usage/driver required to wear seat belts in the 1-100 block of W. North at around 7:42 p.m.

### March 8

Alejandro C. Morones, 41, of Chi-

cago, was charged with two counts of DUI, speeding 21-25 mph over the limit and driving while license suspended near Route 83 and North at around 1:16 a.m.

### March 6

Retail theft was reported at a local store at around 6:40 p.m. Police said unknown suspects under-rang items for sale while at the self-checkout lane. The suspects left the store without paying full price for the items.

### March 1

Retail theft was reported at a local store. Police said an unknown suspect removed eight pairs of glasses from display sometime between 2:30 and 3 a.m. and left the store without paying.

### Feb. 23

Theft of lost or mislaid property was reported at a convenience store in the 300 block of W. St. Charles at around 11:30 p.m. Police said an unknown suspect took a Samsung cell phone that was accidentally left at the checkout counter.

## District 88 Relay For Life raises \$88,000 for American Cancer Society

Willowbrook and Addison Trail, high schools recently showed giving back is a cornerstone of District 88 pride.

On March 7, the 10th annual Relay For Life of District 88 Youth event took place at Willowbrook and more than 600 staff, students, parents and community members attended the relay. This year's event raised \$88,000 for the American Cancer Society. In total, this event has collected more than \$600,000 during the last 10 years.

Participants enjoyed a variety of activities and games, and there also was a luminaria to honor more than 150 individuals who are fighting cancer or who have lost their battle with cancer. The relay began by celebrating more than 20 survivors, as they walked the first lap around the track.

The team that raised the most money was Cure The Impos2ible, with \$19,896.

The top individual fundraiser was Willowbrook junior Tad Tchop, with \$2,527. Tchop has raised funds for the event all three years of his high school career, and this year he collected donations at local grocery stores, raffled off baskets and sold homemade pumpkin pies. To date, he has raised nearly \$5,800.

Willowbrook also has hosted other events throughout the school year to raise money for the American Cancer Society, including "Go Pink" efforts

in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the Brook Olympics (a weeklong series of events and challenges created to enhance tradition and class spirit and pride at the school).

The Brook Olympics took place from March 2 to 6 and culminated

with an assembly where classes went head to head in competitions (pictured above, photos by HR Imaging Partners). The seniors were named as this year's winning class. The juniors finished in 2nd place, the sophomores finished in 3rd place and the freshmen finished in 4th place.

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(630) 221-7553 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or (630) 682-7400 after hours.

The DuPage County Health Department is also posting updates on its web site at [dupagehealth.org/590/Coronavirus-Information](http://dupagehealth.org/590/Coronavirus-Information). You can also call the Health Department's Behavioral Health Crisis Hotline, (630) 627-1700, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

If you want to learn more about COVID-19, you can call the Illinois Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Hotline at (800) 889-3931 or send an email to DPH.SICK@illinois.gov. 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The hotline does not make decisions about who should be tested for COVID-19.

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

## Crossword Puzzle Answers

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### Survivor Lap sets the pace

The Relay For Life of District 88 Youth held on Saturday, March 7, began by celebrating more than 20 survivors, as they walked the first lap around the track.

Team winners raise almost \$20,000

Willowbrook Juniors Catherine Welnowski (left) and Gabriella Cicco were members of the team "Cure The Impos21ble," which raised the most money. The team raised an outstanding total of \$19,896.



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