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## Willowbrook social studies teacher receives Outstanding Teacher Award

Willowbrook High School social studies teacher Matt Scott received the school's Outstanding Teacher Award earlier this month. Scott accepted the honor at the Feb. 12 event that also featured presentations of the school's Outstanding Student Awards for the third quarter. Juniors Jada Langston, Liz Pettinger and Victoria Basista presented the Outstanding Teacher Award to Scott. Pictured left to right at the recent celebration at Willowbrook are Langston, Scott, Pettinger and Basista. To earn the Outstanding Teacher Award, a staff member must treat teaching as a passion, create a positive learning environment, use a variety of strategies to engage students, be willing to offer extra support, provide prompt and effective feedback to students, and relate to and understand students' viewpoints and perspectives.

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## Police Reports

The Villa Park Police Department 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.

**Feb. 17**  
A complainant at a pharmacy in the 200 block of E. Roosevelt reported at 12:26 p.m. that a subject removed merchandise from store shelves and left without paying.  
A complainant in the 200 block of E. Adele Court reported that they were a victim of fraud.

**Feb. 16**  
Vicki A. Sexton, 66, of Fenton, Michigan, was charged with DUI, driving too fast for conditions or failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, and operating an uninsured vehicle in the 300 block of W. Roosevelt at 9:19 p.m.

A complainant at a store in the 300 block of W. North reported at 8:20 p.m. that they

had been battered by a subject.

**Feb. 15**  
A complainant in the 700 block of S. Monterey reported that they were a victim of fraud.

**Feb. 13**  
Edward J. Isaac, 21, of Chicago, was charged with criminal damage to property—\$500 to \$10,000, and possession of ammunition/no firearm owner's identification card on person in the 700 block of N. Villa at 12:50 p.m.

A complainant in the 1500 block of S. Ardmore reported at 12:07 p.m. that a subject took money from their unsecured vehicle. The complainant did not want to sign complaints.

Criminal damage to property was reported at 4:30 p.m. at the Metra depot at 349 N. Ardmore Ave. A complainant reported they discovered damage inside of the depot.

A 33-year-old Chicago man was charged with domestic battery at a business in the 700 block of W. North at 8:09 p.m. He was transported to the DuPage County Jail.

A complainant in the 100 block of S. Wisconsin reported at 8:35 p.m. that a subject bat-

tered them. The complainant did not want to sign complaints.

A 44-year-old Villa Park man was charged with two counts of domestic battery in the 700 block of W. Sunset at 10:28 p.m. He was transported to the DuPage County Jail.

**Feb. 12**  
A complainant in the 2000 block of Ovaltine Court reported at 1:44 p.m. that a subject is harassing them via telephone.

A complainant at a store in the 0-100 block of E. North reported at 2:14 p.m. that it appeared their vehicle had been spat on several times.

**Feb. 11**  
A complainant in the 400 block of W. Division reported at 2:55 p.m. that a juvenile subject had battered them.

A complainant at a restaurant in the 100 block of W. Roosevelt reported at 7:56 p.m. that a subject battered them.

Ilay V. Rodriguez Escobar, 20, of Villa Park, was charged on the above date with theft—unauthorized control/not exceeding \$500, for an incident that allegedly occurred at a business in the 0-100 block of E. North on Jan. 27.

## Chicago man sentenced to 24 years in 2021 shooting at Safari Land in Villa Park

*Offender shot victim three times during a birthday party*

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin announced last week that a former Chicago man has been sentenced to 24 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) for shooting another man at an indoor amusement park in Villa Park in 2021.

On Dec. 11, 2025, following a four-day bench trial that concluded on Nov. 24, 2025, Judge Joseph Bugos found Meco Norris, 30, guilty of three counts of aggravated battery with a firearm that resulted in severe bodily injury to the victim, each count a Class X felony requiring mandatory consecutive sentencing by law.

On Nov. 15, 2021, Norris appeared in bond court, where the court set bond at \$1 million with 10 percent to apply. He has remained in custody at the DuPage County Jail since that time.



Meco Norris

On Nov. 13, 2021, at approximately 6:56 p.m. the Villa Park Police Department and neighboring law enforcement agencies responded to a call of shots fired at Safari Land amusement park located at 701 W. North Avenue. Following an investigation into the shooting, authorities learned that Norris and his victim were both at Safari Land for a birthday party when Norris pulled out a handgun and shot the victim three times—once in the right chest, once in the right shoulder and once in the right arm.

Following the shooting, Norris fled the scene and concealed the firearm in a residential neighborhood behind Safari Land. He was taken into custody the following day from his Chicago residence. The victim was transported to a local hospital, where he received treatment for his injuries.  
"On a Saturday night in November 2021, terror erupted at a crowded family friendly amusement park when Meco Norris pulled out his gun and shot a man three times in front of dozens of children and their parents," Berlin said. "In my 38 years as a prosecutor, Mr. Norris' actions are among the most egregious displays of disregard for public safety I have ever seen. With dozens of young children just feet away, I shudder to think of the potential loss of life Mr. Norris' actions could have caused. We are all extremely grateful that Mr. Norris' victim has since recovered from his injuries."

Judge Bugos sentenced Norris to eight years in the IDOC on each of the three counts to be served consecutively, resulting in the 24-year sentence. Norris must serve 85 percent of his sentence before being eligible for parole.

## Archery team competes in a tournament for the first time

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Earlier this month, Willowbrook High School's U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Warrior Battalion Archery Team competed in the Rise of the Firebird



Archery Tournament at Phoenix STEM Military Academy in Chicago. Nine cadets represented Willowbrook and competed against 20 high school JROTC archery teams in the Feb. 7 event. This was the first time Willowbrook's team competed in a tournament; the Warriors earned an eighth-place finish. Willowbrook's competitors were: junior Joseph Blundo, senior Teresa Farquhar, senior Amelia Polacek, freshman Kain Casas, senior Kaylee Keaty, junior Gemma Galeana, junior Perla Monarrez-Arias, junior Isabella Cardenas Aguilar and sophomore Yaneiri Zuniga.

## Court grants state's motion to detain pre-trial Wisconsin woman charged with murder in Oakbrook Terrace shooting

*Defendant, a 19-year-old woman from Milwaukee, was arrested in Wisconsin and returned to DuPage County last week*



Akrystal C-Woods

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Oakbrook Terrace Chief of Police Casey Calvello announced on Saturday, Feb. 21, that Judge David Schwartz granted the state's motion to deny pre-trial release for a Wisconsin woman charged with shooting to death Obaidulla F. Shareef on Feb. 4.

Akrystal C-Woods, 19, of Milwaukee, appeared in court on Feb. 21, and was charged with three counts of first-degree murder. On Feb. 7, DuPage County Circuit Court Judge Robert Walsh issued an arrest warrant for C-Woods. She was taken into custody without incident in Wisconsin and appeared in a Wisconsin court on Feb. 10, where she waived extradition. She was returned to DuPage County on Feb. 19, to face the charges against her.

On Wednesday, Feb. 4, officers with the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department responded to a call of a vehicle that exited a parking garage near 2 Trans Am Plaza Drive at a high rate of speed, gone over a grassy area, and crashed into a parked vehicle in the parking lot across from the garage. Upon their arrival, officers located the vehicle and observed a man, later identified as Shareef, in the front driver's seat with an apparent gunshot wound to his head. After attempting life-saving measures, Shareef was pronounced deceased at 6:22 p.m.

Following an investigation, it is alleged that earlier that day, C-Woods, another woman and Shareef checked into a room at the Comfort Suites hotel located at 17W445 Roosevelt Road in Oakbrook Terrace. It is alleged that at some point in time that evening, Shareef left the hotel but returned the following morning. It is alleged that Shareef left the hotel room prior to 12:30 p.m. that afternoon, when the women checked out of the hotel. It is alleged that after the women checked out, they met up with Shareef to smoke marijuana in the parking garage at 2 Trans Am Plaza Drive. It is further alleged that Shareef entered the defendant's car and that while in the defendant's car, C-Woods grabbed Shareef's cell phone and attempted to transfer money to herself from Shareef's Cash App account. It is further alleged that Shareef grabbed his cell phone away from C-Woods, returned to his car and drove away. It is alleged that both vehicles drove to exit the parking garage and at some point in time when Shareef's vehicle was stopped along the passenger side of C-Woods' vehicle, C-Woods pulled out a gun, rolled down the front passenger-side window of her car and fired the gun across the face of the front passenger seat occupant at Shareef, striking him in the head. It is further alleged that C-Woods then fled the scene.

"In DuPage County we have absolutely zero tolerance for any type of violent crime," Berlin said. "The allegations that Ms. C-Woods shot a man

in the head from her vehicle and then fled the state are outrageous and will be met with the full force of the law. "I commend the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department, DuPage MERIT and the Milwaukee Police Department for their outstanding collaborative efforts that led to the quick identification and apprehension of Ms. C-Woods for the murder of Obaidulla F. Shareef. Despite her best efforts to flee from authorities for her alleged actions, the work put in by these agencies ensured that Ms. C-Woods would return to DuPage County to face the murder charges against her. I offer my sincerest condolences to Obaidulla's family and friends and wish them strength during this incredibly difficult time in their lives. Additionally, I thank the numerous law enforcement agencies whose assistance in this case was essential for us to file murder charges against Ms. C-Woods."

"Akrystal C-Woods' appearance today [Feb. 21] marks the beginning of the judicial process," Chief Calvello said. "We remain committed to presenting the evidence thoroughly and ensuring justice for the victim and their family. This is a significant step in a very serious case. The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department has worked tirelessly to bring this matter before the court, and we will continue to support the prosecution as the case moves forward. Our thoughts remain with the victim's loved ones. I thank State's Attorney Bob Berlin and his team for their legal guidance on this case and for their continued support of law enforcement."

C-Woods' next court appearance is scheduled for March 9, in front of Judge Margaret O'Connell.

## VFW Post 2801 holds Fish Fry Friday fundraising dinners during Lent

*Dinner served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. each Friday through April 3*

Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2801 is holding its Fish Fry Friday fundraising dinners each Friday during Lent. The post, which is located at 39 E. St. Charles Road, is open to the public.

This year's first Fish Fry Friday at the post took place last Friday, Feb. 20. The fundraising dinners will continue each Friday through April 3. The dinners will be served from 5:30

to 7:30 p.m. Dinners include walleye and shrimp/walleye combo meals, all served with a choice of baked beans or slaw, and potato or hand-cut fries. A children's meal includes chicken nuggets with fries.

Take-out orders will be available during dining hours. For more information, call 630-834-8191.

# Sports

## Rams and Warriors close out their seasons at the Lake Park Regional

*Willowbrook falls to Lake Park in one regional semifinal; Wheaton North defeats the Rams in the regional's other semifinal contest*

The Glenbard East and Willowbrook girls basketball teams finished their seasons with losses at the IHSA Class 4A Lake Park Regional in Roselle.

The Rams and Warriors both lost regional semifinal games at Lake Park's west campus on Feb. 17. In the first game of the evening, Lake Park defeated Willowbrook 67-17. Wheaton North beat Glenbard East 50-28 in the second game of the night.

Willowbrook completed its season with an 11-19 record. The Rams ended their season with an 18-11 record.

Lake Park led the Warriors 26-5 after one quarter of last week's regional semifinal. The Lancers owned a 46-7 halftime lead. Their lead increased to 61-15 by the end of the third quarter.

Freshman Claire Edison scored a team-leading eight points for Willowbrook in its season-ending loss to Lake Park. Sophomore Leah Piper provided five points with her 3-point basket in the first quarter and a pair of free throws in the third quarter. Junior Jada Langston and sophomore Charlotte Baker contributed two points each. **Murphy scores 21 of the Rams' 28 points in their post-season loss to the Falcons**

Wheaton North led Glen-

bard East 14-4 after one quarter of last week's post-season meeting at Lake Park. The Rams delivered a 9-0 run to trim the Falcons' lead to 14-13 early in the second quarter. Wheaton North finished the quarter with an 11-3 burst to take a 25-16 halftime lead. The Falcons raised their lead to 37-18 by the end of the third quarter.

Glenbard East junior Teagan Murphy made three shots from 3-point range and scored 21 of her team's 27 points in the regional semifinal. Murphy scored nine points during the first half. She scored all 10 of her team's fourth-quarter points by making three field goals, including two 3-point shots, and sinking a pair of free throws.

Sophomore Olivia Nee contributed five points for the Rams. She scored all five of her points during the second quarter, when she netted two baskets, including a 3-point shot. Sophomore Gen Hart added two points for Glenbard East with a first-quarter field goal.

Lake Park defeated Wheaton North 40-23 in Friday's regional final. The Lancers, who moved their overall season record to 28-5 with that victory, advanced to this week's Bartlett Sectional. Lake Park faced St. Charles East in a sectional semifinal

earlier this week. The winner of that meeting will face Glenbard West or St. Charles North in the sectional final, which will take place tonight—Thursday, Feb. 26.

**Broncos wrap up their season with a loss to the Tigers at the Glenbard West Regional**

Montini Catholic's girls basketball team completed its season with a 45-35 loss to Wheaton Warrenville South in a semifinal game at the IHSA Class 4A Glenbard West Regional in Glen Ellyn on Feb. 17.

The Broncos, who won the IHSA Class 3A state title last season with a senior-dominated lineup, posted a record of 9-22 during the 2025-26 season.

The Tigers of Wheaton Warrenville South led Montini 13-8 after one quarter and 16-12 at halftime. The Tigers boosted their lead to 33-23 by the end of the third quarter. Wheaton Warrenville South maintained a lead of at least six points throughout the fourth quarter.

Freshman Paige Pittman scored a team-leading 16 points for the Broncos in their season-ending loss to the Tigers. Freshman Nathalia Richardson added 10 points. Richardson drained two shots from the field and netted six free throws. She made all four

of her attempts from the free-throw line during the fourth quarter. Montini sophomore Avery Herold contributed six points by making two 3-point shots during the contest. Sophomore Kaelyn Zumdahl

supplied three points by sinking a 3-point attempt in the first quarter.

Wheaton Warrenville South lost 58-51 to Glenbard West in the regional final in Glen Ellyn on Feb. 19. The

Hilltoppers of Glenbard West advanced to this week's Bartlett Sectional. Glenbard West is the sectional's No. 1 seed. Lake Park is the sectional's No. 2 seed.

## Nee's 30-point eruption leads the Rams to a win at West Aurora

*Senior standout makes six shots from 3-point range in Glenbard East's regular-season finale; Rams move to 27-3*

The Glenbard East boys basketball team closed out its memorable regular season with last week's 74-55 victory at West Aurora.

Playing in a crossover game between Upstate Eight Conference teams, the Rams of the East Division pulled away from the Blackhawks of the West Division in the Feb. 17 contest with a sensational surge in the third quarter.

Glenbard East finished its regular season with an overall record of 27-3.

Earlier this week, the Rams opened post-season play by hosting an IHSA Class 4A post-season regional. If Glenbard East won its Feb. 25 playoff opener against Proviso West, it advanced to this Friday's regional final against either Lake Park or Addison Trail. If the Rams win the regional title on their home court, they will advance to next week's Bartlett Sectional. Glenbard East is that sectional's No. 1 seed.

Senior Michael Nee scored the Rams' first eight points of last week's battle at West Aurora by sinking three shots, including a pair of attempts from 3-point range. West Aurora led Glenbard East 15-12 after one quarter. The Blackhawks led the Rams 35-30 at halftime.

Senior Jacob Marynowski scored Glenbard East's first six points of the third quarter with three field goals. Senior Danny Snyder connected on a 3-point shot to give the Rams a 42-40 lead. After the Blackhawks evened the score at 42-42, Glenbard East unleashed a 14-0 run to close the quarter and take a 56-42 lead with eight minutes to play.

Nee made two 3-point shots and scored 12 of Glenbard East's 14 points during the team's run to end the third quarter. Nee delivered a tip-in to break the 42-42 tie and start the 14-point run. Nee connected on a 3-point shot to raise the lead to 51-42. He added



CHRIS FOX FILE PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

**Senior Michael Nee (No. 4) of Glenbard East's boys basketball team made six 3-point shots and scored 30 points during last week's 74-55 victory at West Aurora. The Rams trailed the Blackhawks 35-30 at halftime. Glenbard East closed the third quarter with a 14-0 run to take a 56-42 lead. Nee scored 12 of the Rams' points during that 14-point surge. Glenbard East completed its regular season with its Feb. 17 win at West Aurora. The Rams, who improved to 27-3 with the victory, are hosting an IHSA Class 4A regional this week.**

another 3-pointer to boost the lead to 54-42. Nee closed the burst with a driving layup to give the Rams their 56-42 lead.

Nee's sixth 3-point field goal of the game pushed the Rams to a 65-48 lead in the fourth quarter. Marynowski delivered a two-handed dunk to account for Glenbard East's final two points of the evening.

Nee poured in a team-leading 30 points in Glenbard East's win at West Aurora. He made 11 field goals, including six 3-point shots, and sank two of three attempts from the free-throw line.

Snyder drained a pair of attempts from 3-point range and scored 19 points in the victory over the Blackhawks. He made five of six free throws

during the fourth quarter. Marynowski scored all 12 of his points during the second half. Senior Keenan House provided seven points, while seniors Norman Loechel and Sam Walton contributed three points each.

The Upstate Eight Conference announced its 2025-26 All-Conference Team in boys basketball last week. Marynowski, Nee and Snyder were All-Conference selections in the East Division. Nee and Snyder were unanimous selections. Riverside Brookfield senior Cam Mercer was named the East Division's Player of the Year. Glenbard East and Riverside Brookfield both posted 11-1 division records this season.



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Rock Valley Publishing

**The Willowbrook and Glenbard East girls basketball teams finished their seasons with losses at last week's IHSA Class 4A Lake Park Regional. Willowbrook lost 67-17 to Lake Park in a regional semifinal on Feb. 17. Glenbard East lost 50-28 to Wheaton North in the regional's other semifinal, which also took place on Feb. 17. Willowbrook freshman Claire Edison (No. 4) scored eight points in the Warriors' loss to the Lancers. Junior Teagan Murphy (No. 14) of Glenbard East scored 21 points in last week's loss to the Falcons. The Rams completed their season with an overall record of 18-11. Willowbrook concluded its season with an 11-19 record. Lake Park defeated Wheaton North 40-23 in the regional final.**

# Two Montini wrestlers claim second-place finishes at the Class 3A individual state meet

*Klichurov takes second in the 113-pound level; Woo posts a second-place finish in the 120-pound weight class*

Two Montini Catholic wrestlers earned second-place finishes at the IHSA Class 3A individual state meet, which concluded on Saturday night in Champaign.

Montini sophomore Erik Klichurov battled to a second-place finish in the 113-pound level. Junior Allen Woo of the Broncos won second-place honors in the 120-pound division.

Klichurov won three straight matches in Champaign to advance to the 113-pound final. Caleb Noble of Warren High School defeated Klichurov in a 4-0 decision in the championship match.

Woo also won three straight matches at the individual state meet to advance to the championship round. Dom Munaretto of St. Charles East edged Woo 4-3 in the 120-pound level's championship match.

Klichurov's overall season record stood at 37-3 at the end of the individual state meet. Woo left Champaign with a season record of 41-9.

Montini senior AJ Tack turned in a third-place finish in the state meet's 175-pound weight class. Tack opened the meet with a victory. He

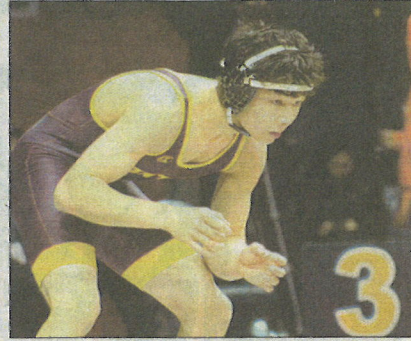
then lost in the quarterfinal round before posting four straight victories, including a 9-4 win in the third-place match.

Junior Mikey Malizzio of Montini delivered a fourth-place finish in the individual state meet's 132-pound level. Junior Gavin Ericson-Staton provided the Broncos with a fourth-place finish in the 285-pound division.

Montini junior Bobby Ruscitti finished fifth in the 126-pound division at the IHSA Class 3A individual state meet. Ruscitti, who entered the event with a season record of 43-0, won his first match in Champaign before losing in the quarterfinal. He then won two matches before losing in a consolation-round semifinal. Ruscitti closed out the individual state meet with a 4-0 victory. He raised his season record to 47-2 with that win.

Senior Santino Tenuta of Montini placed sixth in the 165-pound level at the Class 3A individual state meet in Champaign. Sophomore Will Konder of the Broncos claimed a sixth-place finish in the meet's 157-pound level.

Sophomore Sam Swais, one of Montini's nine state qualifiers in Champaign,



JIM IZZO PHOTOS Rock Valley Publishing

Two members of the Montini Catholic wrestling team advanced to the championship round of the IHSA Class 3A individual state meet, which ended on Saturday in Champaign. Sophomore Erik Klichurov (left) of the Broncos earned a second-place finish in the meet's 113-pound weight class. Montini junior Allen Woo (right) finished second in the 120-pound level. Seven other Broncos competed at the individual state meet. Eight of the Montini wrestlers who wrestled in Champaign earned top-six finishes in their respective weight classes. The Broncos are competing in this week's IHSA Class 3A dual team state meet in Bloomington. Montini will square off against Edwardsville in this Friday's quarterfinal-round dual meet.

won two of four matches in the 215-pound weight class and did not earn a top-six finish in that level.

The Broncos' season didn't end in Champaign. Montini will battle in this week's IHSA Class 3A dual team state meet in Bloomington. The Broncos will face Edwardsville in this Friday's quarterfinal-round dual meet. The winner will

advance to this Saturday's semifinal round.

**Chaidez and Hoye represent the Rams in Champaign; Willowbrook's Aris Neal also competes at the Class 3A individual state meet**

Glenbard East seniors Ismael Chaidez and Orlando Hoye and Willowbrook senior Aris Neal competed at

the 190-pound level, lost his only two matches in Champaign.

Chaidez, who wrestled in the 126-pound division, suffered a 3-2 loss in his first match of the meet. He

earned a victory in his next match before completing the event with a 4-3 loss in the consolation round. Chaidez finished his senior season with a 37-9 record.

Hoye, who competed in

## Warriors win the team title at their own invitational

*Willowbrook runners deliver three individual victories and a pair of relay wins*

The Willowbrook girls track and field team won the title at its own indoor invitational on Saturday in Villa Park.

The Warriors compiled a team total of 131 points in the 15-team invitational. Hinsdale South and Conant finished in a second-place tie with 68 points each.

Willowbrook's individual champions in Saturday's meet included senior Mariangela Popoca, who won the 3,200-meter run in a first-place time of 12:00.97. Popoca finished nearly 18 seconds ahead of the race's runner-up, who completed the run of about 2 miles in 12 minutes, 18.88 seconds.

Junior Bethany Yurich of the Warriors won the 800-meter run in a first-place time of 2 minutes, 32.03 seconds. She edged a teammate—freshman Kate Borho—who completed the race in a second-place time of 2:32.94.

Sophomore Jada Johnson of the Warriors won the

200-meter run, which she finished in 27.27 seconds.

Willowbrook juniors Janell Adams, McKenzie Edison and Mikayla Pender-Bey joined Johnson to win the 4 x 160-meter relay. The four Warriors completed the race in 1 minute, 27.37 seconds.

Sophomore Khloe Adenji and freshman Rachel Simek teamed with Pender-Bey and Edison to win the 4 x 400-meter relay. The Willowbrook foursome finished the race in 4 minutes, 26.62 seconds, edging a second-place foursome from St. Francis by four-hundredths of a second.

Willowbrook's 4 x 800-meter relay foursome of Borho, sophomore Juliet Oddo, senior Allyson Stefani and junior Genevieve Kling finished delivered a second-place finishing time of 10 minutes, 59.52 seconds. Yurich turned in a second-place time of 5:36.98 in the 1,600-meter run. Junior Macy Morris provided the Warriors with a second-place finish in the triple jump. Morris covered 28 feet, 4 1/4 inches in her best attempt of the invitational.

## Warriors conclude their regular season with a win over Morton

*Willowbrook is hosting an IHSA Class 4A regional this week*

The Willowbrook boys basketball team finished its 2025-26 regular season with a 62-49 win over Morton in a West Suburban Gold Conference game in Villa Park on Feb. 17. The Warriors ended their regular season with an overall record of 11-20 and a conference mark of 4-8.

Willowbrook is hosting an IHSA Class 4A regional this week. The Warriors faced Wheaton Warrenville South in a regional semifinal on Feb. 25. The winner of that game will face Batavia or Oak Park/River Forest in this Friday's regional final.

The Warriors, who lost 55-38 at Morton in the teams' first conference meeting on Jan. 20, held a 22-12 lead held a 22-12 lead after one quarter of last week's rematch in Villa Park. Willowbrook owned a 33-25 halftime lead. The Warriors' lead grew to 47-33 by the end of the third quarter.

Senior Otis Powell scored a team-high 22 points for Willowbrook in last week's win. Powell scored 14 points during the first quarter, when he made five field goals, including one shot from 3-point range, and sank all three of his free-throw attempts.

Senior Jaylen Griffin made two 3-point shots and provided 17 points for the Warriors in their regular-season finale. After making one 3-point shot and scoring five points during the third quarter, Griffin made another 3-point shot and supplied seven points during the fourth quarter. Senior Jory Crocker and junior JJ Miulli contributed six points each for Willowbrook. Junior Dylan Borkowski added five points, while junior Michael Garner tallied four points by delivering a basket and making two free throws during the fourth quarter. Senior Zach Boynton scored two points by sinking a pair of free



JOE PEARSON PHOTOS Rock Valley Publishing

The Willowbrook girls track and field team won the team championship at its indoor invitational on Saturday. Junior McKenzie Edison (pictured) ran on two first-place relay teams for the Warriors during the 15-team invitational. Willowbrook sophomore Jada Johnson (No. 3) won one individual event—the 200-meter run. She was also a member of the Warriors' winning foursome in the 4 x 160-meter relay.