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The group "México en el Corazón" performed for Addison Trail students and staff in the school's auditorium on Sept. 4. (Submitted photo)

Addison Trail students get to experience Mexican music, dance, culture through performance by 'México en el Corazón'

On Sept. 4, Addison Trail's auditorium was transformed into various regions of Mexico as the group "México en el Corazón" performed for students and staff. The stage was filled with mariachi music and ballet folklórico, bringing the sights, sounds and culture of Mexico to the school.

After the show, students who are part of Addison Trail's Ballet Folklórico Estilo México, Mariachi de Addison Trail and the school's HOLA Club (which aims to instill leadership qualities in the Hispanic community, while celebrating and promoting Hispanic culture, traditions and heritage)

enjoyed a meet-and-greet session with the singers and dancers. They were able to ask questions, take photos and interact with the performers — including singing several songs together.

District 88 is proud to have a diverse school community, with about 50 languages represented among its families. Student belonging is a condition for achievement, and the district provides a variety of opportunities for students to connect through groups and experiences that reflect their interests and cultures.

A special thank you to NAIMA and the Taco 'bout it Taqueria in Addison for making this presentation possible.

Addison Trail Counseling Department hosts annual College Fair for students



The Addison Trail Counseling Department hosted its annual College Fair on Sept. 16, giving students an opportunity to explore a variety of colleges and universities and learn more about their options after high school. Students had an opportunity to connect with college representatives and gather information about available majors, campus life and possibilities for their future. This year, more than 50 colleges and universities participated. The College Fair is designed to help students become familiar with the college exploration and application process while encouraging them to begin thinking about their goals beyond high school. (Submitted photo)

District 88 board members Craft Cain, Taylor honored

Two District 88 Board of Education members will be honored through the Illinois Association of School Boards Board Leader Recognition Program.

District 88 Board of Education President Donna Craft Cain will receive Distinguished Board Leader Annual Merit Recognition, and Board of Education member Jean Taylor will be named as an Established Board Leader. They will be honored for their accomplishments during the IASB DuPage Division Dinner Meeting on Oct. 29 at The Carlisle in Lombard.

The program celebrates board members for their dedication and service to the public education community.

Craft Cain has served on the District 88 Board

of Education since 2004 and has been board president since 2011. She also was board secretary from 2009 to 2011 and has been a member of the IASB DuPage Division Committee since 2023, serving as the Chair since 2025. Craft Cain's connection to District 88 goes beyond serving as a board member — she also is an alumna of Willowbrook (class of 1981), a parent of three District 88 graduates and a longtime resident and business owner in the District 88 community.

Taylor has served on the District 88 Board since 2021. She is an alumna of Willowbrook, and her two children graduated from the school as well. She is involved at all levels with the school, district and community.

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ECMS Express, an international courier and logistics solution company, was welcomed to its new location at 1147 N Ellis St. by the Village of Bensenville with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held on Sept. 10. (Submitted photo)

Bensenville welcomes ECMS Express

On Sept. 10, the Village of Bensenville welcomed ECMS Express to its new location at 1147 N Ellis St. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. ECMS Express is an international courier and logistics solution company, with locations around the globe, that offers express shipping and delivery services. With this move to Bensenville, ECMS expands their operational capacity and strengthens efficiency across the region.

"We're honored when businesses choose to come to Bensenville," said Village President Frank DeSimone. "Our proximity to O'Hare International Airport along with major transportation networks provides an ideal hub for global delivery companies like ECMS Express. The opening of ECMS's new location

brings more jobs to Bensenville, strengthens our commercial base, and helps grow our local economy.

"We're very happy to welcome ECMS to our community and wish them continued success in the Village of Bensenville."

ECMS adds to an already expansive industrial corridor in Bensenville. Its relocation reflects the village's commitment to economic development and fostering a welcome environment for new businesses.

For more information about business development opportunities, visit www.thinkbensenville.com, or contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 630-350-3413. For more information about ECMS Express, visit www.ecmsglobal.com

Fausto earns 88's Best recognition



Iris Fausto (pictured at right, with Addison Trail Principal Jack Andrews) has been named as Addison Trail's August recipient of 88's Best recognition for her outstanding academic accomplishments. Fausto, a senior, was recognized during the Aug. 24 District 88 Board of Education meeting. The District 88 Board of Education and administration created the 88's Best award to highlight students' success. That award recognizes nine Addison Trail and nine Willowbrook students each school year for reaching their personal best in various areas. They receive an 88's Best glass sculpture and a certificate to a local restaurant. (Submitted photo)

Classic cars, cornhole, classic rock roll into White Pines Oct. 11

The engines will be revving, the cornhole bags will be flying and the classic rock will be cranking when the Bensenville Park District brings the 2026 Live at White Pines series to a high-octane finale with Cars, Cornhole and Cocktails from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at White Pines Golf Club, 500 W. Jefferson St. in Bensenville. Drive-up begins at 1 p.m.

Free and open to the public, the fall favorite will turn the White Pines Pavilion parking lot into a Sunday afternoon playground for car lovers, music fans, cornhole competitors and anyone looking for a fun way to enjoy the season.

Guests can check out a showcase of classic cars, toss some bags in a friendly game of cornhole, grab a bite to eat or cocktail and enjoy live classic rock from Chicago-area band Joker's Rival. The event combines all the ingredients for a memorable fall afternoon — cool cars, cold drinks, great food and plenty of rock 'n' roll.

"Cars, Cornhole and Cocktails is the perfect excuse to put the Sunday-to-do list in park and enjoy an afternoon at White Pines," said Andrew Godfrey, PGA general manager at White Pines Golf Club. "Whether guests come for the cars, stay for the music or discover a new love for cornhole, there will be plenty happening from start to finish."

Joker's Rival is known for high-energy performances of classic rock hits spanning the '60s through the '90s. The Chicago-area band features Rev. Dave Miller on lead vocals, Chris Wicklas on drums, Joshua Miller on bass and vocals, Brian Stuhlmacher on guitar and vocals and Jeff Schneider on keyboards, guitar and vocals.

The band's setlist features crowd favorites from artists including Led Zeppelin, Foo Fighters, AC/DC, Queen and Cheap Trick, along with hits such as "Jump" by Van Halen and "Working for the Weekend" by Loverboy. With a mix of nostalgia, energy and sing-along favorites, Joker's Rival is ready to turn up the volume and keep the crowd rocking.

The Live at White Pines Cars, Cornhole and Cocktails event is sponsored by Grand Subaru. For more information and updates, visit WhitePinesGolf.com or follow White Pines Golf Club on social media at @GolfWhitePines.

Halloween Zumba offers fang-tastic night of fitness

It's time to get those bones moving! Wood St. Fitness is inviting the community to dance the night away at its annual Halloween Zumba class from 7:15-8:15 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the Deer Grove Leisure Center, 1000 W. Wood St. This high-energy, costume-friendly dance party is sure to put a spell on participants of all ages and fitness levels.

Led by Wood St. Fitness Zumba instructors, Halloween Zumba will transform the DGLC Exercise Room into a boo-tiful dance floor filled with music, movement and Halloween spirit. Participants can get into the spooky spirit with Halloween props, festive photo opportunities and prizes for the top three costumes. Whether dressing up as a dancing devil, a fitness witch or something completely batty, participants are encouraged to bring their best costume game.

"Forget the broomstick — this Halloween, it's time to grab some workout shoes and get moving!" Recreation Supervisor Sawyer Shrake said. "Halloween Zumba is a great way to have a wickedly good time, burn some calories and show off your costume. It's going to be a scream!"

The special event is not included with the Core Class Pass, so participants will need to register separately. The fee is \$10 and \$8 for in-district patrons, with payment due upon arrival. The class has a minimum of 10 participants and a maximum of 25, so those who want to join the monster mash should register early.

Registration is available at the Deer Grove Leisure Center or online at BvilleParks.org/Register using program registration code 612031-01. For more information, call the Bensenville Park District at 630-766-7015. Come ready to dance, dress to impress and have a spooktacular time — no tricks required!

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A parade of memories during Willowbrook's 2026 homecoming



Willowbrook High School celebrated its homecoming last week. The special events included Friday afternoon's parade down Ardmore Avenue. The parade started at Park Boulevard and Ardmore Avenue and proceeded south on Ardmore to the school. The parade participants included the school's U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps, marching band, and some of the Warriors' athletic teams. Shortly after the parade ended, Willowbrook's flag football team played its homecoming game against Morton. The Warriors defeated the visiting Mustangs 51-0. Willowbrook's football team then played its homecoming contest, and defeated Morton 15-7. For more photos and further details about Willowbrook's homecoming events, see Page 3 and Sports on Pages 9-11. (Photos by Chris Fox)

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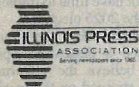
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Area News

Villa Park residents invited to Autumn Jubilee Oct. 10

The Villa Park Community F.U.N. (Focus on Unifying Neighbors) Commission invites you to the fourth annual Autumn Jubilee on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Villa Park Historical Museum, 220 S. Villa Ave., along the Illinois Prairie Path.

Enjoy a fun-filled day featuring food trucks, sweet treats, beverages, live entertainment, face painting, balloon art, arts and crafts, unique vendors, and local animal rescue groups.

Oakbrook Terrace Lions host pasta dinner on Oct. 10

The Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club will hold its 35th annual pasta dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10, at Salvation Army Hall, 15425 Sum-

mit Ave., Oakbrook Terrace. The dinner will include salad, bread and butter, pasta, meatballs, sausage, refreshments and dessert.

The event will also include a bake sale, a silent auction, and a prize giveaway.

Bring used and worn-out sneakers to be recycled and receive a free prize ticket for each pair.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and children 13 and older, and \$5 for children 5-12. Admission is free to children 4 and under.

Proceeds from the Pasta Dinner will be directed toward supporting local charities, groups, and members of our community.

For more information, contact Lion Anthony Lukaszewski at 630-209-3096, or email obtlions@gmail.com.

Homecoming energy at Willowbrook



Willowbrook students, parents and alumni filled the school's stadium for Friday night's homecoming football game against Morton. The Warriors defeated the visiting Mustangs 15-7 to raise their season record to 3-3. Willowbrook's cheerleaders, dance team and marching band performed during halftime. The marching band finished its halftime performance by joining the student section to play and sing "Hey! Baby." The halftime entertainment then concluded with a fireworks display. (Photos by Chris Fox)

Gzamouranis named semifinalist in 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program

Willowbrook High School senior Konstantine Alexander "Alex" Gzamouranis has been named a semifinalist in the 72nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation recently announced the names of more than 16,000 semifinalists, who have an opportunity to continue in the competition for about 6,700 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$24 million. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition.

More than 1.2 million juniors in about 20,000 high schools entered the 2027 National Merit



Alexander
Gzamouranis

Scholarship Program by taking the 2025 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship qualifying test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

The nationwide pool of semifinalists — representing less than 1 percent of United States high school seniors — includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

The number of semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become a finalist, the semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received.

A semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay and earn SAT or ACT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.

For more information about the program, visit www.nationalmerit.org.

Sports

Broncos drop 39-38 decision to St. Rita

Mustangs recover two onside kicks; Montini falls to 4-2 with homecoming loss

The Montini Catholic football team lost a high-scoring battle in its homecoming game against St. Rita on Friday night in Lombard. The visiting Mustangs rallied to edge the Broncos 39-38 in a Chicago Catholic League (CCL) Green Division contest.

Montini dropped to 4-2 overall and 1-1 in division play with the loss. St. Rita moved to 3-3 overall and 2-0 in the division with its win.

The Mustangs took an early 3-0 lead with a first-quarter field goal, but the Broncos moved into the lead later in the opening quarter when senior quarterback Israel Abrams fired a 62-yard touchdown pass to senior Damacio Ortegón. Montini added two more touchdowns in the second quarter, when Abrams scored on a 4-yard run and

connected with senior Donovan Evans on a 23-yard pass. St. Rita, which produced one touchdown and one field goal during the second quarter, trailed the Broncos 21-13 at halftime.

Montini scored on its opening offensive drive of the second half, with Abrams finding senior Daniel Sago on a 10-yard touchdown pass. After St. Rita delivered its third field goal of the game, senior Johnny Louise of the Broncos kicked a 19-yard field goal to give his team a 31-16 lead by the end of the third quarter.

The Mustangs recovered a pair of onside kicks during a wild fourth quarter, when they tied the game at 31-31



Montini senior Damacio Ortegón had five receptions for 118 yards and one touchdown against St. Rita. (Submitted photo)

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Rams pound Ridgewood, move to 4-0 in division play

Glenbard East will face West Chicago Friday in Lombard

The Glenbard East football team's winning streak reached four games following Friday's 55-14 Upstate Eight Conference East Division victory over Ridgewood in Norridge. The Rams moved to 4-2 overall and 4-0 in the division with their win. The Rebels of Ridgewood fell to 1-5 overall and 0-3 in division play.

Glenbard East scored three unanswered touchdowns in the first quarter of Friday's contest and held a 21-0 lead after the opening 12 minutes. The Rams tacked on three more touchdowns during the second quarter on their way to a 41-14 halftime advantage.

Ridgewood scored both of its touchdowns on interception returns. The Rebels intercepted a Glenbard East pass and made a 40-yard return for a touchdown early in the second quarter. The ensuing extra-point kick cut the Rams' lead to 21-7. A 26-yard interception return for a touchdown helped Ridgewood trim Glenbard East's lead to 35-14 with less than two minutes to play in the second quarter.

Senior Montti Perry scored the Rams' first touchdown of the evening on an 8-yard run in the first quarter. Senior Moises Velazquez added the extra-point kick to give Glenbard East a 7-0 lead.

Sophomore quarterback Carter Pohlman threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to sophomore Diamond Chew with a little more than one minute to play in the first quarter. Ridgewood blocked the extra-point kick, leaving the Rams with a 13-0 lead.

Senior Mason Wright hauled in a 13-yard touchdown reception from Pohlman with four seconds left in the opening quarter. Junior Connor LaCount ran the ball into



LEFT: Junior quarterback Niko Vourlos (13) fires a touchdown pass on the Warriors' opening drive against Morton. TOP RIGHT: Willowbrook junior Jax Chavez (0) sets up his team's first touchdown with a 53-yard punt return. BOTTOM RIGHT: Senior Dylan Borkowski (22) hauls in a 13-yard TD reception. (Photos by Chris Fox)

Warriors halt two-game losing streak with homecoming win

Willowbrook takes early lead over Morton on way to 15-7 triumph

The Willowbrook football team improved to 3-3 overall and 2-2 in West Suburban Gold Conference action after Friday's 15-7 win over Morton in Villa Park. Playing their 2026 homecoming game, the Warriors built a 15-0 lead early in the second quarter and held on to end their two-game losing streak.

Morton, which fell to 1-5 overall and 1-2 in conference play, scored its only touchdown of the evening with a little more than three minutes left in the game. The Mustangs' offense didn't take the field after its touchdown drive, as Willowbrook's offensive unit ran out the clock after picking up three first downs.

Morton received the game's opening kickoff and punted after three plays from scrimmage. Junior Jax Chavez of the Warriors held the punt at his team's 31-yard line and delivered a 53-yard return to the Mustangs' 16-yard line. Moments later, junior quarterback Niko Vourlos connected with senior Dylan Borkowski on a 13-yard touchdown pass. The Warriors lined up for an extra-point kick, but after Morton

committed a penalty, and the ball was placed closer to the goal line, Willowbrook's offensive unit returned to the field. Chavez took a handoff and ran into the end zone for a successful two-point conversion that gave the Warriors an 8-0 lead with 8:45 left in the first quarter.

Willowbrook scored its next touchdown when junior Kameron Greenhow crossed the goal line on a 3-yard run with 10:54 remaining in the second quarter. Greenhow's touchdown run capped a 35-yard drive that began after a short Morton punt late in the first quarter. Senior Ben Swanson made the extra-point kick to give the Warriors a 15-0 lead in the contest, which took place in calm and pleasant conditions in front of a large and spirited audience of Willowbrook supporters.

The Warriors could have added to their lead later in the second quarter, but a pair of promising drives in the closing minutes of the first half ended with turnovers. Willowbrook,

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Barrera nets winning goal as Rams rally past Glenbard West, claim Glenbard Cup

The Glenbard East boys soccer team celebrated a championship after its 2-1 win over Glenbard West on Saturday in Lombard. The Rams captured the 2026 Glenbard Cup title with their come-from-behind victory over the Hilltoppers.

The Glenbard Cup is an annual competition between the four District 87 boys soccer teams. Glenbard East won the title in the event's inaugural year of 2019. There was no tournament in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Glenbard West then held a lock on the Glenbard Cup, winning it five straight years from 2021 to 2025.

The Rams put themselves in position to win this year's title after beating Glenbard North 1-0 at Camera Park in Glendale Heights on Sept. 10. Glenbard East added another win over a District 87 opponent when it defeated Glenbard South 1-0 in a Sept. 15 Upstate Eight Conference East Division match in Lombard.

Glenbard West took a 1-0 lead in Saturday's match when it scored a goal off of a long throw-in with 32:04 remaining in the first half. The Rams evened the score about 10 minutes later, when senior Kevin Ramirez launched a free kick from near the middle of the field, more than 50 yards from the goal. A Hilltopper about 13 yards in front of the goal jumped to head the ball, which caromed into the net. Ramirez was credited with the goal, which tied the score at 1-1 with 22:22 left in the opening half.

Glenbard East senior Erick Barrera delivered the winning goal when he drilled a shot into the

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Glenbard East clinched the 2026 Glenbard Cup after defeating Glenbard West 2-1 on Saturday in Lombard. (Photo by Chris Fox)

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Warriors win homecoming game



Senior Liz Pettinger (11) of Willowbrook's flag football team returned an interception for a touchdown during the Warriors' homecoming game against Morton. Willowbrook defeated Morton 51-0 in the Sept. 25 contest. The Warriors suffered their first loss of the season one day later, when they lost 33-0 at Evanston. Willowbrook finished its regular season with a 15-1 record. The Warriors will open the IHSA playoffs with an Oct. 5 semifinal game at the Lake Park Regional. (Photo by Chris Fox)

Rams roll past Elmwood Park



Glenbard East senior Sam Anderson scores on a 16-yard touchdown run during the Rams' 39-0 home win over Elmwood Park on Sept. 24. Glenbard East scored all 39 of its points in the first half. The Rams completed their regular season with Saturday's 42-6 loss at Wheaton Warrenville South. Junior Claire Carnahan scored Glenbard East's only TD against the Tigers, who held a 28-6 halftime lead. The Rams opened IHSA postseason play by facing Lake Park earlier this week at the Lake Park Regional. (Photo by Chris Fox)

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the end zone on the two-point conversion attempt to boost the Rams' lead to 21-0.

Senior Mishun Williams broke a 28-yard touchdown run in the middle of the second quarter to help Glenbard East raise its lead to 28-7. Moments later, after an interception and 25-yard return by sophomore Jayden Avalo, junior Ethan Sowell delivered a 26-yard touchdown run. Velazquez added the extra-point kick to move the lead to 35-7.

The Rebels cut the Rams' lead to 35-14 with their second pick-six play of the second quarter. Glenbard East scored the final points of the first half on LaCount's 18-yard touchdown pass to junior Dan Gara. The Rebels blocked the ensuing extra-point kick.

LaCount threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Chew during the third quarter to help the Rams raise their lead to 48-14. Williams scored Glenbard East's eighth touchdown of the night when he ran 10 yards into the end zone with about two minutes remaining in the third quarter.

The extra-point kick from Velazquez closed out the scoring. The Rams' lead of at least 40 points triggered a running clock for the rest of the game.

Glenbard East will try to extend its winning streak to five games when it faces West Chicago (2-4 overall, 1-2 in the division) in this Friday's division meeting in Lombard.

The Rams will travel to Riverside Brookfield for an Oct. 9 division clash that will likely decide this year's Upstate Eight East champion. Glenbard East will finish its regular season with an Oct. 16 home game against South Elgin in an Upstate Eight crossover game. South Elgin moved to 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the conference's West Division with Friday's 48-0 victory at Streamwood.

Broncos win Volley for the Cure match



Montini Catholic's Victoria Reed sends the ball over the net for a winning point during last week's match against Walter Payton College Prep. The Broncos earned a 25-14, 25-19 win in the Sept. 23 contest in Lombard. Montini improved to 16-5 with the victory in its annual Volley for the Cure match, which raised funds in the battle against breast cancer with a bake sale and sales of custom pink T-shirts. The Broncos' season record dropped to 16-6 following their Sept. 24 loss at Oak Park River Forest. (Photo by Chris Fox)

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which used multiple quarterbacks during the game, drove the ball inside the Mustangs' 10-yard line with less than two minutes to play in the first half. One scoring threat ended when Morton intercepted a Warrior pass in the end zone with 1:46 left in the half. The Warriors regained possession about one minute later, and a leaping 30-yard reception by senior Josiah Marlowe advanced the ball to the Mustangs' 6-yard line. A short time later, Morton intercepted a pass at the goal line with 14 seconds remaining before halftime.

The Warriors committed another turnover deep inside Morton territory during the second half. Willowbrook's offense moved the ball to the Mustangs' 14-yard line early in the fourth quarter, but after a snap sailed over the quarterback's head, Morton recovered the loose ball at its own 29-yard line with 10:34 to play.

"We did move the ball, but we turned it over three times," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth after the homecoming victory over the Mustangs. "We didn't finish those drives. That's what we've got to figure out. But we got out of here with a win, and we'll move forward from there."

The Mustangs ended the Warriors' hopes for a shutout victory when they scored a touchdown on a 2-yard quarterback sneak with 3:16 left in the game. Morton added the extra-point kick to trim Willowbrook's lead to 15-7.

The Mustangs didn't seem to try an onside kick on the ensuing kickoff, but their short kickoff went out of bounds, and the Warriors began a drive at their own 45-yard line. Some strong runs by Chavez allowed Willowbrook to pick up three first downs and run out the clock. The Warriors had the ball inside Morton's 10-yard line when they took a knee on the game's final play.

Willowbrook will play its only Saturday game of the regular season this weekend. The Warriors will travel to Hillside to face Proviso West (1-5 overall) of the West Suburban Silver Conference in a battle that's scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Willowbrook will complete its regular season with two conference home games. The Warriors will meet Proviso East in Villa Park on Friday, Oct. 9. Willowbrook will wrap up its regular season with a home game against Addison Trail on Thursday, Oct. 15.

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with two touchdown runs and a successful two-point conversion pass. Abrams ran for a touchdown to help Montini to a 38-31 lead with just under seven minutes to play. St. Rita scored on a 7-yard touchdown run on its ensuing drive. The Mustangs successfully executed a two-point conversion pass to take a 39-38 lead with 2:52 to play.

Montini's next offensive drive ended with a punt by Louise, who boomed a 49-yard punt. The Broncos needed to stop St. Rita to get the ball back, but the Mustangs picked up a first down and were able to run out the clock.

Montini piled up 464 offensive yards in Friday's loss. Abrams completed 24 of 30 passes for 418 yards and three touchdowns. He also ran for a pair of touchdowns. Evans made seven catches for 149 yards and a touchdown. Oregon provided five receptions for 118 yards and one touchdown in one half of play. Senior Luca Florio contributed three receptions for 61 yards. He also gained 40 rushing yards on seven carries, and supplied 12 tackles as a defensive back. Senior linebacker Ben Evenson also made 12 tackles for the Broncos. Sago hauled in four receptions for 37 yards and a touchdown. As a defensive back, he provided six tackles and an interception.

"St. Rita deserves a lot of credit," stated Montini coach Mike Bukovsky. "They hung in and converted a few key special teams plays to take control of the game. I feel like we wasted an outstanding offensive effort, throwing for over 400 yards and an 80-percent completion rate. You feel that with those numbers you've got to think you can win a football game."

The Broncos will visit Chicago's De La Salle Institute (0-6) of the CCL Red Division this Friday. Montini ends its regular season with a home game against Marmion Academy on Oct. 9, followed by a CCL Green Division battle against St. Francis in Lombard on Oct. 16.

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The Warriors and their fans celebrate after the final point of Willowbrook's three-game victory over Addison Trail in Villa Park. (Photo by Chris Fox)

Warriors win pair of three-game thrillers

Willowbrook's girls volleyball team raised its overall season record to 15-4 with a pair of three-game victories last week. Playing in their annual Volley for the Cure match, the Warriors beat Addison Trail 17-25, 25-18, 25-19 in a Sept. 22 battle in Villa Park. Two days later, Willowbrook outlasted Hinsdale Central 15-25, 25-20, 32-30 in a non-conference match in Hinsdale.

The Warriors trailed Addison Trail 16-15 lead in the decisive third game of last week's conference match. Willowbrook then won seven straight points to take a 22-16 lead.

Senior Melanie Marinier handed out 22 assists for the Warriors in their win over the Blazers. Senior Tess Doyle made 16 digs for Willowbrook, which improved to 3-0 in conference play with the victory. Senior Maggie Hurley provided 12 kills, while

sophomore Evelyn Lammers bashed nine kills. Sophomores Lucy Franz and Darcy Hurley contributed seven kills each. Freshman Paige Marinier supplied 14 assists. Senior Matea Mockler delivered nine digs.

Willowbrook's Volley for the Cure match, played against Addison Trail each year, raises funds in the fight against breast cancer. The special match included a bake sale, raffles, and a sale of custom pink T-shirts.

Doyle provided 19 digs in last week's win at Hinsdale Central. Mockler made 13 digs, while Franz piled up 12 kills and seven digs. Paige Marinier doled out 10 assists, while Melanie Marinier contributed nine assists.

The Warriors' schedule this week includes an Oct. 1 home match against Glenbard East.



The Rams won this year's Glenbard Cup after defeating Glenbard North, Glenbard South and Glenbard West. Glenbard East completed a sweep of its three District 87 opponents with Saturday's victory over the Hilltoppers. (Photo by Chris Fox)

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net with 12:39 to play in the second half. Barrera was about 20 yards away from the goal when he launched his shot, which sailed over the Glenbard West goalkeeper's outstretched right hand and into an upper corner of the goal.

The Rams held off a strong charge from Glenbard West during the closing minutes of the match. The Hilltoppers put the ball in front of the goal during the frenetic closing seconds, but Glenbard East senior goalkeeper Viktor Navarro, who made five saves in the match, grabbed the ball in heavy traffic to close out the victory.

"The focus for us is about trying to play some better soccer against a really quality side," said Glenbard East coach Josh Adler after the Rams

hoisted the Glenbard Cup trophy following their win over the Hilltoppers. "It was a really good match for us to see where we stand."

Glenbard East raised its overall season record to 6-3-2 with Saturday's win. Glenbard West's record fell to 10-4 with the loss.

Four days before playing Glenbard West, the Rams battled Downers Grove South to a scoreless tie in Downers Grove. Navarro made four saves in the Sept. 22 tie.

The Rams entered this week with an Upstate Eight Conference East Division record of 1-0-1. This week's schedule includes division matches with Riverside Brookfield and Ridgewood, along with an Oct. 1 home match against Willowbrook.



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