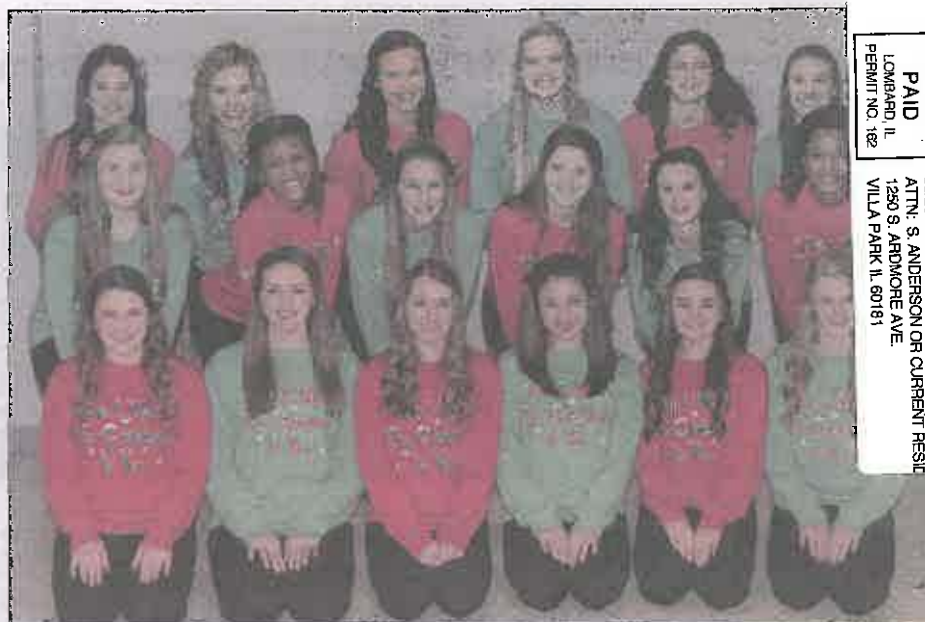


Warrior poms...

THE WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL pom team (right) performed a Christmas kick routine during halftime of the Warriors' home basketball games on Friday and Saturday. The photo on the right shows the team shortly before Saturday's routine, which was performed to Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas is You." Members of the team (pictured left to right) are (front row) Kelly Moran, Hunter Sparks, Amanda Barrie, Hannah Smith, Kiana Gleason and Emily Isaacson, (middle row) Julia Holden, Lashay Butler, Claire Creighton, Veronica Catanese, Marissa Fast and India Garner, (back row) Bianca Locascio, Nora Grzdziel, Sarah Dvorak, Maddie Schulte, Maggie Sommers and Christen Huette. The girls won first-place honors in the Class 3A open pom category at a competition at Niles North High School earlier this month. That victory gives the team a berth in the 2014 Team Dance (TD) state championship event, which will take place in Peoria in March. Willowbrook's coaches are Maggie Lamb and Autumn Jones.

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Willowbrook choir sings Christmas carols on the air

The members of Willowbrook High School's CenterStage show choir are accustomed to giving live performances, but Thursday morning's medley of Christmas songs was an especially unique experience.

Thirty-four students traveled to Chicago to perform live on WGN Radio during Steve Cochran's morning program. The station has welcomed choirs from the hometowns of its on-air personalities during the Christmas season. Traffic reporter Mary Van De Velde, a Willowbrook alumna as well as a Willowbrook parent, extended the invitation to the CenterStage choir.

"We worked them really hard," said Karyn Wolcott, Willowbrook's choral director and music department chair of the choir's preparation for the radio appearance. Van De Velde contacted Wolcott about one month ago and invited the choir to appear. Wolcott and the students left Willowbrook at about 6 a.m. on Thursday and drove down to WGN's Michigan Avenue street-side studio. A producer from the station met the choir members and told them what to expect. They were soon escorted into the on-air studio for their first song.

The choir performed three a cappella songs from about 7:45 to 9 a.m., singing "Carol of the Bells," "Holly Jolly Christmas" and "Caroling, Caroling." The choir sang for a total of about 11 minutes. Cochran and Van De Velde chatted with Wolcott after the final song.

"They did interview me, which was rather newsworthy," said Wolcott, who received numerous messages from listeners who heard the choir over the airwaves.

"I had e-mails from random people," she said. "I heard from alumni and others who just happened to hear us."

December has been a busy month for the Willowbrook CenterStage choir, which performed at the school's Dec. 5 holiday concert. Two days later, the choir sang Christmas carols at the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce's annual Joyful Traditions event. This week's schedule includes Christmas carols outside of Carson's at Yorktown, as well as two events on Friday morning. The choir will sing at North School and at the Iowa Community Center.



Broadcasting holiday cheer...

Photos courtesy of Jim Waters

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S CenterStage show choir (above) traveled to Chicago on Thursday morning to make a live appearance on WGN Radio. The choir sang three Christmas carols during Steve Cochran's program. WGN traffic reporter Mary Van De Velde—a Willowbrook alumna and parent—invited the choir to appear on the station. "It was very exciting," said Karyn Wolcott, Willowbrook's choral director and music department chair. The photo below shows Wolcott (foreground) during one of the choir's performances from WGN's Michigan Avenue street-side studio.



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Partnering with Habitat for Humanity makes home ownership a reality



A home of their own...

AFTER MOVING NINE TIMES in 10 years, Beth Jarosy (holding basket) and her three children moved into a home of their own in Villa Park (pictured at right) in September 2009. Her road to home ownership was made possible by becoming a partner family with Habitat for Humanity. As part of the process, Beth Jarosy, a Navy veteran, had to do 250 hours of volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity which included painting, sanding, putting up drywall and much more. Yesterday, on "Windy City LIVE," a makeover of Beth Jarosy's living room was to be revealed as part of a Veterans Day episode. The makeover was done by HGTV's Kevin Grace for the show's segment "Save My Space."

by Suzanne Bolur

Over a span of 10 years, Beth Brown-Jarosy and her children moved nine times. As they moved from one place to another, they longed to settle down in a house of their own, but the goal seemed out of reach. Then, in 2009, Jarosy was able to realize her dream of owning a home when she was selected as a partner family with Habitat for Humanity.

"I love my home," said Jarosy, who now lives in a three-bedroom, 1 1/2-bathroom house in Villa Park with her three kids and husband, Nate. Jarosy's children, Cate, 12, Ryan, 10, and Emma, 9, are happy to have their own house and their own space.

"I'm happy we aren't going to move anymore," said Cate.

"It's great because we are close to family and friends," added Beth Jarosy.

She grew up in Villa Park and Lombard and graduated from Glenbard East High School in 1994. After graduation, Beth Jarosy attended College of DuPage but felt she wasn't getting anywhere. She joined the Navy and served four years active duty and four years reserve. She was stationed on two different ships, both deployed out of Guam. She said she made lifelong friends and learned personal discipline during her years in the Navy.

After the military, Beth Jarosy married and had three kids. Shortly after, she got divorced and she said that was when the hardships started. She had no support and struggled with finances as she raised her children.

In 2006, Beth Jarosy returned to Lombard and moved into her mother's house with her kids. She and her three children shared two bedrooms in her mother's basement and dreamed of someday having their own house.

"I wanted stability for my kids," she explained. "To be able to have a home and to be able to have a place for my kids where they're able to have their own rooms, be able to have playdates, be able to stay in one school, and just have that stability and sense of belonging and a place that they can call their own."

Beth Jarosy worked hard to get her finances in order. However, when she started looking at houses, she found that most were out of her price range. Applying for Habitat for Humanity actually happened on a whim.

She related that she was driving down the street and saw a house with a big Habitat for Humanity sign in the front yard.

"That's going to be my house," she said when she saw the house.

However, as Beth Jarosy explained, they don't just give you a house.

"It's a big commitment," said Beth Jarosy, adding that she completed an application which included a personal essay about her situation and why she should be a partner family. She had to fill out a mortgage application, participate in financial training and even attend classes on being a good neighbor and member of the community.

In addition, Beth Jarosy had to do 250 hours of volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity that involved painting, sanding, putting up drywall and more.

"It's a lot of hands-on," she said. "You really learn a lot. They really try to educate you and get you to the point where when you do move in it's not completely overwhelming."

It was during this time that she became reacquainted with a childhood friend, Nate Jarosy. The couple began dating in 2009 and married in 2011.

"It was amazing," Nate Jarosy said of the Habitat experience. "When I started dating Beth, she was always doing Habitat stuff and I was like, 'I'll go with you and help out.' I liked doing that. It was fun. It was tiring, but it was fun."

Nate Jarosy said he admired his wife's determination in getting the house.

"I liked her drive," he said. "She was going to get it."

Beth Jarosy admitted she wasn't sure she'd get picked for a house. She works as a senior representative with the national off-line support team (NOST) at Verizon Corporate. She has been with the company for 14 years. Despite having a good job, money is still tight.

"I always felt there are people out there that were in situations a lot worse than I was in," she said.

However, she explained that Habitat takes everything into consideration, such as need, income, ability to pay and willingness to be a partner family. If you don't qualify, they'll help you get to where you need to be. Beth Jarosy said she went into it thinking, "The worst thing they can do is tell me no."

The process typically takes a year, but she was able to complete it in about six months.

Throughout the process, Beth Jarosy worked with her sponsor, Laura, who served as a mentor and helped her through the overwhelming experience.

"She was my point of contact and my everything through my entire process," Beth Jarosy explained. She said she still keeps in touch with her sponsor and would like to be a

sponsor herself someday.

When she got the call that she was selected, she said she couldn't believe it.

"I was in disbelief, shock and total gratitude and excited," she said. "I was happy to know finally, we were going to have a place to call our own."

The dedication was held on Sept. 27, 2009.

"It was amazing," said Beth Jarosy. "Our whole front yard was packed with people. I was completely overwhelmed. All these people were here because they were excited for my family. They didn't know who I was, they just wanted to help a family get a home. It's very humbling."

Beth Jarosy and her family moved into the house in September 2009 and love their home.

"It's perfect," she said. "We know the area, we're close to family and friends."

Her journey with Habitat for Humanity continues to provide unexpected opportunities for the family.

Recently, Beth Jarosy was contacted by "Windy City LIVE," a local daytime talk show hosted by Val Warner and Ryan Chiaverini, for their Veterans Day episode. While on the show, Beth Jarosy was surprised with a living room makeover by HGTV's Kevin Grace for the show's segment "Save My Space."

Habitat keeps giving back to me," she said.

"I'm very thankful."

Beth Jarosy explained that the show wanted to showcase a local veteran and she was recommended by Habitat for Humanity and the Fox Valley Aurora Restore. She filled out a bio and was selected by the show to receive the surprise makeover.

Beth Jarosy said she was able to give some input into the makeover, such as colors and styles she liked. She said she would like less clutter and a better way to organize and utilize

the space, as well as a way to display her family's photographs.

"The living room is the hub of our house," she said, adding that she wanted a space for her whole family to enjoy spending time together.

The makeover began on Dec. 12 and the reveal was slated for yesterday on "Windy City LIVE." Jarosy said she had no expectations going into the makeover and trusted Grace and his ideas for the room.

Beth Jarosy said the family is excited for the living room makeover and continues to make the house their own. She and her children are active in their community school and youth organizations, and enjoy doing volunteer work. They are also looking forward to welcoming a new member to the family—a puppy.

"I promised the kids when we got our own house that we would get a dog," she said. "They've been waiting patiently."

"They will bring home the puppy, a pugle named Popsicle, after the living room is done."

Beth Jarosy said she's very thankful for her experience with Habitat for Humanity and hopes that more people will become aware of the organization. She admitted she did not know a lot about Habitat before she applied for a house and thinks a lot more people could benefit from it if they knew about it.

"You're not talking to a bank," she said. "These are volunteers and everyday people looking at your story and talking to you as a real person. Everybody was welcoming and caring. It was like a second family. Everybody was there for a cause, everybody was there to help and to be a part of something bigger than us."

To learn more about Habitat for Humanity, visit <http://www.habitat.org/>.



Holiday concert...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOLS music department presented the second of this month's three holiday concerts on Thursday in the school auditorium. The concert included performances from the guitar ensemble, beginning mixed chorus, treble choir, symphony orchestra, concert choir and chamber orchestra. The above photo shows members of the treble choir performing "Santa Baby." Pictured left to right are (front row) Taylor Ratkovich, Morgan Pullia and Amanda Barne, (back row) Meghan Mullins, Veronica Martinez and Emily Kreiman. The music department's final concert of the month begins at 7 p.m. tonight in the school auditorium. The band concert will feature music from the symphonic band, freshman band and percussion ensemble. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors. Senior citizen gold cards and student passes are welcome. Admission is free for children 12 years old or younger who are accompanied by an adult.

Citizens police academy starts Jan. 23

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

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 awareness, use of force and the introduction to firearms training. Students 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 Kevin Conner at (847) 534-7147, or at kconner@villapark.org.

Sports

LOMBARDIAN VILLA PARK REVIEW

Glenbard East wrestlers raise DVC record to 3-0

The Glenbard East wrestling team improved its DuPage Valley Conference dual-meet record to 3-0 with Friday's overwhelming 64-4 victory over Naperville Central in Lombard. The Rams, who won 13 of 14 matches against the Redhawks, opened the event with eight straight wins, including four pins.

Senior Carlos Fuentes provided the Rams' first victory of the dual meet by opening the meet with a second-period pin in the 106-pound match. Freshman Nick Donovan earned a first-period pin in the 113-pound match to give Glenbard East a

12-0 lead in the dual. Senior Anfernee Rodgers added a 10-6 win in the 120-pound contest, and senior Dayton Olson delivered a first-period pin in the 126-pound match. Junior Jake Drew scored a 14-3 win at 132 pounds, and senior Zach Wehde edged his Naperville Central opponent 9-8 in the 138-pound battle. Senior Josh Martin added to Glenbard East's string of victories with a first-period pin in the 145-pound match. Sophomore Anthony Allen fought to a 9-8 win in the 152-pound match to give the Rams eight straight victories and a 37-0 lead.



Winning Ram...

GLENBARD EAST SENIOR Josh Martin (above) was one of six Rams who pinned his opponent during Friday's home meet against Naperville Central. The Rams defeated the Redhawks 64-4 to improve their DuPage Valley Conference record to 3-0. Glenbard East won two of three duals at Saturday's home quad. The Rams defeated Oswego 48-21 and beat Richmond-Burton 54-18. Waubesa Valley edged Glenbard East 39-35. Through Saturday, the Rams' overall dual-meet record stood at 11-2.



Inside score...

Photo by Chris Fox

JUNIOR ANDREW KANELOS (above) of the Willowbrook boys basketball team drives to the hoop for an inside basket during Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game against Morton. The visiting Mustangs defeated the Warriors 76-57 in Villa Park. Senior Chris Poole scored a team-leading 15 points for Willowbrook, which dropped to 1-5 overall and 0-2 in the conference. Kanelos scored seven points, while senior Chris Villafuerte, junior Jake Bruns and sophomore Carlos Meyers scored five points apiece. The Warriors trailed Morton 27-10 after one quarter and 42-27 at halftime. Willowbrook's overall record slipped to 1-6 following another homecourt defeat—Saturday's 67-41 non-conference loss to Marmion The Cadets, who outscored the Warriors in each quarter, raced to a 19-4 lead after one period. The lead swelled to 36-12 by halftime. Junior Kyle Rushing contributed a team-leading 11 points for Willowbrook. Kanelos added eight points.

Senior Quavis Horne was a 4-3 winner in the 182-pound match. Sophomore Bryan Andrews and junior D'Andre Johnson produced first-period pins in the 220- and 285-pound matches, respectively, to close out the dual meet.

Friday's victory in Lombard came two days after the Rams' 34-31 conference victory at Naperville North. Glenbard East trailed the Huskies after the first few matches of the dual meet, which began with the 160-pound match. Johnson, Rodgers, Drew and Martin all delivered pins, each of which added six points to the team's total score.

Glenbard East, which opened its conference season with a 54-19 win over West Aurora on Dec. 6 in Lombard, will face perennial conference power Glenbard North this Friday in Carol Stream. The Panthers have won 15 consecutive DVC championships.



Dominant...

Wrestling photos by Chris Fox

SENIOR DAYTON OLSON (above, left) of the Glenbard East wrestling team needed just 47 seconds to pin his Naperville Central opponent in the 126-pound match of Friday's DuPage Valley Conference dual meet in Lombard. The Rams won 13 of 14 matches in a 64-4 victory over the Redhawks. Junior Jake Drew (the top wrestler pictured below) followed Olson's pin with a 14-3 victory in the 132-pound match. Friday's win gave Glenbard East a conference record of 3-0. The Rams had moved to 2-0 in the conference following a 34-31 win at Naperville North on Dec. 11. Glenbard East's DVC season continues with this Friday's meet at Glenbard North. The Panthers have won 15 straight conference championships.



Warriors win to move to 9-0

Willowbrook's girls basketball team improved its overall record to 9-0 with an easy 69-24 West Suburban Gold Conference win over Loyden on Dec. 10 in Villa Park. Senior Mady Krawczykowski scored 13 points for the Warriors, who had a commanding 14-1 lead by the end of the first quarter. Senior Stefania Eder added nine points and made rebound for Willowbrook, which moved to 3-0 in conference play.

The Warriors' season continues with this Friday's non-conference home game against Sycamore. Willowbrook will play the first of four games at Wheaton North's holiday tournament on Monday.



Firebirds team ranked in top 20 in the state...

THE FIREBIRDS SOCCER CLUB'S U-16 FUSION GIRLS TEAM (above) is ranked in the top 20 teams in the state in its level of play. The recent GotSoccer rankings (located at home.gotsoccer.com) placed the Fusion team at No. 16 in its rankings of U-16 girls teams in Illinois. This group of players has played together under the same coaches for the last four years. Last fall, the Fusion team won the championship in its level of the Illinois Women's Soccer League (IWSL). The team has won two tournament championships this year, including its title at the Sockers Nike Labor Day Classic in Schaumburg. The Fusion team won its second championship of the year at the St. Louis Scott Gallagher Fall Classic in November. Members of the team (pictured left to right) are (front row) Maria Koulogeorgas and Autumn Rasmussen, (middle row) Sydney Sharp, Julia Rausch, Holly Ward, Samantha Sarles, Samantha Wozniak, Petra Kynakopoulos and Karla Hernandez, (back row) Megan Mayer, Allison Lemke, Marcela Calderon, Leigh Wesolowski, Megan Lieberenz, Alyssa Spada, Sydney Brandt, Taylor Ray and Sierra Dana. Established in 1994, the Firebirds Soccer Club is a competitive travel soccer club that develops young male and female players from Lombard and surrounding communities. The Firebirds Soccer Club works in partnership with the Lombard Park District. For more information about the Firebirds, visit the organization's Web site at www.firebirdssc.com.

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Downtown Elmhurst is scene of fleeing motorist

Eventually captured, Georgia man's charges include aggravated assault against officer

By Dee Longfellow
For The Independent



ANTHONY JOYNER

Late Tuesday afternoon December 10, The Independent learned that an incident beginning at the Springhill Suites on Lake Street resulted in a high-speed chase through downtown Elmhurst, ending with the arrest of Anthony Joyner, 33, of Atlanta, who is currently being held in DuPage County Jail on \$40,000 bond.

According to Elmhurst Police Chief Michael Ruth, a call was received from a woman claiming she had been stabbed by a man who was trying to kill her. Police responded to the Springhill Suites, 410 W. Lake St. at about 4 p.m. on Tuesday and found the woman without stab wounds but with the appearance

ance that she had been punched in the face several times. She told officers the man was "her boyfriend."

Other Elmhurst police units spotted Joyner's car speeding southbound on York Road, driving recklessly and allegedly crashing into eight vehicles along the way, including one unmarked police vehicle. A driver who was inside one of the vehicles Joyner alleged-

edly struck had to be taken to Elmhurst Memorial Hospital for injuries.

Joyner reportedly jumped out of his car but left it in gear, according to reports, just after striking the unmarked police car. The suspect attempted to flee on foot, but officers chased him across the Elmhurst City Hall parking lot. Another official was able to stop Joyner's driverless vehicle which was apparently rolling down the street near Francesca's Amici restaurant, where the officer was able to stop it.

Behind City Hall is a high redwood fence, which Joyner unsuccessfully tried to climb over, although he broke loose a plank, which had exposed nails in it. Joyner used the board to threaten the pursuing police officers, according to Chief Ruth. Joyner failed to injure the officers and was eventually taken into custody.

The woman who was attacked at the hotel was also arrested after officers investigating her hotel room discovered numerous fictitious state identification cards with various different names. The vehicle Joyner was

driving had been rented under a different name in Savannah, Ga.

Joyner, 33, of 243 Old Mill Court in Atlanta, Ga., has been charged with two counts of felony unlawful possession of a fraudulent driver's license, one count of misdemeanor aggravated assault against a police officer, one count of misdemeanor domestic battery, one count of misdemeanor fleeing and eluding police, one count of misdemeanor attempted obstructing justice, one count leaving the scene of accident and one count of driving without a valid license, police said. He is currently being held at DuPage County Jail in lieu of \$40,000 bail.

The woman, identified as Tiffany Wallace, 26, of Fischer, Ind., was charged with two counts of misdemeanor attempted possession of fictitious driver's license. She was released on her own recognition.

The case remains under investigation. The public is reminded that a complaint contains only charges and is not proof of a defendant's guilt.

Willowbrook senior receives Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship

VILLA PARK — Since 1930, more than 9,800 men and women have graduated as Evans Scholars, and two of those scholars are brothers from Willowbrook.

Shaun Hurdelbrink (class of 2014) was recently named as a Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship recipient, and his brother, Troy, received that honor in 2010.

According to its web site, Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship applicants must have a strong caddie record, excellent academics, demonstrated financial need and outstanding character. Finalists are selected and go through a rigorous interview process. The scholarship is awarded from the Evans Scholars Foundation, a charitable trust that provides full, four-year tuition and housing college scholarships to deserving caddies.

"I was thrilled, but speechless," Hurdelbrink said of earning the scholarship. "It's such an amazing opportunity. This scholarship will allow me to attend a Big Ten school."

He said he has been working toward becoming an Evans Scholar ever since his brother received that award. He has been a caddie at Butterfield Country Club in Oak Brook since 2008 and has been ranked as an "A" caddie for three years.

And Hurdelbrink has learned some important life lessons out on the course.

"I've learned the true meaning of hard work and the monetary value of that work," he said with a laugh. "Being a caddie also has taught me how to communicate confidently with a variety of people and personalities."

While the early mornings and challenge of reading the greens accurately can be strenuous, Hurdelbrink said he enjoys being a caddie and plans to continue caddying for a few more years. He will live in the Evans Scholarship House at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he plans to major in industrial or mechanical engineering.

He said the staff members at Willowbrook have helped him reach this level of success.



photo provided

WB senior earns Chick Evans scholarship

Pictured is Willowbrook senior Shaun Hurdelbrink, who has been named as a Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship recipient.

"Everyone here is so supportive," he said. "I'm thankful for everything they do for me, and I couldn't ask for more in a school."



photo provided

WBHS students named State Scholars

Pictured are Willowbrook students who have been designated as Illinois State Scholars for 2014-15. They are (in alphabetical order, not as pictured): Adrian A. Abrams, Ayesha Arif, Colton R. Bach, Ryan D. Barrie, Leo D. Betts, Samuel M. Cavender, Linda N. Chanthayong, Christopher H. Cheng, Kevin H. Cheng, Samuel R. Dando, William A. Datavs, Rokas Dubinas, Matthew A. Ebeling, Yasmeen H. Elagha, Kathrene E. Garcia, Edgar W. Garner, IV, Emily S. Gornick, Stefanie M. Grant, Britannia M. Horn, Shaun A. Hurdelbrink, Brock J. Johnson, Susan K. Johnson, Rebecca L. Kielminski, Ellen F. Krueger, Molly R. Kuenstler, Santhanam P. Kumar, Anna L. Kwak, Jenna L. Leazott, Jailene A. Limas, Sarah A. Lowe, Mark A. Lundine, Adelaide S. Maggard, Therese L. Marsh, Cassidy C. McFarlane, Margaret S. McNamara, William M. Menzer, Kevin P. Monaco, Kelly M. Moran, Matthew J. Naughton, Glen T. Olsen, Veronica S. Palma, Veronica S. Palma, Christopher J. Pleiter, Ivana Popratnjak, Melissa M. Rader, Cierra M. Rago, Levi D. Rauch, James M. Reilly, Lisa J. Remedi, Heather E. Rickord, Mark A. Rodriguez, Jennifer C. Rosario, Gregory J. Ross, Alexandra A. Ryniec, Alexander O. Schmidt, Luciana L. Sementa, Colleen M. Shelton, Mira Staykova, Shannon M. Strum, Jay A. Tamburrino, Delaney M. Trucano, Will A. Unseth, Dylan G. Valle, Thomas J. Waters, Amanda N. Wendt, Lukas S. Wiedman, Samantha L. Witkowski, Benjamin R. Wozniak, Brandon M. Young, Eleanor A. Zilius, Margaux G. Ziss, Wardah Zoha, Benjamin W. Zywicki.

OBITUARIES

Jeanne C. Kronemann, 83

Jeanne C. Kronemann, nee Klemann, of Villa Park, passed away at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital on December 9, 2013, at the age of 83. Beloved wife of the late Waldemar, loving mother of Cheryl (Larry) Malloy and Terry Kronemann, dear grandmother of Randy (Kathi) and T.J., great grandmother of Faith and Eli. Funeral services were held on Monday, December 16, 2013, at Steuerle Funeral Home in Villa Park. Interment: Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery, Oakbrook Terrace. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

Joseph P. Mogavero, 80

Joseph P. Mogavero, of Villa Park, passed away in Downers Grove, on December 10, 2013, at the age of 80. Beloved husband of Kay, loving father of Kathy (the late Anthony) Deluca, Tina Mogavero, Anita (Mike) Kiess, Joseph P. II, Lori (John) Hilliard, Mary (Rick) Schulze, Roseanne (Joseph) Taylor, Marilyn (Ritz) Ziupskys and Thomas (Ronald), dear grandfather of 26, great grandfather of 16, fond brother of the late Ronald (Linda) and Andrew, uncle to many. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013, at Steuerle Funeral Home in

Villa Park. Interment: Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, family memorials appreciated. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

Wayne Talley, 80

Wayne H. Talley, of Villa Park, passed away under the care of CNS Hospice on Friday, December 6, 2013, at the age of 80. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Villa Park.

Wayne Talley is survived by his wife of 49 years, Marion (Hensel), by his children: Gene (Sarah) of New Glarus, Wis., and Mark (Natalie) of Englewood, Colo., by four grandchildren, John, Rebekah, Keegan and Isabel, by a sister, Elayne Gill of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and by three nieces. And by a lifelong friend, Wayne Kamm. He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Helen (McGee) Talley.

Wayne was a Korean War veteran. He received a B.A. from the University of Dubuque, Magna Cum Laude, a B.D. from Garrett Biblical Institute, and an M.A. in Church History from Northwestern University.

Wayne lived about his age so he could start working for the railroad a year early as a gandy dancer for a section gang. He never stopped working after that. The variety of jobs he held over the years included cutting lawns, selling door-to-door,

stocking Brammer's Grocery Store in Dubuque, teaching 5th grade through high school English, teaching speed reading, managing student dormitories, and managing an apartment building. He also worked as a chauffeur, in several factories and served as a Methodist pastor in Braceville/Wilmington, Ill. For many years, he wrote and edited social studies textbooks, eventually becoming Executive Editor of Social

Studies for Laidlaw Brothers and later for Scott, Foresman, and Co.

In his retirement, Wayne continued to do freelance writing and editing work and spent several years editing mortgage reports for the Mortgage Market Information Services (MMIS).

The other thing he worked hard at was growing vegetables in his garden. Despite the fact that he could never find

enough people to give away all the extra produce to, the garden was never big enough. He grew the best sweet corn and tomatoes anywhere. He donated much of his spare time to service on various church committees and other ministries.

Wayne also loved history, so in lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, P.O. Box 1776, Williamsburg, Va., 23187-1776.



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Villa Park Lions donates books and toys to York Township Families

The Villa Park Lions Club Christmas Party was held recently at Ki's Steak and Seafood in Glendale Heights. The party's theme this year was "Literacy for the Young". Guests were asked to bring a book, along with a toy, for donation to the York Township Food Pantry, which will distribute the gifts to families with children in York Township. York Township Supervisor John W. Valle said, "The Lions are known for their big hearts. Their generous donations will put smiles on the faces of a lot of children this holiday season. York Township is grateful for the ongoing support of the Villa Park Lions Club." Above: Villa Park Lions Club President Rich Hamlin (left) and York Township Supervisor John W. Valle.

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Willowbrook boys basketball team making strides

Poole a major bright spot for Warriors

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

While the Willowbrook boys basketball team might be 1-6 overall, coach Chris Perkins feels his team will only benefit from the experience it gained in those seven games.

"We've played some very tough teams," said Perkins.

The Warriors dropped recent contests to Morton, Evanston and Hinsdale South. Willowbrook defeated Chicago Lindblom at the Stagg Thanksgiving

tournament.

"We've played a tough schedule to start off," said Perkins. "It will help us down the stretch. This is a relatively young team as far as actual varsity game-minute experience. It's been nice seeing the guys compete and hang in there for the better part of games against tough competition. We think this is going to help us down the stretch."

Perkins has been impressed with the team's progress defensively.

"We've improved on defense," said Perkins. "We're to the point where we are able to contain the opponent's best players. We've done a good job of

focusing in on who we have to control and then not let the others beat us. Lately, other players have been beating us. We have the first part of it down. Now we have to put both parts together."

The Warriors also are progressing on the offensive end.

"We scored 57 points against Morton, which is the most we've scored this season," said Perkins. "The guys are starting to shoot with more confidence."

Senior Chris Poole has been a key contributor throughout the season.

"Chris is the MVP for our first quarter of the season," said Perkins. "He's definitely been putting the team on his

back. He's been a standout. He's averaging 14 or 15 points a night. He's been consistent in every game."

Poole had 23 points against Hinsdale South and scored 15 points against Morton and was in double figures against Evanston.

The Warriors are readying themselves for the Glenbard West Christmas tournament. Willowbrook took second there last year.

"We're making progress," said Perkins. "We'll see what we are made of at Glenbard West. We have (this week) to prepare. Hopefully we will continue our success at Glenbard West."

Fenton wrestling team starts season 5-2

Willowbrook girls bowling team improving

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Fenton wrestling team continued its strong start to the season recently with a 55-24 Metro Suburban Conference win over Illiana Christian.

In earlier action, the Bison placed fifth out of 10 teams at its own Weiss tournament. Lincoln-Way East, which was ranked third in Class 3A at the time, won the tournament.

Fenton's Juan Alfaro won the 182-pound title. Eric Loneragan took second at 195 pounds, while Jiven Delgado was third at 113.

Antoine Bess was fourth at 120, while Alex Cowan was fourth at 132. Arturo Alfaro also took fourth at 145.

Ryan Mencini was fifth at 106 pounds and Marshawn Bunch was fifth at 285.

Cowan was 6-1 at 138 pounds through late last week. Loneragan had a 6-2 mark at 195 pounds. Phil Espinoza was 4-0 at 220. Juan Alfaro was 7-1 at 182, while Delgado was 6-2 at 113 pounds.

Fenton competed in the Sterling tournament this past weekend.

Willowbrook girls bowling

The Willowbrook girls bowling team continues to make progress on the lanes.

"We keep showing improvement," said Willowbrook coach Bill Eufrazio. "Our scores are well-ahead of last year. We are maintaining our philosophy of, 'It's not how you start, but how you finish.'"

Seniors Becky Anton and Tina Nowak are among the Top 10 bowlers in the West Suburban Conference. Eufrazio said Anton and Novak, along with fellow seniors Jill Liebe, Rebecca Cisneros, Sara Kotke and Amy Kottuhne, provide excellent leadership for the team.

Eufrazio noted the team is working hard to continue to improve in a number of areas.

"Many members of the team have provided great individual efforts," he said. "However, we need consistency throughout entire meets. We are working on our fundamentals and mental toughness in order to keep showing improvement."

Eufrazio has been encouraged by the contributions from numerous younger bowlers, including sophomore newcomers Kelly Conley, Maddie Weinhold, Haley Doyle, Gisela Burton and Julia Beigh, along with freshman Jordan Tiberi.

"They are very talented and provide hope for the future," he said.

Willowbrook competes in the Lisle invitational on Saturday and the Reavis invitational on Saturday, Dec. 28.



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Knights go to the mat against hunger

Members of the IC Catholic Prep wrestling team recently helped collect, box and donate more than 5,000 pounds of food for Elmhurst residents.

IC Catholic Prep's D'Amore commits to St. John's
Senior recently helped Knights win state championshipBy Mike Miazga
Correspondent

It's been a heck of a run for IC Catholic Prep senior girls volleyball player Delaney D'Amore.

In November, D'Amore helped IC win the Class 2A state title. D'Amore followed that great accomplishment by recently announcing she has committed to Division I St. John's University in New York.

"I went through a huge recruiting process to find the right college," said D'Amore. "I visited St. John's and slept on it and realized it was the best fit for me all-around. They have great academic programs so I know I am going to get a great education. The volleyball program and

the coaches there are outstanding. I know I'll be very happy with everything there. The campus is beautiful and very convenient. You always are near where you need to be. It's not too big and it's not too small. It's the right size school."

D'Amore is thrilled to have accomplished a major goal of hers.

"Playing Division I volleyball is incredible. It's what I've always dreamed of. It's been my goal," she said. "I can't put into words how awesome it is to be able to play at the next level."

She's also relieved that the college-selection process has come to a close.

"Very much so," she said with a laugh. "Choosing a college was a lot of work. There was months and months of looking at a bunch of different factors with schools and making sure I was happy with everything."

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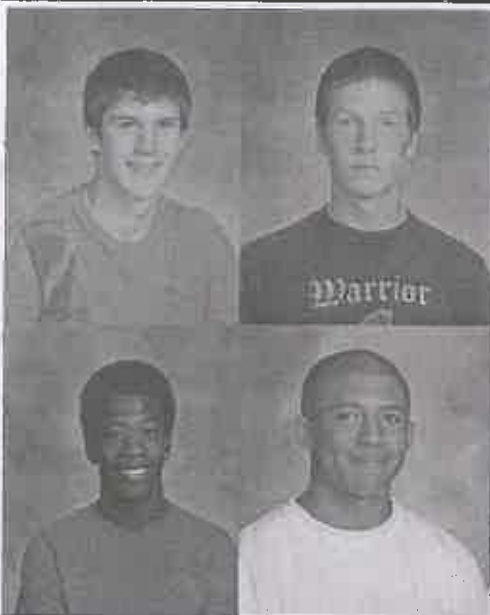


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Four WBHS student athletes honored

Pictured are four Willowbrook football players who were recently honored for their accomplishments on the field and in the classroom. They are senior Hayden Adams (top, left), senior Brian Johnson (top, right), junior Devin Childress (bottom, left) and senior Jeremy Barnes (bottom, right). Adams, a senior, has been named to the News-Gazette All-State Football Team and the Daily Herald All-Area Team; Johnson, also a senior, has received a News-Gazette All-State Honorable Mention and has been named to the Daily Herald All-Area Team. Childress, a junior, and Barnes, a senior, both received a Daily Herald All-Area Honorable Mention.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, January 3

Library presents Magic show, workshop

Children in grades 1-8 are invited to the Villa Park Library for The Magic of Gary Kantor including a workshop where you will learn a collection of magic tricks. Receive supplies to perform at home. Registration is required, as space is limited. Call 630-834-1176 or visit vppl.info

Wednesday, January 8

Boys Hip Hop class

From Jan. 8-Feb. 12, Parks and Recreation is offering a new session of the popular Boys Hip Hop class taught by the very popular Coach Josh from All Star Sports. Ages 7-9 will meet 4-4:45 p.m. and ages 10-12 will meet 4:45-5:30 p.m. Fee: \$55 for the six-week session. Info: call (630) 834-8525.

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 Theater 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.

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St. Alexander 2nd graders celebrate the season

'Tis the season to be giving and the second grade class at St. Alexander School, pictured here, collected money to buy presents for other children in need for Christmas. They learned the true meaning of Christmas, giving to others.



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Fourth grader's design chosen for Christmas card

St. Pius X fourth grader Emerson N., pictured here, was very excited to learn that her Christmas card design was chosen among all of fourth grade entrants as the winning design for this year's St. Pius X Parish School Christmas card. "We have many talented young artists at St. Pius," said Principal Daniel Flaherty, who has the final vote on the winning drawing. "It's always such a tough decision."

6-week boys Hip Hop class being taught in January

VILLA PARK — Parks and Recreation is offering a new session of the popular Boys Hip Hop class taught by the very popular Coach Josh from All Star Sports.

The session meets Jan. 8-Feb. 12 - Ages 7-9 will meet 4-4:45 p.m. and ages 10-12 will meet 4:45-5:30 p.m. The fee is \$55 for the six-week session.

Boys ages 7-12 will stay active and get help with coordination as they are challenged with dance moves. Boys will learn two routines, work

on freestyle moves and dance to some of the classic line dances like the cupid shuffle and the cha-cha slide.

On the last day the class will perform for friends and family to show off the new moves learned in class. New to the program is that those enrolled in this session will participate in the Discover Dance Recital held at Willowbrook High School in March.

This will be the first Discover Dance Recital to include a boy's only number.

District 4 School District seeks substitute teachers

ADDISON — Addison School District 4 is looking to hire qualified substitute teachers. Teacher illnesses, medical leaves, and a growing number of collaborative meetings and required trainings are straining the current pool of substitute teachers that are available. District 4 is looking to increase the number of substitute teachers that can be called to work in the classrooms when needed.

Substitutes must have a current teaching license or a substitute license issued by the State of Illinois. Qualified applicants can apply by visiting asd4.org and click on 'Employment' button on the left sidebar.

Substitutes in Addison School District make \$90 per day for subbing—perfect for new grads or existing teachers looking for sub positions. For more information, contact Chuck Wartman at 630-458-2432.

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COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT



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Practice makes paycheck

Addison Fire Protection District Deputy Chief Joe Leone interviews Addison Trail High School senior Kris Santiago during a mock interview Dec. 10 as part of Career Week. The exercise was just one of many activities planned that week by the Addison Trail Guidance Department to give students firsthand experience in the working world. More than 150 students visited local businesses on field trips and participated in career presentations in addition to the mock interviews.

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Addison Trail senior Luis Salazar (from left), sophomore Heidi Scheleski and junior Hannah Yurek perform "Short Change," during Addison Trail's first 24-Hour Theatre Challenge on Dec. 7 at the high school.

Addison Trail hosts first 24-Hour Theatre Challenge

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ADDISON – More than 30 Addison Trail students participated in the school's first 24-Hour Theatre Challenge earlier this month.

Students created five short plays Dec. 6. This included preparing the script, set and production. The five plays revolved around the theme of change. They were "The Armadillo's Amigo," "Penny for Your Thoughts," "Short Change," "Thieves for Change" and "Corey Williams."

Then the students performed those shows for an audience of about 100 people Dec. 7.

The challenge raised about \$575 for an upcoming student theater trip to New York City from April 1 to 4. Twenty-four students will see a Broadway musical and an off-Broadway show. They'll also participate in two workshops on Broadway stages, visit New York University and Columbia University, tour performing arts attractions and visit the 9/11 Memorial.

NEWS BRIEFS

Wood Dale Mayor to attend ribbon cutting

WOOD DALE – Forno Palese Baking Co. will celebrate its new store with a ribbon cutting Saturday.

Wood Dale Mayor Nunzio Pulice will attend the celebration as well as Deacon Dino Franch from the Church of Holy Ghost in Wood Dale.

The ribbon cutting will be at 10

a.m. Dec. 21 at Forno Palese, 369 North Wood Dale Road.

Students inducted into National Honor Society

ADDISON – Junior and senior students were inducted into the Addison Trail Chapter of the National Honor Society on Dec. 5.

A total of 85 juniors and seniors were inducted and 74 seniors were reaffirmed.

NHS students are on the honor roll, but also demonstrate outstanding performance in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership and character.

This year's Addison Trail NHS officers are seniors Julia Rowley (president), Brenda Sypolt (vice president), Angel Loizzo (secretary), Stefani Scimeca (treasurer) and Katie Dziabis (historian).

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OPINIONS

■ **LAST WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION:** What's your favorite holiday event to go to in December?

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23 PERCENT: Local hometown holiday events

17 PERCENT: Macy's windows in Chicago

15 PERCENT: Going to see a holiday play or movie

■ **THIS WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION:**

Do you choose a New Year's Resolution? Vote online at mysuburbanlife.com

Firefighters enjoy wheelchair basketball at NEDRSA

NEDRSA recently hosted a wheelchair basketball game between our Junior Bulls team, ages 12 to 19, and the firefighters of the Addison Fire Protection District.

I had met Deputy Chief Joe Leone at a chamber of commerce meeting and he was gracious enough to offer his agency's services for any fundraising help.

He told me to contact Roger Bayne of the Addison Firefighters Association, who ended up organizing the firefighter team.

Ten guys volunteered to play the 40-minute game and another 20 people, a mix of family and other firefighters, came out for the game.

The Jr. Bulls team was excited to have some strong competition. They are currently preparing for the national wheelchair basketball tournament in the spring.

Adam Kramer, the Jr. Bulls coach, has done a great job increasing the skill level of the team as they are currently ranked 11th in the nation for their division. As a sports competitor myself, I know that you get better at your game when you play tough competition.

However, what I observed that night was the firefighter team having a blast playing basketball in wheelchairs. They were laughing and joking with each other and it became a real team bonding event for them.

They weren't very coordinated at first and were down by 14 points on the scoreboard, but that didn't matter. As the game went on, they did get better.

The point I want to make here is that these guys volunteered their free time to support NEDRSA and ended up having a tremendously fun evening. This happens a lot when volunteering to help disabled individuals. I have seen it.

So thank you Addison Fire Protection District for your support. I know you had fun. Check out pictures from the game at our NEDRSA Flickr account.

Bruce Flowers is the marketing coordinator for Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association.



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Bruce Flowers

These guys volunteered their free time to support NEDRSA and ended up having a tremendously fun evening.



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Michael Pearce of Wood Dale demonstrates his karate skills Dec. 3 in Addison with NEDSRA Recreation Coordinator Paul Fasano.



Congratulations to Michael Pearce, who recently earned his first-degree black belt through the Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA) in Addison. The 35-year-old Wood Dale man took his first karate class 10 years ago. He plans to start working toward his second-degree black belt in January.



The men of Addison Trail High School raised \$2,946.73 during last month's Movember event. Throughout the month, high school staff and administration grew facial hair, and students purchased fake mustaches and sponsored them in support of the charity which works to combat prostate and testicular cancer and men's mental health challenges.

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Addison Trail's James Pupillo brings the ball up the floor in Monday's game against Stagg. The Blazers fended off the previously undefeated Chargers and have won three straight heading into tonight's game.

Winning streak boosts Blazers' confidence

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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ADDISON - After enduring two losses at the buzzer already this season, Addison Trail was hoping it was due for some good news.

James Pupillo and the Blazers made their own good fortune in a 71-61 win over previously undefeated Stagg on Monday night as part of AT's pre-holiday tournament.

At 5-5, AT is still wondering what could have been with some of the close, late losses it has already endured. However, a 500 record is still progress.

"We could be 7-3, but we're

Next game

Who: Proviso East at Addison Trail
What: West Suburban Gold game
When: 7:30 p.m. today
Where: 213 N. Lombard Road, Addison

5-5 now," Pupillo said. "It's looking good."

Not only did the Stagg win give the Blazers a marquee, confidence-boosting victory, but it also put AT in the final of its own tournament. The final will be played at 6 p.m. on Saturday against Lake Park.

"It's definitely the biggest one that our guys on varsity

have had," AT coach Brendan Lyons said. "[We said before the game] it would be a game where people would kind of wake up tomorrow, look up at the score [and that we won] and go, 'Is there something wrong here? What's going on?' We believe in what we're doing and we feel like have a good group of kids here."

The Stagg victory came on the heels of a 68-58 conference win over Leyden on Dec. 13. Saturday, the Blazers picked up a forfeit win over Comer Prep from Gary, Ind., in another tourney pool play game.

AT led by 12 at halftime against the Chargers and held them off despite a third quar-

ter run. Pupillo scored a team-high 20 points, including 14 in the second quarter, to open up the Blazers' lead. The Chargers scored the first eight points of the third quarter to get within four, but could not get any closer than that.

Pupillo, a four-year varsity guard, has offers from smaller schools, but is hoping to land at a Division I or II program. He is drawing plenty of attention from opposing teams and is still putting up big numbers. The key to Addison Trail as a team will be the ability of the other players to step up when Pupillo is closely guarded.

He scored just four points in the second half against Stagg,

and the Blazers still held on without too much drama.

"These guys are pulling through," Pupillo said. "[Opponents] focus on me with the double teams, and I got guys that can just knock down shots."

Joe Kurucar had 17 points with five 3-pointers. Ronald Duling scored 13 and Tyler Gilliam added 10, all coming in the second half.

"It does give our kids a little boost, and these are three or four games where we've come out at the end in tight games and been able to hold leads," Lyons said. "It's given our guys the ability to say we can do this."

Take one last look at 2013's top stories

By MARI GRIGALUNAS
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ADDISON - New challenges and triumphs await as the new year lingers just a few days away. In the final hours of 2013, we take a moment to reflect on the incredible stories that captivated our communities. From District 4's successful teachers' contract negotiations to a brutal alleged murder, these are the memories that shaped the year.

1. The Addison Man

What happened: Donald Layne died in August after he shaped Addison in every way he could for nearly 50 years, from teaching high school to serving on the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He's remembered for his dedication to coaching, pride for his alma mater (the University of Illinois) and love of Addison. He worked his way up from physical education teacher to principal of Addison Trail High School, a place he continued to serve after retirement as a member of the District 88 Board of Education. He wasn't all business, though, his son Mark said he'll always remember Don's jokes.

Quote of note: "He never pretended to be something that he was not." - Sylvia Layne, Donald's wife

2. Heroin headlines

What happened: When Louie Theodore Miceli died of a heroin overdose at 24 years old,



Former Addison Trail Principal Don Layne (left) is pictured with Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka, former Addison Trail Principal Larry Weck, District 88 Superintendent and former Addison Trail Principal Scott Helton and former Addison Trail Principal Jim Mortier. Layne passed away in August.

his family vowed to change the conversation about the drug that's taken a growing number of lives in Chicago's suburbs by creating the Addison-based LTM Heroin Awareness and Support Foundation in his name. Its message is to change the stigma around heroin and get people talking about its realities. Miceli's family wants to save other lives by creating awareness that people aren't only using the devastating drug in back alleys, but the kids next door with caring families and promising futures, like Miceli, are getting hooked.

Quote of note: "I'm not ashamed of it. It was a disease,

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it wasn't him." - Lou Miceli, Louie's father

3. Leading by example

What happened: The District 4 Board of Education and Addison Teachers Association (ATA) came to an agreement on a new three-year contract after nine months of negotiations. At the end of it all, both sides showed respect for each

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Addison Teacher's Association co-presidents Carol Cisko (left) and Tammy Bognetti and District 4 Superintendent John Langton discuss proposed contract details Oct. 23 at Addison Elementary School.

► YOUR WEEKEND FORECAST

Source: National Weather Service

Friday
High: 37
Low: 27
Mostly sunny, a touch warmer

Saturday
High: 44
Low: 27
A nice day for late December

Sunday
High: 28
Low: 1
30 percent chance of snow

► ON THE COVER

Snapshots of 2013's biggest stories include photos from coverage of the death of local leader Donald Layne, a fundraiser for Calvin Herion and murder charges against Kurtis Worley.
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■ LAST WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION: Do you check a New Year's Resolution?

46 PERCENT: No, I don't do resolutions.
13 PERCENT: Sometimes.
11 PERCENT: Yes, and I follow through.
30 PERCENT: Yes, but I don't follow through.

■ THIS WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION: How far do you think the Chicago Bears will make it this year? Vote online at mysouthlandlife.com.

Happy New Year from the Addison Chamber

Yes, it's that time of year when the world becomes a little brighter, happier and friendlier – the holidays seem to bring a change of heart to most everyone, no matter what their religion or beliefs may be, and we realize that we are among the world's most fortunate people. Sadly there are still those in need among us, but we also have countless willing citizens who generously give of their time, talents and financial assistance to help

Thinking back to the past year, the members of the Addison Chamber of Commerce & Industry have continued their generous support, which allows us to serve them through our programs which advertise and promote their business and services, and to network with business people from Addison and our surrounding communities. We are also able to reach out to the community-at-large by participating, whenever possible, in community events and activities.

So as we approach the end of 2013, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to our members, all of the Addison business community, our dedicated fire and police personnel who protect and assist us, our public service personnel who keep our utilities operating and our streets free of snow, all of our public servants, and the citizens of this great community.

The new year will bring a host of exciting, new events and informational opportunities which the ACCI is in the process of planning – one thing coming up in January is the release of our new Addison Community Directory. It will provide updated community information, which longtime and new residents will find helpful, as well as a current listing of our members, which will help you continue to "Shop Local" for goods and services throughout the year. After publication, if you do not receive one from another source, copies will be available for you to pick up at the Addison Village Hall, the Addison Public Library and Park District – as well as here in the ACCI office at 777 Army Trail Road on the second floor of the MB Bank building.

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In the meantime, we're sending you our most sincere wishes for a memorable holiday season and a new year filled with health, happiness and good fortune.

Bernadette LaRocca is the executive director of the Addison Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Bernadette LaRocca



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Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra (far right) presents checks Dec. 6 totaling \$58,000 to representatives from charities participating in the Mayor's Community Charity Ball.



Mayor Rich Veenstra presented \$58,000 in proceeds from last month's 23rd Annual Mayor's Community Charity Ball to 21 charities and service organizations. The money went toward a variety of causes including feeding the hungry, helping sick children, outreach to those with substance abuse problems and providing scholarships. The fundraising effort saw a \$2,500 increase over 2012.



Law enforcement is a tough and often misunderstood profession, so it's nice to see that some Addison residents took it upon themselves to get educated. The Addison Police Department's Citizens Police Academy recently graduated 17 residents who went through the 11 sessions required for the program.



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TOP 5 HIGHLIGHTS

Golf regional title part of AT fall sports highlights

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Addison Trail had a number of high points throughout the fall sports season. Among them were the boys golf team winning a regional and the AT-WB co-op swim team winning the West Suburban Gold meet. Those highlights and more are listed below, in no particular order.

1. Dela Cruz goes back to state

Senior golfer Gia Dela Cruz capped off a phenomenal high school career with her third trip to the Class AA state tournament. At state, she shot an 83 in the first round and followed that up with an 85 to tie for 61st overall. It was her best finish in three trips to state. Junior Bridget McKnight joined Dela Cruz as an individual qualifier from the regional meet.

2. Boys golf wins regional

By shooting a 321, the Blazers won the Conant regional title at the Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club. Junior Zack Vaca and senior Matt Piotrowski each shot 78s to tie for the third-best rounds at the tournament. AT was seven strokes better than the runner-up. All four Blazers who counted towards the team total shot under 85. Junior Dan Hartnett posted an 81 and junior Joe Zuccheri shot an 84. Piotrowski was the only senior in the Blazers' lineup at the regional, meaning more success could be ahead next year.

3. Miranda leads AT cross country

Senior boys cross country runner Luis Miranda was the Blazers' top runner this fall. Miranda was fifth at the West Suburban Gold meet and followed that up a week later by advancing from the Fenwick regional at Schiller Woods. Mi-

randa crossed the finish line in 29th to become the only Blazer to make it to the sectional race.

4. Youth stands out for AT football

The Blazers didn't have as much success in the win column as they were hoping for with a 2-7 record, but plenty of juniors played well to give the program hope for next year. Juniors Jaavlon Bradley, Matt Gontarek and Eric Gilliam were all named to the all-conference team in the West Suburban Gold. Bradley is one of the best junior wide receivers in the area while Gontarek, at defensive back, and Gilliam, at linebacker, will give the Blazer defense some quality returning talent.

In addition, junior quarterback Matt Rybarczyk will enter next season with a year of experience as a starter under his belt with his top two receivers, Bradley and fellow junior Jake Atiyeh, back in the fold.

5. McNamara keeps AT/VB swimming

Willowbrook junior Kelly McNamara's second place finish in the 100-yard butterfly at state was the high point for a strong season for the Addison Trail-Willowbrook co-op girls swimming team. The team also won the West Suburban Gold meet and qualified the 200-yard freestyle relay to state.

McNamara finished behind only Texas-bound Fenwick senior Mimi Schneider in the butterfly and will be among the favorites to win the event next year. She was second in both the prelims and the finals.

Three of the four swimmers on the 200 free relay are expected back. Senior Molly Kuentler graduates, but McNamara, junior Molly Hill and freshman Annalise Morrone should be back for the rising program.



Addison Trail junior quarterback Mike Rybarczyk runs the ball against Willowbrook on Oct. 25. Rybarczyk is one of several juniors expected to return and help the Blazers compete next year.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**RHASHAUN
EPTING**

IC Catholic |
Sophomore | Basketball

Why Epting was selected:

Epting scored 25 points in IC's 49-45 win over Suburban Christian Gold rival Montini on Dec. 20.

IC Catholic sophomore forward Rhashaun Epting has emerged as a top player for the Knights after being a contributor as a freshman. His recent 25-point outing against Montini gave the Knights a crucial win in their quest to the win Suburban Christian Gold for the third year in a row. Epting, the Oak Trust Credit Union Athlete of the Week, spoke with sports reporter Dan Santaromita about the win and the outlook for the season.

What was working for you against Montini?

My team did a good job of getting me looks and they opened me up. I got a big help from Will [Lyles] and Clark [Brinkman]. They just did a good job the whole game and I just kept sticking with it and eventually scored.

Montini is a bit of a rivalry game for you guys. Do you get

excited for those games?

We do get excited for that game because all the fans come out and we get a big crowd every time we play Montini, no matter the game or if it's here or there. It's always good to get a win against them.

How well do you think the team is playing so far?

We're playing good. Our record is pretty good, 8-1 [entering Thursday], but I think we should put away some of these teams earlier.

Was it tough to be a freshman on varsity last year?

It was a lack of confidence and I just would lose my edge sometimes. I realize this year you got to keep positive.

What do you think you've improved from last year?

I think I've gotten quicker and more importantly my attitude has improved from last year.

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PREP ROUNDUP

Blazer boys lose two tough games

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Last weekend had a lot of potential for the Addison Trail boys basketball team. The Blazers hosted defending conference champion Proviso East on Friday and played in its own pre-holiday tournament final on Saturday. AT lost both games, missing out on the opportunity for two truly memorable victories.

Proviso East escaped Addison with a 71-69 win in overtime. For the Blazers to come that close against a team that beat them by 55 and 26 points in two meetings last year is a sign of relative progress, but won't be much consolation to the Blazers. Kaihn Fisher hit a game-winning shot with 2.5 seconds left in the overtime. James Pupillo scored 17 points for AT.

A day later Lake Park won AT's pre-holiday tournament with a 57-47 victory over the Blazers. AT trailed by as many as 14 points in the second quarter and climbed within four in the fourth, but came up short. Pupillo led the team again with 22 points.

BOYS BASKETBALL Montini

The Broncos fell to IC Catholic 49-45 on Dec. 20. In the first game at Glenbard West's holiday tournament on Monday, Montini lost to Leyden 64-56 despite 14 points from Terrance

Williams and 12 each from Tom McGillicuddy and Nile Sykes.

Willowbrook

The Warriors dropped the opener of the Glenbard West Holiday Tournament 57-38 to Hoffman Estates on Monday.

Timothy Christian

The Trojans picked up a 64-36 Metro Suburban Conference win over Elmwood Park on Dec. 20. Timothy led 35-7 at halftime and cruised in the second half. Connor VanderBrug had 23 points to lead Timothy. Khalil Valrie added 16 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Montini

Oak Park-River Forest was no match for the Broncos in the opener of the Montini Christmas Tournament on Monday. Montini won 77-40.

Willowbrook

The Warriors' undefeated start to the season came to a close in a 38-32 loss to Sycamore on Dec. 20. Molly Krawczykowski scored 14 points in the loss. Willowbrook also lost to Glenbrook South 62-41 in the opener of Wheaton North's tournament on Monday despite 11 points from Krawczykowski.

IC Catholic

The Knights dropped the opener of the Oswego East Holiday Tournament 47-46 to Sycamore on Monday.

WRESTLING Glenbard East

The Rams lost to powerhouse Glenbard North 58-6 on Dec. 20. De'Andre Johnson picked up East's only match victory by winning via fall at heavyweight.

Addison Trail

Niko Rocha and Bobby Carson both won tournament titles at Lake Park on Saturday. The Blazers were third out of 17 teams.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS Addison Trail

The Blazers grabbed third out of seven teams as host of the Winter Tumbleland Invitational on Saturday. AT scored 131.45 points and was led by Kennedy O'Neill, who was third in the all-around with a score of 34.65.

Willowbrook

Cassidy McFarlane was second in the all-around at Addison Trail's Winter Tumbleland Invitational on Saturday. Her score of 35.16 put her one point off of first place. The Warriors scored 129.2 points and were fifth out of seven teams.

Glenbard East

Led by all-arounder Veronika Srey, the Rams took fourth out of nine teams at the Illinois Best Invitational at Wheaton Warrenville South. Srey was fourth in the all-around with a 34.00 total.

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COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT



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Students recognized at AT

Addison Trail students senior Caelainn Barry (left), senior Nicole Levonyak, sophomore Arthur Lee and senior Ivette Silva provide entertainment Dec. 17 during the Students of First Semester breakfast. During the breakfast, outstanding students were presented by a staff member and recognized as Students of First Semester.

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Addison Trail theatre students visited Marklund in Bloomingdale on Dec. 14 to help with the school's holiday show. The AT students included sophomore Megan Koch, senior Megan Lobner, senior Kala Keller, sophomore Courtney Cechini, senior Brenda Sypolt, senior Marina Maric, senior Maggie O'Brien, senior Emily Rosenquist, senior Morgan Pirtle, senior Alex Ramirez, senior Emily Quick and senior Kiana Ongbueco.

AT Theatre students help peers with special needs

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

ADDISON - Students from Addison Trail's Theatre program traveled to Marklund in Bloomingdale last month to help with the school's holiday show.

Marklund, a nonprofit organization, serves infants, children, teens and adults

with serious and profound developmental disabilities and special health care needs.

In addition to setting up chairs and tables, each Addison Trail student was paired with a Marklund student during their visit. When it was showtime, Addison Trail students helped Marklund

performers on stage and made sure they pressed a button to play their lines.

The group also visited Santa, and Addison Trail students helped the Marklund students open their presents.

Anna Jakubka Court, Addison Trail theatre director, said it was an unforgettable opportunity.

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the most efficient way of doing things. It's kind of a fresh set of eyes on things that we can maybe do a little bit differently down the road.

Grigaliunas: You've lived in Addison since 1973 and been involved in village government since 1992. What makes Addison unique?

Veenstra: It sounds trite, but the people. I'm constantly amazed at how willing people are to come together and help

and work. The Mayor's Ball to me is the cornerstone in showing that. You had 20 different service organizations. We raise \$58,000, and that's just a routine function. People don't even think about it. I've had people from other communities go, 'Wow, the spirit that we see in your community or at the Mayor's Ball is so unique. I wish we had it in our community.' We're very, very proud of that, and that's something that is that Addison Advantage that we really need to capitalize on.

Grigaliunas: Do you have

anything else you want to tell residents in the new year?

Veenstra: I think one of the things is that we want to make sure that the communication with residents is two-way. The office door's always open. We certainly encourage that communication. I've said it before, running a village is not just the mayor's responsibility; it's a shared responsibility among all the residents. So the input is important, but also taking ownership in the community and helping make it a better community is everybody's responsibility.

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YEAR OF THE CHAMPION



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Willowbrook's Dan Rowland (left) looks for shot on Sandburg's Colin Holler during the state championship match Feb. 16. Rowland placed second in the state at 170 pounds.

Titles for IC volleyball, Matt Burns lead local trophy haul

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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As the calendar flips to 2014, there is no better time to reflect on some of the best performances put forth by local high school athletes in 2013. Several state champions — IC Catholic girls volleyball, Willowbrook's Matt Burns, Montini wrestling — were crowned, and even more teams and athletes made their marks with top finishes in state competitions.

School: IC Catholic
Sport: Girls volleyball
Place: Class 2A state champs
State run: The Knights won the third state title in the program's history. Three seniors — Rory Manion, Delaney D'Amore and Kimmy Mar-

tino — led IC to a dominant showing at state. The Knights swept both matches at state and prevented from the opposition from reaching 20 points in three out of four sets. IC finished the season 36-6 with a schedule against mostly larger-class schools.
Quote: "Only one team can end on a high note," Delaney D'Amore said. "To be able to hit the ball down to end it and turn around and celebrate with my teammates was special."

School: Montini
Sport: Wrestling
Place: Class 2A state champs
State run: The Broncos made it six state titles in a row and 11 since 2000. As expected, Montini had no trouble in the state tournament. The closest

match was a 43-25 win against Sycamore in the semifinals. In addition to eight individual finalists, Edgar Ruano was also third at 220 pounds and Jimmy Pawelski took fourth at 106 individually.

Name: Matt Burns, Willowbrook
Sport: Boys track, 400-meter dash
Place: Class 3A champ
State run: Burns was a surprise winner of the 400-meter dash at state. He was seeded seventh entering state and qualified out of the preliminaries with the third-fastest time but was the only finalist to run a faster time in the finals. Burns finished the race in 48.89 seconds to win his

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Blazers' coach happy with experience gained

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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AT tournament results (in order)

- Alton 85, AT 60
- Marist 60, AT 38
- Christian County (Ky.) 67, AT 62 (OT)

ADDISON — The experience on the floor wasn't the most successful, but the Centra Holiday Tournament provided an atmosphere that may help the Addison Trail boys basketball team later on.

The Blazers went 0-3 at the tournament while playing against quality competition in a frenzied atmosphere. Despite the losses, AT coach Brendan Lyons thought it was a good experience.

"It was a fantastic tournament," Lyons said. "It was a great trip. We didn't do well. That was kind of the low point of it. Hopefully the experience of being down there and seeing some teams we don't see will help us going forward."

"I think the first two days we were maybe taken a back by the atmosphere."

The tournament featured teams from four different states and had all the hoopla of a major event thanks to the interest in the local team in Centra.

AT (5-11) lost the opener against Alton, which entered the tournament with an undefeated record and made the final. The Blazers left at 5:30 a.m. to make a four-and-a-half hour bus drive to Centra for a 12:30 p.m. game.

The Blazers then lost a pair of consolation games to Marist and Christian County, a Kentucky school, despite being in those games. AT trailed Marist by two at halftime before losing by 22 and took Christian County to overtime.

"We felt like we played some good competition," Lyons said. "I've been to a lot of

tournaments and that's one of the best-run tournaments.

"It was an interesting experience because it is a high school gym, but the set up in there is fantastic. It kind of feels like the whole town stops."

Starting guard Ronald Duling played through an injury that he suffered in the final of AT's pre-holiday tournament on Dec. 21. He struggled in the first two games while playing fewer minutes and sat out the final game. Leading scorer James Pupillo turned his ankle early on in the finale and sat out the rest of the game. Pupillo scored in double figures the first two games.

In the final game, Joe Kurucar scored 29 points, but AT couldn't close out Christian County down the stretch.

"I thought we just competed and played hard," Lyons said. "We missed some free throws down the stretch that would have won the game for us."

The individual highlight was the play of Joe Villase-nor, who was 16-for-18 from the field during the tournament and averaged 11 points per game.

"He's really starting to come into his own and give us a presence in the block area on the glass that was desperately needed," Lyons said.

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medal. He is back this spring to defend his title.

Quote: "I won my preliminary heat against some pretty fast kids, and that's when I realized I do have a shot at winning the whole thing," Matt Burns said. "It hit me that I won obviously, but it didn't truly hit me until the next morning when I woke up."

Name: Chris Garcia, Montini
Sport: Wrestling, 138 pounds
Place: Class 2A champ
State run: The Broncos' junior was 43-11 and won the state championship after losing in a state final the year before Garcia picked up two major decisions in a dominant showing at the state tournament

Name: Xavier Montalvo, Montini
Sport: Wrestling, 160 pounds
Place: Class 2A champ
State run: Montalvo qualified for state as a freshman but truly broke through to win the state championship as a sophomore. He was 54-5, and his closest match at state was a 7-2 victory in the final

Name: Jake Turk, Montini
Sport: Wrestling, 182 pounds
Place: Class 2A champ
State run: Turk capped off his career with a state title at 182 pounds, improving on his fourth-place finish as a junior. He posted a 43-8 record and had two pins and a major decision in four matches at state

Name: Anthony Ferraro, Montini
Sport: Wrestling, 195 pounds
Place: Class 2A champ
State run: Ferraro made it to state as a sophomore, but earned his first state medal by winning 195 pounds as a junior. He won his first two matches at state by fall and pulled out a pair of close decisions, 5-2 and 7-3, in the semifinal and final
School: Montini
Sport: Football
Place: Second in Class 5A
State run: The Broncos were hoping for the program's fifth straight state title and made a run at the first undefeated state title for Montini, but came up short in the title game. Montini still won



PhotoNews/Clark Brooks for Shaw Media
Willowbrook's Matt Burns celebrates as he crosses the finish line during the state finals of the 400-meter dash May 25. Burns won the title with a time of 48.89.

13 games to match a school record and went undefeated in the regular season against one of the state's toughest schedules
Quote: "I'm very proud of our team, obviously," coach Chris Andriano said. "They've had a terrific career as seniors. We're going to miss these guys. They've been class in every way, shape and form."

School: Montini
Sport: Girls track, 4x800-meter relay
Place: Second in Class 2A
State run: Montini's four-some of Brittany Fisher, Maddy Jamrozek, Catherine Kitz and Theresa Connelly qualified fifth out of the preliminaries but moved up to second with a fast final time. The relay team dropped over

six seconds from its preliminary time

Name: Nick Zito, Willowbrook
Sport: Boys swimming, 200-yard individual medley
Place: Second
State run: Zito's impressive showing at the state meet, which included qualifying for the finals in two events (IM and 100 breaststroke, where he placed fourth), netted him offers from college programs. The current college freshman swam personal-best times at state and headed to Iowa
Quote: "He's going to be someone that you'll hear a lot from in the next several years," AT/Willowbrook co-op coach Kirk Ziemke said. "He's got goals now of getting to the Olympic Trials. If Nicky says he's going

to do it, it's hard to argue with him because he's that talented."

Name: Kelly McNamara, Willowbrook
Sport: Girls swimming, 100-yard butterfly
Place: Second
State run: McNamara made the finals of the 100 butterfly for the second year in a row and improved from sixth in 2012 to second in 2013. The junior has another year to chase down a state title and will be the top returner in the state
Quote: "I didn't expect it," Kelly McNamara said. "I was really excited when I saw it on the board."

Name: Dan Rowland, Willowbrook
Sport: Wrestling, 170 pounds
Place: Second in Class 3A
State run: Rowland had hopes of winning a state title, but settled for second at 170 pounds. He went 49-2 on the season and only lost 2-1 to undefeated Colin Holler of Sandburg in the final
Quote: "It was one of coolest things I've ever experienced," Dan Rowland said on the grand march before the state finals

Name: Dan Draski, Willowbrook
Sport: Wrestling, 220 pounds
Place: Second in Class 3A
State run: Draski didn't have a top ranking like his teammate and fellow state finalist Dan Rowland. However, Draski just kept winning and made it all the way to the championship match at 220 pounds

School: Montini
Sport: Girls basketball
Place: Third in Class 3A
State run: Montini was unable to win a fourth straight state title, but it did win a state trophy for the fourth year in a row and fifth time in six years. Throughout the year, Montini proved to be among the state's elite with a 35-2 record that included wins over Class 4A state qualifiers Rolling Meadows and Whitney Young
Quote: "Three years, the same thing. It never gets old," Montini player Sara Ross said. "It's a good experience."

Name: Emma Fisher, York
Sport: Girls track, 3,200-meter run

Place: Third in Class 8A
State run: Fisher ended a stellar standout career with her best-ever finish in the state track meet. Between cross country, the 3,200 and 1,600, Fisher was an eight-time state qualifier
Quote: "Looking back, I have to be pretty happy with the accomplishment of getting to state and placing as high as I did," Emma Fisher said. "Every year, I did a little bit better and got a little bit more comfortable with what I was doing."

School: York
Sport: Softball
Place: Fourth in Class 4A
State run: The Dukes had just two seniors - Gracie Sullivan and Elena Schwarz - on the roster and had some inconsistent play during the regular season. The young team got hot during the postseason and made a surprise run to the state semifinals. York came away with the program's first trophy, and eight starters are expected back this season
Quote: "Coach is always talking about legacy and what we're leaving behind," Gracie Sullivan said. "It was just an awesome way to end my senior year. Leaving a trophy and being like, 'Oh, I won that.'"

Name: Brandon Kupczyk, York
Sport: Wrestling, 132 pounds
Place: Fourth in Class 3A
State run: Kupczyk entered his senior season with the simple goal of making it to state for the first time. Once he got to Champaign, he didn't stop and earned a surprise medal
Quote: "I couldn't have pictured anything better than what happened," Brandon Kupczyk said. "It was a great way to end my career."

Names: Tommy Pawelski, Vince Turk, Jordan Laster and Michael Sepke, Montini
Sport: Wrestling
Place: Second in Class 2A
State run: In addition to four individual champions, Montini had four more wrestlers take runner-up honors. Tommy Pawelski (113 pounds), Vince Turk (120), Jordan Laster (126) and Michael Sepke (145) were all second-place finishers in their weight classes

'We're getting closer and closer'

Warriors showing improvement, but consistency a key to future success

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VILLA PARK - Willowbrook boys basketball coach Chris Perkins is trying to figure out how to get everything working at the same time for his team.

Seemingly every time the Warriors make progress in one area, another issue pops up as if the team is balancing spinning plates.

"It's getting frustrating as far as it seems we're getting closer and closer," Perkins said. "It seems like they're dangling a carrot right there and we're not able to grab it."

"It's like we figure one thing out then we lose something else. We want to get everything clicking on all cylinders. That's the goal."

The Warriors may have gotten a glimpse of what it's like to click on all cylinders in the finale of the Glenbard West Holiday Classic. After losing pool play games to Hoffman Estates, St. Francis and Northridge, the Warriors thumped winless Fenton 73-31 in the seventh place game of the eight-team tournament on Dec. 28.

It was Willowbrook's second win on the season and improved the team's record

to 2-10.

The win came on the heels of a tough loss to Northridge in the pool play finale on Dec. 27. In that game, Willowbrook jumped out to an early six-point lead and led in the third quarter, but fell apart in the fourth quarter.

In that loss, Chris Poole led the team with 16 points. Ed Mickevicius scored 11 and Chris Villafuerte added 10 points.

"That was actually the best we've shot the ball in a while, so that was a positive," Perkins said. "We were making shots early on and stopped making shots in the fourth quarter. The free throw line really hurt us. We went 6-for-18."

For all of the Warriors' previous shooting woes, Perkins wants the team to focus on the defensive end.

"We got to go back to the basics as far as keeping guys in front of us, our rotation when we get beat baseline," Perkins said.

The Warriors return to action Jan. 7 at Hoffman Estates in a rematch of a tournament game played on Dec. 23. The next conference game is Jan. 10 at Downers Grove South, which is 1-2 in the West Suburban Gold.



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Willowbrook's Chris Roycroft shoots a free throw in the fourth quarter against Northridge at the Glenbard West Holiday Tournament on Dec. 27. The Warriors went 1-3 at the tournament.

Tournament title a big step for Montini girls basketball team

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Tournament results (in order)

- Montini 77, Oak Park-River Forest 40
- Montini 59, Fremd 51
- Montini 52, Marian Catholic 48
- Montini 66, Rolling Meadows 63

LOMBARD - Believe it or not, the Montini girls basketball team feels disrespected.

Despite winning a state trophy in Class 3A the past four years and returning three seniors with Division I commitments this season, the Broncos had a chip on their shoulder entering their own Christmas tournament last weekend.

Montini came away champions, beating both of last year's Class 4A finalists in the process. After knocking off

defending 4A champ Marian Catholic 52-48 in the semifinals, they defeated Rolling Meadows 66-63 in a rematch of last year's tournament final.

"It was really big consider-

ing we didn't have that much respect going into it," senior Sara Ross said. "We don't really buy into that. We play for ourselves."

Montini trailed by 10 points in the second quarter and by as many as 11 in the third against Rolling Meadows, but fought back both times. Ross made a crucial steal and layup in the final minute to give Montini a 64-63 lead. She added two free throws with 27.4 seconds left to make it a three-point lead.

The Broncos (15-1) may have restored some of the mystique the program has built up in re-

cent years. They may also be playing their best basketball of the season.

"We saw glimpses of it out at Sterling and kind of put it all together this week," Montini coach Jason Nichols said. "We got to carry it over to the second half [of the season] because it really doesn't mean anything if you don't finish what you want to get accomplished, which is to get back down to state playing for a state title. I think we took a great step in that direction."

Kateri Stone scored 23 points to lead Montini in the

final. Ross finished with 12 points and Kelly Karlis and Kaylee Bambule scored 10 each.

The final was played in front of a tightly packed crowd Saturday night.

"We knew going into it that it was going to be a huge environment, and it's kind of what we live for," Ross said. "We love big games like that. Not so much the close games because everybody always gets a heart attack. We just tried to keep our composure. It was crazy, but we were glad to come out with the win."