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Addison Trail recognizes Breast Cancer Awareness Month with 'Go Pink' events

From Oct. 5 to 9, Addison Trail hosted its annual Go Pink Week as part of District 88's Go Pink or Go Home initiative, which raises money for breast cancer awareness and research.

Many Addison Trail athletic teams and clubs — including flags and baton, Blazettes, cheerleaders, Orchesis, girls volleyball, student council and Beyond B.O.S.S. Community — participated in events to raise money for Endeavor Health Elmhurst Hospital's Prospective Surveillance for Rehabilitation program, as well as the Go Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Scholarship in memory of Addison Trail special education teacher Elizabeth Clifford. To date, $2,000 has been raised, with $1,000 going to the Elizabeth Clifford Scholarship. Final proceeds are still being calculated.

Beyond the Ribbon: On Oct. 6, about 70 Addison Trail students participated in the inaugural Beyond the Ribbon event, an interactive experience designed to connect financial health, physical health and the lifelong importance of making informed decisions. The day began with the Junior Achievement Town Budgeting Experience, where students participated in an interactive mock town designed to simulate real-world responsibilities. Through this hands-on experience, students made financial decisions that emphasized the importance of financial literacy, responsibility and leadership.

The event reinforced the significance of making informed decisions, a theme that connected directly to the broader purpose of Beyond the Ribbon.

Go Pink Walk: Addison Trail's annual Go Pink Walk took place on Oct. 7, bringing students and staff together to support breast cancer awareness and research. About 200 participants gathered to walk the football stadium track. The event raised about $1,000.

Blazer Bowl: The Go Pink Walk was followed by the Blazer Bowl on Oct. 7, where seniors and freshmen played against juniors and sophomores in a game of flag football. The competition ended in a 12-12 tie.

Go Pink football game: Addison Trail's Go Pink Football Game took place on Oct. 9 at Addison Trail against Oak Park-River Forest. Throughout the week, Addison Trail students and staff members dressed in pink to recognize and honor Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Go Pink Committee also sold T-shirts, raffle baskets and other items to raise funds.



Addison Trail's Go Pink game took place Oct. 9 against Oak Park-River Forest. The game was part of District 88's Go Pink or Go Home initiative to raise money for breast cancer awareness. (Photo by Captured by Stephanie)

DuPage County confirms first case of measles in 2026

The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) has confirmed a measles case in a vaccinated DuPage County resident who recently returned from international travel.

This is a rare breakthrough infection. While measles after vaccination is uncommon, it can occur when there is intense or prolonged exposure to a person with measles. Even when breakthrough infections occur, there are benefits to vaccination.

Vaccinated individuals who develop measles usually have a milder illness and are less likely to experience complications. They also may be less likely to spread the virus to others.

"Our community's safety is our priority. Our team is actively working on following up with individuals who may have been potentially exposed," said Adam Forker, executive director, DuPage County Health Department. "Vaccination continues to provide strong protection, even in a rare breakthrough case."

DCHD is working with healthcare and public health partners to contact anyone who may have been exposed. Current exposure locations can be found at the Chicago Department of Public Health's Measles: Get The Facts webpage. DCHD is coordinating direct outreach to people who may have been exposed in healthcare locations in DuPage County.

Most people in DuPage County are protected through vaccination, so the risk to the public is low. However, anyone who was at O'Hare Airport, Terminal 5 on Thursday, Oct. 15 between 4:20 and 7 p.m. should report their exposure. If you are a DuPage County resident, call DCHD at (630) 682-7400. Health officials will follow up if additional steps are needed. If you live in another county, contact your local health department.

The best protection is the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. If you can't locate your vaccination records, contact your doctor, school, previous doctors, or the Illinois Department of Public Health's vaccination records portal, Vax Verify.

If you have received two doses of MMR vaccine, or were born before 1957, you are considered protected. People who are not fully vaccinated or unsure of their immunity should contact their doctor to report their potential exposure and call DCHD

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Police Reports

ADDISON

The Addison Police Department recently reported the following arrests and citations. Persons who are charged with domestic battery are not named in order to protect the victim's privacy. 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. Juveniles age 17-or-younger are not named.

Oct. 20

Alexander Carmona Trujillo, 23, of Wood Dale, was charged with violating the Illinois Domestic Violence Act at 11:04 p.m.

Oct. 16

Willmar M. Carrillo Lopez, 25, of Carol Stream, was charged with driving while license revoked or suspended and two counts of DUI at 8:54 p.m.

Edwin Orozco, 24, of Addison, was charged with aggravated discharge of a firearm, unlawful possession of a firearm by a gang member, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and mob action in the 1500 block of W. Byron at 8:50 a.m.

Fernando Orozco, 30, of Addison, was issued a warrant in the 1500 block of Byron at 9 a.m.

Oct. 15

A 34-year-old Westchester man was charged with two counts of domestic battery and interfering with the reporting of domestic violence at 4:52 p.m.

Oct. 14

A 30-year-old Gurnee man was charged with two counts of domestic battery in the 600 block of E. Lake at 8:04 p.m.

BENSENVILLE

The Bensenville Police Department recently reported the following arrests and citations. Persons who are charged with domestic battery are not named in order to protect the victim's privacy. 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. Juveniles age 17-or-younger are not named.

Oct. 18, 9:20 a.m. near Green Street, Jesus M. Valles of Bensenville was arrested for a failure to appear warrant.

Oct. 18, 12:34 a.m. near York Road and George Street, Julio N. Ramirez Ramirez of Bensenville was arrested for no valid driver's license and two counts of DUI.

Oct. 17, 11:17 p.m. near Foster Avenue and N. Route 83, Klever Govea Moreira of Bensenville was arrested for a no-bond warrant and various traffic violations.

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promptly to discuss any questions they might have.

Everyone should watch for symptoms of measles for 21 days after the potential exposure. Monitoring for symptoms is especially important for people who are not fully vaccinated or otherwise immune to measles. Since breakthrough infections may occur, even exposed persons with immunity need to monitor for symptoms.

If you notice symptoms of measles, such as fever, rash, cough, runny nose, and red and watery eyes, immediately isolate yourself by staying home. Contact your doctor right away. Call before going to your doctor's office or the emergency room to notify them that you may have been exposed to measles. This call will help protect other patients and staff. Also call DCHD at (630) 682-7400 to support coordination and care.

For more information, visit https://illinois-doit-prod-idph.amsadobe.com/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/measles.html.

Boo-tiful downtown Bensenville







Getting into the Halloween spirit is easy in Bensenville. Go to the corner of Center Street and Green Street, take a deep breath, walk through the entrance (if you dare) and explore the Wilkes Family Halloween display, which is concluding this weekend. On Friday night and Saturday night (Halloween night) from 7-10 p.m., the display will come to life with live actors. Visitors can expect to encounter many of their favorite horror icons at the display. (Photos by Mike Sandrolini)

Addison Trail hosts Fine Arts Showcase





On Oct. 6, Addison Trail hosted its annual Fine Arts Showcase. The evening featured performances by guitar ensemble, symphony orchestra, chamber orchestra, theatre, Mariachi, Blazer Choir, treble choir, concert choir, Marching Blazers and Orchesis. An exhibition of student artwork also was displayed. The showcase takes place each year. To see a list of the 2026-27 fine arts events, go to https://www.athsmusic.net. (Photos by HR Imaging Partners)



Senior Jalden Javier (6) returned the second-half kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown to give Glenbard East a 27-7 lead. The Rams raised their overall record to 7-3 with the win and advanced to this week's first-round matchup against the Broncos of Kenwood Academy High School. (Photo by Chris Fox)

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then drove 88 yards for a touchdown, scoring on a 2-yard run. A long pass play of over 50-yards sparked the Hawks' touchdown drive. Bartlett made the extra-point kick to take a 7-0 lead with 2:32 left in the first quarter.

Glenbard East sophomore quarterback Carter Pohlman threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to senior Mason Wright early in the second quarter to complete a 73-yard scoring drive. Senior Moises Velazquez made the ensuing extra-point kick to even the score at 7-7 with 10:39 left in the second quarter.

The Rams took their first lead of the game when Pohlman connected with sophomore Diamond Chew on a 28-yard touchdown pass with six minutes remaining in the second quarter. The extra-point kick from Velazquez gave Glenbard East a 14-7 lead.

The Rams committed their second red-zone turnover of the night later in the second quarter, when they fumbled the ball and Bartlett made a recovery at its own 9-yard line.

Glenbard East's defense responded by forcing the Hawks to punt, and the Rams began a drive at Bartlett's 36-yard line.

The drive ended with Pohlman firing his third touchdown pass of the second quarter. He hooked up with senior Malachi Miller on a 28-yard scoring pass with just 22 seconds remaining in the first half. The extra-point kick helped the Rams to a 21-7 halftime lead.

Senior Jaiden Javier of Glenbard East returned the second-half kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown. Velazquez added the extra-point kick to push the Rams' lead to 28-7 with 11:47 to play in the third quarter.

Bartlett reduced Glenbard East's lead to 28-14 after a 45-yard touchdown pass with three minutes left in the third quarter. The Rams scored their fifth touchdown of the night on the final play of the third quarter, when Pohlman and Chew connected on a 32-yard touchdown pass. The extra-point kick from Velazquez raised Glenbard East's lead to 35-14.

Junior quarterback Connor LaCount scored the Rams' sixth and final touchdown of the night on a 15-yard run with 1:33 remaining in the game. Velazquez then made his sixth extra-point kick of the contest to close out the scoring.

Pohlman completed 17 of 22 pass attempts for 247 yards and four touchdowns. Chew made five receptions for 97 yards and two touchdowns. Miller provided five catches for 63 yards and a touchdown. Wright supplied four receptions for 47 yards and a touchdown.

"Any time you get out here and pick up a win, it's awesome for your program," stated Walters, who added that the Rams will need to be ready for this week's meeting with Kenwood. "We're going to have to go in there and play Ram football. We're going to need to be physical. We're going to need to run around and shut down their speed a little bit."



Junior Jax Chavez (left), junior Nate Jerkovic (middle) and senior Benjamin Bates (right) are pictured during Chavez's second touchdown run of the game against Amundsen. Chavez and Bates contributed two rushing touchdowns each in Willowbrook's 42-6 victory. (Photo by Chris Fox)

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Willowbrook senior JJ Miulli intercepted two Amundsen passes and caught two touchdown passes in the first half of Saturday's game. Shortly after Amundsen received the opening kickoff, Miulli intercepted a pass to end the Vikings' first offensive drive. Willowbrook's offense then took the field and drove 58 yards for the game's first touchdown. Junior Jax Chavez crossed the goal line on a 6-yard touchdown run to provide the Warriors' first points of the day. Senior Ben Swanson added the extra-point kick to give Willowbrook a 7-0 lead with under six minutes to play in the first quarter.

Miulli caught a 9-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Niko Vourlos with 2:31 left in the first quarter. Swanson made the extra-point kick to push the Warriors' lead to 14-0.

Shortly after Willowbrook senior Jack Nowakowski recovered an Amundsen fumble at the Vikings' 18-yard line, senior Benjamin Bates of the Warriors delivered a 2-yard touchdown run. The extra-point kick from Swanson boosted Willowbrook's lead to 21-0 with 27 seconds left in the first quarter.

Miulli intercepted a tipped pass during the second quarter. Moments later, he caught a short pass from junior Nate Jerkovic and raced into the end zone for a 33-yard touchdown reception. Swanson made the ensuing extra-point kick to push the lead to 28-0 with 1:40 to play in the first half.

After a very short Amundsen punt, the Warriors began their next drive at the Vikings' 16-yard line. Chavez then scored his second touchdown of the day on a 7-yard run with just under one minute left in the first half. Swanson's extra-point kick helped Willowbrook to its 35-0 halftime lead.

Bates scored the Warriors' sixth touchdown of the day on a 2-yard run with under eight minutes to play in the third quarter. Swanson tacked on the extra-point kick to provide Willowbrook's final point of the game.

Amundsen scored its only touchdown of the afternoon later in the third quarter. The Vikings then threw an incomplete pass on their conversion attempt.

•Cross country

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a sectional berth after her 17th-place overall finish at the regional. She completed the 3-mile race in 18 minutes, 39.01 seconds. Willowbrook sophomores Kate Borbo (18:58.74; 26th) and Rachel Simek (19:11.29; 29th) also secured sectional berths.

O'Donnell earns berth in Lake Park Sectional

Junior Teigan O'Donnell of Glenbard East's girls cross-country team earned an individual berth in this week's Lake Park Sectional after she ran to a 12th-place finish in Saturday's IHSA Class 3A Glenbard West Regional at Camera Park in Glendale Heights.

O'Donnell completed the 3-mile regional race in 18 minutes, 47.68 seconds.

The Rams' girls team finished ninth in the regional's team standings and did not advance to the sectional. Glenbard East placed 12th in the regional's boys competition and did not qualify for the sectional.

Broncos run at Kaneland Regional

Montini Catholic High School's girls and boys cross-country teams participated in Saturday's IHSA Class 2A Kaneland Regional. The Broncos' boys team ran to a third-place finish at the regional and will return to the same site for this Saturday's Kaneland Sectional. Montini's girls team earned a seventh-place finish at the regional and did not advance to the sectional.

Senior Nino Pesola led the Broncos' boys team at the regional with his 11th-place finish. He completed the 3-mile race in 15 minutes, 25.71 seconds.

Sophomore Matthew Ferris (15:35.21) turned in a 12th-place finish for Montini.

His brother, senior Owen Ferris, delivered a 14th-place time of 15:48.81. Seniors Gavin Conway (16:05.12; 21st) and Adriel Garcia (16:09.66; 23rd) completed the Broncos' scoring lineup.

Three members of Montini's girls team earned individual berths in this week's Kaneland Sectional by placing among the regional's top-five finishers who weren't members of sectional-qualifying teams.

Sophomore Natalia Pesola of the Broncos earned a sectional berth with her 15th-place finish at the regional. She completed the 3-mile race in 19 minutes, 36.32 seconds. Junior Gia Csoke (20:12.99; 24th) and sophomore Fiona Felten (20:31.33; 30th) will also represent Montini at the sectional.



Glenbard East senior Belle McDermott recently recorded the 1,000th kill of her varsity career. McDermott, a four-year varsity player, was recognized for her milestone before the start of the Rams' Oct. 20 home contest against Bartlett. Teammates signed the ball that she hit to earn her 1,000th kill and presented it to her during last week's pre-match celebration. McDermott, who is holding the ball, is pictured with her teammates and Glenbard East head coach Bradley Cardott. She bashed 12 kills in the Rams' win over Bartlett. (Photo by Chris Fox)

Rams finish regular season with victory

Glenbard East's girls volleyball team finished its 2026 regular season by defeating Bartlett 25-18, 26-24 in last week's match in Lombard. Senior Belle McDermott provided 12 kills and eight digs for the Rams in their Oct. 20 win over the Hawks. Sophomore Olivia Stieve handed out 11 assists for the Rams. Senior Taylor Griffith contributed 10 assists. Sophomore Eileen Urbina supplied seven digs and four assists. Junior Abby Michelon hit four kills and made three digs.

The Rams completed their regular season with a 12-23 record. Earlier this week, Glenbard East opened the post-season with an IHSA Class 4A regional semifinal match against Naperville North at the Oswego Regional.

Broncos drop intense match against Providence Catholic

Montini's comeback in third game falls short; Broncos attempt to win regional title this week



Montini Catholic High School's girls volleyball team completed its regular season with a pair of three-game losses last week.

Playing in their final home match of the season, the Broncos faced Providence Catholic in an Oct. 21 battle in Lombard. Montini won the opening game, but the visiting Celtics rallied for an 18-25, 25-20, 25-23 victory.

Providence Catholic held a 16-6 lead in the decisive third game, but the Broncos won seven straight points to cut the Celtics' lead to 16-13. Montini trimmed Providence Catholic's lead to 20-19 and 23-22 later in the game, but the Celtics hung on to their lead and earned a victory.

One day after losing to Providence Catholic, the Broncos completed their regular season with a three-game loss at Downers Grove South. Montini, which finished its regular season with a 25-10 record, is playing in this week's IHSA Class 3A Trinity Regional in River Forest.

If the Broncos win two matches at Trinity to claim the regional title, they will advance to next week's St. Francis Sectional in Wheaton. Montini is the sectional's No. 1 seed.



TOP: Montini sophomore Victoria Reed (16) is pictured during the Broncos' battle against Providence Catholic. RIGHT: Senior Charlotte Payne Zabojnik of Montini receives a Providence Catholic serve during the Oct. 21 Senior Night match in Lombard. The Broncos honored Payne Zabojnik and three other seniors (Avalyn DeKeyser, Moira Quirk and Keira Gaughan) before the match. (Photos by Chris Fox)

Rams' season ends with loss to Blazers in regional final

Kummer scores two goals in Glenbard East's semifinal win over Schaumburg; Addison Trail shuts out Rams to claim regional title

The Glenbard East boys soccer team's 2026 season ended with a 3-0 loss to Addison Trail in Saturday's IHSA Class 3A regional final in Lombard.

The Rams finished their season with a record of 9-6-5.

Addison Trail, which improved to 15-5 after winning the regional's championship plaque, advanced to this week's West Chicago Sectional.

The Rams opened the post-season with a 4-2 victory over Schaumburg in an Oct. 20 regional semifinal in Lombard.

Playing on their home field in the Glenbard East Regional, the Rams built a 3-1 halftime lead over the Saxons.

Senior Ryan Kummer scored two goals for Glenbard East in the regional semifinal. Sophomore Michael Szala provided one goal and one assist. Sophomore Brandon Garcia netted one goal for the Rams.

Seniors Charlie Gidcumb and Johan Olivero supplied one assist each.

Addison Trail led Glenbard East 1-0 at halftime of Saturday's regional final. The Blazers padded their lead with two second-half goals. Addison Trail scored its third and final goal of the match on a penalty kick.



Ryan Kummer (11) scored two goals in Glenbard East's post-season win over Schaumburg. He is pictured during the Rams' season-ending loss to Addison Trail in an IHSA Class 3A regional final played in Lombard. (Photo by Chris Fox)

Sports

Broncos start push toward third-straight state title with home game this Saturday

Montini Catholic High School's football team will begin its 2026 post-season run with this Saturday afternoon's IHSA Class 4A first-round matchup against Geneseo (7-3) in Lombard. The game will begin at 2 p.m. The Maple Leafs of Geneseo (7-3) beat North Chicago 42-14 in a preliminary-round contest on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Montini (7-2) is seeking its third straight IHSA state championship. The Broncos won the Class 3A title in 2024 and claimed the Class 4A championship last year.

The winner of this Saturday's battle between Montini and Geneseo will likely face Morris (9-0) in a second-round matchup.

Willowbrook boys team earns cross-country sectional berth

Alka finishes third at regional

Willowbrook's girls and boys cross-country teams competed in Saturday's IHSA Class 3A Naperville North Regional. The Warriors' boys team earned a fourth-place finish at the regional and advanced to this Saturday's IHSA Lyons Township Sectional in Western Springs.

Willowbrook's girls team placed seventh at the regional and did not qualify for the sectional's team competition.

The top six girls teams and the top six boys teams at the Naperville North Regional advanced to the Lyons Township Sectional.

Junior Legend Alka of Willowbrook's boys team ran to a third-place finish in the individual standings of the regional's boys event. He finished the 3-mile race in 14 minutes, 48.94 seconds. Senior Thomas Thimo (15:38.04) delivered a 15th-place finish for the Warriors. Seniors Jacob Alexander (15:46.90; 22nd), Ryan Quinney (16:06.60; 39th) and Kole Johanson (16:19.09; 45th) completed Willowbrook's scoring lineup.

Three members of Willowbrook's girls team earned individual berths in this week's Lyons Township Sectional. The Naperville North Regional's top five finishers who weren't members of sectional-qualifying teams advanced to the sectional as individuals.

Senior Bethany Yurich of the Warriors earned

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Rams open post-season by beating Bartlett

Pohlman throws four TD passes; Glenbard East plays Kenwood Academy this Friday in Chicago



Quarterback Carter Pohlman (4) fired four touchdown passes in Glenbard East's victory over Bartlett. (Photo by Chris Fox)

The Glenbard East football team defeated Bartlett 42-14 in Friday's IHSA Class 7A preliminary-round playoff game in Lombard. The Rams raised their overall season record to 7-3 with the win and advanced to this week's first-round matchup against the Broncos of Kenwood Academy High School. Glenbard East will face Kenwood Academy (6-3) this Friday, Oct. 30, at Lane Stadium in Chicago. The winner will battle Edwardsville or Normal Community High School in a second-round contest. Normal (9-0) is the No. 1 seed in the Class 7A playoff field, which featured 48 teams. The field was cut down to 32 remaining teams after last week's preliminary-round games.

"The energy was down a little bit," said Glenbard East coach John Walters after the victory over Bartlett. "We turned the ball over twice in the red zone in the first half. We just didn't play with a lot of juice tonight. We've got to find a way to fix that."

Bartlett, which finished its season with an overall record of 2-8, received the opening kickoff of Friday's meeting in Lombard. The Hawks quickly turned the ball over on a fumble. Glenbard East senior defensive back Syncere Fox recovered the fumble at Bartlett's 29-yard line. The Rams also turned the ball over on a fumble on their first offensive series. The Hawks made the recovery at their own 12-yard line. Bartlett

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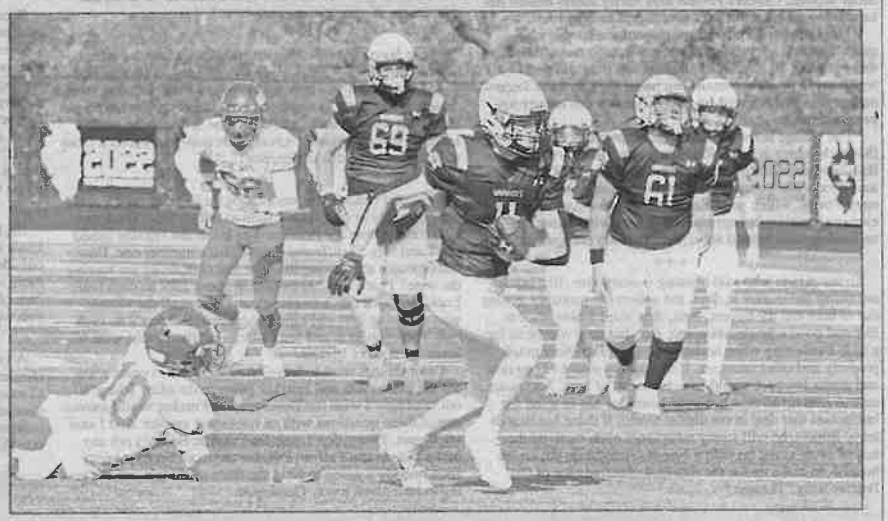

Willowbrook senior JJ Miulli (11) had two touchdown catches on offense and two interceptions on defense in the victory over Amundsen. He's pictured during his 33-yard TD reception in the second quarter. (Photo by Chris Fox)

Warriors open playoffs with dominant win

Miulli hauls in two touchdown receptions, intercepts two passes in 42-6 victory

The Willowbrook football team earned a 42-6 win over Chicago's Amundsen High School in Saturday afternoon's IHSA Class 6A preliminary-round playoff game in Villa Park.

The Warriors, who raised their overall season record to 6-4 with the victory, scored five first-half touchdowns and built a 35-0 halftime lead over the visiting Vikings, who completed their season with a 3-7 record. Willowbrook added a third-quarter touchdown to push its lead to 42-0 and trigger a running clock for the remainder of the game.

The Warriors will travel to Rockton this Friday, Oct. 30, to face the Indians of Hononegah High School in a Class 6A first-round game. Hononegah (8-1) had a preliminary-round bye. There are now 32 teams remaining in the Class 6A playoff field.

The winner of this Friday's meeting between the Warriors and the Indians will face Fenwick or Highland Park in a second-round contest.

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