

Five District 88 students named ILMEA All-State Musicians

ADDISON/VILLA PARK — Three Willowbrook students and two Addison Trail students have been named as Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) All-State Musicians. As All-State musicians, these students will attend the All-State Conference in January. The honorees include: WB junior Alex Lapinski - All-State Honors Choir.

WB senior Jeremy Harris - All-State Choir.

WB junior Matthew Buhr - Orchestra.

AT senior Julia Rowley - Baritone Saxophone, Band.
AT senior Morgan Pirtle - Alto, Vocal Jazz Ensemble.

Holiday gifts available from Forest Preserve District

WHEATON — The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County offers unique holiday gifts for sale, and purchases support the agency's mission of conservation, education and recreation.

Kline Creek Farm at 1N600 County Farm Road in West Chicago offers old-fashioned ornaments and home décor, Christmas crackers, toys, needlework kits and items handmade on the farm. Shoppers can also find carved rolling pins to make spriggle cookies and historic recipe books. The farm's visitor center and gift shop is open Thursday through Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 630-876-5900.

Willowbrook Wildlife Center at 525 S. Park Blvd. in Glen Ellyn sells ornaments, stuffed animals, children's toys, bird feeders and its annual wall calendar that features scenes of its resident animals. Willowbrook Wildlife Center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 630-942-6200.

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At Santa's Secret Workshop...

Kindergarteners Jessica S. (l.) and Delaney C. had a good time at Santa's Secret Workshop this year.



Above: Co-chairs Kim Kopec (l.) and Shannon Clements enjoy their jobs at Santa's Secret Workshop. Both agree that the best reward is seeing the children's faces light up when they walk in and see all their many gift choices. Below: Second graders Mary G. (l.) and Ella N. get a little silly as they take a break from their shopping.



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bestseller.

"I will never forget one student's request for a chips and guacamole themed ornament," she laughed. "It was incredible!"

Throughout the day, Shannon and Kim like to ask the kids what they are buying and can't help but laugh inside when they open the bags to reveal many gifts the children bought for themselves and one 25-cent item for their mom, dad, brother or sister.

"This year I had a mother tell me that her son bought her a sticky dolphin," Shannon said. "While it might not be your typical mom gift, he told her he chose it because he thought it would be one they could share."

Both women decided to chair Santa's Secret Shop for similar reasons.

"I chair because it's all about the season of giving," said Kim. "I love shopping for deep discounts and lastly, I remember helping my own mom out as a child when she chaired the Santa's Secret Workshop at my school 30 years ago - it's family tradition now!"

Shannon adds that she too is carrying on a Christmas tradition.

"My mom set the bar high with her many volunteer activities when I was a student," she said. "I remember the pride I

felt knowing she had a hand in making my events at school so special."

Whether it's consoling students when they've lost their shopping bags, helping them find lost money, making sure volunteers have enough gift wrap, or keeping the Christmas tunes humming, a Santa's Secret Shop Chairperson's work is never quite complete.



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Route 53 Project Updates...

Residents who reside on

Rohlwing Road in the construction zone:

ADDISON — The contractor is re-installing mailboxes along Rohlwing Road. However, for the time being, mail delivery will continue in the temporary mailboxes in which you've been receiving your mail. The Postal Service cannot deliver mail while there is a construction zone. Residents will be notified when delivery is transitioned back.

Updates and sequencing of construction/traffic staging for the upcoming weeks, weather permitting:

General:

Lochner/IDOT continues to use a traffic signal timing consultant monitor the intersection of Route 53/Route 20, adjusting the timing to maintain traffic flow.

Access to Centennial Park/Health Club/NESDRA:

The NORTH access (entrance/exit) is in staging and concrete placement in the approach has been placed.

Work on Route 53 - Centennial Park to Route 20

A lane change is tentatively scheduled for December 5. The change will open the newly poured west lanes from approx. Centennial Parks north exit, north thru the Route 20/Route 53 intersection. This will allow staging of the east side lanes of

Route 53 from north of Centennial Park, north thru the intersection.

Wal-Mart Mall entrance/exits: Both remain congested.

The south entrance/exit is opened to all traffic with signalization.

The north entrance/exit remains ENTRANCE ONLY with NO EXIT, and will remain in that configuration.

Route 53/Route 20 intersection work:

Addison repeatedly voices its concerns reference this intersection. A lane change is tentatively scheduled for December 5 in this intersection. The change will open the newly poured west lanes from approx. south of the Wal-Mart south entrance, north thru the Route 20/Route 53 intersection. This will allow staging of the east side lanes of Route 53 from north of Centennial Park, north thru the intersection.

Route 53 traffic congestion:

Work in this intersection creates ongoing traffic congestion and Ret 53 traffic delays due to the intersection work.

Route 20 traffic:

Westbound is one thru-lane, plus right and left turn lanes onto Route 53. Ongoing delays are experienced at this intersection. Avoiding this intersection during rush hours is suggested. Obviously this intersection will be under construction well through the Christmas Shopping Season.

At the Army Trail/Route 53 intersection:

This intersection is near completion, paving is completed on Army Trail to the project limits. Additional lanes will be opened after striping and permanent sign installation.

Street lights/traffic signalization:

Activation along Route 53 has been moved back due to technical issues with no current tentative date. No tentative date for the Woodland Avenue signalization.

Miscellaneous

Issues with the ADA sidewalk requirements are being worked through and the work is nearing completion on sidewalk placement along the east and west sides of Route 53. Restoration work is ongoing and sod is being placed along Route 53 in various areas.

Winter is upon us again

Drivers should remain VERY aware that this is a construction zone and should use added caution through the work zone areas.

PLEASE, watch for workers; watch your speed and be cautious. Remember there is NO CELL PHONE USE in construction zones.

Complaints, questions or concerns regarding the project should be directed to the Public Works Department at 630-620-2020.

Annual Mayor's Community Charity Ball nets \$58,000

Addison-based charities, organizations share profits

ADDISON — More than 500 residents, business community members and friends of Addison attended the 23rd Annual Mayor's Community Charity Ball on Nov. 9 at Alta Villa Banquets. Monday evening, Mayor Rich Veenstra presented the \$58,000 in proceeds to 21 charities and service organizations that will use the money for causes ranging from feeding the hungry and helping sick children, to outreach to those with substance abuse problems and providing scholarships.

The event saw a \$2,500 increase over 2012, and was the first hosted by Mayor Veenstra since he took office in May. "My wife Mary Ann and I have attended the event since it began under Village President Anthony Russotto," Mayor Veenstra said. "But this is the first time I was able to see everything that is involved, from the planning that begins in early summer, through the event itself. A lot of time and effort goes into it."

Twenty different groups use the Mayor's Ball each year as



Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra (far right) presented checks to the participating charities in the Mayor's Community Charity Ball at the recent Village Board meeting. Representatives were (back row, left to right) Larry Hartwig, Sister Cities of Addison; Don Jessen, Park & Recreation Foundation; Jack Ochocinski, Knights of Columbus; George Ellefsen, Rotary Club and District 4 Foundation; John Berley, Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Harry Theodore, Addison Center for the Arts; Mary Ann Lehman, St. Vincent DePaul Society; Mary Arbaugh, Addison Community Switchboard; (front row) Bill Hayden, Student Participation Center; Marianne Fotopoulos, Women's Club; Arlene Kollar, Kiwanis Club; Judy Socha, Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Foundation; Lisa Snipes, Serenity House; and Dani Schweigert, District 88 Foundation.

a fundraiser: Addison Community Switchboard, Addison Center for the Arts, Addison Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Addison Rec Club, Americans of Italian Descent, Concord Lutheran School, District 4 Foundation for Educational Excellence, District 88 Foundation, Elmhurst Memo-

rial Hospital Foundation, Good Samaritan United Methodist Church, Kiwanis Club of Addison, Knights of Columbus, LCFS - Lutherbrook Child & Adolescent Center, Medinah Shriners, Parks & Recreation Foundation, Rotary Club of Addison, Serenity House, Sister Cities of Addison, Stu-

dent Participation Center, and Women's Club.

Proceeds raised by the Village of Addison are split between two charities of the Mayor's choosing. This year those benefited Addison Community Switchboard and the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

St. Pius X School to host Food Wars Challenge for Charity

LOMBARD — St. Pius X Parish School recently announced one of the largest charity events in its history, the Food Wars Challenge for Charity, to take place on Friday, Jan. 31, in conjunction with National Catholic Schools Week.

The event will be held in the school's Social Center at 601 S. Westmore Ave. in

Lombard. Inspired by Donald Trump's Celebrity Apprentice, where teams compete to raise money for a specific charity, St. Pius junior high students and alumni (currently attending high school) will compete against one another in this unique challenge. In the end, one charity will reap the rewards of Food Wars. The

team raising the most money will win all of the money donated during the evening.

At the Food Wars Challenge for Charity, teams will attempt to make the most money for their chosen charity by selling a food, dessert or beverage item at their very own food stand. "The students are being challenged to pick the charity they wish to represent, to form their own teams and devise a strategy on how to make the most money during the challenge," said Barbara Dawson, advancement director at St. Pius X Parish School, and the event's chairperson.

Students are encouraged to invite friends and family to support them on that evening.

"We want this endeavor to

be their own, to be something they plan out and execute with the least amount of input from teachers and parents as possible," she added. "We hope to inspire them and we know the experience will prepare them for a lifetime filled with Christian service in their own communities."

In November, the junior high classes assembled for a special informational session which included viewing videos of potential charity choices. High schoolers met on Dec. 10 at the school to gather more information and/or ask questions.

The charities that were being considered for representation include: The American Heart Association, All American

Life League, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Feed My Starving Children, Wounded Warrior Project, The Deicke Home in Lombard, Catholic Charities, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Make a Wish Foundation, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Students also were invited to suggest charities based on their own knowledge and experiences.

"With the theme of Catholic Schools Week this year being 'Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service,' there's no better way to demonstrate the importance of an education emphasizing the relevance of Christian service,"

said Dawson. "We hope to see the event grow each year as it becomes an annual effort at our school."

She added, "Our own donors support our students and have helped our school to thrive for over 55 years. We want to show them that we are doing good things here at St. Pius, thanks to their belief in us."

"We are very excited about the Food Wars Challenge for Charity," said Daniel Flaherty, school principal. "It will not only support a worthwhile charity, but will also provide our students with valuable experiences in stewardship, leadership and team building. We hope the community will come out and support us on this evening."

Give and receive this Holiday season...

Charitable donations reap tax rewards

CHICAGO — Donations to not-for-profit organizations are usually ramped up during the holiday season, and if you plan to spread charity and generosity, remember that your good deed can be rewarded when you get the benefit of your contribution as a deduction on your tax return.

The Illinois CPA Society recommends following these steps to be sure you maximize your generosity while complying with IRS requirements:

1. Keep good records. All monetary contributions, regardless of the amount, must be documented with a receipt and a bank record such as a cancelled check. Written acknowledgement is needed if the donation is \$250 or more. You'll also need receipts for donated gifts, such as clothing or appliances, and for any expenses.

2. Consider using a credit card so you'll always have an automatic receipt. Checks are also better than cash since they provide accepted proof of a donation.

3. Check if the charity is qualified by the IRS. Contributions of any kind are not deductible unless the donation is made to a qualified charity. Find out if the charity is qualified on the IRS site at irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=96136,00.html.

4. Make sure you're giving to

a legitimate charity. Use sites such as the American Institute of Philanthropy's charity-watch.org, charitynavigator.org or guidestar.org to be sure the charity is a legitimate organization that uses its money wisely.

5. Don't assume all donated goods qualify for a deduction. Items you donate must be in good used condition or better. While not well clarified by the IRS, it basically means no damaged or well used clothing or broken down appliances.

6. Be honest on the value of items. You may deduct only the fair market value of donated goods like old clothing. Market value is the amount a potential buyer will pay a willing seller. Market value is not the purchase price, but more like the amount someone would pay at a thrift store.

7. Watch your timing. Donations must be made before the end of the year in order to get a 2013 tax deduction. Contributions by check are considered by the date they are mailed, not the date they are written or when the check clears.

Keep in mind donations must also be of "meaningful use" to a charity. These rules generally apply to household items such as furniture, appliances and electronics, but not to art, gems or antiques. Vehicles have their own set of rules, which can also be found on the IRS site.

When in doubt, consult with a CPA; to find one, visit icpas.org.

Addison Trail Theatre to host auditions for winter musical

ADDISON — If you love to act and would like to be on stage with Addison Trail students, Addison Trail Theatre is looking for you.

Addison Trail Theatre will host auditions for girls ages 8 to 12 on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to noon in Addison Trail's choir room. (Parents are welcome to wait.) Participants will learn a song and will sing individually to audition for the school's winter musical, "Once on This Island." Students must be available from Jan. 27 to Feb. 8, 2014, with performances on Feb. 6, 7 and 8, 2014.

"Once on This Island" is an original theat-

rical adaptation of the popular fairy tale "The Little Mermaid." In almost nonstop song and dance, the show tells the story of Ti Moune, a peasant girl who rescues and falls in love with Daniel, a wealthy boy from the other side of her island. After Daniel is returned to his people, the fantastical gods who rule the island guide Ti Moune on a quest to test the strength of her love against the powerful forces of prejudice, hatred and death.

For more information, contact Addison Trail Theatre Director Anna Jakubka Court at 630-458-4168 or ajakubka@dupage88.net.

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Lake Park, Stone students sing at Addison's tree-lighting

ADDISON — Singers from Lake Park and Stone Schools helped ring in the holiday season as they entertained large crowds in Addison's Village Hall as part of the village's annual Tree Lighting celebration. About 150 Lake Park School 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students waited patiently in the hallway before their performance, enjoying stories that were read to them by some of the 20 parents serving as volunteers. The 25 students in the Stone School choir spent their pre-performance time making jingle bell bracelets and practicing their songs. After their performances, the students joined community members in the Village Hall rotunda and

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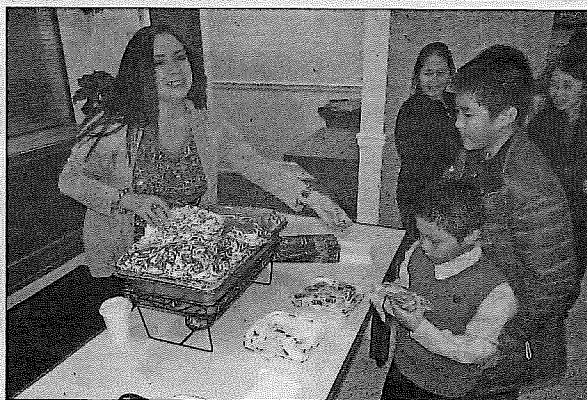
Addison Trail senior named to Daily Herald Leadership Team

ADDISON — Addison Trail senior Maggie O'Brien has been selected to the 2013-14 Daily Herald Leadership Team, which recognizes high school students who excel in volunteerism and community service. O'Brien was nominated by Addison Trail for her outstanding work with volunteer and community organizations and for the leadership she has shown in those endeavors. A panel of judges selected the team from a large number of high school students in the area.

O'Brien and the nine other Leadership Team members will be featured in a special edition of the Daily Herald's Neighbor section on Dec. 13. The section will feature profiles of the winning team members, as well as the 35 honorable mentions.



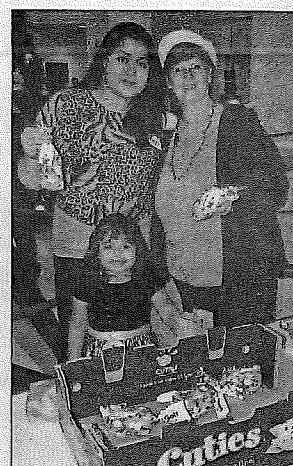
Angelo Sorce of the Addison Community Relations Dept. ran the Christmas Tree Lighting event, with a little help from experts Frosty and Rudolph.



Scenes from the Addison Community Tree-lighting

Doris Salvaggio of Muggs & Manor handed out hot dogs to hungry festival attendees.

all photos by Paul DelGuidice



The Addison Park District gave out 'cuties' oranges to attendees. Helping distribute the fruit were Leane Castaneda and daughter Delilah 4, and Eileen Lord.



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Staff members honored with Addison Trail's Golden Apple

Pictured are Addison Trail staff and administrators who were honored on December 3 with Addison Trail's Golden Apple Award, along with the students who nominated them. Each semester, AT students have the opportunity to recognize a teacher or a staff member who has made a positive impact on them inside the classroom and beyond. Pictured are (front row, from left) senior Ryan Petbok, junior Brianna Sitkowski, teacher Enza Spilotro, senior Olivia Ustas, junior Julie Stankiewicz, teacher Jim Perusich, junior Al-Baah Khan, teacher Elizabeth Clifford, teacher Patty Hochheimer, teacher Itzel Carranza, junior Karina Alferez, junior Anayeli Rodriguez; (back row, from left), teacher Mark Olson, Principal Adam Cibulka, teacher Jason Bugajsky, teacher Steve Nelson, sophomore Nicole Pudlo, teacher Eric Norberg, teacher Stacey Puccini, teacher Sheri D'Ambrose, senior John Orrico, senior Kasper Mierzejewski, teacher Mary Kelsay, teacher John Turner, teacher Mike Maaske and junior Saul Rivera. Not pictured are: sophomore Leonel Favela, freshman Jocelyn Hernandez, senior Christina Jewell, teacher Mike Gaffi, freshman David Hundley and teacher Jose Hernandez.



Safa, 4, Hamza, 4, and Soha Siddiqui, 7, of Addison, warm up with some hot cocoa provided by the Addison Kiwanis Club. AT Key Club member Kasper Mierzejewski, Arlene Kollar and Addison Kiwanis Club President Tom Willis helped out.

ADDISON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday and Saturday, December 13-14 Mayslake Holiday Market

From 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County invites holiday shoppers to find unique handmade gifts for their family and friends at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st Street in Oak Brook at the annual "Holiday Art and Craft Market." Tickets: \$5 each; five for \$20. Info: (630) 206-9566.

Thursday, December 26

Park Dist. hosts sledding social

From 1-4 p.m., the Addison Park District is hosting a sledding social at the snow hill in Community Park. Bring your own sled. Hot cocoa available for 75 cents. A snow-themed movie will be shown. Note: Event may be cancelled if there is not enough snow. Info: addisonparks.org

Wednesday, January 22

"Shape of Addison" town hall meeting

From 7 to 9 p.m., Itasca Bank will present the 7th

annual "Shape of Addison" Town Hall Meeting in the Village Hall Board Room, at 1 Friendship Plaza. Officials from throughout the Village and the school districts will attend. Addison Community Television (Comcast Channel 6 or U-Verse Channel 99) will air meeting live; viewers may call in questions during the broadcast. E-mail questions can be sent either before or during the meeting to ShapeOfAddison@addisonadvantage.org

Friday, January 31

• Food Wars Challenge for Charity

In conjunction with National Catholic Schools Week, St. Pius X Parish School in Lombard will be hosting the Food Wars Challenge for Charity. The event will be held in the school's Social Center at 601 S. Westmore Ave. Info: (630) 627-2353.

Ongoing events...

• Upcoming shows at Addison Center For The Arts: Now through Dec. 14 - Addison Art Guild member

show. Info: 630-458-4500 or addisoncenterforthearts.com

• Now through Friday, Dec. 13, the accomplishments of all students enrolled in fall term art courses will be highlighted in the Fall Student Art Exhibition in the Founders Lounge of the Frick Center on the campus of Elmhurst College. Info: Suellen Rocca at (630) 617-6110 or srocca@elmhurst.edu

• 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, programs, trips and club membership, contact Teresa Grodsky at (630) 233-7275.

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Addison Trail girls gymnastics team starts season on strong note

Blazers excited about 2013-2014 prospects

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail girls gymnastics team came out of its first meet of the season with a major positive to build upon.

The Blazers finished third in a quadrangular meet with Glenbard West, Lake Park and Willowbrook. Addison Trail finished with a 123.40 team score.

"That was a great way to start the season considering our highest team score last season was a 117.5," said Addison Trail coach Brandi Kissee.

Junior Casey Boksha returns after qualifying for sectionals last year. She'll compete in the all-around. Senior Brianna Chesney also is back and competes on beam and floor.

"Casey has been working hard all summer to improve her skills," said Kissee. "You will be seeing a lot from her this year. Brianna also has been working hard to on her skills. I am confident she will do great this season."

Freshmen Kennedy O'Neill and Terra Garcia also will help the Blazers. Both are club gymnasts in the off-season. Kennedy is a Level 9 club performer, while Garcia is a Level 8.

"They are transitioning from the club atmosphere to the high school atmosphere, which is very different," said Kissee. "They both are competing all-around for us this season and will help the team tremendously."

Tamera Mendez joins the team. She's a transfer from Hampshire and is a Level 9 club gymnast who took two years off. She'll compete all-around as well.

"Tamera also is going to play a big role on this team and will help carry us to where our potential is," said Kissee.

Strength and flexibility have been points of emphasis thus far.

"As a team right now we are working on making sure our routines are where they should be and that they are ready to compete," said Kissee. "We are still getting back into the swing of things. We are working on a lot of strength and flexibility this year. Last year we had some injuries so this year our focus will be on keeping the girls healthy and where their bodies need to be in order to perform at 100 percent."

Kissee said team chemistry has stood out so far in workouts.

"Our team as a whole is very strong this year," she said. "The way they work together amazes me. They support, motivate and push each other to where they know their teammates can go. If one of them falls, all of them are there to pick her back up and try again. The noise in the gym when one of them gets new skills or lands one she has been having trouble with is unbelievable. I could not ask for a better group of girls. Their attitudes about this sport and this team are great."

In addition to that great team chemistry, Kissee has been pleased with the team's work ethic.

"This year's team has great team morale and they come in the gym everyday ready to work," she said. "They do not stand around. They know what is expected of them at practice. They motivate and lean on each other for support when they need it and they never give up. They all have a love for the sport and it shows."

"If they keep working hard, having fun and performing like we all know they can, we are going to have a great season."

The Blazers opened West Suburban Conference Gold Division action Thursday at Morton. Addison Trail finished fourth in conference action last year.

Willowbrook girls defeat Proviso East Fenton wrestling team off to strong start

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

What a difference a half makes.

The Willowbrook girls basketball team found itself down 29-21 at halftime and 33-21 at one point in the third quarter.

But the Warriors regrouped and scored a 60-54 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win over Proviso East in Maywood.

Willowbrook outscored the Pirates 24-12 in the third quarter and 15-13 in the fourth quarter to pull out the win.

Olivia Domin led the Warriors with 17 points. She shot 3-for-5 from the 3-point line and 6-for-8 from the free-throw line.

Molly Krawczykowski had 14 points and two steals. Sam Schmidt added 10 points. Lauren Carroll had nine points and four steals. Melissa Rader had seven points.

Domin also had nine rebounds and four assists. Schmidt had 11 rebounds and Alyssa Rensing had seven rebounds.

Willowbrook scored 17 points off turnovers and had 12 second-chance points. The Warriors scored 12 points in the paint and enjoyed a 45-39 rebound

ing edge.

The game featured seven lead changes and six ties.

Fenton wrestling

The Fenton wrestling team was 4-2 through its first six dual matches of the season. Fenton had wins over Hoffman Estates, Glenbrook South and Mather and lost to Maine West and Deerfield.

Senior Alex Cowan was 5-0 to start the season at 132 pounds. Freshman Ryan Mencini was 3-0 at 106. Senior Phil Espinoza was 3-0 at 220 pounds, while sophomore Erin Lonergan was 4-0 at 195 pounds.

Senior Jiven Delgado was 4-1 at 113, while junior Antoine Bess was 4-1 at 120. Junior Juan Alfaro was 3-2 at 182. Junior Oscar Ledezma was 3-2 at 138 and freshman Arturo Alfaro was 3-2 at 145 and 152 pounds.

Fenton is coming off a 2012-2013 season where it went 11-11 and took second in the Metro Suburban Conference after a tough loss to Glenbard South.

"We should challenge for the conference title again this year and we should improve tremendously throughout the year, especially since we are relatively inexperienced," said Fenton coach Brian Hastings. "Individually, I feel we have a number of guys who should be able to make a run at qualifying for state and winning some matches there."

Willowbrook girls gymnastics team poised to take next step

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Willowbrook girls gymnastics coaches Annette Nocek and Jeff Wronkiewicz feel one of the team's greatest strengths this season will be its unity.

"This team has bonded," said Nocek. "They work well together and truly support one another. Our new freshmen are catching on very quickly. Everybody helps each other. As coaches we are ambassadors for the team. Everyone is equal whether you are the top-scoring varsity all-around or the new athlete just starting out. As a whole the girls are working on form and technique as well as connecting skills on all events. This is a very cohesive group of girls who get along very well and are open to coaching."

Nocek cited a recent meet as a prime example of the team-first attitude that permeates throughout the program.

"Our girls have thrived with the atmosphere that has been promoted by the captains," she said. "For example, our freshmen recently competed at an invite. The entire rest of the team (25 of them) showed up at the meet to cheer their teammates on. That is the definition of team."

Willowbrook is coming off a 2012-2013 season where it took

third in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division. Willowbrook's JV won the WSC Gold last year.

Top returning gymnasts for the Warriors include senior Cassidy McFarlane (all-around), sophomore Riley McFarlane (all-around) and juniors Stefania Enescu (all-around) and Gloria Johnson (all-around).

The Warriors have 10 freshmen in the program this season.

"They all are new to the sport, but are quickly learning," said Nocek.

In a recent meet against Downers Grove North, Enescu scored 31.1 in the all-around. Cierra Rago went 8.35 on vault and Johnson scored a 7.8 on bars.

"Willowbrook does not have a feeder program per se, however at least half the team worked out during the off-season," said Nocek. "Many girls have progressed at an unbelievable rate. Eunice Assem, Gloria Johnson and Stefania Enescu are wonderful examples of hard work and dedication. These girls began gymnastics in high school and have learned so much in a short amount of time."

This is Nocek and Wronkiewicz's third season together with the Willowbrook girls team. They coached the boys program

for two years as well.

"We truly are a coaching team in that we share all coaching and responsibilities 50-50," said Nocek. "We both work with all levels of athletes, not the traditional head coach works with the varsity only and assistant works with JV. Our focus is, of course, gymnastics, but we're also focused on mentoring and forming young adults. We want our girls to be confident and have self-esteem. The girls have specific expectations, responsibilities and consequences. They know they will be accountable and they know we will follow through. For example, each girl is expected to leave the gym each day by shaking a coach's hand while saying goodbye. These life skills will help when they leave high school and enter the next phase of life."

Nocek is looking forward to what lies ahead this season.

"As coaches we have many goals, some for the team and some for individual gymnasts," she said. "We would love to have several girls qualify for sectionals this season and would like to finish well in the conference. The biggest goal is to keep our girls healthy. The competition schedule can be brutal at times with so many back-to-back meets."

PUBLIC NOTICE

F12070114
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DUPAGE COUNTY -
WHEATON, ILLINOIS
Household Finance Corp. III
Plaintiff,
vs.
Luis F. Santiago aka Luis Santiago; Bran-
dywine Towne Houses Improvement Asso-
ciation; State of Illinois; MetroBank; Un-
known Owners and Non-Record Claimants
Defendants.

12CH 3618

Property Address: 18W086 Jamestown
Lane, Villa Park, Illinois 60181

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

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suance of a judgment of said Court entered
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12, 2013, I, Sheriff, John E. Zaruba of Du-
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WHEATON, ILLINOIS

RESIDENTIAL
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Czeslaw Kitowski; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

13 CH 001759

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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Willowbrook girls bowling team moving forward Participation tripled since last year; Anton Top 15 at Plainfield Central

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

New Willowbrook girls bowling coach Bill
Eufrazio likes the direction the program is head-
ed.

The Warriors have 25 girls in the program, a
massive increase from the single-digit roster it
had last season.

"I am very energized and proud of the direc-

tion in which we are headed," said Eufrazio.

Eufrazio lauded the efforts of assistant coach
Kevin Allen. "Kevin is leading this charge with
his expertise and positive attitude with the young
ladies," he said.

The Warriors are led by a senior group that
includes Becky Anton, Rebecca Cisneros, Amy
Kottlenik, Sarah Kottke, Jill Liebe and Tina
Nowak.

"The most impressive aspect of this team is
its unselfish attitude," said Eufrazio. "We are
led by a strong core of returning seniors. These

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• BOWLING

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young ladies set the standard as student-athletes for the rest of the team."

Anton recently finished in the Top 15 out of about 170 bowlers at the Plainfield Central tournament.

"Our goals for this season are not based on numbers or averages but rather skill development and the development of a positive mental attitude," said Eufrazio.

Eufrazio said competition in the West Suburban Conference again will be strong.

Dawn Marchut named STAR Discovery Educator

SILVER SPRING, MD — Dawn Marchut, a teacher of Blackhawk Middle School in Bensenville School District, has been named a STAR Discovery Educator by Discovery Education for her commitment to harnessing digital learning to inspire students' curiosity and prepare them for future careers. STAR Discovery Educators are active members of the Discovery Educator Network (DEN), a global community of educators who are passionate about teaching with digital media and technology and sharing ideas and resources. As a STAR Discovery Educator, Marchut has proven herself as a leader in transforming and enhancing learning in Blackhawk Middle School classrooms.

"We compete in an excellent conference for bowling and are focusing on becoming one of the top teams in the conference," he said.

Freshman Jordan Tiberi also will help the team this season.

"We are very excited about the contributions of our younger bowlers, most notably Jordan who bowls in our varsity lineup," said Eufrazio.

Eufrazio said the team is looking at its development on a constant short-term basis.

"Our goals are to develop skills and a positive mental attitude frame by frame and match by match," he said. "If we do this, high scores and averages will be accomplished and we will become a top program."

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Plaintiff,
vs.

Luis F. Santiago aka Luis Santiago; Bradywine Towne Houses Improvement Association; State of Illinois; MetroBank; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants
Defendants.

12CH 3618

Property Address: 18W086 Jamestown Lane, Villa Park, Illinois 60181

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

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Commonly known as: 18W086 Jamestown Lane, Villa Park, Illinois 60181
P.I.N.: 06-21-215-036-0000

First Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$345,548.57

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DUPAGE COUNTY- WHEATON, ILLINOIS
RESIDENTIAL
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Czeslaw Kilowski; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

13 CH 001759

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF
REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 9/25/2013, John Zaruba, the Sheriff of DuPage County, Illinois, will on 1/16/14 at the hour of 10:00AM at DuPage County Sheriff's Office, 501 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of DuPage and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 06-04-100-011
Improved with Single Family Home
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 650 N. Lincoln Avenue, Villa Park, IL 60181

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If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-13-12439. 1577014

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
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NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC,
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12 CH 1148

Address: 394 Avery Ave
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Residential
Judge Gibson

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF
REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

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COMMON ADDRESS: 394 Avery Ave, Elmhurst, Illinois 60126

P.I.N.: 06-14-312-011

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: \$416,099.34

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Golden Apple for teachers

Addison Trail High School staff members are honored with Addison Trail's Golden Apple award by students who nominated them. The 16 award winners were recognized Dec. 3. Addison Trail staff members receiving the honor were Jason Bugajsky, Itzel Carranza, Elizabeth Clifford, Sheri D'Ambrose, Mike Galfi, Patty Hochheimer, Mary Kelsay, Mike Maaske, Jose Hernandez, Steve Nelson, Eric Norberg, Mark Olson, Jim Perusich, Stacey Puccini, Enza Spilotro and John Turner.

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ADDISON - Mayor Rich Veenstra last week presented \$58,000 in proceeds from the 23rd annual Mayor's Community Charity Ball last month to 21 charities and service organizations.

The money will go toward a variety of causes including feeding the hungry, helping sick children, outreach to those with substance abuse problems and providing scholarships.

The event on Nov. 9 at Alta Villa Banquets saw a \$2,500 increase over 2012, according to a news release.

Addison Community Switchboard, Addison Center for the Arts, Addison Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Addison Rec Club, Americans

of Italian Descent, Concord Lutheran School, District 4 Foundation for Educational Excellence, District 88 Foundation, Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Foundation, Good Samaritan United Methodist Church, Kiwanis Club of Addison, Knights of Columbus, LCPS - Lutherbrook Child & Adolescent Center, Medinah Shriners, Parks & Recreation Foundation, Rotary Club of Addison, Serenity House, Sister Cities of Addison, Student Participation Center, and Women's Club use the Mayor's Ball as a fundraiser every year.

Mayor Veenstra also chose to split proceeds raised by the Village of Addison between Addison Community Switchboard and St. Vincent DePaul Society.



At the Village Board meeting on Dec. 5, Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra (far right) presents checks totaling \$58,000 to representatives from participating charities in the Mayor's Community Charity Ball.

What are the 10 Addison road construction updates?

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ADDISON - While road construction in Addison continues during the cold weather, the village reminds drivers to use caution, watch speed, look for workers and not use cell phones through work zone areas.

Here are 10 updates on road construction progress.

1. Traffic flow

Project engineer Lochner and the Illinois Department of Transportation are still using a traffic signal timing consultant to monitor the intersection of routes 83 and 20 to maintain traffic flow.

Questions or concerns

about the ongoing road construction project can be directed to the Addison Public Works Department at 630-620-2020.

2. Centennial Park, Club Fitness and NEDSRA access

North access to Centennial Park, Club Fitness and NEDSRA is being staged and concrete placed.

3. Intersection of routes 53 and 20

Opening the newly poured west lanes from Centennial Park's north exit, north through the routes 20 and 53 intersection will allow staging of the east lanes of Route 53.

4. Walmart Mall

The south entrance and exit is open to all traffic, but the north entrance will remain only an entrance. No traffic can exit to the north.

5. Route 53 congestion

Work in this intersection creates ongoing traffic congestion and Route 53 traffic delays.

6. Route 20 traffic

Westbound traffic has one through lane as well as right and left turn lanes onto route 53. Because of ongoing delays at this intersection, avoiding this intersection during rush hour is suggested. Construction will continue here well

through the Christmas shopping season.

7. Army Trail Road and Route 53

Paving is completed on Army Trail Road to the project limits and the intersection is nearly completed. Additional lanes will be opened after striping and permanent sign installation.

8. Street lights and traffic signals

Activation along Route 53 has been moved back due to technical issues with no current tentative date. The date for the Woodland Avenue signal installation also is not known.

9. Rohlwing Road mailboxes

The contractor is re-installing mailboxes along Rohlwing Road, but mail delivery will continue in the temporary mailboxes. The Postal Service cannot deliver mail while there is a construction zone. Residents will be notified when delivery is transitioned back.

10. Sidewalks on Route 53

Work is nearing completion on sidewalk placement along the east and west sides of Route 53. Restoration work is ongoing and sod is being placed along Route 53 in various locations.

YOUR WEEKEND FORECAST

Source: National Weather Service

Friday
High: 28
Low: 24
Mostly cloudy, not as cold

Saturday
High: 30
Low: 15
Snow likely, mainly before noon

Sunday
High: 21
Low: 12
Partly sunny skies expected

ON THE COVER

Forno Palesse co-owner Marcello Lerario prepares the Wood Dale bakery's popular sandwich The Richie on Tuesday

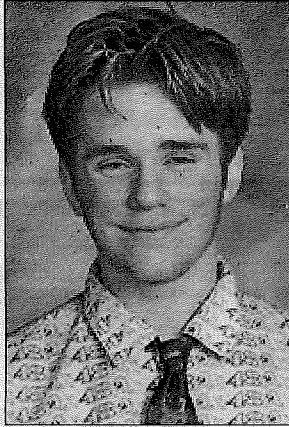
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Willowbrook Speech Team performs well at tournament

Pictured are Willowbrook senior Colleen Shelton and junior Jack Corkery, who took part in a speech tournament recently where Shelton took 2nd place in Oratorical Declamation, and Corkery took 5th place in Original Comedy. The Willowbrook Speech Team overall finished in 10th place out of 54 teams at the Hoffman Estates Tournament held in November 23.

Pam Davis elected to Illinois Hospital Association Board of Trustees

NAPERVILLE/ELMHURST — Pam Davis, System CEO, Edward-Elmhurst Healthcare, has been elected to the Illinois Hospital Association's (IHA) Board of Trustees as an at-large trustee. Davis will begin serving her three-year term on Jan. 1, 2014.

Following Edward Hospital's merger in 2013 with Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare, she is the System CEO for one of the larger integrated health systems in Illinois — with revenues of about \$1 billion, more than 50 outpatient locations across a service area of 1.7 million residents in the west and southwest suburbs, 7,700 employees, nearly 1,700 physicians on staff and 1,700 volunteers.

Davis has been President and CEO of Edward since 1988. In those 25 years, Pam transformed Edward from a relatively small community hospital into a regional medical center with care that rivals that provided by Chicago's top teaching hospitals.

Under Davis' leadership, Edward has grown to become the Chicago area's 8th largest hospital according to Crain's. Edward has earned a reputation as a regional and national healthcare leader by providing advanced cardiac care at Edward Heart Hospital, state-of-the-art cancer diagnosis and treatment at Edward Cancer Center, world class stroke care through the Edward Neurosciences Institute in affiliation with the Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation and behavioral health services through Linden Oaks at Edward. Edward has been a Magnet hospital for nursing excellence since 2005 and was re-designated as such in 2010.

Pam holds a BA in Economics/Social Studies and an MA in Hospital and Health Services Administration from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, December 12

• Willowbrook H.S. Show Choir

From 7-9 a.m. on WGN Radio 720 Chicago, the Willowbrook High School Show Choir will be performing live.

• Birthday Bunch & Lunch for seniors

From 12-2:30 p.m., seniors are invited to the Community Rec Bldg, 320 E. Wildwood, for lunch, Bingo for prizes (non-monetary), and a salute to the month's "Birthday Babies." Fee: \$5 payable at the door. Please RSVP to 630-834-8525 by Dec. 5.

• Willowbrook H.S. band concert

At 7 p.m. at the Doris E. White Auditorium, a holiday concert featuring the Chamber Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra, Treble, Beginning and Concert Choirs, Beginning Guitars and the Guitar Ensemble will be held. Admission: \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Info: (847) 217-3165 or (630) 816-1953.

Friday, December 13

• Hands-on holiday art

From 3-4 p.m., kids ages 3-5 are invited to the Iowa Center to create holiday art. Fee: \$10/\$8. Info: 630-834-8970 or vprd.org.

• Visit Santa's Villa Park workshop

From 6-8:30 p.m., kids are invited to the Iowa Center to share their wish list with Santa, (bring your camera), enjoy sweet treats, make a holiday craft and other activities. Pizza and beverages will be available for purchase. Please bring one non-perishable food item per person, to be given to a local food pantry. Register by December 6. Info: 630-834-8970 or visit vprd.org.

Saturday, December 14

• Candy Cane Hunt, ornament-making party

From 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., kids 3-8 (3-5 with parent) are invited to the Iowa Center to make holiday ornaments, followed by a candy cane hunt outside. Fee: \$12/\$10. Info: 630-834-8970 or visit vprd.org.

• Live Nativity at Grace Lutheran

From 5-8 p.m., come experience the Christmas Story with a live nativity scene at Grace Lutheran Church, 5 N. Princeton Ave., complete with animals, singing, crafts, food and more. Info: (630) 832-0870.

Sunday, December 15

• Holiday Bazaar for Pets

From noon-3 p.m., Eclipse Dog Grooming, 110 S. Villa Ave., is hosting a free Holiday

Bazaar and Winter Wonderland for pet photos with Santa and Sammie Paws (Ill. Samoyed Rescue). Fee: \$7.50 for a photo with a holiday frame, or bring your own camera. Info: (630) 993-1212.

Tuesday, December 17

• Willowbrook H.S. Show Choir

At 7 p.m., the Willowbrook High School Show Choir will be performing outside of the Carson Pirie Scott store on the second floor in the Yorktown Mall in Lombard.

Wednesday, December 18

• Willowbrook H.S. band concert

At 7 p.m. at the Doris E. White Auditorium, a holiday concert featuring the Willowbrook High School Wind Ensemble, the Symphonic Band, the Freshman Band and the Percussion Ensemble will be held. Admission: \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Info: (847) 217-3165 or (630) 816-1953.

Friday, January 31

• Food Wars Challenge for Charity

In conjunction with National Catholic Schools Week, St. Pius X Parish School in Lombard will be hosting the Food Wars Challenge for Charity. The event will be held in the school's Social Center at 601 S. Westmore Ave. Info: (630) 627-2353.

Ongoing events...

• VPRD's Reader's Theater Group

If you love to socialize and would like the chance to perform without having to memorize scripts or lyrics you will want to join the Readers' Theatre Group. The group meets for rehearsal each Monday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood. Free; no registration required. Info: Jenny Casale at 630-834-8525.

VFW Bingo

• The Villa Park VFW hosts Bingo every Tuesday from 5:30-10 p.m.

Elmhurst College fall student art exhibition

• Friday, Dec. 13, the accomplishments of all students enrolled in fall term art courses will be highlighted in the Fall Student Art Exhibition in the Founders Lounge of the Frick Center on the campus of Elmhurst College. Info: Suellen Rocca at (630) 617-6110 or srocca@elmhurst.edu.

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

Rep. Conroy committee to pick 'Good Neighbor Business of the Year'

VILLA PARK—State Rep. Deb Conroy will meet with her Economic Development Advisory Committee at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12 at her constituent services office located at 28 S. Villa Ave. in Villa Park.

During this month's meeting members of the committee will determine a winner for Conroy's "Good Neighbor Business of the Year" competition.

"We have received numerous submissions from residents for the 'Good Neighbor Business of the Year' Award," Conroy said. "It's great to see that so many businesses in the district have been such upstanding members of the community this year."

In addition to the advisory committee meeting Rep. Conroy will host satellite office hours this month. Her staff will be available to assist

constituents from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Glenside Public Library located at 25 E. Fullerton Ave., Glendale Heights.

For more information or to RSVP for the Economy Development Advisory Committee or satellite office hours, contact Conroy's full-time constituent services office at (630) 415-3520 or RepDebConroy@gmail.com.

"The idea for the satellite office hours is to ensure that folks who do not live near my Villa Park office have the opportunity to get help with state services or voice their concerns about an issue," said Conroy. "With a new legislative session approaching I want to make sure that any resident that wishes to voice their concern about an issue is given that opportunity."

St. Pius X School to host Food Wars Challenge for Charity

LOMBARD — St. Pius X Parish School recently announced one of the largest charity events in its history, the Food Wars Challenge for Charity, to take place on Friday, Jan. 31, in conjunction with National Catholic Schools Week.

The event will be held in the school's Social Center at 601 S. Westmore Ave. in

Lombard. Inspired by Donald Trump's Celebrity Apprentice, where teams compete to raise money for a specific charity, St. Pius junior high students and alumni (currently attending high school) will compete against one another in this unique challenge. In the end, one charity will reap the rewards of Food Wars. The team raising the most money will win all of the money donated during the evening.

At the Food Wars Challenge for Charity, teams will attempt to make the most money for their chosen charity by selling a food, dessert or beverage item at their very own food stand. "The students are being challenged to pick the charity they wish to represent, to form their own teams and devise a strategy on how to make the most money during the challenge," said Barbara Dawson, advancement director at St. Pius X Parish School, and the event's chairperson.

Students are encouraged to invite friends and family to support them on that evening.

"We want this endeavor to be their own, to be something they plan out and execute with the least amount of input from teachers and parents as possible," she added. "We hope to inspire them and we know

the experience will prepare them for a lifetime filled with Christian service in their own communities."

In November, the junior high classes assembled for a special informational session which included viewing videos of potential charity choices. High schoolers met on Dec. 10 at the school to gather more information and/or ask questions.

The charities that were being considered for representation include: The American Heart Association, All American Life League, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Feed My Starving Children, Wounded Warrior Project, The Deicke Home

in Lombard, Catholic Charities, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Make a Wish Foundation, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Students also were invited to suggest charities based on their own knowledge and experiences.

"With the theme of Catholic Schools Week this year being 'Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service,' there's no better way to demonstrate the importance of an education emphasizing the relevance of Christian service," said Dawson. "We hope to see the event grow each year as it

becomes an annual effort at our school."

She added, "Our own donors support our students and have helped our school to thrive for over 55 years. We want to show them that we are doing good things here at St. Pius, thanks to their belief in us."

"We are very excited about the Food Wars Challenge for Charity," said Daniel Flaherty, school principal. "It will not only support a worthwhile charity, but will also provide our students with valuable experiences in stewardship, leadership and team building. We hope the community will come out and support us on this evening."

Grace Lutheran hosting live nativity Dec. 14

VILLA PARK — Come experience the Christmas Story with a live nativity scene at Grace Lutheran Church, 5 N. Princeton Ave., complete with animals, singing, crafts, food and more from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14.

Bring hats and gloves for donation to the Outreach House. More information can be found at: gracevillapark.org

Parking is located off Princeton Avenue in the rear of the building. All are welcome. For more information, call (630) 832-0870.

Eclipse Dog Grooming Holiday Bazaar for pets Dec. 15

VILLA PARK — Eclipse Dog Grooming, 110 S. Villa Ave., Villa Park is hosting a free Holiday Bazaar and Winter Wonderland for pet photos with Santa and Sammie Paws (Il. Samoyed Rescue) from noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15.

There's a donation of \$7.50 for a photo with a holiday frame, or bring your own camera. Various vendors will be on site, hot chocolate and "Ask the Trainer." For more information, call (630) 993-1212.

WBHS announces music concerts, Show Choir performances

VILLA PARK — The Willowbrook High School Music Department is hosting two holiday concerts—one on Thursday, Dec. 12 and the other on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at the Doris E. White Auditorium.

The community is invited to attend. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. For more information, contact either Judy Degnan at (847) 217-3165 or Cindy Harris at (630) 816-1953.

An Orchestra and Coral concert starts at 7 p.m. Dec. 12. It features the Chamber Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra, Treble, Beginning and Concert Choirs, Beginning Guitars and the Guitar Ensemble.

A Band Concert will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 18. It features the Wind Ensemble, the Symphonic Band, the Freshman Band and the Percussion Ensemble.

Show Choir performances

The Willowbrook High School Show Choir will be performing live on WGN Radio 720 Chicago from 7-9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12.

Then on Tuesday, Dec. 17, the Show Choir will be performing outside of the Carson Pirie Scott store on the second floor in the Yorktown Mall beginning at 7 p.m.

AT-WB girls swim team member takes 2nd at State

VILLA PARK — On Nov. 23, Willowbrook junior Kelly McNamara came in 2nd place in the 100-yard butterfly at the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Girls Swimming State competition.

"I was really excited," McNamara said of her accomplishment. "It means a lot to do well and to be well represented at the State meet."

McNamara's 2nd-place finish (55.11 seconds) is particularly impressive given the AT-WB Girls Swim Team does not have a pool in which to practice. They travel to Club Fitness in Addison every day to practice.

"We spend a lot of time on the bus just to get to a pool," McNamara said with a laugh.

This was McNamara's third time competing at State and



KELLY MC NAMARA

she's looking forward to next year.

"Our goal this year as a team

was to win Conference, and we're proud we accomplished that," she said.

Sign up for winter break camp for ages 5-12

VILLA PARK — Parks and Recreation's is holding Winter Camp for children ages 5-12 during their holiday school break. Campers will enjoy theme days and many different games and activities will keep them busy. Please send a non-perishable lunch each day. Drinks and snacks are

provided. Winter Camp is held daily 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. with a fee of \$28. Before and after camp is available to extend the campers' day if necessary, for an additional fee. Camp is available December 23, 26, 27, 30 & 31; January 2 and 3. To register, call 630-834-8970 or visit vprd.org.

Villa Park Weight Loss Challenge returns Jan. 9

VILLA PARK — Sign-up now for the next Weight Loss Challenge session which runs each Thursday from January 9 to March 20 at the Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood Ave. Classes begin at 7 p.m. and last about an hour.

Proper nutrition coaching by members of CL Nutrition will include information on meal replacement options, how to improve eating habits and how many calories a day your body burns, plus more about losing weight and keep-

ing it off. Each week participants will weigh-in and consult with coaches.

Depending on the number of participants previous first place winners have received more than \$500. (Note: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners are determined by their percentage of weight-loss, not pounds lost.)

The fee is \$49 resident/\$52 non-resident for the session.

For more information, or to sign up, call 630-834-8970 or 630-834-8525 or visit vprd.org

■ **LAST WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION:** What's a good age to talk to your kids about Santa?

36 PERCENT: When they ask about it
36 PERCENT: When they head to college
16 PERCENT: In grade school
12 PERCENT: Tell the truth from the start

■ **THIS WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION:** What's your favorite holiday event to go to in December? Vote online at mysuburbanlife.com.

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Giving back is part of District 88 culture

We strive to develop a sense of community spirit in our students, and as we head into the holiday season, we want to take a moment to share a few examples of how our students and staff help better the communities in which we live. The District 88 Board of Education, along with superintendent Dr. Scott Helton and the entire District 88 family, is proud of these efforts, and we look forward to continuing to support them.

Blazers give back: In October, Addison Trail students and staff were dedicated to raising money for breast cancer research through our Go Pink or Go Home fundraiser. During November, it was Movember at Addison Trail, as 57 staff members and administrators grew mustaches or supported those growing mustaches to raise money in support of men's health awareness. Last month, we hosted our annual blood drive, and the Addison Trail Lettermen Club hosted a Run-a-Thon to raise money for student scholarships and to help members of the community in need.

Last, but certainly not least, Addison Trail gives back to its community through its service clubs during the year. From participating in the Kiwanis Peanut Days, to hosting our annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon, to our INTER-ACT Club helping at our local homeless shelter, giving back to Addison is a cornerstone of Blazer Pride.

Warriors give back: During the holiday season, the Willowbrook Key Club coordinates an annual food drive to support local food pantries, and the Warrior Project supports local families and children by providing gifts for those who might otherwise not receive them. Our students regularly volunteer at food pantries, shelters and the Feed My Starving Children organization. And the Willowbrook Parent Organization (WPO) coordinates an annual apparel drive, which collects new or slightly used winter hats, gloves and coats for local shelters.

Willowbrook also is dedicated to the fight against cancer and hosts the annual Relay For Life of District 88 All Youth, which has raised more than \$160,000 for the American Cancer Society during the past three years. The Warriors For A Cure campaign, which raises funds throughout the month of October for breast cancer research. Our Warriors give back in an effort to support local, national and even international projects. One example is our Senior Class Service Project. This year, the class of 2014 has committed to completing 10,000 hours of community service. Last year, the class of 2013 raised \$22,000 and packed 108,000 meals to help feed malnourished children in Guatemala.

Adam Cibulka is the Addison Trail High School principal; Dan Krause is the Willowbrook High School principal.

►► OUR VIEW

Pension reform legislation doesn't get the job done

If the pension reform law passed Dec. 3 by the Illinois General Assembly and signed Dec. 5 by Gov. Pat Quinn was a first step in a series of reform measures still to come, we'd hail it as a small victory for taxpayers and the state.

Unfortunately, we fear that in the minds of Quinn, Speaker Michael Madigan and Senate President John Cullerton, last week's reform effort is the only step, which it cannot be if Illinois is to right its fiscal ship.

With a \$100 billion shortfall, Illinois has the worst-funded public pension systems in the country. For years, lawmakers failed to address the issue as the unfunded liability grew and ratings agencies repeatedly downgraded the state's credit, which now is the lowest of all 50 states.

Senate Bill 1, which passed by the slimmest of margins in both the House and the Senate, does begin to address some of the problems.

It changes the cost-of-living adjustments that retirees receive every year. Currently, retirees receive a compounded, 3-percent increase each year on almost their full pension. Under the bill passed this week, retirees will receive COLAs on only a part of their benefit, and the COLAs will be skipped some years for new retirees. This is the law's biggest accomplishment.

The legislation slightly raises the retirement age for employees who are 45 and younger on a sliding scale. While this is a positive step, it doesn't go far enough. Many public employees are able to retire in their 50s with full pension benefits. As Americans live longer, those benefits get more and more expensive.

The law also places a cap on the amount of salary on which a pension can be based.

In 2013, the cap is about \$110,000. A cap was necessary and this is a positive step, but it should be lower.

In an effort to fight off a constitutional challenge, which certainly is coming, public employees will contribute 1 percent less to their retirement benefits than they do now. We think public employees should contribute more to their own retirements, not less.

Like many of the lawmakers who voted against this legislation, we also question the savings that proponents say it will bring.

For the record

While there are positive elements to a pension reform bill that passed the General Assembly, it does not go far enough to fix the state's failing pension systems.

Madigan, Quinn and Cullerton say it will save \$160 billion over the next 30 years. But the nonpartisan Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability was not given a chance to analyze the bill. And the \$160 billion figure is based on an 8 percent annual return on the pension funds' investments, which is unrealistic.

Though Quinn won't admit it, the vote all but guarantees that

the temporary income tax increase imposed on Illinois workers in 2011 will become permanent. Or, worse, a push for a progressive tax will gain momentum. Either is a big loss for taxpayers.

While lawmakers around the state will boast about the significance of the reform and think their job is done, the reality is that lawmakers did little to help right the state's financial ship.

If they were truly determined to solve the problem, they would have held the vote before Dec. 3 – the day after the current crop of lawmakers found out who they would be facing in the March primary. They would make it clear more reform is in the pipeline, and make difficult decisions that would ease the pension burden taxpayers continue to shoulder.

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Addison Trail's Taylor White brings the ball upcourt in Monday's home game against Wheaton North. The Blazers lost at the buzzer, continuing a frustrating early-season trend.

Buzzer-beaters sinking Blazers

By DAN SANTARONITA
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ADDISON - The Addison Trail boys basketball team has already had enough late-game drama to fill an entire season.

Monday's 63-62 loss to Wheaton North as part of AT's pre-holiday tournament was the third game the Blazers have had decided at the buzzer and fourth go down to the final seconds.

After Simon Jakubczak put back a James Pupillo miss with four seconds left to give the Blazers a 62-60 lead, Wheaton North's Matt Hseghalski answered by swishing a contested 3-pointer on the left wing at the buzzer.

The Blazers fell to 2-5 but have been in every game

Downers Grove S. 52 Addison Trail 46

AT scoring leaders

- Joe Kurcar, 16 points
- Ronald Duling, 11 points
- Taylor White, 10 points

Wheaton North 63 Addison Trail 62

AT scoring leaders

- James Pupillo, 26 points
- Duling, 10 points
- White, 10 points

down the stretch. In Friday's West Suburban Gold opener against Downers Grove South, the Blazers led at half-time just like they did against

Wheaton North before falling 52-46.

"We're trying to tell our guys that we can't keep looking at the results; we have to look at the process," AT coach Brendan Lyons said. "The process has been similar in a lot of the games that we have lost. We've dug ourselves holes, typically in the third quarter, and in a variety of different ways. Friday night it was shooting the ball from the perimeter. [Monday] it was getting the ball to the basket and finishing and creating some things with our defense."

Pupillo put up 26 points against the Falcons, with 18 coming in the second half. Taylor White and Ronald Duling each scored 10.

Pupillo handles a variety

of key roles for the Blazers. In addition to being leading scorer, Pupillo is also responsible for creating shots for his teammates as the point guard. He also harassed Wheaton North's guards into a number of turnovers. All that despite being under the weather, according to Lyons.

"I thought it was one of his better games I've seen him play here," Lyons said. "Even in the first half when he wasn't shooting it well, he was a catalyst for us in terms of getting guys looks whether it was off a rebound or a steal for transition baskets."

Despite some positives, the bottom line is that the Blazers' 2-5 record is well below their own expectations. Finding a way to make the competitive play translate into more

wins will be the key the rest of the season.

"We can say we're right there and we're in every game, and that's a step forward, but they want better than that. I want better than that," Lyons said. "I think we could be 5-2 or 7-0, or we could be 0-7."

"[Monday was] the fourth time we've given ourselves the lead with under 15 seconds to go in a game, and we're 1-3 in those games. This is twice now with under 4.5 seconds [left in a game] that the other team has had the ball and we've not been able to get that last stop."

Addison Trail returns to action Friday at Leyden. The Blazers will play two more games in their pre-holiday tournament on Saturday and Monday.

Local trio helps NCC football into semifinals

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

With the cold weather, college fall sports are nearing their conclusion. A number of local products contributed to postseason success for their college teams. Others didn't make the postseason, but still saw individual success. Here are some of the highlights among those groups.

Shannon leads Butler receivers

Brendan Shannon, a Montini graduate from Lombard, led Butler football in receptions (76), yards (1,041) and touchdowns (six). The senior wide receiver helped the Bulldogs win the Pioneer Football League title and earn a spot in the FCS Division I playoffs. Butler lost to Tennessee State 31-0 in the first round.

Shannon's 1,041 yards were the second most in season in Butler history. He finished fifth on Butler's all-time receiving list with 2,027 yards.

Local products help North Central football to semis

North Central College's football team will play in an NCAA Division III semifinal game at Mount Union (Ohio) tomorrow, and several local products have helped the Cardinals get there.

Senior starting defensive back Connor Douglas (Lombard, Glenbard South) has played in every game this season and has put up solid stats across the board. He has 29 tackles, including 23 solo and two tackles for loss, two forced fumbles, one interception and six passes defended.

Junior starting linebacker Jason Callahan (Glenbard East) has seen action in every game this season and has 32 total tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss and one interception, which came in a 52-24 quarterfinal win over Wisconsin-Platteville in the second round the playoffs.

Freshman Dom Battaglia (Willowbrook) has played in six games this season as a defensive back and has recorded 10 total tackles, a sack and a forced fumble.



Photo provided by North Central College

North Central College's Jason Callahan runs upfield in a game against Elmhurst College earlier this season. The Glenbard East graduate and his Cardinal teammates play in an NCAA Division III semifinal playoff game tomorrow.

Glenbard East trio helps UWW to perfect season

Three Glenbard East grads were a part of the Wisconsin-Whitewater women's soccer team's undefeated regular season. Sophomore defender Jessica Grumstrup played in 16 matches and made seven starts for the Warhawks. Sophomore midfielder Erin Mrazek made 10 substitute appearances. Freshman goalkeeper Veronica Fairbairn made just one appearance off the bench while acclimating to college soccer.

The Warhawks won the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament and made it to the second round of the Division III NCAA Tournament before losing 1-0 to Capital University. Whitewater finished the season 17-1-4.

Rizzo plays big in the middle for DePaul

Natalie Rizzo led DePaul volleyball in blocks with 104. The Glenbard East product

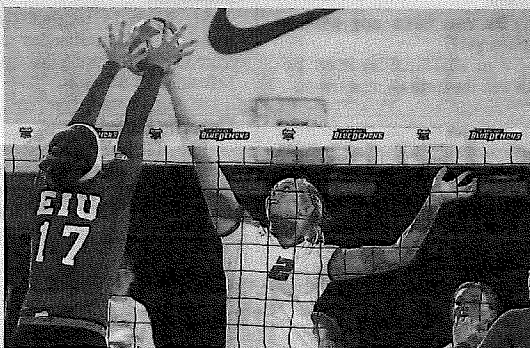


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Glenbard East graduate Natalie Rizzo (middle) was among the leaders in several statistical categories for DePaul's volleyball team this season, including a team-high 104 blocks.

was second on the team with 26 aces and third with 239 kills. DePaul was 16-14 overall.

D'Ambrose cracks top five in YSU career assists

Casey D'Ambrose, an Addison Trail graduate, finished her volleyball career at Youngstown State University

with 959 assists this fall, a new career high. She played in all of the Penguins' 1,212 sets and also led the team with 24 aces. She brought her career assist total to 2,658, good for fifth on the all-time list at the program. D'Ambrose's final three seasons each made it into the top 20 for assists in a season at YSU.

Parisi gets feet wet at Morehead State

Addison Trail graduate Tonia Parisi, a freshman on Morehead State women's soccer, made five substitute appearances for the Eagles this fall. The Eagles won the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament to earn a bid in the NCAA Tournament, where they lost to Wake Forest, 2-0, in the first round.

District 88 pair help Benedictine soccer

Addison Trail graduate Julio Lopez and Willowbrook grad Eric Lukitsh helped Benedictine soccer win the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference for the first time in program history. Lopez, a senior midfielder, was NACC player of the week once and was second on the team with five assists and scored a pair of goals. Lukitsh, a freshman defender, started all 19 matches, scored a goal and was named second-team all-NACC.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



MOLLY KRAWCZYKOWSKI

Willowbrook | Senior | Basketball

Why Krawczykowski was selected:

Krawczykowski scored double figures in each of Willowbrook's conference wins during the past seven days.

Willowbrook senior guard Molly Krawczykowski has the Warriors undefeated and on top of the West Suburban Gold. She scored 14 points in a crucial 60-54 win at Proviso East on Saturday and followed that up by scoring all 13 of her points in the first half of a 69-24 win against Leyden on Tuesday. Willowbrook is 8-0 and hoping to win the conference title. Krawczykowski, the Oak Trust Credit Union Athlete of the Week, spoke with sports reporter Dan Santaromita about the team's hot start.

What do you think of the team's start to the season?

Well, our goal is to go undefeated in conference this year, so we've been working really hard and it's nice to see us starting to reach our goal.

Was the win at Proviso East the biggest game so far?

Yeah. We were all nervous going into it because it was our first big game and we were down at halftime.

Then we just all came together after halftime, played really hard and came back and won. It was important to us.

Who on the team has impressed you?

We have a sophomore, Danielle Velasquez, who has been working really hard. She's impressed a lot of people. She also hustles and she's always working hard so it's nice to have her on the team.

Do you have any college plans yet?

I'm still undecided between basketball and track.

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PREP ROUNDUP

Karlis triple-double powers Montini

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

Montini's girls basketball team had little trouble with Suburban Christian Conference foe Aurora Central Catholic in a 58-21 victory Saturday. Kelly Karlis had a triple-double (17 points, 12 blocks, 11 rebounds).

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Glenbard East

Allison Hansen's 20 points weren't enough in a 54-45 DuPage Valley Conference loss to Lake Park on Tuesday.

Addison Trail

The Blazers fell to 0-3 in the West Suburban Gold after losing to Morton (45-35) and Hinsdale South (58-36) in the past seven days.

IC Catholic

Last weekend, the Knights won games on back-to-back days. IC defeated Chicago Christian 59-47 Friday with 14 points from Chiara Gaudio, 12 from Grace Vitek and 10 from Erin Maloney. On Saturday, the Knights beat Hinsdale Bay Rock 42-18.

St. Francis topped the Knights 44-42 on Tuesday despite 15 points from Vitek and 13 from Rory Manton.

Timothy Christian

The Trojans picked up their first conference win of the season 57-45 against Ridgeview on Saturday. They lost to defending league champ

Riverside Brookfield 48-43 Tuesday, despite 16 points and 10 rebounds from Kaitlyn Gebrie.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Montini

The Broncos finished 1-3 at Aurora Christian's Wilkie Classic tournament. After losing to St. Edward, the host Eagles and Juliet Catholic, Montini beat IMSA 61-29 Saturday.

Willowbrook

After losing the conference opener to Hinsdale South, 55-41 on Dec. 6, the Warriors traveled up to Evanston for a game Tuesday. The lake shore wasn't kind to Willowbrook. The Wildkats won 71-49.

Timothy Christian

After trailing by 11 points early in the first quarter, Timothy Christian's boys basketball team came back to beat Glenbard South 63-62 in overtime Dec. 6. Connor VanderBrug had 18 points and Khal Vairie scored 15. Robert McGivney tallied a double-double with 13 rebounds and 11 points.

VanderBrug put on a show - 29 points, 13 rebounds - against Aurora Christian on Wednesday in a 72-67 victory.

IC Catholic

The Knights had a 2-0 week end with road wins over Marian Central and Somersault. The win over Marian was the

conference opener. IC next plays tonight at Chicago Christian.

WRESTLING

Glenbard East

The Rams picked up five dual wins to win the Oswego Invite on Saturday. East beat Bloom (51-21), Palatine (75-0), Oak Lawn (62-0), Oswego East (46-25) and Lincoln Way East (41-27). Glenbard East then knocked off Naperville North 34-31 in a DuPage Valley Conference match Wednesday.

Montini

The Broncos went 3-0 in matches on Saturday. Montini claimed wins over Bowen (82-12), Morgan Park (62-0) and Mount Carmel (40-27).

Willowbrook

The Warriors dropped four duals at Plainfield North on Saturday, but sophomore Matt Rowland maintained his undefeated record. The 159-pounder improved to 17-0 with 11 pins on the season.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Glenbard East

The Rams took sixth out of 12 teams at the Downers Grove North Invite on Saturday. They followed that up with a 133.45-113.6 win over Andrew on Monday.

Addison Trail

The Blazers beat Glenbard South 121.35-109.5 Saturday.

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cheerleading team (right) posed for a picture following Friday's boys basketball game in Villa Park. Hinsdale South beat the Warriors 55-41 in the first game of the West Suburban Gold Conference season. The cheerleaders will compete at an Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association (ICCA) competition on Sunday at Bolingbrook High School. They will perform their competition routine during halftime of this Friday and Saturday's boys basketball games against Morton and Marmion Academies. Members of the cheerleading team (pictured left to right) are: (front row) Alyssa Kuhlmann, Linda Chanthavong, Sarah Wood, Becky Casey, Nicole Tolan, Cassie Healey and Amanda Senekal; (back row) Jacquelyn Diaz, Mary Bridget Prieto, Jessica Trausch, Jenna Miller, Sarah Dan, Jessica Cockingham, Danielle Holden, Abbey Blankensop, Becky Kislinski, Taylor Jones and Megan Brown. Not pictured are Goshame Myers and Cherylene Semler-Phillips. Willowbrook's coaches are Laura Garcia and Rachel Morris.

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Residents brave the cold to celebrate Joyful Traditions



A joyful evening at Joyful Traditions...

Photos by Chris Fox

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE bundled up in frigid temperatures to attend the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce's annual Joyful Traditions event on Saturday evening near the chamber's headquarters at 10 W. Park Blvd. The free community celebration included food provided by local businesses, Christmas carols, sleigh rides and a visit from Santa Claus. The above left photo shows (left to right) four members of the Villa Park Village Board—Trustee Robert Taglia, Trustee Robert Wagner, Village President Deborah Bullwinkel of Trustee Albert Butthuis. The board joined local businesses to sponsor a Christmas tree near the Illinois Prairie Path. The above right photo shows 10-year-old Villa Park resident Madelyn Hoffman at the smore station. The lower left photo shows (left to right) the Fitzgerald siblings of Villa Park—Katie, Alexis, Avery Addison and Kevin—with Santa and Mrs. Claus under the Reguard Gazebo. The lower right photo shows members of the Willowbrook High School choir providing some holiday music.



CenterStage...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S CenterStage show choir finished Thursday night's concert with four songs. The concert also included performances from the jazz band and jazz combo. The picture on the right shows choir members at the end of the final song of the night—"Jump, Jive an' Wail." The CenterStage choir will perform live on WGN Radio—720 AM—between 7 and 9 a.m. on Thursday morning, Dec. 12. The choir will perform outside of Carson Pirie Scott (on the second floor) at Yorktown Mall on Tuesday, Dec. 17, beginning at 7 p.m.

Photo by Chris Fox



WILLOWBROOK HOLIDAY MUSIC CONCERTS

Willowbrook High School's music department will present its second and third holiday concerts during the next week. Both concerts will begin at 7 p.m. in the school's Doris White Auditorium.

Concert II: Thursday, Dec. 12

FEATURING: Guitar Ensemble, Choir and Orchestra, plus a chorus of alumni on the Hallelujah Chorus

Concert III: Wednesday, Dec. 18

FEATURING: A band concert including the Symphonic Band, Freshman Band and Percussion Ensemble

Ticket prices for both events are: \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors (senior citizen gold cards and student passes are welcome). Admission is free to children 12 years old and younger who are accompanied by an adult.

Willowbrook High School holds Art Alumni Day on Monday

Willowbrook High School's art department will hold its annual Art Alumni Day on Monday, Dec. 16, from 9 a.m. to 1:20 p.m. The art department invites all Willowbrook art alumni to present their work to current students. The event allows students to see demonstrations and samples of work produced by published artists, writers, illustrators and creative graphic

designer.

The event also includes information about the variety of employment opportunities in the art industry.

For more information about the upcoming art alumni day at Willowbrook, contact Jan Piedra, the school's art department chair, at 630-782-2814, or at jpiedra@dupage88.net.

Questions? Comments?

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Villa Park Police Department to hold citizens police academy

The Villa Park Police Department will host a citizens police academy beginning Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014. The classes will be held each Thursday at the police department, located at 40 S. Ardmore Ave., through March 27. Each class will take place from 7 to 9 p.m.

"There can be an awkward distance between law enforcement officers and the general public," stated Villa Park Police Chief Robert Pavelchik in a recent news release announcing the upcoming citizens police academy. "This distance is often caused by a lack of understanding of what police officers experience and go through on a daily basis. Our citizens police academy will provide the opportunity for our residents to meet and learn from our officers and to help bridge the gap of understanding between our officers and the

community."

Participants must be at least 21 years old and must either reside or be employed in Villa Park. The 10 classes will cover a variety of law enforcement topics, including community policing, crime-scene investigation, DUI enforcement and detection, traffic-accident investigation, building searches, use of force and the introduction to firearms training, juvenile law and vehicle stop techniques. The classes will be taught by members of the Villa Park Police Department.

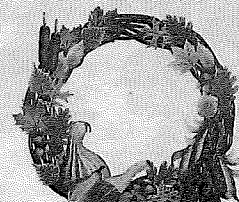
Participants must complete an application, which can be picked up at the police department. For more information about the citizens police academy, contact Villa Park Police Officer Keven Conner at 630-834-7447, or at kconner@invillapark.com.



Sleigh ride...

THE SLEIGH RIDE (left) was one of the more popular features at the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce's Joyful Traditions event on Saturday evening. Another popular attraction—especially in the frigid conditions—was the s'more station. The above right photo shows (left to right) the Lisowiec brothers—Gabriel (age 4) and Sean (age 5) near the station.

Photos by Chris Fox



Sports

LOMBARDIAN VILLA PARK REVIEW

Warriors lose WSGC opener to Hinsdale South

The Willowbrook boys basketball team opened the West Suburban Gold Conference season with a 55-41 loss to Hinsdale South on Friday in Villa Park. The Warriors, who opened the 2013-14 season by winning one of four games at Stagg High School's Thanksgiving tournament, fell to 1-4.

"Our guys couldn't have played a

better first half," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins, whose team trailed the Hornets 24-21 at halftime. "We played and fought hard. They [the Hornets] wore us down with their size in the second half. Our outside shots were falling, but we weren't able to get many looks inside."

Senior Chris Poole accounted for

more than half of Willowbrook's offensive production by pouring in 23 points. Poole drained nine of 18 shots, including five of his nine attempts from 3-point range. Poole scored 14 points during the first half, including a burst of seven straight points late in the second quarter to trim the Hornets' lead to three points by halftime.

Poole sank a 3-point shot midway through the third quarter to cut Hinsdale South's lead to 33-29. The Hornets built their lead to 42-34 by the end of the quarter. Poole's fifth and final 3-point shot of the night dropped the Hornets' lead to 44-37 with about six minutes left in the game. The Hornets scored four straight points during the next minute on their way to

the victory.

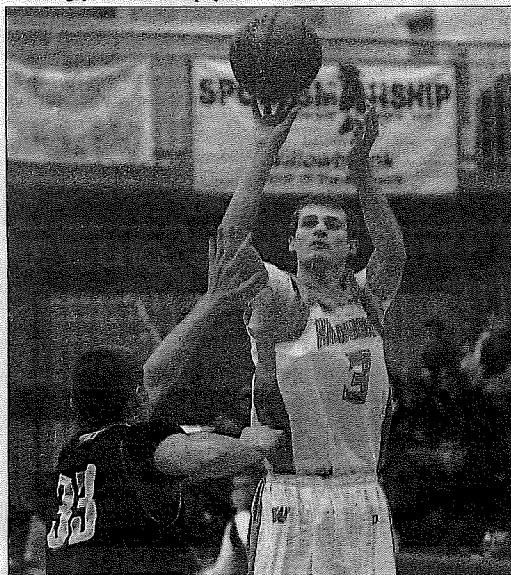
Hinsdale South made the most of its height advantage over the Warriors. The Hornets outrebounded Willowbrook 33-21. The visitors also took 20 free throws, making 15 attempts from the foul line. The Warriors shot only three free throws. They made two of the three shots.

Senior Edvinas Mickevicius connected on three shots, including a pair of 3-pointers, to contribute eight points. Juniors Chris Roycroft and Kyle Rushing both scored four points.

According to Perkins, the seniors on last season's team accounted for more than 90 percent of the Warriors' scoring production. Poole and Mickevicius, who both played on the varsity as

juniors, are carrying a heavier load this season. Through five games, Poole and Mickevicius lead the team with 62 and 60 points, respectively. Poole has made 12 of 39 3-point attempts and converted all 12 of his free-throw attempts. Mickevicius has 18 field goals, including seven 3-pointers. He's made 17 of 27 foul shots. Rushing is Willowbrook's third-leading scorer through five games with 40 points. Rushing has also collected a team-leading 44 rebounds.

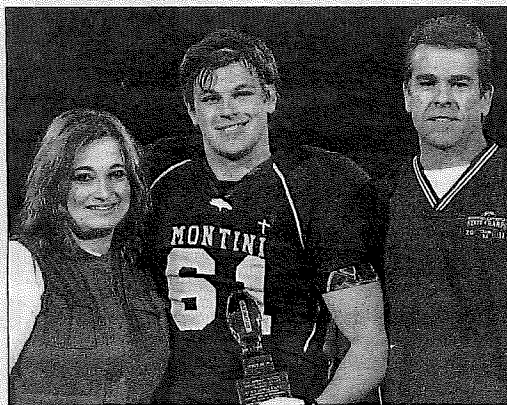
The Warriors will play two more home games this week, beginning with Friday's conference home game against Morton. Willowbrook will battle Marmion Academy in Saturday's non-conference contest.



Poole for three...

Photo by Chris Fox

SENIOR CHRIS POOLE (above) of the Willowbrook boys basketball team launches a 3-point shot during the fourth quarter of Friday's home game against Hinsdale South. Poole made the shot to cut the Hornets' lead to 44-37 with about six minutes remaining in the game. Hinsdale South, which scored the next four points to take a 48-37 lead, defeated the Warriors 55-41 in the West Suburban Gold Conference season opener. Poole, who made five 3-point shots, led all scorers with 23 points.



Spirit of 76 honoree...

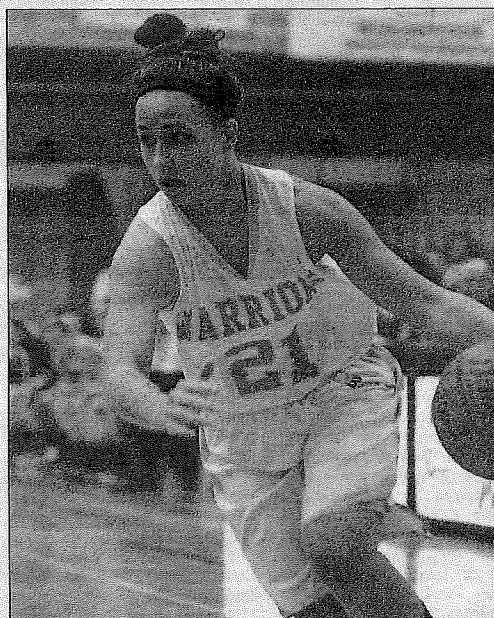
SENIOR A.J. MELARKEY (above, center) of the Montini Catholic football team was the inaugural recipient of the school's "Spirit of 76" award. The award was established in honor of Johnny Weiger, a member of the Montini football team who passed away on Nov. 4, 2012, after battling leukemia and a rare blood disorder referred to as TTP. A member of Montini's Class of 2015, Johnny displayed the spirit of a champion throughout his battle. Johnny wore jersey No. 76 with the Broncos. The Weiger family established the "Spirit of 76" award to honor Johnny's character, his commitment to his faith and the great sportsmanship he displayed on the football field. The award will be presented each year to a Montini varsity football player who represents the same high character, commitment to faith and sportsmanship Johnny displayed throughout his life. The Weiger family chose Melarkey after numerous discussions with coaches, teachers, counselors and students. Melarkey, a senior offensive lineman, is pictured with Johnny's parents—Fran and Karl Weiger—during the presentation of the award before the Broncos' regular-season game against Marian Central Catholic earlier this season. A resident of Lombard, Melarkey is was the starting left guard for the 2013 Broncos. He is also a captain of the Montini boys lacrosse team and a member of the school's math team. He is also a member of Mu Alpha Theta, the National Honor Society

Warriors beat Proviso East to improve season record to 8-0

Willowbrook's girls basketball team improved its overall record to 8-0 when it opened the West Suburban Gold Conference season with a pair of road victories. The Warriors began the conference season by crushing Addison Trail 66-26 on Dec. 3. Willowbrook outscored the Blazers 25-2 in the first quarter. Senior Molly Krawczykowski led the Warriors in scoring with 19 points, including a 7-for-7 effort from the free-throw line. Senior Jada Stills added 12 points.

Willowbrook needed to rally from behind to pull out its next conference victory—a 60-54 win at Proviso East on Saturday. The Warriors trailed the Pirates 29-21 at halftime, but a 24-12 surge in the third quarter pushed Willowbrook to a 45-41 lead with eight minutes to play in the game. The Warriors, who hit 18 of 22 free-throw attempts against Addison Trail, struggled at the foul line against Proviso East, making 20 of 38 free throws.

Senior Olivia Domin provided a team-leading 17 points. She made three of five attempts from 3-point range and converted six of eight free throws. Domin also grabbed nine rebounds. Krawczykowski added 14 points, while junior Sam Schmidt contributed 10 points and a team-leading 11 rebounds. Senior Lauren Carroll added nine points.



A great start...

File photo

SENIOR OLIVIA DOMIN (above) helped the Willowbrook girls basketball team improve its overall record to 8-0 when she scored a team-leading 17 points during Saturday's 60-54 victory at Proviso East. The win gave the Warriors a conference mark of 2-0.



A solid season for the Typhoons...

THE TYPHOONS FC (Football Club) U-13 boys soccer team (above) earned second place in its division in its recently concluded season. The Typhoons had a record of 7-3 in division play in the Young Sportsmen's Soccer League (YSSL). Members of the team (pictured left to right) are: (front row) Thomas Waldorf, Tala Tinfang, Mark Lobdell, Dominic Tenca, Devin Gualpa, Joey Gillono and Jeff Wolski; (back row) Coach Phil Doherty, Tom Marczewski, Ethan Dabakjian, Aaron Gualpa, Aldin Perviz, John McGovern, Carson Hooker, Josh Wise and Coach Mike Wolski. Not pictured are Zach Orange and Jonathan Stremler. For more information about the Typhoons FC, visit the organization's Web site at www.typhoonsfc.org.