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AT alum pens book following liver transplant

Shares experiences with students on recent return visit

ADDISON — Addison Trail alumnus Joseph Kralicek, class of 1975, will never forget the day he received the worst news of his life — the day he was diagnosed with a fatal liver disease.

"They gave my condition a bunch of fancy names," he said. "The names simply meant they had no clue what I really had. They just knew my condition was bad, and there was not much they could do."

The only option for Kralicek was to undergo a liver transplant. He was placed on an organ donor list. In 1992, he got the call that he was next to receive a liver.

As Kralicek went through that difficult time in his life, he reflected by writing inspirational poetry about his experiences.

"One of the first poems I wrote, I delivered five copies to the transplant center as a token of appreciation for all the staff had done for me," he said. "I returned to the center just a few hours later and was told others really loved my poem and wanted their own copy."

Since then, Kralicek has given away thousands of cop-

ies of that poem. To read it, go to dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=1365.

To this day, Kralicek always carries a pen and paper with him, knowing inspiration comes to him at the most inconvenient times. He con-

tinues to write poetry and used 55 of his poems to compile a book, "The Courage of One," which was published in 2005. He also is proud to share that Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White wrote the forward of his book.

"This book of poems really surprised me," he said. "I wasn't a very good student at Addison Trail. In fact, I couldn't wait to get out of school. Now here I am, almost 40 years later, a published author."

"I have no doubt in my mind Addison Trail really did have an impact in shaping me for the future."

For more information about Kralicek's book, or to buy a copy, go to tinyurl.com/k2mgnbe.



courtesy photo

Lounging, listening for Literacy Week

Last week, the students and staff of Ardmore School in Addison took part in several reading and learning activities in association with Literacy Week. Among the week's events, students enjoyed a Teddy Bear Reading/Pajama Day, where they all gathered in the gym (pictured here) with blankets, sleeping bags, stuffed animals and books. (More photos from Literacy Week inside this issue.)

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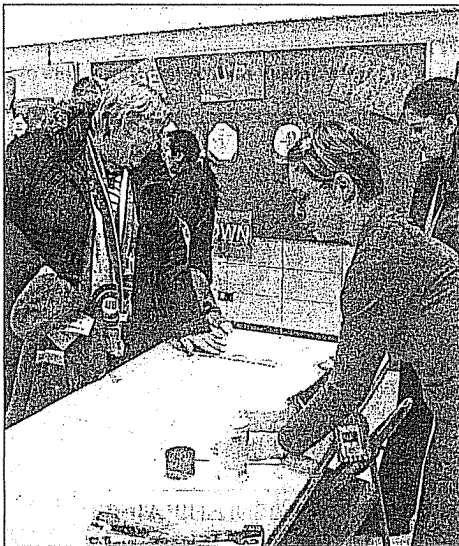
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Students at Ardmore School celebrate Literacy Week...

The students at Ardmore School in Addison were all about literacy last week.

A Literacy Night event was held for families, at which staff members shared fun ways in which parents could help their children learn. Six stations were set up in the gym including Squishy Letters, Stuck on Reading, Show & Tell, Magna Doodle, Build a Letter and Young Authors.

There were free prize drawings to win book-related cakes or desserts, donated by the Ardmore staff members. Families were also invited to visit classrooms to listen to stories and participate in related learning activities.



At the Squishy Letters station...

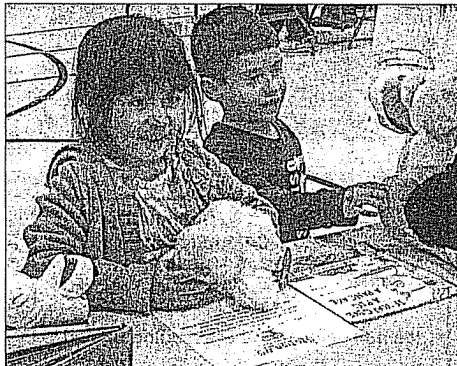
One station offered "Squishy Letters," where students could practice drawing letters in various textures. Pictured here, zippered bags were filled with shaving cream or tempera paint and taped to a table where students used their fingers to write on the bag.

All photos provided



Calling all young authors...

Students like these two could make their own books at the Young Authors station on Literacy Night.



At Show & Tell...

At the Show & Tell station on Literacy Night at Ardmore School, students used regular household items and puppets to retell stories.



Stuck on you!

At the Stuck on Reading station, Ardmore students used letter magnets on a pan for sorting, spelling, and reading.



Stories told on Literacy Night...

Families were invited to visit Ardmore School classrooms, where they could listen to stories and participate in learning activities related to those stories.



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ATHS guitar ensemble performs at ILMEA Conference

Addison Trail Guitar Ensemble Director Dan O'Connell (right) directs the ensemble during the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) Conference on January 24. The students performed for a full presentation room and later, answered questions from the audience.



It's Magna-ificent!

Students at Ardmore School were able to practice writing letters when they stopped by the Magna Doodle station. It was one of six stops during Literacy Night.

SPORTS

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Addison Trail girls basketball team defeats Leyden

Coach Schader likes the way Blazers are playing of late

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Addison Trail girls basketball coach Rob Schader likes what he's been seeing of late from his team.

"We're playing a lot better," he said. "We're definitely starting to score more and we have players who are playing with more confidence now."

Addison Trail scored a recent 47-35 West Suburban Conference Gold Division victory over Leyden. Juniors Stephanie Messina and Kelly Delawder

each had 12 points.

"Stephanie and Kelly played really well," said Schader. "We had been off for three days before playing Leyden. I thought we came out and played well defensively, but struggled a little bit offensively in the first half. We were only ahead 14-13 at halftime and turned the ball over 10 times. They out-rebounded us. We turned it around in the third quarter and went on a streak and were up by 14 points at one point. We settled down and took care of the basketball and hit some 3-pointers."

Schader has been pleased, in particular, with the recent play of Katie Dziabis, who was slowed by her recovery from an illness at the start of the

season.

"She's been playing well," the coach said. "She had been out six weeks, but she came back and hasn't missed a day. She was there the first day. She struggled a little bit at the beginning, but has started to play well. She's been a big help."

Connie Barkoulies and Messina also have been key contributors this season.

"Connie has played great for us all year," said Schader. "She's been a rock. Steph Messina was coming off an ACL injury. She's come back and has her legs back and has helped us out a lot."

The coach also lauded the play of Delawder and Rachel Baumgartner.

"Kelly has figured things out offensively the last few games," said Schader. "She's getting it done. Rachel battles for us defensively and rebounds well. She's a hard-nosed kid."

Schader likes the way things are headed not only for the home stretch of this season but beyond.

"We usually only start two seniors," he said. "We played a lot of younger kids early in the season and they have gotten better as the year has gone on. We have a lot of talented kids in the program that will help us the next few years. Right now we're playing much better. We're playing well on offense and we're playing hard on defense."

Fenton wrestling team wins conference title

Willowbrook girls bowling team improving

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Fenton wrestling team scored a recent 43-27 victory over Glenbard South. The win earned Fenton the Metro Suburban Conference title with a perfect 5-0 mark.

The Bison finished the dual-meet season with an 11-9 overall mark.

Sophomore Manny Morales earned a thrilling 7-5 overtime win at 106 pounds. Senior Alex Cowan scored a quick pin at 132. Senior Raul Garcia

notched an exciting 5-4 win at 152 pounds.

On the season, senior Jiven Delgado sports a 26-4 mark at 106 pounds. Cowan is 21-5 at 126. Junior Antoine Bess is 21-10 at 120 pounds. Junior Oscar Ledezma is 18-11 at 138 pounds. Junior Juan Alfaro is 18-14 at 182. Sophomore heavyweight Marshawn Bunch is 14-6. Junior Joe Oweina has 14 wins at 170 pounds, while sophomore Eric Lonergan is 11-10 at 195 pounds.

Fenton competes in the Elmwood Park regional on Saturday.

"We expect to wrestle well and compete at a high level and hope to advance a bunch of

guys to sectionals and a few to state," said Fenton coach Brian Hastings.

Willowbrook girls bowling

The Willowbrook girls bowling team excelled at the recent Leyden 6X6 tournament at Stardust Bowl. The Warriors finished with their highest six-game series pin total of the season at 6,121.

Both Tina Nowak and Beckie Anton, who coach Bill Eufrazio lauded for their consistency throughout the season, finished in the Top 8 individually. Nowak rolled a 1,159 for six games, while Anton finished at 1,152. Sarah Kottke added a 987. Jill Liebe had a 964, while freshman Jordan Tiberi also

had a 964. Rebecca Cisneros added a 913.

Eufrazio said the team is preparing for the upcoming post-season. Willowbrook bowled in the West Suburban Conference tournament Monday and will head to Willowbrook Lanes in Darien Saturday for the Hinsdale South regional.

"We are preparing for the end of the regular season and the state tournament," said Eufrazio. "Our challenge this season has been consistency. Hopefully we have overcome that obstacle and the girls can feed off each other's success."

Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming

Since the holiday break, the

Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming team lost to Hinsdale South and scored wins over Morton and Leyden. The team also placed eighth at the recent Red Devil Invitational at Hinsdale Central.

"I think the Hinsdale Central meet was eye-opening for the kids," said coach Kirk Ziemke. "They realize we still have a long way to go. We are really focusing on training for the next week-and-a-half. It's the only way we can improve. If we train hard we still have a chance to swim well at sectionals."

Willowbrook will compete in the WSC Gold meet on Saturday.

Willowbrook girls basketball team continues winning ways

Injury bug strikes Warriors during busy stretch

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

There was good news and bad news recently for the Willowbrook girls basketball team.

The good news is the Warriors continue to put wins on the board. The Warriors were 19-3 overall and a perfect 9-0 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play through mid-last week.

The Warriors recently completed a stretch where it played four games in six days. Willowbrook went 3-1 during that

stretch.

Willowbrook scored a win over Providence Catholic at the McDonald's Shootout it hosts every year. The Warriors dropped a non-conference game to Glenbard South and then scored a key conference win by four points over Proviso East before closing out the run with a win over district neighbor Addison Trail.

"We beat Providence by 17 points and then played poorly against Glenbard South and lost by 30 points," said Willowbrook coach Terry Harrell. "Proviso was a big win for us. They were the other team in the conference that had only one loss and that was to us. It was a must-win for us. All in all it was a good week."

It was not a good week on the injury front for the Warriors.

"On the health front, the team did not have a good week," said Harrell.

The Warriors lost key contributor Melissa Rader for the remainder of the season with a knee injury. Key bench player Danielle Velasquez, the team's first guard off the bench and a defensive standout, also is sidelined with a bad knee. Alyssa Resslering, a post player who comes off the bench, hurt her ankle, while Jada Stills also sustained an ankle injury.

"It could have been a great week," said Harrell. "Those injuries made it a long week. We went from having 14 able-bodied players in practice to 10 players. Hopefully we'll remain

healthy with those 10 players. The good thing is we've been able to play quite a few people this year, so everybody is ready. It's time for other people to step up."

One of those players who has done just that is sophomore Josie Zabrana.

"She was our leading scorer for three of those games," said Harrell. "She plays inside and she will help with some of the losses."

Harrell said replacing Rader's overall contributions will be difficult.

"Melissa didn't just contribute on offense," he said. "She was good on defense for us guarding post players and even guards on the perimeter. She's a very valuable piece who will

be sorely missed. Danielle is another one who really helped us defensively. The main thing right now is to make sure those injured players become healthy again."

Harrell saw plenty of positives in the three recent wins.

"We played fantastic defense against Providence and also against Proviso East and Addison Trail," he said. "We ran our offense very well. We were able to go inside with success. Typically we aren't a team that has our back to the basket. Josie has come in and she might be the best back-to-the-basket post player we have in the program. She didn't miss a beat. She averaged 16 points a

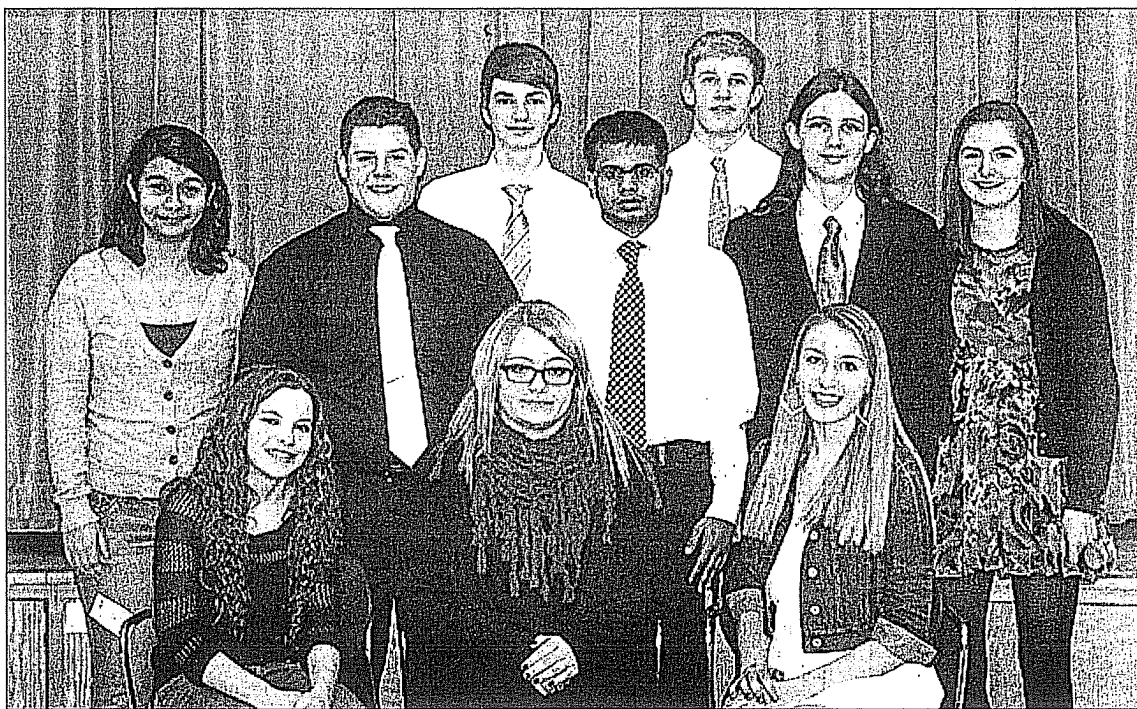
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Willowbrook Speech Team continues successful season

VILLA PARK — On January 18, the Willowbrook Speech Team hosted its 10th Annual Winter Speech Tournament, in which 21 schools and nearly 500 competitors participated.

Willowbrook finished in 8th place as a team and earned five individual awards. Juniors Jack Corkery and Alex Lapinski came in 5th place in Impromptu Duet Acting, sophomore Rachael Harrison and freshman Rachel Bonarek came in 5th place in Impromptu Duet Acting, Corkery came in 6th place in Original Comedy and senior Colleen Shelton was a finalist in Oratorical Declamation and came in 2nd place in Prose.

Willowbrook also performed well at the Bolingbrook High School Tournament on Jan. 25. The team finished in 5th place (out of 17 schools), and individual winners were sophomore Zaakirah Mujid in Informative Speaking (next-in finalist), sophomore Galen Bergsten in Informative Speaking (next-in finalist), senior Margaux Ziss in Informative Speaking (4th place) and Original Oratory (next-in finalist), senior Colleen Shelton in Oratorical Declamation (3rd place) and junior Jack Corkery in Original Comedy (3rd place).



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Willowbrook presents Outstanding Students, Teacher awards

Above: Pictured are Willowbrook's Outstanding Students, who were recognized during a breakfast in their honor on January 30. They are (front row, from left) sophomore Danielle Velasquez, junior Caitlyn Zientara, junior Mariann Jelinek; (back row, from left), sophomore Marisa Martinoz, sophomore Kyle Martyniuk, junior Michael Rogalski, junior Abdulaziz Ahmed, senior Gregory Ross, junior Tyler Rusnak and senior Therese Marsh.

Sheridan named Outstanding Teacher

Right: Willowbrook teacher Chuck Sheridan received the Outstanding Teacher award and was presented by Willowbrook senior Margaux Ziss.



Willowbrook Theater prepares to present 'Fools'

VILLA PARK — Have you ever had one of those days when you just can't function like you normally do? When no matter how hard you try to concentrate, you just can't seem to think and focus?

That's the world Leon Tolchinsky finds himself entering in the play "Fools" by Neil Simon. Willowbrook will present "Fools" on Feb. 13, 14 and 15 at 7 p.m.

In the story, Tolchinsky lands a terrific teaching job in an idyllic Russian hamlet. When he arrives, he finds the town has been cursed with chronic stupidity for 200 years, and it is his job to break the curse. No one tells him if he stays more than 24 hours and fails to break the curse, he will lose his intelligence as well. The situation in this hilarious comedy becomes more complicated after he falls in love with the beautiful Sophia Zubritsky.

"I chose this play because it made me laugh hysterically," said Director Terri Woebel. "It also has an underlying theme of love and romance, so it's perfect for Valentine's Day."

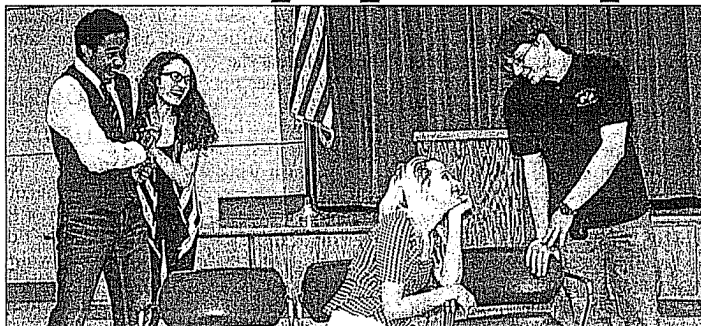


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Willowbrook students rehearse a scene from the school's upcoming winter play, "Fools." Willowbrook will present the play Feb. 13, 14 and 15. Pictured are (from left): Willowbrook senior Carrington Breckenridge, playing Dr. Nikolai Zubritsky; junior Erin Sulla in the role of Lenya Zubritsky; junior Olivia Baumann as Sophia Zubritsky; and junior Alex Lapinski playing Leon Tolchinsky.

Playing the lead role of Tolchinsky is Willowbrook junior Alex Lapinski. He described "Fools" as low-brow humor and said it is a different style of comedy than Willowbrook has performed before.

"My character is a bit of a know-it-all," Alex said. "It has been a challenge to get myself to feel like I know what I'm talking about no matter what, because my character has the expertise to prove it."

Playing Lapinski's love interest is junior Olivia Baumann. She said she hopes the audience can sit back, relax and share some smiles when they come to watch the show.

"It's a great play, and I want the audience to enjoy their Valentine's Day weekend and laugh a lot," she said.

New to the stage is senior Tiffany Brinkman, who plays Something Something Snetsky, the shepherd.

"I've always enjoyed watching the plays here, so I thought, 'Why can't I do that?'" Brinkman said when asked why she joined theatre. "I love getting into character and evolving my acting skills. I would highly recommend for every student to try theatre while they're at Willowbrook."

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, \$3 with an Activity Pass and are free with a District 88 Senior Gold Card. For tickets or information, call 630-782-2855.

To see the cast list for "Fools," visit dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=1350.

Timber Trails update...

Petitioners request to withdraw from Dists. 48, 88 denied

ADDISON — About three years ago, a group of petitioners from a small section of Oak Brook requested to withdraw from school districts 48 and 88. The initial petition was granted by the Regional Office of Education, but was then overturned and denied by the Circuit Court and the Appellate Court. The petitioners then appealed to the Illinois Supreme Court.

On Jan. 29, District 88 learned the Illinois Supreme Court denied the petition/appeal, meaning the request to withdraw from the districts has been denied.

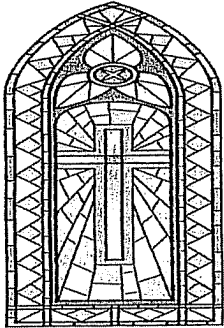
The district was certainly pleased with the decision, but even more pleased that the quality of education District 88 provides was highlighted throughout the process, officials said.



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Finding new ways to learn...

Build A Letter was a particularly busy station at Ardmore School on Literacy Day, where students used Play-doh® to roll or cut out letters.



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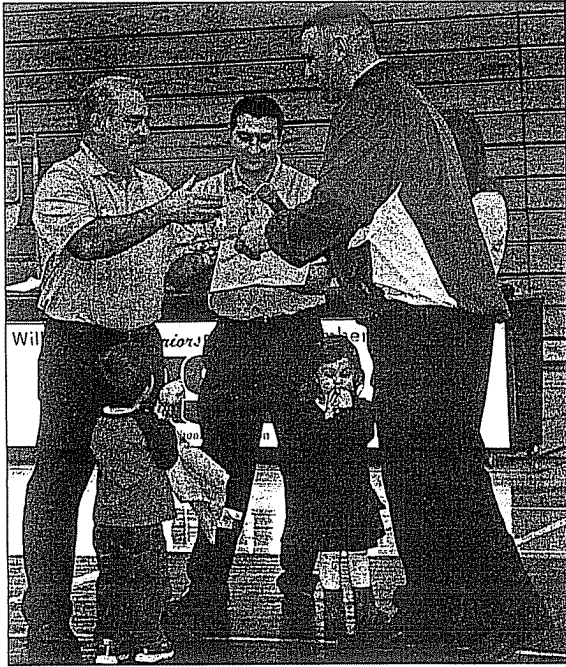


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Willowbrook wrestling coach prepares to retire

Willowbrook Athletic Director Bob Daly (right) presents an award to Willowbrook wrestling Coach Bryan Murphy on January 27 in honor of his 33 years of service to the wrestling community. Murphy will retire from coaching and teaching at the end of this school year and Jan. 27 was his final meet at Willowbrook. Also pictured are Murphy's son Brandon and two of his grandchildren.

Willowbrook wrestling bids farewell to retiring Coach Murphy

VILLA PARK — More than 75 former Willowbrook and Villa Park wrestlers filled the gym at Willowbrook on January 27 to thank Coach Bryan Murphy for his years of service to the wrestling community and to wish him well in retirement.

For 33 years, Murphy has been a staple in high school and youth wrestling and could often be seen helping student-athletes reach their potential on and off the wrestling mat. He joined Willowbrook in 1981 and taught physical education, health and driver's education for 23 years and was a dean for 10 years.

On Jan. 27, Murphy stepped onto the Willowbrook wrestling mat for the last time, as he will retire from coaching and teaching at the end of this school year.

"I got into education because of my coach in high school, Mark King," he said. "He was a positive role model and guided me to my career. I wanted to give back and followed his lead. He's still coaching to this day."

Under Murphy's guidance, the Warrior wrestlers have recorded more than 180 dual-meet victories, won three West Suburban Gold Conference titles and earned nine Illinois High School Association (IHSA) State medals (including five State champions). Student-athletes coached by Murphy have earned athletic scholarships to universities and colleges such as University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Cornell University, Upper Iowa University, Temple University and Lakeland College.

"Murphy has brought years of tradition and excellence to Willowbrook, and his legacy will continue long after he retires," said Athletic Director Bob Daly. "More important than the

"It has been incredible to watch Warriors bring their children back to Willowbrook as proud men and fathers."

— Coach Bryan Murphy

awards and championships Murphy's athletes have won are the life skills that have been instilled in hundreds of young men and women, which will last long into their adult life."

Although he's proud of his wrestlers' accomplishments, Murphy said he hopes he has taught them more than how to win.

"I hope they've learned not to give up and to reset goals when things don't work out," he said. "I hope I've taught them to be open-minded, to be good to others, to be tough and to give back."

In his retirement, Murphy plans to travel and help educate his grandchildren. And he knows he's leaving the Willowbrook team in good hands, as his sons Brandon and Bryan will work with the rest of the staff to continue the tradition of excellence the team has established.

"What I'll remember most is watching young boys work so hard every day in practice that they can't help but become men," he said. "It has been incredible to watch Warriors bring their children back to Willowbrook as proud men and fathers."

VILLA PARK COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, February 8

• VPRD: Family Ice Fishing Derby

From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Parks & Rec is holding a free Family Ice Fishing Derby at the North Terrace Lagoon. Learn ice fishing safety, how to drill holes and how to catch fish. Prizes awarded to kids who participate. Bring your own bait. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult and age 16 and older must have a valid fishing license. Refreshments will be served indoors.

• "Romantic Night Hike" for Valentines

From 7-9 p.m. at Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center, 3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook, The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County invites adults-only couples to experience an evening under the stars during the "Romantic Night Hike." Cost: \$10 per couple and advanced registration is required. Info: call (630) 850-8110.

Monday, February 10

Fixing Illinois series continues with Durkin

At 7 p.m., Illinois Republican House Leader James Durkin will continue the Fixing Illinois lecture series at Elmhurst College. It will be held in the Founders Lounge of the Frick Center. Free and open to the public. Info: (630) 617-3390.

Wednesday, February 12

College presents MLK Intercultural Lecture

At 4 p.m., Shaun Harper, who studies

racial inequities in higher education, will give the MLK Intercultural Lecture in the Founders Lounge of the Frick Center on the campus of Elmhurst College. Tickets: \$10/general public; students, faculty, staff, alumni/free. Info: (630) 617-3390 or elmhurst.edu/tix.

Thursday, February 13

• VPRD Birthday Bunch and Lunch

From 12-2:30 p.m., seniors are invited to Birthday Bunch and Lunch at the Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood Ave. Enjoy pizza and salad for lunch, sweet treats, Bingo with gift prizes (non-monetary). Sing "Happy Birthday" to those celebrating birthdays. Fee: \$5, payable at the door. Residents and non-residents welcome. Call 630-834-8525 to R.S.V.P. Sponsored in-part by G.M. Smith & Son Realtors.

• VPRD: Magic Class

From 6:45-7:45 p.m. at the Iowa Community Center, kids ages 5-12 will learn lots of tricks from a professional magician to amaze family and friends. They will learn tricks that involve cards, ropes, coins, mind-reading and more. All materials are provided and each participant gets a magic kit to take home. Fee: \$20. Info: call (630) 834-8970 or visit vprd.org

• Elmhurst College welcomes author Reza Aslan

At 7 p.m., Elmhurst College presents author Reza Aslan, who will discuss his bestseller, *Zealot: The Life and Times*

of Jesus Christ, in the Founders Lounge of the Frick Center on the campus. Fee: \$10/general public; students, faculty, staff, alumni/free. Info: (630) 617-3390.

Saturday, February 15

Warriors Youth Football, Cheer registration

From 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Willowbrook High School, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave., early registration for Warriors Youth Football and Cheer will take place. New for 2014 will be flag football for 5- and 6-year-olds. Players must be present at registration. New registrants need two copies of their birth certificate. Fee: registration is \$200 (\$100 for flag football); \$25 secures a spot on the team with discounts for siblings. Info: visit vpwars.org or call Jim Taylor at (630) 542-8452.

Monday, February 17

3 on 3 basketball tournament

Starting at 9 a.m. at the Iowa Community Center, kids in grades 3-8 are invited to a President's Day 3-on-3 basketball tourney. Teams of 4 will compete with other teams in their age group with prizes awarded to the winning teams in each age group. Fee: \$9 per team. Info: call (630) 834-8970 or visit vprd.org

Thursday-Sunday, February 20-23

47th annual Elmhurst College Jazz Festival

The Elmhurst College Jazz Festival will celebrate its 47th year at Hammer-schmidt Chapel. Featured performers

include The Legendary Count Basie Orchestra; Ryan Truesdell and the Gil Evans Project; and Andy Martin, Bobby Shew and Gary Smulyan with the Elmhurst College Jazz Band. Tickets range from \$10-\$35. Weekend package tickets available. Info: (630) 617-5534 or visit elmhurst.edu/jazzfeste

Friday, February 21

• FUN-DAYS at Iowa Community Center

From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Center, kids ages 4-6 are invited to bring a sack lunch and enjoy an afternoon of themed-based fun with activities such as crafts, music, and pretend play. Weather permitting the kids will venture outside to enjoy the new playground and Iowa Community Center grounds. Fee: \$13. Info: call (630) 834-8970 or visit vprd.org

• VPRD Princess Ball

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! From 6:30-8:30 p.m., young ladies and their favorite dad-date are invited to the Princess Ball at the "Iowa Center Castle," 338 N. Iowa. Be treated like royalty, enjoy dancing, get your nails polished, enjoy pizza and pasta. A very special guest Princess will stop by. Receive a keepsake photo taken in an old-fashioned photo booth. Tickets: \$33 per couple, \$11 each additional daughter. Wrist corsages can be ordered at time of registration; available for pick up at the Ball.

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OPINIONS

■ LAST WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION: Where did you watch the Super Bowl?

63 PERCENT: At home or at a friend's house

30 PERCENT: I didn't watch it

4 PERCENT: At a bar or restaurant

3 PERCENT: Live, in person

■ THIS WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION: Should schools and offices close when temperatures drop below zero? Vote online at mysurbanlife.com.

Chamber starts 2014 with busy schedule

The new year promises to be a very busy and exciting one for the Addison Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Our first event was our annual meeting and election, when Mayor Rich Veenstra gave his State of the Village address. If you were unable to attend, it was videotaped by Addison's Community Relations Department staff for airing on Channel 6.

Our new Addison Community Directory was published in late January – if you did not receive one, they will be available at the Addison Village Hall, library, park district and in our office. It is a valuable source of information on community services, organizations, local businesses and services, complete with a listing of all of our members with contact information.



COMMUNITY VOICE

Bernadette LaRocca

Feb. 27 is the date of our next monthly luncheon meeting, a multi-chamber event with members of the Addison, Bensenville, Villa Park and Wood Dale chambers, when our guest speaker, Dan Gartlan, president of Stevens & Tate Marketing, will discuss "Attraction marketing gets results: Proven marketing strategies to draw prospects to your brand and help drive sales." As always, the event is open to members and non-members, and reservations are required prior to the event.

The next day, Feb. 28, is the day of the 18th Annual Five Star Business EXPO which will include a Health Fair. Our generous SuperStar Sponsors are Adventist Glen Oaks Hospital, Republic Services and Sunrise Chevrolet. It is open and free to the public. Come on by, visit with our exhibitors, enjoy some complimentary food samples from our participating food vendors, and take advantage of the health-related opportunities offered. This is the first year the event will be held at in Addison at Medinah Shrine Center, 550 Shriners Drive – from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you will be planning a wedding or other special event in the coming year or so, mark your calendar to attend our free Wedding & Special Events EXPO from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 30 at Alta Villa Banquets, 430 N. Addison Road. Exhibitors will include many of the services and goods you will be looking for: fashions, tuxedos, entertainers, printers, banquet facilities, locations for a shower, wedding rehearsal dinner, photographers, and so much more, including a bridal and formal wear fashion show.

For information about any of these events or for membership information, call 630-543-4300, email addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net or visit our website at www.addisonchamber.org.

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



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Noah Naranjo, 5, of Bensenville holds his younger brother, Abel, 1, who was born with osteogenesis imperfecta, which makes his bones fragile.



The Cupid's Kisses charity event Saturday in Elmhurst will benefit a Bensenville family whose 15-month-old son, Abel Naranjo, was born with osteogenesis imperfecta, more commonly called brittle bones. For more information about the event, visit www.miraclesfrommia.org.



The Addison Trail winter musical opened this week and continues through Saturday. "Once on This Island" tells the story of a peasant girl who falls in love with a wealthy boy and must face issues of prejudice, hatred and death. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Friday and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday. For tickets, call 630-628-3365.

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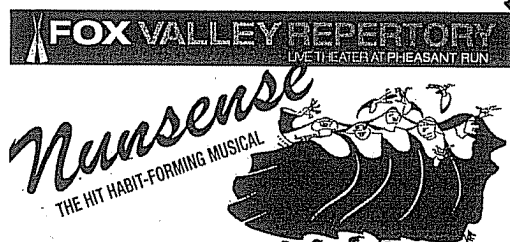
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Local band close to defining its sound



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Members of local pop-punk band Game Changer - Logan Lundgren (left), Nick Collis, Jake Newling, Tom Aparici and Josh Payne - hang out before practice Monday in Lundgren's basement.

By MATTHEW PIECHALAK
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VILLA PARK - For Logan Lundgren, a senior at Willowbrook High School and guitarist for the pop-punk band Game Changer, there is nothing more exciting than playing a live show.

"It's really exhilarating and it's such a fun rush," said Lundgren of Villa Park.

Sitting in a semi-circle on couches in Lundgren's basement, the other four members of the band agreed.

"There's just something about being on stage. There's so much energy flowing," said Jake Newling, the band's drummer and a Willowbrook alumnus. Newling now attends College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn.

Rounding out the band is singer Josh Payne, an Oak Brook resident and Hinsdale Central graduate, guitarist Tom Aparici of Streamwood and bassist Nick Collis of Lombard. Collis, like Newling, is a Willowbrook alumnus and a student at COD.

Game Changer was named winner of Willowbrook High School's Annual Battle of the Bands competition Jan. 16. Eight other bands performed at the event, and as winners, the band was awarded \$500 worth of studio time at Corder Recording Studio in Villa Park. Kevin Mucha, owner of the studio, served as judge for the contest.

"We had a lot of people coming up to us and telling us that they loved our music," Lundgren said. "It was pretty cool to see kids enjoying it and being able to win it my senior year."

Battle of the Bands has been an annual event for more than 10 years and is always held in January after finals testing, said Megan Derricott, Willowbrook reading and ESL teacher and sponsor of the school's Key Club, which hosted the event. This year's concert



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raised \$300 that the Key Club will donate to Feed My Starving Children for the relief efforts related to Typhoon Haiyan in The Philippines.

Game Changer formed in late 2012 after Collis and Lundgren, previously in another band, began playing with Payne.

Eventually Newling joined as the band's new drummer, and they began to write songs and play shows. Aparici has since joined as a semi-permanent guitarist.

The band has playfully hinted to him that he should join full time.

The band name is credited to an inside joke that was coined accidentally and stuck.

"It works," Payne said

Know the band

Listen: Hear music from Game Changer for free at gamechanger.bandcamp.com.

More info: Visit Game Changer on Facebook at "Game Changer Music" or on Twitter @GameChangerBand.

with a laugh. "It was the only name we all agreed on."

Their first show was at the 2013 Taste of Lombard, and since then, they've played numerous shows around the Chicago area, as well as at Northern Illinois University.

"I don't think we've played the same place twice," Payne said.

The band is confident that despite being together for only a year, they are close to establishing a cohesive identity with their songs.

"We're honing in on it," Payne said, adding that a majority of the songwriting

is done separately, but that they're focused on starting to write more together.

The band is focusing its efforts on recording an EP that they hope to have out later this year.

Despite the recent popularity of electronic music, the band members say there's something more organic about playing rock music.

"We have been playing our instruments for a long time," Lundgren said.

"It's what's natural to us. You can have a lot more passion playing an instrument than making a beat."

» **NEWS BRIEFS****Chad Elliott to headline folk concert**

LOMBARD – Award-winning singer-songwriter Chad Elliott will perform at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at Maple Street Chapel, 220 S. Main St. in Lombard.

Elliott will perform with Bonita Crowe as part of the chapel's Folk Concert Series. The duo recently competed in the 30th International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tenn. Elliott has shared the stage with greats like Tom Paxton, Lonestar, Loudon Wainwright III and the Counting Crows. Chicago's Emily White will open the show.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door or in advance by visiting www.folk.maplestreetchapel.org or calling 630-627-0171.

Lombard Park District to host 'Winter Carnival'

LOMBARD – The Lombard Park District will host its annual Winter Carnival from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Knoll Recreation Center, 820 S. Finley Road in Lombard.

The event is free and will be held both indoors and outdoors.

Activities will include carnival games, a balloon artist, snow painting, train rides, crafts and food.

New to the event this year will be a green screen for taking silly photos.

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SPORTS

After streak snapped, Blazers bounce back

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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DOWNERS GROVE – Sometimes there's nothing to do but applaud an opponent.

Addison Trail's boys basketball team entered last Friday's game against Downers Grove South with plenty of momentum and confidence. The Blazers had won three games in a row in the West Suburban Gold and went into the game second place in the conference.

Then Danny Spinuzza happened.

Spinuzza went off for a career-high 27 points, 19 of which came in the first half, to help the Mustangs beat the Blazers 66-51.

"You can point fingers, you can be mad, you can do whatever, but at the end of the day they came out and they played well," AT coach Brendan Lyons said. "Part of it was I think how we played defensively early, but people were looking around when Spinuzza was hitting those shots trying to point fingers and I said 'Guys there's nothing else we can do.' He's falling away with a hand in his face and [making the shot]. If he's going to make shots like that, maybe it isn't our night."

The Blazers bounced back on Tuesday with a 67-62 win against WSG foe Leyden. The game was originally scheduled for Saturday, but was moved due to snow.

AT is 5-3 in the Gold and tied for second in the league with DGS. Up next is arguably the toughest game on the schedule, a trip to Gold leader Proviso East tonight.

Junior Taylor White led the Blazers in scoring for the third straight game by scoring 16 points against Downers Grove South. James Pupillo, AT's leading scorer this season, had a big game against Leyden by pouring in 23 points, but White still had a nice offensive game

Downers Grove S. 66 Addison Trail 51

AT LEADERS

- Taylor White: 16 points
- James Pupillo: 11 points

Addison Trail 67 Leyden 62

AT LEADERS

- Pupillo: 23 points
- White: 13 points

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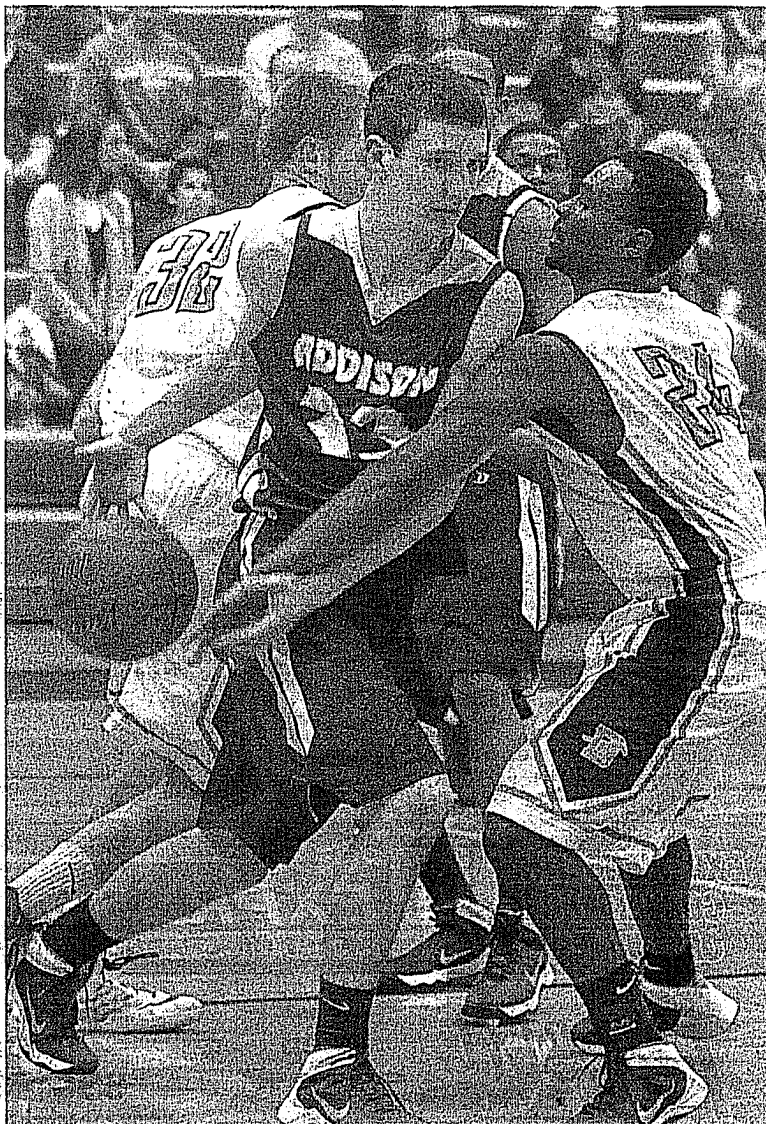
with 13 points.

"His game is pretty balanced," Lyons said of White. "He's been shooting it pretty well and trying to keep attacking and finishing around the basket."

Pupillo's ability to go off for big point totals in any game is crucial to AT's success, but they also need other options for the games when Pupillo is given a lot of defensive attention.

Players like White, Joe Kurucar and Ronald Duling need to be those supporting options while the Blazers approach the stretch run of the regular season.

"When we're playing at our best we have three or four guys scoring and it's not guys with 25," Lyons said.



Addison Trail's Joe Kurucar (left) tries to dribble around Downers Grove South's Deandre Washington during a Jan. 31 game. The Blazers lost to the Mustangs, 66-51.

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Golden goal

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DOWNERS GROVE – Willowbrook's girls basketball team was without four players, but the Warriors were still able to cross off a major goal on its season checklist.

The Warriors escaped Downers Grove South with a 49-48 victory Tuesday to improve to 11-0 in the West Suburban Gold and lock up the outright conference title for the first time since 1996.

"That was our goal this year, so we completed our goal," junior Micala Giammarino said.

Willowbrook (21-3) was without starters Melissa Rader and Alyssa Rensing and key bench players Danielle Velasquez and Jada Stills against DGS. Rensing and Stills will

Willowbrook 60 Hinsdale South 51

WILLOWBROOK LEADERS

- Molly Krawczykowski: 17 points
- Olivia Domin: 14 points
- Sam Schmidt: 12 points

Willowbrook 49 Downers Grove S. 48

WILLOWBROOK LEADERS

- Micala Giammarino: 12 points
- Josie Zabran: 10 points

be back, but Rader and Velasquez are out for the season with ACL injuries.

Giammarino was one of the new players inserted into the starting lineup and led the team with 12 points. The win

Willowbrook girls overcome injuries for first West Suburban Gold title since 1996

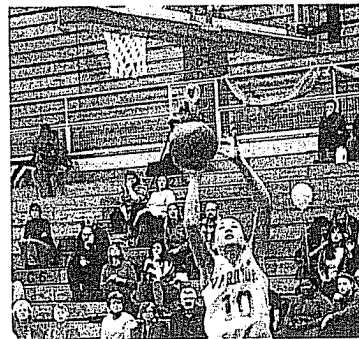
showed off the team's depth, but the absences wreaked havoc on coach Terry Harrell's typical lineups and rotations.

Downers Grove South took advantage and led 22-15 at halftime and 30-22 midway through the third quarter before Willowbrook turned it around. The Warriors scored the next 12 points and led the rest of the game.

"We had a team that was basically in the right spot every time for 17 to 18 games," Harrell said. "You get some injuries and things just go awry, but we'll be OK."

Players like Giammarino needed to step up for the Warriors, and did.

Josie Zabran, who has been an invaluable addition to the team since being called up from the sophomore team during the holiday tourna-



Willowbrook's Molly Krawczykowski goes up for a layup in a Jan. 10 home game against Downers Grove South. The Warriors won in Downers Grove Tuesday to clinch the West Suburban Gold title.

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ment, also scored 10 points. Both players will be asked to do more without Velasquez, who was typically the first guard off the bench, and Rader, who was a starter.

Giammarino shrugged off the transition.

"Our team works really well together, so everyone is interchangeable," she said. "The girls make sure you know what you're doing and make you feel like you've played as a starter all year so it's really easy to adapt."

Area wrestlers start on road to state finals

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After weeks of tracking and cutting weight and months of drilling in practice, high school wrestlers are set to embark on the road to the state finals. This weekend's regional tournaments signal the start of the individual state series, which culminates with the state tournament Feb. 20 to 22 at the State Farm Center in Champaign.

York

Class: 3A

Regional: Glenbard East

Sectional: Leyden

Outlook: The Ducks have some top quality wrestlers, but will be thrown into one of the toughest regionals in Class 3A. State favorite Oak Park-River Forest, Addison Trail, Glenbard East and Wheaton North all have very strong teams and will take up many of the three sectional qualifying spots at many of the weight classes.

Noah Fleckenstein is York's best chance at a regional champion, but OPRF's Andre Lee is a top wrestler at 195 pounds as well. Michael

Ordonez (132 pounds), Jordan Santiago (160), Joe Helton (220) and T.J. Helton (285) also have a good chance to advance to the sectional. Once there, coach Terry Clarke thinks there might be easier sailing.

"Our regional is loaded," Clarke said. "If we can get all our good kids out of our regional, they have a chance to get to state. The deal is they have to get out of the regional."

Glenbard East

Class: 3A

Regional: Glenbard East

Sectional: Leyden

Outlook: The Rams have had unparalleled success this season. East matched last year's 21 wins in dual matches by going 21-5 in duals. In addition, the Rams have more tournament success, including a best-ever tie for second at the DuPage Valley Conference tournament.

East has six returning state qualifiers, but unfortunately they likely won't be able to turn that success and experience into a regional title. Oak Park-River Forest will be favored to win most weight classes and is a

virtual lock to win the team title. Two teams that beat the Rams in dual meets this season, Addison Trail and Wheaton North, are also in the regional. However, the Rams should still be able to advance a healthy number of wrestlers. The six returning state qualifiers are Carlos Fuentez (106 pounds), Anfernee Rodgers (120), Dayton Olson (126), Jake Drew (132), Josh Martin (145) and D'Andre Johnson (285).

Addison Trail

Class: 3A

Regional: Glenbard East

Sectional: Leyden

Outlook: The Blazers are having one of the best years in program history as they won the West Suburban Gold by going 6-0 in dual meets.

The Blazers also picked up a dual win over Glenbard East, so they will be expecting a large number of sectional qualifiers. The only state qualifier back is Niko Rocha, who will be looking to build on his experience there last year, when he went 1-2.

Heavyweight Bobby Carson has just two losses this season,

although one of them came against Glenbard East's D'Andre Johnson. Those two could be battling for the regional title.

Willowbrook

Class: 3A

Regional: Glenbard East

Sectional: Leyden

Outlook: The Warriors don't have as much top heavy talent as last year when Dan Draski and Dan Rowland both made state finals. After several injuries hurt the team in the regular season, they went just 1-5 in West Suburban Gold duals.

However, Willowbrook still has some talented wrestlers capable of big postseason runs. Senior Jake Kroeger (182 pounds) missed some time earlier in the season, but qualified for state as a sophomore.

Matt Rowland (152) is the younger brother of Dan and is proving to be one of the top sophomores in the area. Christian Chavez (220) also had a good season, but is in a loaded weight class at the regional.

"You will have to have much better than a good day just to keep going," Willowbrook coach Brian Wilson

said. "I'm talking from regional up. This is a tough area. If you take top three at our regional, you should probably be top four in our sectional and go to state."

Montini

Class: 2A

Regional: Elmwood Park

Sectional: Lakes

Outlook: The Broncos don't have their deepest team in recent memory, but they are expected to win a seventh straight Class 2A state title. Chris Garcia, Xavier Montalvo and Anthony Ferraro are defending state champs back in the fold. Jimmy Pawelski, Vince Turk and Edgar Ruano medaled last year and hope to become champions.

IC Catholic

Class: 1A

Regional: Lisle

Sectional: Plano

Outlook: Last year the Knights qualified four wrestlers to sectionals. Two sectional-qualifying returners, senior Tommy Guinan and sophomore Brendan O'Brien, will lead the Knights into the regional.

Suburban Life ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**D'ANDRE
JOHNSON**

Glenbard East
Junior | Wrestling

Why Johnson was selected:

Johnson won the DuPage Valley Conference title at 285 pounds by defeating all three of his opponents via fall.

Glenbard East junior wrestler D'Andre Johnson dominated the 285-pound weight class at the DuPage Valley Conference meet on Sunday at Naperville Central. He won three matches with three pins, two coming in the first period, to improve his season record to 37-2. Johnson qualified for state as a sophomore and is hoping for more this season. Johnson, the Oak Trust Credit Union Athlete of the Week, talked with Suburban Life sports reporter Dan Santaromita about his DVC tournament performance.

in the whole area.

Was it a goal of yours to pin all of your opponents?

It definitely is a goal because last year I set the [Glenbard East] record for pins in a season. Last year, I set the record for pins in a season with 24. Now I'm up to 27.

What postseason goals do you have?

Podium, definitely. I want to be at least top five and I will do anything it takes to get there.

What was your experience at state last year like?

Last year, I was scared. It was a lot to take in. Going down this year, I don't plan on being as nervous because I've been through it.

How big of an accomplishment was it to win the DVC title?

It's a big deal for me considering the DVC is one of the most prestigious conferences

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AT's O'Neill all-around regional champ

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Addison Trail freshman gymnast Kennedy O'Neill won the all-around in the Glenbard North regional with a 36.525 total. O'Neill also won the balance beam and the vault, was second on floor exercise and third on the uneven bars.

Tamara Mendez was fifth in the all-around, won the uneven bars and was fifth on vault. Other automatic sectional qualifiers were Terra Garcia (beam) and Casey Boksha (floor). AT was second in the regional with a score of 135.75.

Previously, the Blazers took second at the West Suburban Gold meet with a score of 134.05. Downers Grove South won the meet, but AT won the regular season dual against the Mustangs so the two teams shared the conference title. O'Neill was second in the all-around (34.875) and Mendez won the uneven bars (8.975).

GIRLS GYMNASTICS Willowbrook

Cassidy McFarlane automatically advanced from the Glenbard North regional in the all-around, balance beam and uneven bars. McFarlane was fourth in the all-around. Before the regional, the Warriors placed third at the West Suburban Gold meet with a 126.5 team score. McFarlane was third in the all-around and second on the uneven bars and the vault.

Glenbard East

The Rams were sixth at the DuPage Valley Conference meet last Friday. Veronika Srey was 10th in the all-around and East scored 126.05 points. Srey was fourth on floor exercise and sixth on vault.

BOYS BASKETBALL Montini

The Broncos lost a Suburban Christian Conference game to Marmion 80-56 on Tuesday.

Willowbrook

The Warriors dropped West Suburban Gold games to Hinsdale South (74-43) and Morton (70-50) over the past week.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Montini

The Broncos suffered their second defeat of the season last Friday when they lost to Whitney Young 54-45 in Lombard. Kelly Karlis scored 14 points in the loss. Montini rebounded with a 68-37 win over Rosary on Tuesday.

Glenbard East

The Rams picked up a season sweep over Glenbard North by defeating the Panthers 26-22 on Jan. 30.

Addison Trail

The Blazers fell to 2-9 in the West Suburban Silver with a 40-20 loss to Downers Grove South last Friday. AT also lost to Larkin 59-28 on Tuesday.

Monica Wlodarkiewicz scored a team-high nine points against the Royals.

WRESTLING Addison Trail/ Willowbrook

The Blazers defeated the Warriors 58-12 on Jan. 30 to wrap up the West Suburban Gold title. AT won all six conference duals.

Glenbard East

D'Andre Johnson and Josh Martin both won titles at the DuPage Valley Conference tournament on Sunday at Naperville Central. Johnson pinned all three of his opponents at 285 pounds. Martin had two pins and a 7-5 victory over Wheaton Warrenville South's Andrew Ives in the final at 145 pounds.

East tied Wheaton North for second place at the tournament.

The Rams had three runners-up: Carlos Fuentez Jr. (106 pounds), Dayton Olson (126) and Jake Drew (132).

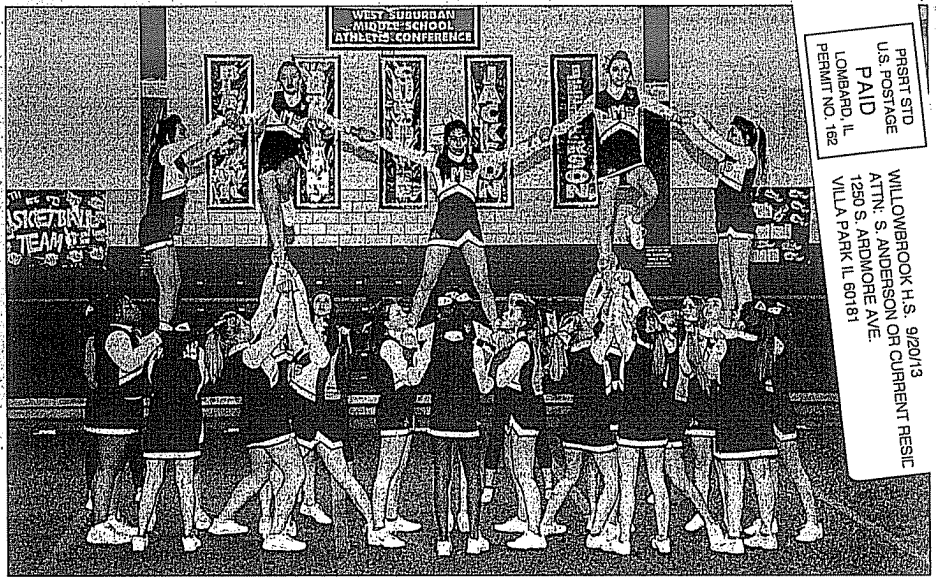
SIGNING DAY Willowbrook

Football player Hayden Adams signed a letter of intent to continue his career at Dakota Wesleyan, an NAIA school in Mitchell, S.D. Three baseball players also signed: T.J. Case (Division I High Point University), Mike Rothmund (Division II Illinois-Springfield) and Jake Cady (NAIA Campbellsville University).

Jackson cheer...

DISTRICT 45's Jackson Middle School held its JMS Cheer BLOWOUT Competition on Saturday. The photo on the right shows Jackson's cheerleaders during the competition in the school's main gymnasium. The Jaguars received an honorable mention trophy for their performance at the competition, which included teams from six other schools, including District 45's Jefferson Middle School. Jackson's coaches are teachers Christine Fulmer and Laurny Humphris.

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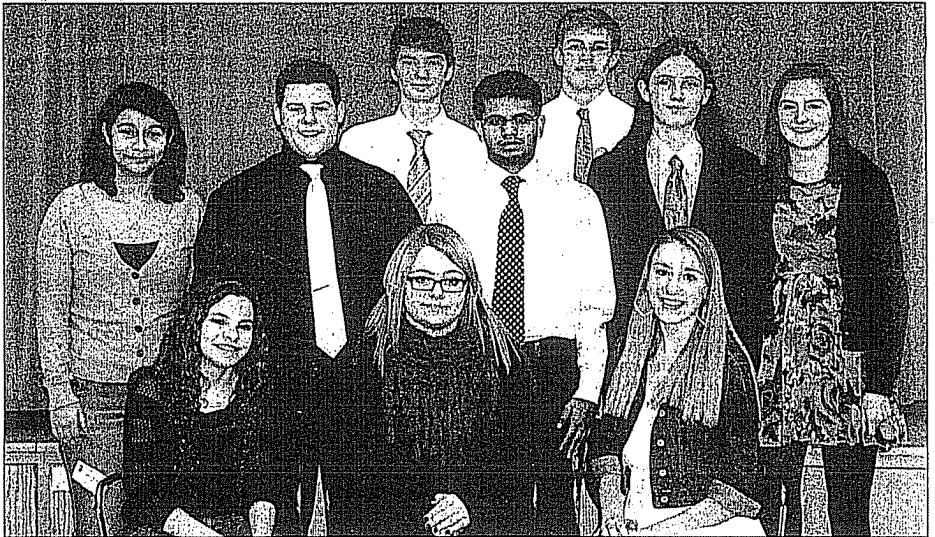
Ten Willowbrook High School students were recognized as Outstanding Students during Thursday's breakfast in their honor.

To be considered and chosen for the Outstanding Students awards at Willowbrook, students must demonstrate extraordinary achievement and outstanding effort while displaying commendable attitude and motivation. Other criteria for the award include the ability to overcome obstacles and giving a continuous exemplary performance.

Each of the 10 students (pictured on the right) were nominated for the award by staff members in separate departments at the school. Principal Dan Krause and assistant principal Ann Kimpton welcomed the students and their families to the breakfast. The staff members who nominated the honorees also attended the breakfast.

The recipients of the awards (pictured left to right) are: (front row) sophomore Danielle Velasquez (physical education), junior Caitlyn Zientara (career and technical education) and junior Mariann Jelinek (literacy); (back row) sophomore Marisa Martinoz (English), sophomore Kyle Martyniuk (social studies), junior Michael Rogalski (math), junior Abdulaziz Ahmed (world languages), senior Gregory Ross (art), junior Tyler Rusnak (science) and senior Therese Marsh (music).

Social studies teacher Chuck Sheridan was also honored at Thursday's breakfast. Sheridan received the Outstanding Teacher award, which was presented by senior Margaux Ziss.



Students recognized at awards breakfast...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL presented its Outstanding Students awards to 10 students last week. The honored students (pictured left to right) are: (front row) Danielle Velasquez, Caitlyn Zientara and Mariann Jelinek; (back row) Marisa Martinoz, Kyle Martyniuk, Michael Rogalski, Abdulaziz Ahmed, Gregory Ross, Tyler Rusnak and Therese Marsh.

Jefferson students take the stage...

JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL presented Disney's "The Little Mermaid JR." on Friday and Saturday evening at the school, which is located at 255 W. Vermont Street, Villa Park. The student performers swam and danced their way on the stage to help Ariel find Prince Eric in the adaptation of the Broadway musical "The Little Mermaid." The students performed under the musical direction of Rachel Kayser and Jackie Vrchota. The musical directors were assisted by Beth Sitrick and Kate Zeek. The photo on the right shows the 40-member cast and crew of the production.



Villa Park Police Department releases DUI totals for 2013

The number of driving under the influence (DUI) arrests in Villa Park in 2013 was similar to the previous year, according to figures recently released by the Villa Park Police Department.

According to the department, there were a total of 110 DUI arrests in Villa Park in 2013—102 misdemeanor arrests, six

aggravated DUI felony arrests and two zero-tolerance arrests for drivers under the age of 21 who had consumed alcohol.

The Villa Park Police Department made a similar number of arrests in 2012, when there were 106 misdemeanor arrests, nine aggravated DUI felony arrests and four arrests for zero-tolerance.

Willowbrook presents Neil Simon's "Fools" next week

Willowbrook High School will present "Fools" by Neil Simon next week. Performances are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday (Feb. 13, Feb. 14, Feb. 15) in the school auditorium. Each show will begin at 7 p.m.

Junior Alex Lapinski portrays Leon Tolchinsky, who lands a terrific teaching job in an idyllic Russian hamlet. When he arrives, he finds the town has been cursed with chronic stupidity for 200 years, and it's his job to break the curse. No one tells him if he stays more than 24 hours and fails to break the curse, he will lose his intelligence as well. The situation in Simon's comedy becomes more complicated

after Tolchinsky falls in love with Sophia Zubritsky, who is portrayed by junior Olivia Baumann.

"I chose this play because it made me laugh hysterically," said Willowbrook English teacher Terri Woebel, who is directing the play. "It also has an underlying theme of love and romance, so it's perfect for Valentine's Day."

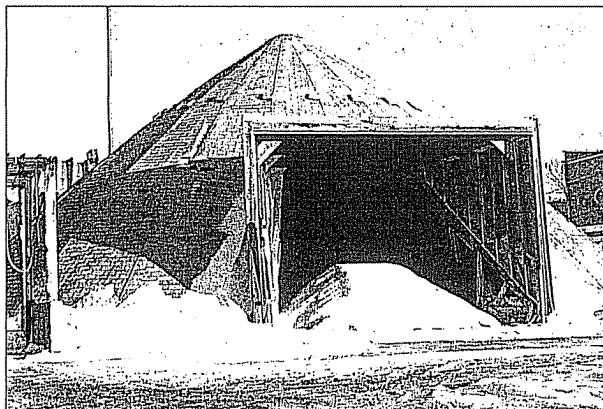
Tickets for each performance cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets are \$3 for students with an activity pass. Admission is free for residents with a District 88 Senior Gold Card.

To purchase tickets, or for more information, call 630-782-2855.



Teacher honored...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL social studies teacher Chuck Sheridan (above, left) received the school's Outstanding Teacher award during last week's breakfast that also honored recipients of the school's Outstanding Students awards. Willowbrook senior Margaux Ziss (right) presented the award to Sheridan. According to information provided by District 88, the award is given to a staff member who treats teaching as a passion, not just a job. Recipients must also create a positive learning environment where students feel encouraged and supported, use a variety of strategies to engage students, be willing to offer extra support when needed, provide prompt and effective feedback to students on their learning and relate to and understand students' viewpoints and perspectives.



Village salt supply...

THE ABOVE PHOTO, taken last week, shows the Village of Villa Park's salt storage facility just east of Ardmore Avenue near Hill Street. Villa Park Village Manager Rich Keenher stated last week that the village had 500 tons of salt on hand. Keenher also said last week that the village had used approximately 700 tons of salt during the 2013-14 winter season. Keenher said the village stockpiles at least one year's supply of salt to be prepared for any unforeseen circumstances.

Photo by Chris Fox



Conference champions...

Photo by Chris Fox

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S girls basketball team clinched at least a share of the West Suburban Gold Conference championship with Friday night's 60-51 victory over Hinsdale South in Villa Park. The win gave the Warriors a conference record of 10-0 and an overall record of 20-3. Willowbrook's girls basketball program last won a conference championship during the 1995-96 season. The above photo shows four members of the Warriors on the bench during Friday's victory. Pictured left to right are: senior Jada Stills, senior Melissa Rader, sophomore Danielle Velasquez and junior Alyssa Rensinger. All four players were unable to play in Friday's game because of injuries. Stills is holding a sign displaying the team's motto for the season—"Make It Count!" According to Willowbrook head coach Terry Harrell, the team's seniors get together each year and come up with a theme for the upcoming season. "We won a lot of games last season, but we didn't get the conference championship," said Harrell in explaining the "Make It Count!" motto. The Warriors finished the 2012-13 season with a conference record of 10-2. Hinsdale South won the conference title with an 11-1 record. Willowbrook will complete its conference season with two more games—this week's contest at Downers Grove South and Monday's game at Morton. Willowbrook was supposed to play at Morton on Saturday, Feb. 1, but the meeting was postponed because of inclement weather. One more victory will guarantee the Warriors sole possession of the conference title.

Learn a new language through a resource at the Villa Park Library

Patrons of the Villa Park Public Library can learn languages from around the world with the help of free films available at the library, which is located at 305 S. Ardmore Ave.

Featuring 16 free-movies in a variety of languages, Mango, a digital resource at the library, allows patrons to learn a new language at their own pace, in their own place.

The system is completely Web-based and remotely accessible, so patrons can access it at home, in the library, from a café—anywhere they can get online. All they need is their library card number. Mango also provides an application for on-the-go learning.

Mango uses common, everyday conversations as the basis of each lesson, so

users are able to start using and appreciating what they learn right away. If the user creates a login, he or she may return to continue the lesson at his or her own pace. The program includes four key language components: vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar and culture. With a variety of interactive tools and a rich visual interface, Mango makes the learning process exciting.

Movies are available in the following languages: Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, English for Spanish Speakers, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish (Latin America).

For more information, visit the library's Web site at www.vppil.info, or call the adult services department at 630-834-1164.

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Cheer competition...

Photo by Jon Morgan

VILLA PARK'S Jackson Middle School held its annual JMS Cheer BLOWOUT Competition on Saturday. The motto of the event was "Live Love Cheer." The other squads that competed in the event included teams from Burr Ridge Middle School, Glen Crest Middle School, Lisle Junior High School, Jefferson Junior High School, Roselle Middle School and Villa Park's Jefferson Middle School. The Jackson team (pictured above) received an honorable mention trophy. The members of the Jaguars (pictured left to right) are: (front row) Diana Dybisz, Lindsey Joyce, Danielle Kuehl, Jasmine Brooks, Nicole Kapica, Chloe Greenbauer and Katelyn Kindgren; (back row) Coach Lauryn Humphris, Hannah Pieler, Karli Kaup, Lexi Wedoff, Alyssa Lavery, Erika Mendiola, Laila Teran, Michaela Phelps, Kaitlyn Tarr, Olivia Kutella, Hope Rickord, Olivia Rundgren and Coach Christine Fulmer. Not pictured are: Daniella Battaglia, Olivia Judd, Miani Blackwell and Isabella Rubia.

Warriors clinch at least a share of the WSGC title

Willowbrook's girls basketball team clinched at least a share of the West Suburban Gold Conference title with Friday's 60-51 victory over Hinsdale South in Villa Park. The Warriors improved to 10-0 in conference play and 20-3 overall.

Willowbrook, which last won a conference title in girls basketball during the 1995-96 season, was supposed to play a WSGC contest on Saturday at Morton, but that game was postponed because of snowy weather. The Warriors will complete the conference season with this week's game at Downers Grove South, followed by the rescheduled battle at Morton on Monday night.

The Warriors, who led the Hornets 32-27 at halftime, never surrendered the lead during the second half. Willowbrook's 17-8 third-quarter

surge increased the home team's advantage to 49-35 with eight minutes to play. The Warriors' lead never dipped below eight points during the final quarter.

"They put forth a good effort tonight," said Willowbrook coach Terry Harrell of the Warriors' performance. "We had a nice third quarter. That gave us some breathing room. I didn't feel like they could catch us, but we got a little shaky at the end."

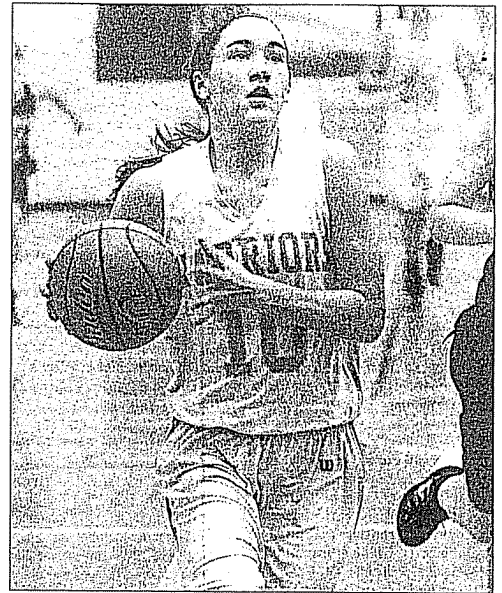
Four of the five Warriors who scored in Friday's game provided double-digit efforts. Senior Molly Krawczykowski delivered a team-leading 17 points, including eight points during the fourth quarter. Senior Olivia Domin added 14 points, 11 of which came during the second half. Sophomore Josie Zabran scored

14 points and made 11 rebounds, while junior Sam Schmidt contributed 12 points and 10 rebounds. Senior Lauren Carroll, Willowbrook's only other scorer of the night, provided three points by connecting on a first-quarter shot from 3-point range.

Zabran scored the Warriors' first three points of the second half on a free throw and an inside basket. Willowbrook held a slim 35-31 lead with six minutes to play in the third quarter, but two straight baskets from Domin widened the lead to 39-31 with about four minutes left in the period. Domin drained a 3-point shot with about two minutes to play in the quarter to give the Warriors a 44-33 lead. Schmidt scored four of her team's last five points of the period by grabbing two offensive rebounds and making a pair of inside baskets. Schmidt finished the game with 11 rebounds.

Krawczykowski made one free throw about one minute into the fourth quarter. She added a field goal about one minute later to give the Warriors a 52-35 lead with six minutes remaining in the game. The Hornets then scored seven straight points to trim Willowbrook's lead to 52-42 with more than four minutes to play. Domin ended Hinsdale South's run with a baseline shot that gave the Warriors a 54-42 cushion with about 3:25 to play. The Hornets hit a 3-point shot less than 30 seconds later to cut the Warriors' lead to 54-45. Willowbrook then scored two baskets in a span of about 15 seconds. Moments after Krawczykowski scored a field goal, Schmidt tipped a Hinsdale South pass to cause a turnover that led to Domin's driving layup and a 58-45 lead with 2:30 remaining.

The Hornets then scored five straight points to reduce the lead to 58-50 with less than one minute to play. Krawczykowski scored the Warriors' last two points on a steal and breakaway layup with about 17 seconds remaining.



Leading scorer...

Photo by Chris Fox

SENIOR MOLLY KRAWCZYKOWSKI (above) of the Willowbrook girls basketball team drives toward the hoop for a fourth-quarter basket during Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game against Hinsdale South. Krawczykowski scored 17 points to help the Warriors to a 60-51 victory in Villa Park. Willowbrook improved to 20-3 overall and 10-0 in the conference. The Warriors locked up at least a share of the conference championship with the victory. Willowbrook's girls basketball program last won a conference title since the 1995-96 season. The Warriors will try to close out a perfect 12-0 conference season with wins in this week's game at Downers Grove South and Monday's contest at Morton.



Second-half surge...

Photo by Chris Fox

WILLOWBROOK SENIOR Olivia Domin (above, left) delivers a layup during the closing minutes of Friday's girls basketball game against Hinsdale South. Domin's basket gave the Warriors a 58-45 lead with less than three minutes to play. Willowbrook beat the Hornets 60-51. Domin scored 11 of her 14 points during the second half.



DVC champion...

File photo by Chris Fox

SENIOR JOSH MARTIN (above) of the Glenbard East wrestling team won the championship in the 145-pound level at Sunday's DuPage Valley Conference Meet at Naperville Central. Martin pinned his first two opponents at the meet, which was originally scheduled for Saturday but postponed for one day because of inclement weather. Martin won by decision in the championship match, Junior D'Andre Johnson provided the Rams with another first-place showing by claiming the title in the 285-pound division. Johnson pinned all three of his opponents at the conference meet. Three Rams (senior Carlos Fuentes at 106 pounds, senior Dayton Olson at 126 pounds and junior Jake Drew at 132 pounds) earned second-place finishes. Senior Anfarnee Rodgers placed third at 120 pounds, while freshman Nick Donovan wound up fourth in the 113-pound division. Senior Tom Mogavero (182 pounds) and sophomore Bryan Andrews (195 pounds) both battled to fifth-place finishes for the Rams, who wound up tied for second in the overall team standings of the eight-team competition. Glenbard North won the DVC title with 269 team points. Glenbard East and Wheaton North both scored 178.5 points to tie for second place. The Rams will compete on their home mats at this Saturday's nine-team IHSA Class 3A regional in Lombard. The other teams at the regional include Willowbrook, Wheaton North, York and Oak Park/River Forest. The top three finishers in each weight class at the regional will advance to the individual sectional at Leyden on Feb. 14-15. The team that wins Saturday's regional title will move on to the team sectional at Conant on Feb. 25.



Glen Crest cheerleaders win championship...

THE GLEN CREST MIDDLE SCHOOL cheerleaders (above) won the first-place trophy at Saturday's seven-team competition at Jackson Middle School in Villa Park. The Glen Crest team of Spartans cheerleaders consists of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders. The team's coaches are Amanda Lippman (front row, seated, far left) and Stephanie Jacobs-Roberts (front row, seated, far right). Glen Crest, which is in Glen Ellyn, includes residents of Lombard.