

## Grand opening...

FRIDAY MORNING'S ribbon-cutting ceremony kicked off a three-day grand-opening celebration at Villa Park Ace Hardware, located at 46 S. Villa Ave. Lou Manfredini, the host of the "Mr. Fix It" program on WGN Radio, purchased the store with his wife Mary Beth earlier this year. The store opened on Aug. 22 in what was described as a soft opening to give the store's staff a chance to listen to customers and learn what merchandise they would like to see in stock. The Manfredinis are pictured on the far left, along with (left to right) Villa Park Economic Development Director Mamie Yee, Villa Park Village President Deborah Bullwinkel, Rae Rupp Sr. and Jeff Stulgin of the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce and Villa Park Village Manager Rich Keehner. Store manager Dave Seiller (next to Keehner) had the honor of performing the actual ribbon cutting. Moments before the ceremony, the Rev. Mark Cole, the pastor of Villa Park's St. Alexander Parish, delivered a blessing of the store and its employees. Manfredini broadcast his "Mr. Fix It" show live from inside the Villa Park store on Saturday morning.

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## A festive homecoming week at Willowbrook High School

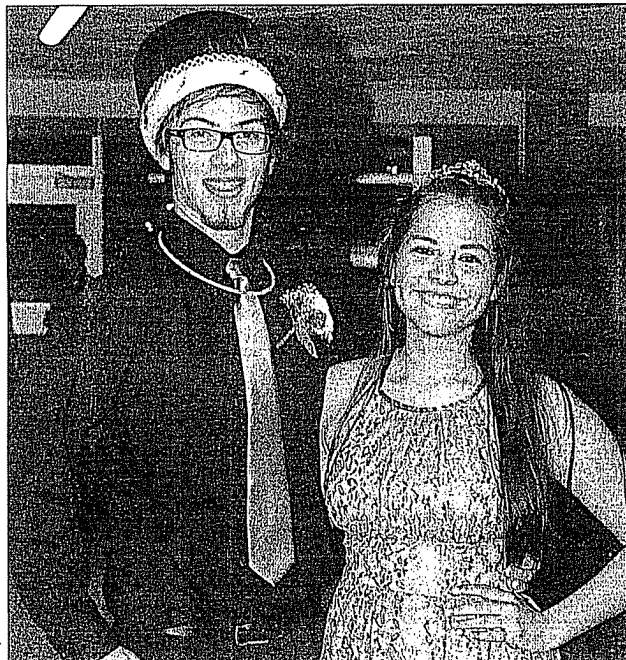
Willowbrook High School celebrated its 2013 homecoming last week. The theme of this year's homecoming was "Neon Nights."

The special activities included the girls powder puff football game between the senior and junior classes on Oct. 2. The seniors earned an 8-6 victory.

Friday afternoon's pep assembly featured the announcement of this year's homecoming

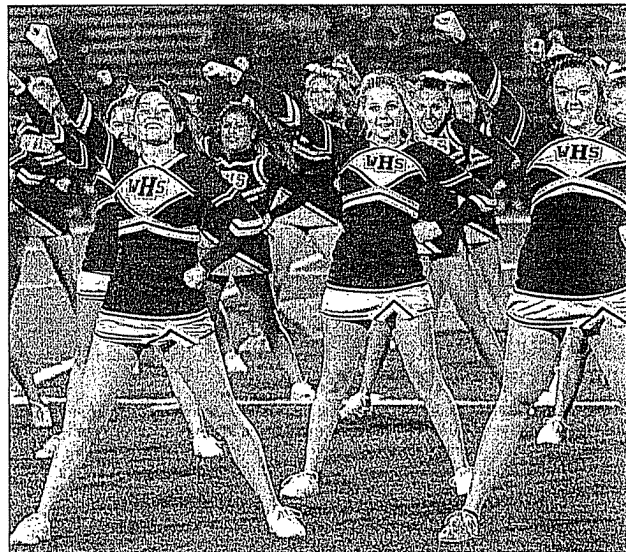
court. All eight members of the court were also introduced during halftime of Friday night's football game against Proviso East. Willowbrook earned its fifth consecutive victory, beating Proviso East 48-28.

The final event of homecoming week was Saturday night's dance. About 600 students attended the dance, which took place in the school's main gymnasium.



## Homecoming week...

THE FEATURED EVENTS of Willowbrook High School's 2013 homecoming week included Friday night's football game and Saturday evening's dance. The Warriors defeated Proviso East 48-28 on Friday to improve their overall season record to 5-1. The game included halftime performances from Willowbrook's marching band (above, right) and cheerleaders (right), as well as a routine by the pom team. The members of this year's homecoming court were also introduced at halftime. The above photo shows the king and queen of the senior class—Kevin Bouchard and Perla Hernandez—at Saturday's dance.



## Villa Park fire department holds annual open house on Saturday

The Villa Park Fire Department will hold its annual open house on Saturday, Oct. 12, from noon to 3 p.m. The open house will take place at Fire Station No. 3, located at 1440 S. Ardmore Ave. Parking will be available at the U.S. Post Office across the street.

The open house, which will take place in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 6-12), will include fire safety puppet shows and a live fire demonstration. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) sponsors Fire Protection Week, which dates back to the 1920s. This year's theme is "Prevent Kitchen Fires."

Children will be able to see and touch various fire vehicles and equipment and meet Sparky the Fire Dog. Other children's attractions will include junior firefighter helmets, stick-on badges, balloons and Villa Park Fire Department tattoos. The open house will also feature natural gas and electrical safety presentations from NICOR and ComEd, as well as refreshments, games and a chance to win free raffle prizes.

For more information about the Oct. 12 open house, contact the Villa Park Fire Department at 630-833-5350.

## Villa Park's seven-week fall leaf collection period begins Monday

Yard waste stickers not required between Oct. 14 and Nov. 30

The Village of Villa Park's fall leaf collection program will allow residents to dispose of an unlimited number of Kraft paper bags of leaves without affixing yard waste disposal stickers. The program will be in effect during a seven-week period beginning on Oct. 14 and ending on Nov. 30.

Brush must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet and not larger than 18 inches in diameter. No limbs over 4 inches in diameter will be accepted.

Yard waste stickers are not required for the disposal of brush bundles. Since all brush and yard waste are transported to a composting facility for processing, plastic bags may not be used. Residents should use only biodegradable twine or string for binding brush.

It is unlawful to deposit yard waste of any kind into public streets.

For more information, call the village's public works department at 630-834-8505.

## VP police seek information in retail theft of car batteries

Villa Park police are trying to identify the suspects and vehicle involved in a Sept. 23 retail theft of over 90 car batteries from the Villa Park Walmart store at 900 S. Route 83. The vehicle, which was reportedly occupied by three black male subjects, appears to be a maroon 1994-95 Toyota Avalon. The vehicle has a sunroof.

Anyone with information about the identity of the three subjects or the vehicle is asked to contact Villa Park Police Det. Dennis Campos at 630-592-6162, or at [dcampos@invillapark.com](mailto:dcampos@invillapark.com).

To view a surveillance image of the vehicle, visit <https://local.nixle.com/villa-park-police-department/>.

## VP Junior Women's Club holds Trick or Trot fun run on Oct. 26

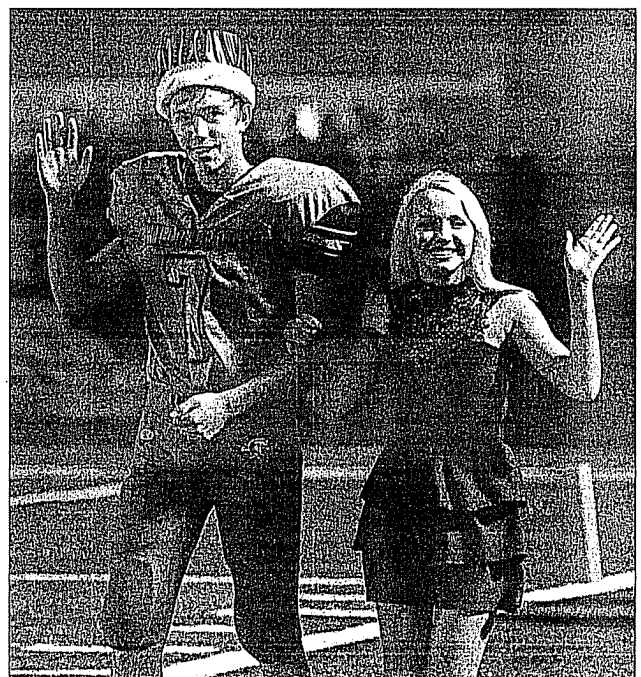
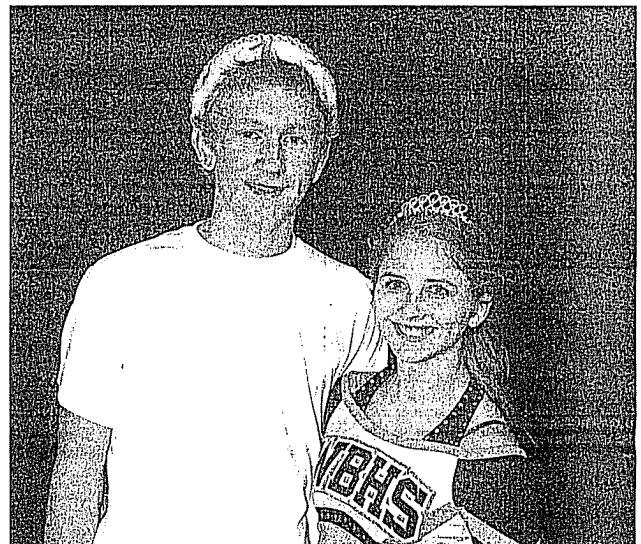
The Villa Park Junior Women's Club Trick or Trot 5K Run/Walk will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26. The event begins near Park Boulevard and Cornell Avenue by the Illinois Prairie Path. The 5-kilometer run/walk will start at 9 a.m. A 1-kilometer kids run will begin at 10 a.m. Registration on the day of the event starts at 7 a.m. Participants are invited to wear a Halloween costume.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Villa Park Junior Women's Club.

Scholarship Award, which recognizes the efforts of an outstanding high school female from Villa Park.

Registration fees before Oct. 1 are \$25 for an individual in the run/walk, \$50 for a family in the run/walk and \$10 per participant in the 1-kilometer kids run. Fees increase after Oct. 1.

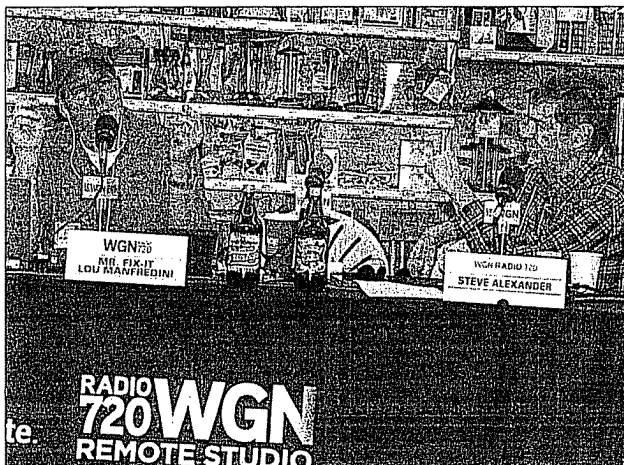
Online registration is available. To register, go to [active.com](http://active.com), or visit [vpjwc.org](http://vpjwc.org) and click on the Trick Or Trot 5K link to download a registration form.



## Homecoming court...

Photos by Chris Fox

THE MEMBERS OF WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S 2013 homecoming court were introduced during halftime of Friday night's football game. The top photo shows the Class of 2017's homecoming king and queen—Casey King and Gloria Vega—shortly before they were introduced. The middle photo shows the king and queen of the sophomore class—Joey Ernst and Veronica Catanese. The bottom photo shows the Class of 2015's king and queen—John Halloran and Olivia Baumann—as they were introduced at halftime. The king and queen of the senior class (pictured on the previous page) are Kevin Bouchard and Perla Hernandez. The homecoming kings and queens were determined by elections.



## Live, from Villa Park...

LOU MANFREDINI (above, left) broadcast his "Mr. Fix It" radio program live from the new Villa Park Ace Hardware on Saturday morning. Manfredini's program airs from 7 to 10 a.m. each Saturday morning on WGN Radio. Pictured on the right is WGN's Steve Alexander, who regularly appears on the show. Manfredini and his wife Mary Beth purchased the store at 46 S. Villa Ave. earlier this year. The business opened on Aug. 22. The radio broadcast was part of a three-day grand-opening celebration at the hardware store. Saturday's program included appearances by Villa Park Village President Deborah

# Sports

## LOMBARDIAN VILLA PARK REVIEW

### Warriors pile up 48 points in homecoming win

The Willowbrook football team delivered a homecoming-game win on Friday night against the Proviso East Pirates. The Warriors scored seven touchdowns on their way to a 48-28 West Suburban Gold Conference victory in Villa Park.

Willowbrook, which earned its fifth straight win and improved to 5-1 overall and 3-0 in conference play, built a 21-0 lead by halftime. The Warriors will tangle with another 3-0 conference team—Downers Grove South—this Friday in Villa Park.

Senior quarterback Brian Johnson fired six touchdown passes to lead the Warriors to the win over the Pirates, who fell 0-6 overall and 0-3 in the conference. Senior receiver Hayden Adams caught Johnson's first three touchdown passes of the night. Adams also grabbed Johnson's sixth scoring pass in the middle of the fourth quarter.

Willowbrook took awhile to get rolling in front of a healthy homecoming crowd. The Warriors marched 66 yards for a touchdown on the opening drive of the game. Senior Devin Childress then recovered an ensuing onside kick to give his team the ball at the Pirates' 45-yard line. Willowbrook's drive ended moments later on a Proviso East interception. The Pirates then committed a turnover of their own—a fumble recovered by senior defensive lineman Irwin Leon-Cervantes. The Warriors' drive began at the Pirates' 15-yard-line but went nowhere and ended with a missed field goal.

The game's next five drives yielded punts—three by the Pirates and two by the Warriors. Willowbrook doubled its lead after partially blocking a punt and beginning a drive at the Pirates' 45-yard line. The Johnson-to-Adams duo completed the drive with an 18-yard touchdown pass. Adams made a

leaping catch at the goal line to wrest the ball away from a Proviso East defender. The extra-point kick gave the Warriors a 14-0 advantage with about five minutes left in the first half.

Adams delivered his third touchdown of the half when he reached to grab a pass from Johnson in the middle of the field and raced into the end zone for a 47-yard touchdown connection.

Willowbrook added two more touchdowns in the third quarter, beginning with Johnson's 13-yard toss to Childress that helped push the Warriors' lead to 28-0. Proviso East scored its first touchdown of the night in the middle of the period. Senior Jeremy Barnes responded with a 40-yard touchdown run about one minute later to help extend the lead to 35-7.

Johnson and Adams hooked up for their longest gain of the night at the end of the third quarter, when Adams caught a pass in the open field and sprinted toward the end zone. The Pirates tackled Adams at near the goal line after a gain of about 80 yards. Johnson then threw a short touchdown pass to senior Joe Catanese to complete the scoring drive in the first minute of the fourth quarter and hike the lead to 41-7.

Adams caught his fourth scoring pass of the night on a 3-yard reception in the middle of the final quarter.

Friday's win over the Pirates marked the third multiple-touchdown game of the season for Adams, who scored three touchdowns apiece in a Week 2 victory over Lyons Township and a Week 4 win over York. One of Adams' three touchdowns against York came on an interception return.

Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth said the Warriors will have to shore up their offensive and defensive play for this week's showdown against the Mustangs (3-3 overall). While the Warriors were beating Proviso East,

Downers Grove South fell 42-21 to its crosstown rival—Downers Grove North.

"We had early opportunities to jump on top of them [the Pirates], but we didn't," said Hildreth after the lengthy game, which took more than three hours to complete and ended at about 10:45 p.m. "Eventually we pulled away, but we couldn't sustain it. We couldn't get stops. We'll have to be ready for Downers Grove South. We have to take away their running game, and we've got to capitalize on offense. We need to finish drives and not allow teams to take the ball out of our hands."

#### Montini

The Broncos raised their overall record to 6-0 with Friday's 38-21 homecoming victory over IC Catholic Prep in Lombard. Montini grabbed a 24-0 halftime lead against the visiting Knights, whose record fell to 3-3.

Senior Nikko Italia (14 carries for 101 yards) joined senior Tyler Tumpane and freshman Prince Walker to contribute rushing touchdowns for the Broncos, who led the Knights 31-7 after three quarters. Senior Frank Vosicky scored a defensive touchdown when he recovered an IC fumble in the end zone. Senior quarterback Alex Wills, who completed 18 of 26 pass attempts, threw a touchdown pass to junior Leon Thornton for the game's first score.

Montini will play a home game against longtime rival Marian Central Catholic (5-1 overall) this Friday.

#### Glenbard East

The Rams dropped to 2-4 overall and 1-3 in the DuPage Valley Conference following Friday's 52-7 loss at Wheaton North. Glenbard East, which trailed the Falcons (5-1 overall, 3-1 in the DVC) 45-0 at halftime, scored its lone touchdown on a 7-yard pass from junior Drake Pusateri to senior Joe Difino in the third quarter.

Glenbard East will play its homecoming game against DVC rival Naperville North (3-3 overall and 2-2 in the conference) this Friday in Lombard.

#### Firebirds tryouts on Thursday

The Firebirds Soccer Club will hold tryouts for its high school boys' teams for the 2014 spring season from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 10. The tryouts will take place on the far west side of Four Seasons Park (under the lights by the softball field) near the corner of 16th Street and Finley Road in Lombard.

All high school boys are welcome to take part in the tryouts. The Firebirds' teams for the 2014 season will be formed based on the ages of the boys who try out and the total number of boys who participate.

This is an open tryout for the 2014 spring soccer year. The high school teams will receive professional training. Visit [www.firebirdssc.com](http://www.firebirdssc.com) to download a registration form, which is available by going to the "Tryout Info" header and clicking on the "Tryout Registration" link. For more information about the tryouts, contact Pete Knight at [peter.knight@uksoccam.com](mailto:peter.knight@uksoccam.com).



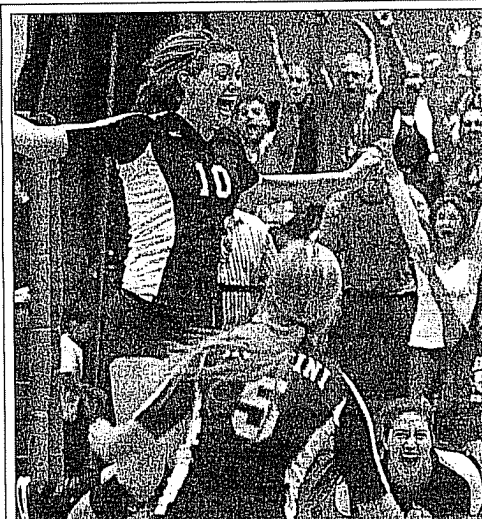
Great catch...

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WILLOWBROOK SENIOR Hayden Adams (above, right) hauls in a 47-yard touchdown pass during the second quarter of Friday's homecoming football game against Proviso East. Adams scored his team's first three touchdowns of the game to help his team to a 48-28 victory in Villa Park. He hauled in his fourth touchdown catch of the night in the fourth quarter. Willowbrook secured its fifth consecutive win and improved to 5-1 overall and 3-0 in the West Suburban Gold Conference. The Warriors will face conference rival Downers Grove South this Friday in Villa Park. The Mustangs also have a conference record of 3-0.

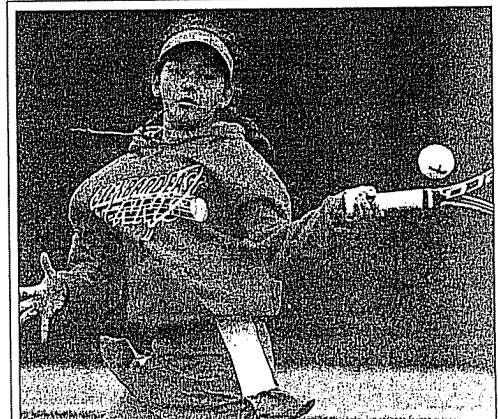
#### Register for Jr. Rams wrestling

The Glenbard East Junior Rams wrestling program for athletes in grades 1 through 8 will soon hold registration for its upcoming 2013-14 season. The registration dates are: Oct. 28; Oct. 30 and Nov. 5. Each registration session will begin at 6 p.m. in the Glenbard East cafeteria. Wrestlers only need to attend one registration session. Wrestlers must be present at registration; they need to bring a copy of their birth certificate. The Junior Rams wrestlers' first practice of the season will take place Nov. 12. The Junior Rams will practice Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. during the season. Interested wrestlers who cannot attend registration should contact Coach Mike Marola at 630-234-8328, or at [gejrjams@aol.com](mailto:gejrjams@aol.com).



#### Jumping for joy...

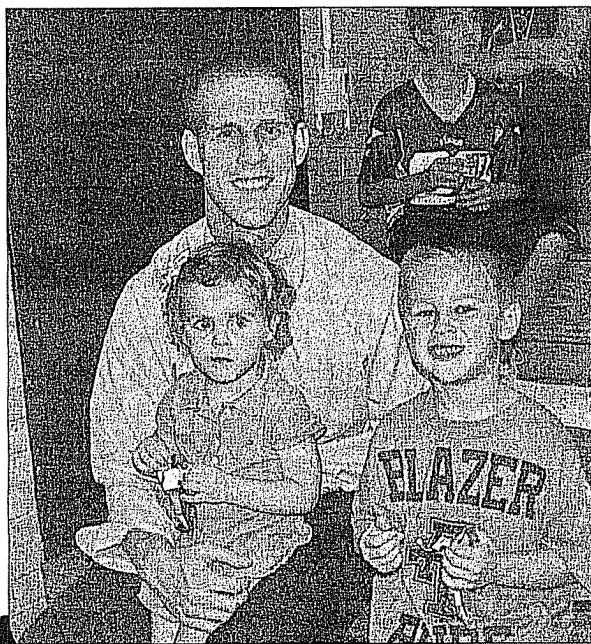
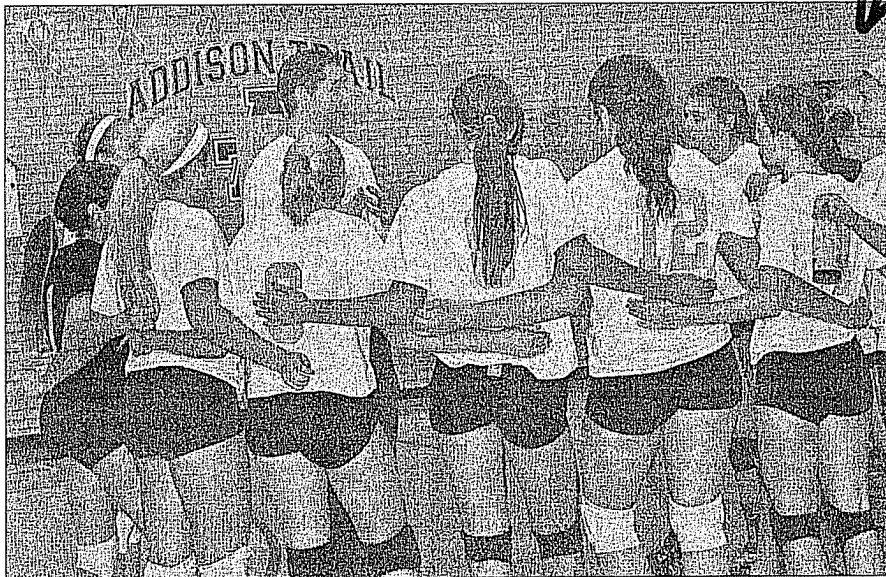
SENIOR JOYCE BALASH (above) of the Montini girls volleyball team celebrates the final point of last week's match at IC Catholic Prep in Elmhurst. Balash's kill secured the winning point in Montini's exciting 21-25, 25-21, 27-25 victory. The Broncos, who improved their overall season record to 19-2 with the win, fought off two match points against the Knights, who held leads of 24-23 and 25-24 in the decisive third game. Junior Monica Loftus (No. 5, pictured in the foreground) bashed a team-leading 20 kills for Montini. Senior Natalie Lopez connected for 18 kills, while Balash provided eight kills. Sophomore Gina Cappetta gave out 31 assists, while senior Bridget Lucas made 23 digs. Lopez delivered 15 digs. Pictured on the lower right is junior Jordan Brusciannelli.



#### On a roll...

FRESHMAN PRISCILLA PALERMO (above) of the Glenbard East girls tennis team swings away during one of her matches at Saturday's Glenbard East Quad in Lombard. The Rams played dual meets against Nazareth, Huntley and West Chicago at the event. Glenbard East earned 4-1 victories over all three opponents on its way to a first-place showing in the event. Each dual meet featured two singles matches and three doubles contests. Nazareth finished second in the overall results, winning a total of 11 matches, one less than the Rams' total. The Roadrunners swept both Huntley and West Chicago. Palermo steamrolled through her competition in the No. 1 singles flight, losing only one game all day. Palermo earned 6-0, 6-0 victories in two of her matches. She defeated her West Chicago opponent 6-1, 6-0. Junior Angela Kerndl won two of three matches in the No. 2 singles division. Juniors Janie Jemmi and Mary Kurtz teamed up to win two of their three matches in the No. 1 doubles flight. Glenbard East's No. 2 doubles team of juniors Jenny Danan-Cudia and Nicki Vachon also won two of three matches. Seniors Shannon Gill and Michelle Pugaczewicz won 2-0 in the No. 3 doubles flight, beating their opponents from Nazareth and Huntley. The duo of juniors Alyssa Schaub and Rachael Leilheit provided the Rams with a victory at No. 3 doubles during the dual meet against West Chicago.

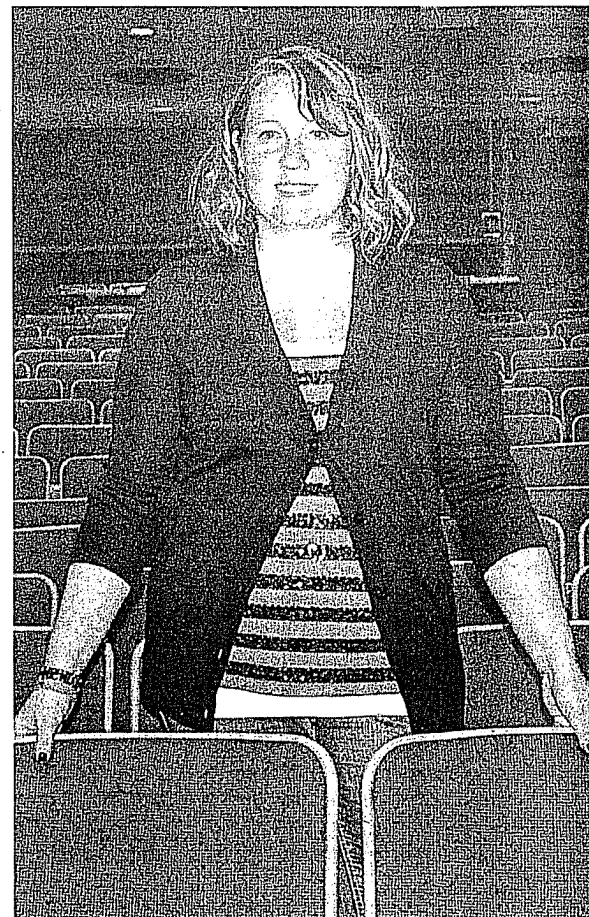
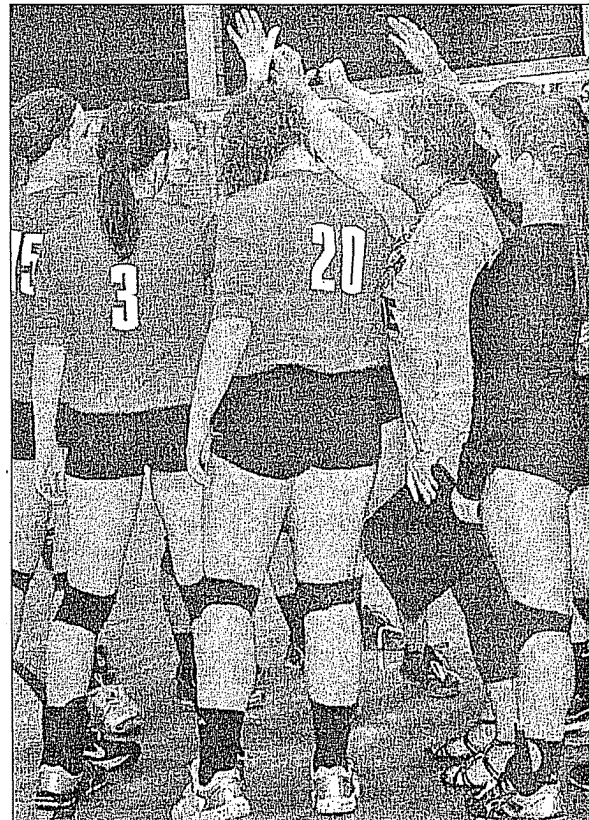




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### **Dist. 88's Volley for the Cure raises almost \$1200 for Susan G. Komen**

On Oct. 1, the District 88 girls volleyball teams (Addison Trail and Willowbrook) went head to head during Addison Trail's annual Volley for the Cure match. Pictured above left: Addison Trail girls Volleyball Head Coach Dan Styler encourages his players; above right: the Willowbrook girls Volleyball Team celebrates during the October 1 Volley for the Cure game; left: Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka enjoys the game with his daughter Mallory and his son Tyler.



ANNA JAKUBKA COURT

## **AT theatre director named assistant for Second City production**

ADDISON —For Anna Jakubka Court, there's no better place to be than at the theater.

That's why the Addison Trail English teacher and theatre director has spent countless hours organizing various productions at the school. And now her talents can be seen on another stage — at The Second City® Donny's Skybox in Chicago.

After completing a writing program through The Second City this past spring, Court applied to be an assistant director. She has now been selected to assist with The Second City Training Center's production of "The League of Ordinary People."

"I was very excited when I was named as assistant director, but I knew it would be a lot of work," she said. "The position is about learning how The Second City works."

Court is excited to continue developing her skills as a director, writer and actor, and she plans to take improvisation courses and other

classes with The Second City. She also has applied to be an assistant director in The Mary Siewert Scruggs Works By Women Festival 2013 through The Second City, which takes place in late November.

"I want to be well-rounded and pursue other avenues with The Second City," she said.

"The League of Ordinary People" details Summary: Who hasn't been on a mythical journey? Who doesn't have personal demons? Bring out your inner hero and fight your demons of Netflix and family obligations to come see the newest branch of The Second City Training Center. The Sketch Ensemble Project presents "The League of Ordinary People."

**When:** Fridays through Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** The Second City Donny's Skybox, 1608 N. Wells, 4th floor, in Chicago

**Tickets:** For tickets, visit [tinyurl.com/q2yxldp](http://tinyurl.com/q2yxldp).

# Army Trail fifth graders visit Addison library

ADDISON — Army Trail 5th graders in Ms. Warrington's class walked over to the Addison Public Library on October 1 for their first visit of the school year. With the library and school in such close proximity, Army Trail teachers take advantage of this community

resource, expanding their students' reading opportunities.

Mrs. Eileen McLeister greet-

ed the students and took a few minutes to show what things had changed or been moved

over summer, before giving them to select books for checking out. This 5th grade class

will visit the library once a month throughout the school year.

## Addison Trail hosts annual Fine Arts Showcase

ADDISON — On Wednesday, October 2, Addison Trail students and faculty hosted the school's annual Fine Arts Showcase, featuring performances by the Symphony Orchestra, Guitar Ensemble, Chamber Strings, Concert Choir, Treble Choir, Orchestis, Marching Blazers and the Theatre program. A collection of student artwork was also on display.

The Fine Arts Showcase takes place each year to share upcoming programs during the school year at Addison Trail.

### 2013-14 UPCOMING FINE ARTS EVENTS

- Oct. 23: Fall Band Concert
  - Nov. 7-9: Fall play, "The Odd Couple"
  - Nov. 12: Jazz Café
  - Nov. 15: Improv Show
  - Dec. 4: Holiday Benefit Concert
  - Dec. 10-13: Senior Art Exhibit
  - Jan. 7: Guitar Fest
  - Feb. 6-8: Winter musical, "Once on This Island"
  - Feb. 13: Addison Trail/Indian Trail Choir Concert
  - Feb. 18: Addison Trail/Indian Trail Orchestra Concert
  - March 4-7: International Fest
  - March 7: International Dance
  - March 8: POPS Concert
  - March 20: Addison Trail/Indian Trail Band Concert
  - April 10-12: Spring play, "Twelve Angry Jurors"
  - April 25-26: Orchestis Show
  - April 29: Spring Band Concert
  - April 29-May 2: Spring Art Show
  - April 30: Spring Choir Concert
  - May 1: Guitar Fest
  - May 2-3: Student-directed "One Acts"
  - May 20: Spring Orchestra Concert
  - May 21: Jazz Café
  - May 27: Battle of the Bands
- \* For event details, go to <https://www.dupage88.net/site/sub/2>.



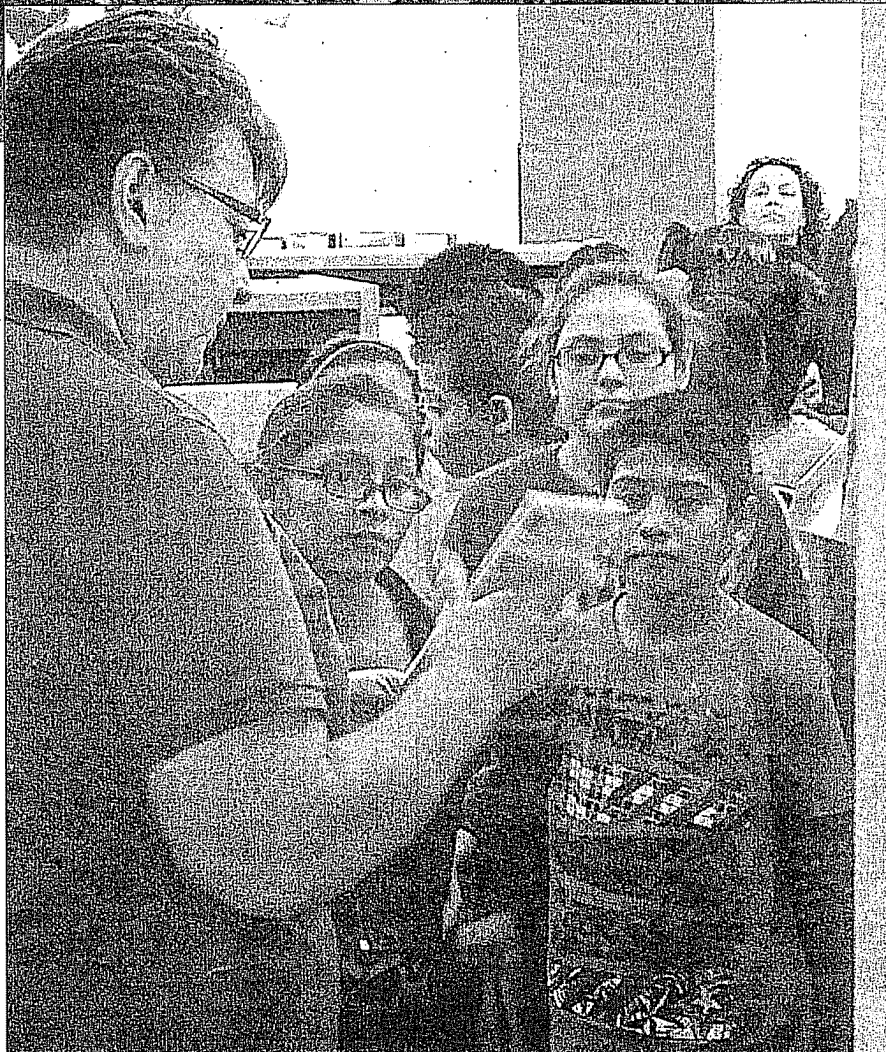
## What's new at the Addison Library?

all photos provided

Above: Librarian Eileen McLeister (l., back turned) greeted the students from Ms. Warrington's 5th grade class at Army Trail School when they visited the Addison Public Library recently. She took a few minutes to show the young people what things had changed or been moved over summer.

## Paying attention, getting it straight...

Right: Students listen intently to explanations provided by Mrs. Eileen McLeister, a librarian at the Addison Public Library, who talked with the students about what's new at the library, especially now that the summer months have passed.





## SPORTS

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## Willowbrook football now 5-1 overall

## AT's Vaca finishes second at WSC Gold boys golf meet

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Willowbrook football team pushed its record to 5-1 overall after a 48-28 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win over Proviso East.

The win also kept the Warriors perfect in WSC Gold play at 3-0. Proviso East fell to 0-6.

Willowbrook hosts Downers Grove South Friday in a game where first place in the WSC Gold is on the line. Both teams are 3-0 in conference play. Downers Grove South is 3-3 overall.

## Addison Trail football

The Addison Trail football team recorded its first win of the year. The Blazers downed Morton 14-7 to move to 1-5 overall and 1-3 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action.

The Blazers head to Maywood Saturday to face winless Proviso East in a 1:30p.m. contest.

## Fenton football

The Fenton football team moved a step closer to playoff eligibility after a 42-7 Metro Suburban Conference victory over Ridgewood.

The win bumped Fenton to 4-2 overall and 1-0 in MSC play.

The Bison can become playoff eligible if they defeat Glenbard South in Glen Ellyn Friday night.

## Addison Trail boys soccer

The Addison Trail boys soccer team was 4-6-1 in its first 11 matches, which included a 2-0 road conference win against Downers Grove South.

"We stacked our schedule," said Addison Trail coach Ryan Dini. "Our losses have been to some of the top teams, so we are getting tested every time we play."

Through those first 11 matches, Trey Smith was leading the team with five goals and three assists. Cesar Chavez had four goals and four assists, while Tom Kania had two goals and two assists. Juan Briones and Dan Krajewski each had two

goals.

Junior goalie Jonah Moran had three shutouts and a 2.18 goals-against average through the first 11 games.

"We have faced a lot of adversity this season with injuries, bad luck and having two freshmen and two sophomores up at the varsity level," said Dini. "Our team is starting to come together. I feel we are going to be playing well at the end of the season right before the playoffs."

The team is looking forward to the return of junior Elias Leyva from a shoulder injury that has sidelined him the entire season.

"He will be back in the middle for us," said Dini.

The coach noted playing strong defense will play a big role in the team's success the rest of the way.

"The key to our season from here on out is to play stellar defense, create more scoring opportunities and to play a possession-style of soccer," he said. "We have some quality players who need to step up and help lead this team down the stretch."

Sophomore Javier Berrum has been a key contributor this season.

"A surprise player has been Javier," said Dini. "He is a sophomore player who has stepped in well at the varsity level. He has improved as the season has gone on and will be a key player for the team the next couple of years. His height and ball control help us keep possession of the ball."

## Willowbrook girls golf

The Willowbrook girls golf team finished the regular season 3-10 overall and 1-8 in West Suburban Conference play.

"I'm proud of the team," said Willowbrook coach Jim White. "They improved week to week."

White noted Amanda DiNella, Madison Aiello, Susie Johnson and Bailey Cowell were top golfers for the team this year.

"Amanda came up short in medaling for conference, but she represented Willowbrook and the team well," said White.

White noted the team will graduate five seniors.

"We'll lose those five and their contributions to the program," said White. "We're looking to

add to the team next year.

"DiNella, Aiello, Cowell, Allisn Kelley, Teresa Flicek and Sarah Franco competed for Willowbrook this week in regional competition.

## Addison Trail boys golf

The Addison Trail boys golf team went 6-6 during the regular season.

The Blazers closed the conference dual-meet season with a 173-174 win over District 88 neighbor Willowbrook. Tom Stuhr had a 42. Nick Sammarco shot 43, while Zack Vaca and Matt Piotrowski each shot 44.

The Blazers finished third at the West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet held at Prairie Bluff. Addison Trail shot 331.

Vaca finished second in the conference with a 79. Piotrowski shot 80 and took fourth. Hartnett shot 84 and finished 12th. Sammarco and Joe Zuccliero each shot 88, while Stuhr shot 89.

Vaca, Piotrowski and Hartnett earned all-WSC Gold honors.

## Willowbrook boys cross country

Willowbrook junior Jimmy Funteas recently won the Leyden Invitational. It was his third time winning one of the races at Leyden. He has won it at the freshmen, sophomore and now varsity levels.

Funteas is currently Willowbrook's No. 1 runner. Behind him is junior Anthony Acitelli, senior Luke Caron and a group that includes the likes of senior Will Unseth, senior Ed Garner IV, junior Tommy King and senior Nick Turek.

"We are improving times in every race," said Willowbrook coach TJ Artman. "We're hosting the conference championship. We're looking forward to that and the state series."

## Willowbrook girls cross country

Thus far, Willowbrook has West Suburban Conference Gold Division wins over Hinsdale South, Leyden, Morton and Proviso East. The Warriors only conference loss has been to Downers Grove South. Willowbrook wrapped up conference duals with Addison Trail on Monday.

"The team continues to be a strong force and is running very well together," said Willow-

brook coach Christine Hasler.

Sophomore Shannon Jones has been the team's top finisher.

"Shannon continues to run personal bests at each of our home meets," said Hasler. "However, the rest of the pack is not far behind."

That group includes Danielle Velasquez (sophomore), Kathrene Garcia (senior), Taylor Burton (senior), Jocelyn Rodriguez (sophomore) and Britannia Horn (senior).

"They all are running very well this season," said Hasler. "We continue to drop times. They have become a solid group. It's been amazing to watch how well this group has been running together and the strides they have made to become mentally tough."

Willowbrook hosts the WSC Gold meet Oct. 19.

## Willowbrook girls tennis

The Willowbrook girls tennis team holds conference wins over Leyden (4-3), Addison Trail (5-2), Proviso East (7-0) and Morton (5-2). The Warriors' only conference loss thus far has been to Hinsdale South (4-3).

Amanda Wendt sports a 16-3 record at No. 2 singles.

"Amanda has really stepped up this year," said Willowbrook coach Christy Scardina.

Katherine Hinman has compiled a 13-5 record at No. 1 singles. Hinman and Wendt have conference wins over Hinsdale South, Morton, Addison Trail and Leyden.

"The team is working very hard this year," said Scardina.

"Last year, we finished fourth in the conference and we are hoping to finish better this year."

## Week 7 Preview

## Downers Grove South (3-3, 3-0) at Willowbrook (5-1, 3-0)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Willowbrook High School, Villa Park

Last week: Willowbrook 48, Proviso East 28; Downers North 42, Downers South 21

Last year: Willowbrook 29, Downers South 27

**Outlook:** Willowbrook became playoff eligible with last week's win against Proviso East. This week's game has two significant meanings. A win would automatically qualify Willowbrook for the state playoffs and it would give the squad sole possession of first place in the WSC Gold. Both teams come into the game unbeaten in conference play. The only common conference opponent has been Morton. Willowbrook beat Morton 49-19, while Downers South won 21-14. Willowbrook last won the Gold Division title in 1982.

## Week 7 Preview

## Addison Trail (1-5, 1-3) at Proviso East (0-6, 0-3)

When: Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

Where: Proviso East High School, Maywood

Last week: Addison Trail 14, Morton 7; Willowbrook 48, Proviso East 28

Last year: Addison Trail 20, Proviso East 14

**Outlook:** Addison Trail snapped a five-game losing streak with last week's one-touchdown win over Morton. The Blazers will look to make it two in a row over a Proviso East squad that lost by 20 to conference co-leader Willowbrook. Addison Trail wraps up the season with its home finale in Week 8 against Glenbard West and a Week 9 matchup with District 88 neighbor Willowbrook.



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## Addison Trail hosts second annual Go Pink or Go Home Walk

Pictured with Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka (c.) are participants of the school's second annual "Go Pink or Go Home" Walk on Thursday, October 3 at Addison Trail, kicking off a month-long campaign dedicated to breast cancer awareness. More than 250 students, faculty and parents participated and more than \$1,000 was raised to support those in the local community. For more information, call 630-628-3300.

## Addison Trail Lettermen Club to host Blazer Boot Camp

ADDISON — Are you ready for a fun challenge? Then you won't want to miss the Addison Trail Lettermen Club Blazer Boot Camp on Wednesday, October 16 at Addison Trail. Students and adults are invited to participate as an individual or in teams of two. Registration will begin at 6:15 p.m., and the event will begin at 7 p.m.

The boot camp will include a series of obstacles and stunts throughout a 1.5-mile area. Prizes will be awarded for top finishers in multiple categories.

A coed club for all varsity athletes, the Addison Trail Lettermen Club hosts several events throughout the school year including Pack-the-Place, Lettermen Club Week and awarding a scholarship. Blazer Boot Camp is the fifth annual race for Lettermen Club, and proceeds will benefit its scholarship fund, which helps Addison Trail families in need.

For fees, information, and to register visit [tinyurl.com/nxjh4af](http://tinyurl.com/nxjh4af).



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## AT guitar ensemble performs at Showcase

Addison Trail's Guitar Ensemble performs "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" during Addison Trail's annual Fine Arts Showcase held on October 2. The event served to announce upcoming programs during the school year for fine arts programs at Addison Trail.

## ADDISON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Thursday, October 10 AAG meeting welcomes artist Malenchik

At 7:30 p.m., guest artist Thia Malenchik will present an oil landscape painting demonstration at the next meeting of the Addison Art Guild on in the second floor courtroom at Addison Village Hall.

### Friday, October 11 Artist's reception for Terrance Johnson

From 7-9 p.m., the Addison Center for the Arts will host an artist's reception for Terrance Johnson who will exhibit "An Alternative View" of Modernism at the gallery at 213 No. Lombard Rd. inside ATHS. Free and open to the public. Info: 630-458-4500 or [addisoncenterforthearts.com](http://addisoncenterforthearts.com)

### Tuesday, October 15 State Treasurer to speak at ACCI luncheon

Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford will discuss the current condition of Illinois' state finances at a multi-Chamber luncheon event at Bloom-

ingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Rd., Bloomington. Registration at 11:30 a.m.; lunch and program follow. It will be held at Bloomington Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Rd., Bloomington. Tickets \$20/Chamber members, \$25/non-members. Register at: 630-543-4300 or send an e-mail to: [addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net).

### Friday, October 18 Special tribute to Don Layne

Addison Trail will host a tribute to honor Don Layne, a former teacher, principal and Board member for District 88 from 1957 to 2007. The tribute will begin with a gathering in the school commons at 4 p.m., a program at 5 p.m. in the gymnasium, and at 7:30 p.m., the coin toss at the ATHS football will be dedicated to Layne's memory. Free and open to the public.

### Friday, October 25 District 4 to host Community Resource Fair

From 5-8 p.m., School District 4 and the Addison Early Childhood Collaborative will host a Community Resource

Fair at Indian Trail Junior High School, 222 N. Kennedy Drive. More than 25 agencies will offer information on educational, financial resources; relationship support; nutrition; housing support and more. Kids activities available while parents attend. Info: 630-458-2500.

### Saturday, October 26 Fall recycling event

The Addison Park District will hold its fall recycling extravaganza at the Community Rec Center. Info: [addison-park.org](http://addison-park.org)

### Saturday, November 9 Mayor's annual Charity Ball

This year's event, hosted by Mayor Richard Veenstra, will take place at Alta Villa Banquets and will raise funds for 20 charities and service organizations in Addison. Tickets are \$80 per person and can be purchased online. \$5 discount for those writing checks. Info: [addisonadvantage.org](http://addisonadvantage.org)

### Ongoing events...

• From Oct. 4-Nov. 2, Asylum Xperiment presents "The House: Home for

the Horrorsdays' at The Odeum Expo Center, 1033 N. Villa Ave. Come out and experience the #1-ranked haunted house in Illinois. Info: [asylumxperiment.com](http://asylumxperiment.com)

• Upcoming shows at Addison Center For The Arts: Oct. 2-Nov. 2, 2013 -- Terrance Johnson, "An Alternative View" of Modernism; and, Nov. 6-Dec. 14, 2013 -- Addison Art Guild show. Info: 630-458-4500 or [addisoncenterforthearts.com](http://addisoncenterforthearts.com)

• Active Adults, ages 55 or better, are invited to Addison Park District's Active Adults Senior Club on Tuesdays from 12 - 2 p.m. for lunch at Community Rec Center, 120 E. Oak Street. To find out more about special events, educational programs, trips and club membership, contact Teresa Grodsky, Active Adults Coordinator at (630) 233-7275.

Clubs and organizations are welcome to send entries for this column to: [QuestPublishing@aol.com](mailto:QuestPublishing@aol.com). Please include a phone number or e-mail address to contact for information.

# Team effort helps Fenton football succeed

## Jakalski and Stitgen are two key pieces to the puzzle

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Fenton football team now finds itself a single win away from becoming playoff eligible.

And that success can be traced back to the contributions of many different players—two of which are co-captains Zach Jakalski and Alex Stitgen.

"After we lost in the first week we wanted to come back and make some major improvements," said Jakalski, who plays wide receiver. "That was

easy to do. This is a great group of guys who are easy to work with. Everybody is friends and we all get along pretty well."

Stitgen, a senior strong-side linebacker, added the team's compatibility has factored into the equation this season.

"I feel like our team chemistry is really good," said Stitgen.

Jakalski has seen the team make some nice improvements this season on offense.

"We put in a new offense this season," he said. "It's more balanced. We're doing more passing and running. It's been very effective. Teams have a harder time reading us."

Stitgen said the team's defense is no slouch either.

"We had a lot of experience coming back, including most

of our starters on defense," he said. "Everybody works hard and we've all come together."

Jakalski said the team's thirst for success in 2013 has never wavered.

"We stick to the game plan and keep watching film and keep working hard," he said. "We never have been satisfied. We keep getting better every week. We're a lot more fired up and ready to learn and ready to practice. We go practice hard during the week and try to get the win at the end of the week."

Stitgen said the sting of last season has served as a key motivator.

"Last year was not fun," he said. "Then we lost the first game this year. We had a meeting to refocus and get our act

together. We didn't want a losing season. We wanted to have a winning season. We've worked hard for that. It's a great thing with this group of guys. Everybody is learning at each practice. We're all getting better a little bit each day and by the end of the season we will be a ton better."

Jakalski is a National Honor Society member and Eagle Scout, who sports a 3.5 grade-point average. He's a three-sport athlete who also plays baseball and basketball.

"It can be kind of hard being a three-sport athlete," he said. "You have to make time for your homework. You have to be a good student and a good person. You have to focus on what is important."

Stitgen also is a three-sport athlete (wrestling and baseball) and has a GPA in that 3.5 to 3.6 neighborhood. He's also a Boy Scout.

"It's hard (being a three-sport athlete), but you learn to take responsibility for things," he said. "You have to manage your time and manage your homework with sports."

Stitgen likes the future prospects of the team.

"Very much so," he said. "We have a lot of potential here. There is a lot of eagerness to get better. I see this team doing a lot of great things."

## Girls swimming team downs Hinsdale South

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail-Willowbrook girls swimming co-op team scored a recent 112-73 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win over Hinsdale South.

The victory puts AT-Willowbrook at 4-2, overall and 2-0 in WSC Gold competition. Hinsdale South has been a key rival of AT-Willowbrook in recent times. AT-Willowbrook is searching for its second conference title in a row.

Against Hinsdale South, AT-Willowbrook won 10 of the 12 events.

"All in all, it was a great night for us and it put us on track to be conference champs for the second year in a row," said coach Paul Anderson.

Kelly McNamara won two events (200 IM and fly). Annalise Morrone won the 500 and the breaststroke while Molly Kuenstler won the 200 and 100.

The team's two losses came to Vernon Hills and Naperville North due to not having diving competitors.

AT-Willowbrook also finished fourth at the York Invitational and Anderson noted the team swam "incredibly well" against a talented St. Ignatius team.

"We are currently swimming much faster than at this point last year," he said. "Things look very good."

Prior to the Hinsdale South meet, McNamara's fly time of 57.83 ranked third in the state. Her 2:12.84 time in the IM ranked 15th, while her 24.89 time in the 50 ranked 19th and her 100 time of 53.78 was 15th in the state. McNamara attends Willowbrook.

Willowbrook's Kuenstler was ranked 30th in the state in the

50 (25.10) and 18th in the 100 (54.07).

Addison Trail freshman Morrone was 40th in the state in the breaststroke (1:11.19).

The 200 medley relay team of Molly Hill (Willowbrook), McNamara, Morrone and Kuenstler had the 16th-fastest time in the state at 1:52.48.

The 200 relay team of McNamara, Morrone, Hill and Kuenstler had the 10th-fastest time at 1:40.60, while the 400 relay team of McNamara, Willowbrook sophomore Meghan Koterba, Morrone and Kuenstler had the 14th-fastest time in the state at 3:42.84.

"Right now we are just plain training," said Anderson. "The girls are doing a good job of fighting through what are the dog days of the season. Taper is a long way away. Their bodies are beaten up, they are tired, they are sore and they are exhausted, but they keep showing up every day and impressing me with their toughness and ability to push harder. We also are learning to swim smarter as a team. We have spent a great deal of time this year fine-tuning details in ways we have not done in the past. The hop is that these small tweaks will pay off and the little things will carry us to huge goals."

Anderson said the team continues to work on things such as starts, turns and finishing races.

"There have been a ton of races where we have out-swam our competition, but not come out with the result we want because we left too much time on the blocks or walls," he said. "The goals we have require razor-sharp precision and we cannot afford to give up a tenth, or two here and there throughout a race. Hopefully we can continue to

practice with the right mindset and execute on race day."

Anderson lauded the efforts of Addison Trail swimmers Julia Rowley (senior) and Gabriella Morrone (junior).

"Julia and Gabriella have been huge for us this year," said Anderson. "Julia was out last year due to a shoulder injury and decided to dive, so she could compete and still be part of the team. This year she is back in the pool and has been huge in meets and also as a motivator. She has been able to push girls in the water, but also has been able to provide a perspective they otherwise may not have thought about. She has been great at telling the girls about what it was like not being around the team, about wishing she could work, train and race and about how only giving 80 percent effort is not enough. I could not be prouder of her as a leader and a competitor."

Anderson was equally effusive of his praise about Gabriella Morrone.

"Gabby has quietly been the toughest girl on the team," he said. "Gabby also has shoulder issues to the point she is having surgery after the season on both of them. However, doctors have told her that she cannot injure them more swimming, so she is doing what she can. She kicks every day at practices and races in one and two races each meet. She is likely the most stubborn individual I have ever met, but she has an enormous heart and drive. She has scored us big points while in immense pain. She is a great all-around leader."

Anderson acknowledges not having diving puts his team at a bit of a disadvantage in dual meets, but nonetheless he likes the lineup he turns in each meet.

"No diving definitely hurts us, but I am confident in the lineup we are able to put together," he said.

AT-Willowbrook will compete in the St. Charles North Invitational Saturday.

"We will have a chance to race Neuqua Valley, Hinsdale Central, Glenbard North, St. Charles North and Normal U-High and a number of other teams to see where we are as a team," said Anderson. "I hope to get a few more girls under the state cut prior to sectionals. We also are looking to win our conference meet and have lifetime-best swims across the board. We're also looking forward to a strong taper meet and are pushing to have at least five swims on Saturday at the state meet. It should be a lot of fun as we come down the stretch."



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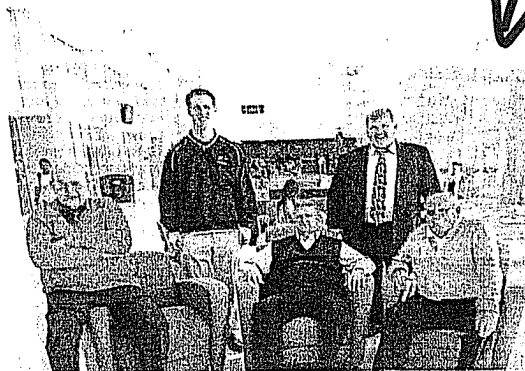


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Former Addison Trail Principal Don Layne (left) is pictured with Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka, former Addison Trail Principal Larry Weck, District 88 Superintendent and former Addison Trail Principal Scott Helton and former Addison Trail Principal Jim Mortier. Layne passed away in August, and Addison Trail will host a tribute for him Oct. 18.

## Addison Trail to honor longtime staff member

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

**ADDISON** – Addison Trail High School will host a tribute to honor former principal Don Layne on Oct. 18 at the school.

Layne died Aug. 11, about a month before his 83rd birthday. He served as a teacher in District 88 for 18 years. Then he worked as assistant principal before taking the position as principal for 10 years. After working at Addison Trail, he became a District 88 Board of Education member.

Layne also was an active member of the Addison Chamber of Commerce and Indus-

try, serving as director, chamber president and treasurer. He chartered the Village Substance Responsibility Commission and Addison Trail's Operation Snowball weekend. He was also an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Addison.

The tribute will begin with a gallery viewing of photos and memorabilia from Layne's time with District 88 in the commons at 4 p.m. followed by a tribute program in the auditorium at 5 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. the football coin toss will be done in Layne's honor.



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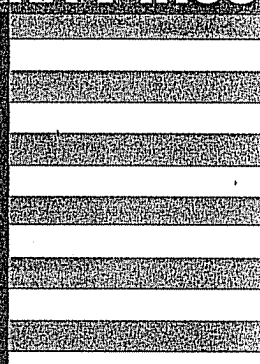
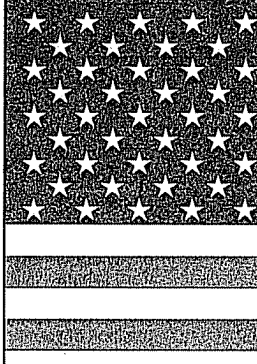
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### West Suburban Gold

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**Willowbrook** 5-1 3-0  
**Downers Grove S.** 3-3 3-0  
**Hinsdale South** 3-3 3-1  
**Leyden** 1-5 1-2  
**Addison Trail** 1-5 1-3  
**Morton** 1-5 1-3  
**Proviso East** 0-6 0-3

### WEEKEND WATCH

#### Addison Trail at Proviso East

**When:** 1:30 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** 807 S. 1st Ave., Maywood

**Records:** Addison Trail 1-5 (1-3 WSG); Proviso East 0-6 (0-3 WSG)

**Outlook:** Fresh off the first win of the season, 14-7 over Morton, the Blazers have a good chance for a second in a row against winless West Suburban Gold foe Proviso East.

The Pirates have lost 15 games in a row following an 0-9 2012.

They have been able to score some points, scoring 20 or more three times, but have also allowed 27 or more points in every game.

#### Downers Grove South at Willowbrook

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday  
**Where:** John A. Fischer Field, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park

**Records:** Willowbrook 5-1 (3-0 WSG); DGS 3-3 (3-0 WSG)

**Outlook:** The Warriors have won five in a row and can clinch a playoff spot with a win against Downers Grove South, but the real importance of the game lies in the conference race.

Both teams are undefeated in the West Suburban Gold, and the winner of this one has the inside track to the Gold title.

The Mustangs gave up a season-high 42 points to Downers Grove North last week.

The Warriors are coming off their third straight double-digit win, 48-28 over Proviso East.

# Warriors roll into DGS matchup

By DAN SANTAROMITA  
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VILLA PARK – Willowbrook has won five games in a row and has some impressive wins along the way, but arguably none of them have had the importance of tonight's game.

The Warriors take on Downers Grove South at 7:30 p.m. Both teams are 3-0 in the West Suburban Gold and it could wind up being the conference title game.

"That gives us a lot more of a boost," said Willowbrook senior running back Jeremy Barnes. "It's the last quarter of our season so we gotta give it our all."

What currently separates the two teams is Willowbrook's performance in non-conference games. The Warriors have wins over Lyons Township and York, competitive teams in the strong West Suburban Silver, while the Mustangs are 0-3 outside the Gold.

South is coming off a 42-21 thrashing at the hands of crosstown rival Downers Grove North. Willowbrook has scored 97 points in the past two games and is averaging



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**'Willowbrook senior wide receiver Chris Villafuerte (left) celebrates with teammate Adrian Abrams during the Sept. 27 game at Morton. Villafuerte, Abrams and the Warriors play a key conference game against Downers Grove South tonight.**

44.4 points per game during its winning streak.

It's not easy to find a Warrior that will look more than a week ahead, but this game is one the players look forward to every year.

"This might be one of those games [we look forward to], especially because Willowbrook and Downers have been known to have a little bit of a rivalry, but we're not trying to make it too big of a game while also not overlooking anybody," said quarterback Brian Johnson.

Johnson has been the most

prolific player in the Warriors' stat-friendly offense. He threw for six touchdowns in a 48-28 homecoming win over Proviso East last week to bring his season total to 23. He has four more scores on the ground.

The Willowbrook quarterback is nearing 2,500 passing yards through just six games. He is 134-for-198 (67.7 percent) for 2,394 yards. That's over 500 yards more than current NFL passing leader Peyton Manning has in just one fewer game.

Barnes is also nearing a milestone – 1,000 yards rushing.

### Willowbrook 48 Proviso East 28

#### Willowbrook leaders

**Passing:** Brian Johnson 24-34, 457 yards, 6 TDs

**Rushing:** Jeremy Barnes 17-163, TD

**Receiving:** Hayden Adams 11-233, 4 TDs; Barnes 4-117; Kyle Rushing 3-58; Devin Childres 4-35, TD; Joe Catanes 2-14, TD

ing. He has 824 yards on 117 carries, good for just over seven yards per carry, and another 468 receiving for nine total touchdowns.

The receiving duo of Hayden Adams (46 rec., 941 yards, 9 touchdowns) and Devin Childress (42 rec., 623 yards, 8 touchdowns) also have numbers to make any fantasy football owner salivate.

If the Warriors can put up more jaw-dropping numbers and beat the Mustangs, they will clinch a playoff spot and seize control in the conference race.

"That's just one of those teams that they're sort of a rival for us," Barnes said. "It's exciting to see who's better and who wants it more."

# 'It's a pretty big game for us'

Montini versus Marian rivalry heavy on intensity

By DAN SANTAROMITA  
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LOMBARD – As if being conference rivals wasn't enough, Montini and Marian Central have developed another layer to their rivalry by meeting in the playoffs in three of the past four years.

Montini has won all of those meetings and the Hurricanes are well aware of that fact. The Broncos are also looking to improve upon regular season defeats the past two seasons.

"Last year they said that Marian's goal was beat Montini twice and they only beat us once," said Montini quar-

### Last week: Montini 38 IC Catholic 21

#### Montini leaders:

**Passing:** Alex Wills 18-for-26, 202, TD

**Rushing:** Niko Italia 14-101, TD;

Prince Walker 3-72, TD

**Receiving:** Leon Thornton III 7-82, TD; Matt Brachmann 4-53

terback Alex Wills. "Now our goal is to beat them twice this year."

The Broncos bring in an undefeated 6-0 record and have been one of the most impressive teams in the state so far. The Hurricanes have a loss already, which came against a Marmion team that

Montini beat 27-3 in Week 5.

Regardless of the records, this is always a big game. Even linebacker Nile Sykes, who will be playing in his first Montini-Marian game after transferring to Montini this school year, noticed a difference this week.

"From what I'm getting from the coaches and everything it's a pretty big game for us to prove to not only ourselves, but everybody else that we're one of the most dominating teams in 5A," Sykes said.

Sykes has been a big part of the Broncos' defense that has held four opponents under 10 points. The uncommitted and coveted senior recently received an offer from Missouri and plans to go to the South Carolina-Missouri

game on Oct. 26. Minnesota has also joined in on his recruitment and Sykes said they will have a coach at tonight's game.

The Hurricanes have headed into the past four years looking to dethrone Montini in Class 5A and while this game won't decide if they can do that, it will have big implications on the conference race. Montini is the only undefeated in the Suburban Christian Blue.

"There's definitely an extra oomph in the coaches this week and all the players," Wills said.

"I feel like they're going to try and get revenge, but it's been really intense this week. We know what they're going to come out and do based on last year."

# New faces making impact the field

By DAN SANTAROMITA  
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Every football season brings with it change as former players graduate and new names gain recognition for their exploits on the fields. From seniors having their best seasons yet to juniors getting their first chances to contribute, these breakout players are helping their teams achieve.

## Kyle Stearns

**School:** York

**Position:** Running back/defensive back

**Year:** Senior

**Impact:** Stearns has been a big part of the Dukies' multi-headed running back group. Typically five York runners will get carries in a game, but it's Stearns who has put up the best numbers all while also contributing on defense. In Week 2 against Proviso East, Stearns ran for three touchdowns and had two interceptions.

## Ben Sullivan

**School:** Glenbard East

**Position:** Offensive lineman

**Year:** Junior

**Impact:** It's not often juniors are captains, but Sullivan is a returning starter on the line who is having his best season yet. Coach John Walters constantly compliments Sullivan's play and has described him as the best overall player on the team.

## Drake Pusateri

**School:** Glenbard East

**Position:** Quarterback

**Year:** Junior

**Impact:** Pusateri has been beat up this season, missing time and playing through injuries, but has been a pleasant surprise at quarterback. He announced his arrival in the Week 1 victory against rival Willowbrook with 224 yards passing and 105 yards rushing.

## Mike Rybarczyk

**School:** Addison Trail

**Position:** Quarterback

**Year:** Junior

**Impact:** The Blazers have a young roster and Rybarczyk is a part of that youth, but has been a calming presence at quarterback.

"Overall, I'm very impressed with his composure and his management of the team," said AT coach Paul Parpet Jr. Rybarczyk has seven touchdown passes on the season and is 91-for-136 for 1,035 yards.

## Jake Atiyeh

**School:** Addison Trail



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York running back Kyle Stearns (right) runs behind a block from Jeff Ostling on Sept. 27; Stearns has been a standout two-way player for the Dukies this season.



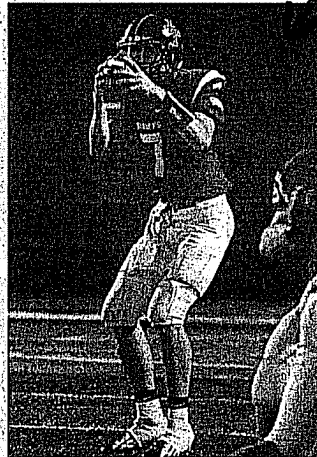
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Glenbard East quarterback Drake Pusateri looks for a receiver during the Rams' Sept. 6 game at Oswego East. Pusateri has emerged as a dual threat QB in his first season as a starter.

**Position:** Wide receiver/defensive back

**Year:** Junior

**Impact:** It's easy for Atiyeh to get overshadowed by Jaavion Bradley at wide receiver, but Atiyeh has also



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Addison Trail quarterback Mike Rybarczyk has been a calming presence for the Blazers' offense in his first season as a starter.

made some big plays for the Blazers. Atiyeh has 254 yards receiving on 17 receptions this season. Coach Paul Parpet Jr. was also complimentary of his ability to do the little things like blocking.

## Joe Catanese

**School:** Willowbrook

**Position:** Senior

**Year:** Defensive back

**Impact:** Much has been made of the Willowbrook offense, for good reason, but the defense has also had some standout players. Catanese is among the team's leading tacklers while partnering with talented senior Hayden Adams in the secondary.

## Leon Thornton III

**School:** Montini

**Position:** Wide receiver

**Year:** Senior

**Impact:** Thornton has turned into a big play receiver, something Montini needed after graduating last year's top four pass catchers. Through six games he has 526 receiving yards and eight scores.

## Sam Symeonides

**School:** IC Catholic

**Position:** Defensive line

**Year:** Senior

**Impact:** It's not often that defensive linemen lead a defense in tackles, but that's what Symeonides is doing. He has 70 tackles, 24 more than the nearest Knight. His play is even more impressive considering he didn't see much game action as a junior.



# OPINIONS

■ LAST WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION: What's your favorite room in your home?

52 PERCENT: The living room/den

17 PERCENT: The kitchen

17 PERCENT: The bedroom

14 PERCENT: The porch/deck

■ THIS WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION: Halloween costumes: store bought or homemade? Vote online at [mysurbanlife.com](http://mysurbanlife.com).

## Beer ad wins praise from wheelchair community

The latest Guinness Beer TV commercial portrays a connection between the character of friendship to the character of their beer. The commercial shows a group of strong athletic guys playing a rough game of basketball – in wheelchairs. At the end of the game, all the players stand up and walk out of the gym except for one, the friend with the disability.



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One player says to his wheelchair friend, "See you next week buddy." The voice-over states, "Dedication. Loyalty. Friendship. The choices we make reveal the true nature of

our character." A brilliant story line saying in essence, you are my friend and I am here for you.

Being the friend of a person with a disability requires you to live in their world for a while. The establishments where you meet have to be wheelchair accessible, with ramps, automatic doors, wider aisles and preferably less

crowded. The bathroom stalls would have to include support bars. Simple things that people without these challenges do not think about. NEDSRA is a park district co-op special recreation association, which offers wheelchair basketball to kids with disabilities. NEDSRA, also provides court time to the Chicago Wheelchair Bulls for their adult basketball practices

in Addison. The Guinness commercial is well accepted in the wheelchair community. Every wheelchair basketball player I have talked with thinks the commercial is "cool."

It is cool. Check it out at [shawurl.com/sl5](http://shawurl.com/sl5).

*Bruce Flowers is the marketing coordinator for NEDSRA.*

### ► THUMBS UP/THUMBS DOWN



The fun of fear has returned to Addison. The Disturbia:

Torment of Fears haunted house opened last weekend at Links and Tees Golf Dome and will welcome thrill seekers each weekend in October. Who's feeling brave?



Addison Trail High School took time before last Friday's home football game to honor veterans. The ceremony was a collaboration between School District 88, the Village of Addison and DeVry Military Resource Club.



Michael Pantano shows off one of the rooms Sept. 30 in the Disturbia: Torment of Fears haunted house he helped create in Addison.

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Participants in Addison Trail's second annual Go Pink or Go Home Walk pose with Principal Adam Cibulka (center) during the walk which took place Oct. 3 at Addison Trail. The event kicked off a month-long campaign dedicated to breast cancer awareness. Provided photo

## Addison Trail raises funds for breast cancer

### SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

**ADDISON** – The Addison Trail Go Pink or Go Home Committee kicked off its Breast Cancer Awareness

Campaign this month.

More than 250 students, faculty and parents participated in the second annual Go Pink or Go Home Walk on Oct. 3.

The group raised more than \$1,000 to support those with breast cancer in the local community.

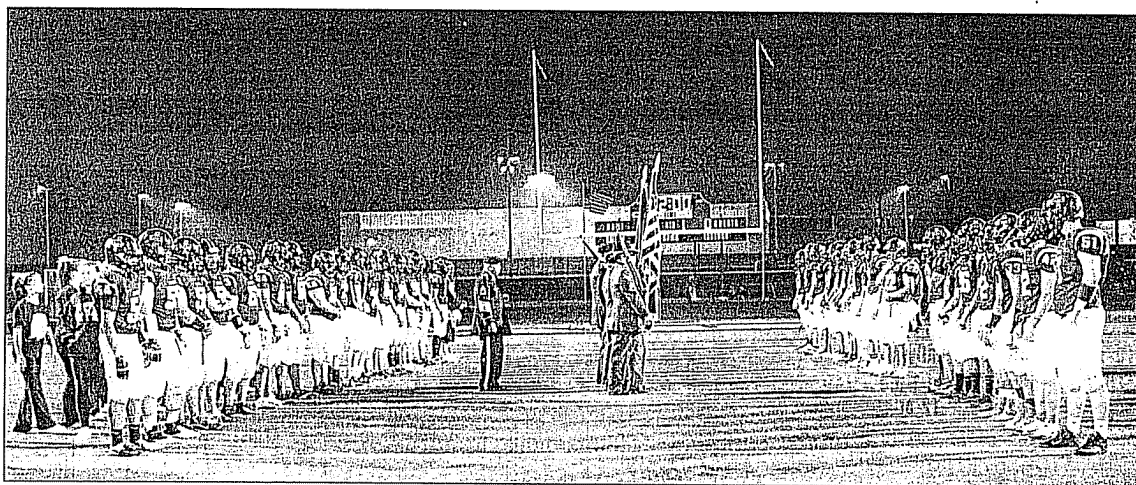
Addison Trail and Willobrook girls volleyball

teams competed during Addison Trail's annual Volley for the Cure match on Oct. 1 to also raise money for breast cancer support and research.

The event featured baked goods, raffle items and ribbons for sale.

The event raised \$1,158.50, all of which will benefit Susan G. Komen.

### Honoring the military



The Village of Addison, School District 88 and the DeVry Military Resource Club held a special ceremony Oct. 4 to honor military members, veterans and first responders before the Addison Trail High School football game.

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