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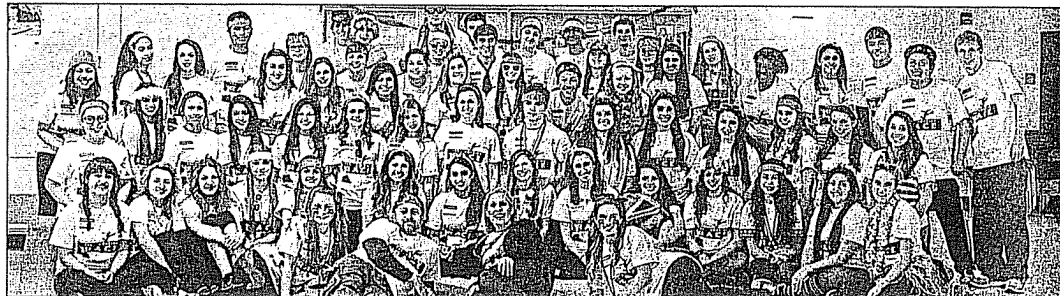
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Pictured is the CORE group of Addison Trail student leaders who facilitated Addison Trail's 13th annual Pay It Forward event on Feb. 15, along with staff members who helped at the event. Pay It Forward is where incoming freshmen spend the day with high school students and staff, learning what it means to be an Addison Trail Blazer. photo provided

## Addison Trail hosts 13th annual Pay It Forward event

ADDISON — On Feb. 15, Addison Trail hosted its 13th annual Pay It Forward event for Addison Trail students and incoming freshmen.

More than 320 students participated in this year's event, which was themed "The Amazing Race."

Incoming freshmen spent the day with high school students and staff, learning what it means to be an Addison Trail Blazer. The day included various leadership workshops, speakers, teambuilding exercises and activities to help students understand what it means to "Pay It Forward" in high school and in life. A CORE team of high school student leaders, including two student directors, led Pay It Forward. Volunteer

teacher leaders were present to assist with the teambuilding exercises and to answer questions throughout the day.

"In just 12 hours, it was really neat to see some of the eighth-grade students transform," said Addison Trail senior Morgan Pirtle, a student director. "Pay It Forward gives eighth-grade students an opportunity to build a foundation before they even step into the building as freshmen."

The other student director was senior Julia Rowley.

"I truly believe in this program, and that's why I'm here today as a student leader," Rowley said. "I attended this program as an eighth-grader from a private school. In the 12 hours I was here, I created friendships

that lasted my entire four years at Addison Trail and found mentors who helped me transition from year to year."

Pay It Forward concluded with a reflection period and a dance, where students were able to let loose and celebrate a day's worth of leadership and teambuilding.

"At the end of the day, we really felt like one big family," Pirtle said. "And that's what means the most. A lot of work went into this event, and it's neat to see that work pay off and benefit future leaders of Addison Trail."

For more information about Pay It Forward, contact Addison Trail Assistant Principal Courtney DeMent at [cdement@dupage88.net](mailto:cdement@dupage88.net) or 630-628-3304.

### • FORUM

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dent of public finance at the investment banking firm of Hutchinson Shockey Erley & Co.

This year's Governmental Forum is the culminating event of the Elmhurst College lecture series Fixing Illinois: A Great State's Problems and Promise. The goal of the series was to start an ongoing discussion, led by lawmakers and policy experts, on the challenges that Illinois faces, and to empower citizens to help move the state forward. Every declared candidate running for governor of Illinois in the 2014 election was invited to speak as part of the series, in recognition of an election where understanding the candidates' goals will never be more crucial.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [elmhurst.edu/forum](http://elmhurst.edu/forum).

#### More about the participants:

• James R. Thompson is senior chairman of the law firm of Winston & Strawn, headquartered in Chicago. In 1997, 2000 and 2013, The National Law Journal listed Thompson as one of the nation's 100 most influential lawyers. While serving as governor (1977-1991), he was noted for his skill in settling difficult labor-

management problems, his ability to manage one of the nation's largest public budgets while maintaining one of the nation's highest state bond ratings, and his leadership role among his peers. He has served as chairman of the National Governors' Association and the Council of Great Lakes Governors. He also served on the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States (the 9-11 Commission).

• Mary Ann Ahern has been a reporter for NBC Channel 5 News since 1989, and has been its political reporter since 2006. On the political beat, she has witnessed the transition from Mayor Richard M. Daley to Mayor Rahm Emanuel. She also has reported on the 2008 presidential campaign. Ahern also serves as co-host of Ward Room, a weekly wrapup of political events, and as co-host of Deep Dish, a popular feature on NBC 5's Thursday newscasts. In May 2012 she received the prestigious Peter Lisagor Lifetime Achievement Award.

• Bruce Dold is the Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial page editor of the Chicago Tribune. He joined the Tribune in 1978 as a reporter and covered city, state and national politics. He

was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing in 1994, and wrote a weekly column for the Tribune from 1995 to 2000, when he became editorial page editor. Under his direction, the editorial board has won a dozen national awards, including the Pulitzer in 2003. He also is the host of Chicago Forward, the Tribune's series of public events forums that seek solutions to challenges facing the city and state.

• Tyrone "Ty" Fahner is a partner and former chairman at Mayer Brown LLP and president of the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago. Ranked No. 66 on Chicago magazine's 2013 list of 100 Most Powerful Chicagoans, Fahner's practice includes complex litigation, state and regulatory compliance matters, as well as advising audit committees and boards of directors. A former Illinois attorney general, Fahner also has served as director of the Illinois Department of Law Enforcement.

• Robert Knuepfer Jr. is a partner of the law firm Baker & McKenzie LLP. He is past chair of the firm's Europe & Middle East practice and former managing partner of the Budapest office. Knuepfer also serves on the Elmhurst College Board of

Trustees. He is a board member of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, as well as a past chair and board member of Metropolitan Family Services of Chicago. Knuepfer also is an adjunct professor at Northwestern University, where he teaches at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management and the School of Law.

• Tod Miles is a senior vice president of public finance in the Chicago office of the investment firm Hutchinson Shockey Erley & Co. Miles has extensive experience in financial services based on 30 years as an investment banker and lawyer. He has served on numerous civic and charitable boards, including the Chicago Sinfonietta, the Metropolitan Planning Council and USO of Illinois. He also is a past member of the State Treasurer's Business Roundtable.

The Elmhurst College Governmental Forum brings together the state's foremost governmental and civic leaders, business experts and policy analysts to offer their insight and answers to subjects on topics ranging from how to foster long-term economic growth to how to resolve the state's fiscal crisis.

## District 88 offers presentation at No-Child-Left-Behind conference

**ADDISON/VILLA PARK**  
— On February 18, District 88 staff members presented at the ESEA NCLB Annual State-wide Conference in Chicago. Following is a summary of the presentations:

**Parent Outreach**  
During the last 10 years, Addison Trail and Willowbrook have dramatically increased parent participation in quantity and quality. Cathy Bendisen, Adam Cibulka, Jorge de Leon, Erik Engel, Iridia Nevarez-Niewinski, Marco Gasca and LeVar Ammons discussed layers of creative programming that have helped English-speaking and Spanish-speak-

ing parents acquire the tools, background knowledge and hands-on technical assistance they need to help their student succeed.

**Transforming High School Culture**  
PBIS Style Addison Trail and Willowbrook are in year six of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) implementation. Sam Bentsen, Michael Bolden, Erica Craig, Erik Engel and Andy Isaacson shared how the Blazer Pride and Warrior Code initiatives have dramatically improved behavior and helped to create positive learning environments.

**Instructional Coaching:** Clos-

ing the 'Implementation' Gap Addison Trail and Willowbrook have implemented a coaching structure to help bring ongoing technical support to classrooms in the areas of assessment, technology integration, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and differentiated instruction. This model has helped sustain staff development and support efforts at the classroom level that could not have been achieved through more traditional "workshop" routes. Presenters were Erica Craig, Jamie Gourley, Hannah Sutton and Aaron Lenaghan.

**Academic Rigor for All**  
Throughout the last 10 years, Addison Trail and Willowbrook have worked diligently to provide all students with the opportunity to access Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses. Cathy Bendisen, Adam Cibulka, Dan Krause,

Kevin Redding, Mike Warren and Doug Wildes shared District 88's model for providing high rigor with high levels of support to ensure all students — regardless of academic background — are challenged in the classroom.

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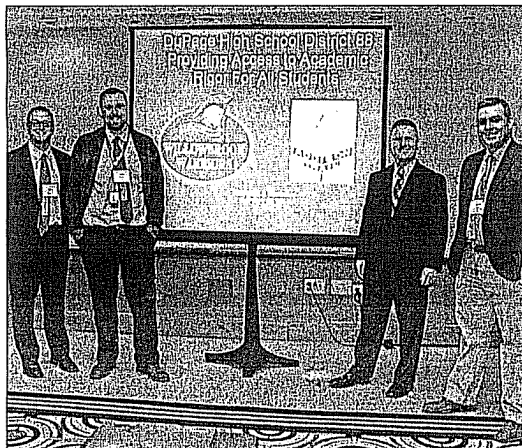
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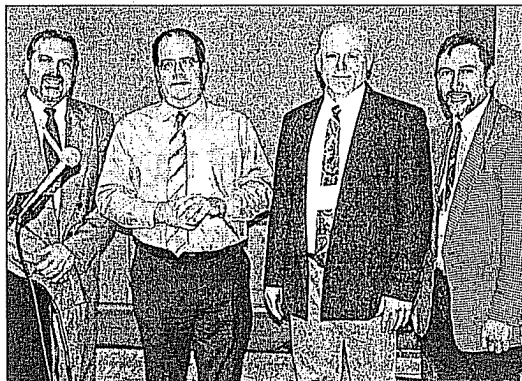
Above: "Parent Outreach" was the topic of a presentation given by District 88 staff members (from left) LeVar Ammons, Adam Cibulka, Erik Engel, Cathy Bendicson, Iridia Nevarez-Niewinski, Marco Gasca and Jorge de Leon. It was given at a recent statewide conference on the federal "No Child Left Behind" program.



Left: On Feb. 18, District 88 staff members presented at the ESEA NCLB Annual Statewide Conference in Chicago. Pictured are (from left): Doug Wildes, Mike Warren, Dan Krause and Kevin Redding lead a presentation entitled "Academic Rigor for All" during the conference.

Bottom left: At the ESEA NCLB Annual Statewide Conference in Chicago, presentations were given by District 88 staff including (from left): Sam Bentsen, Mike Bolden, Andy Isaacson and Erik Engel. Their presentation was entitled "Transforming High School Culture PBIS Style" during the conference.

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## Holy Family McTeachers have lots of McFun at fund-raiser

ELMHURST — Holy Family School held a McTeacher's Night recently at the McDonald's on York Road in north Elmhurst. Teachers took over the restaurant serving up delicious meals to students and families to raise money for the school.

Many teachers worked very hard including Father Scott. The McTeacher jobs included: drive-thru teachers, greeters, teachers cleaning the lobby, front counter teachers, drink teachers, teachers clearing tables, and teachers selling cookies. Holy Family had it all covered, and the families all had a great time.

Lots of students, teachers, families and friends came out to support the school despite the frigid temperatures. All the kids came to see their teachers work at McDonald's.

A special appearance by Ronald McDonald helped make this fund-raiser a memorable evening. Families enjoyed taking pictures with Ronald.

Ronald's appearance was courtesy of the North Elmhurst McDonald's owner/operator, Trisha Hall. For more information about events provided by the North Elmhurst McDonald's contact Julie.Travers@comcast.net.

## State Representative Deb Conroy promoting Doodle 4 Google contest

VILLA PARK — State Rep. Deb Conroy (D-Villa Park) is highlighting Google's annual Doodle 4 Google program. The Doodle 4 Google program gives K-12 students across the U.S. the chance to have their very own Google doodle showcased on [google.com](http://google.com). "As an artist by trade, I value the creative process and its part in the education of the children in our communities," Conroy said. "Using art to develop a young person's imagination is just as vital as math and reading skills."

The nationwide contest will end with one lucky and talented winner having their "doodle" featured on the Google homepage and receiving a \$30,000 college scholarship for themselves, plus a \$50,000 technology grant for his or her school.

This year's theme is "If I could invite one thing to make the world a better place..." Students can submit doodles until March 20 and winners from every state will be announced on April 29.

"I'm excited to see the creative designs that students in the 46th District will come up with," said Conroy. "Hopefully, we will see one of our own student's submissions on the [google.com](http://google.com) website in June."

For more information, contact Rep. Conroy's full-time constituent services office at (630) 415 3520 or by email at [repdebconroy@gmail.com](mailto:repdebconroy@gmail.com).



Submitted photos

Above right: Holy Family fifth-graders had a blast at McTeacher's Night. Above left: Morri and Mikko were thrilled to see McTeacher Kimmel working at McDonald's.

## Spots still available for Dennis Doyle 3-on-3 Basketball Classic

ADDISON/VILLA PARK — There's still time to register for the Dennis Doyle 3-on-3 Classic District 88 Foundation 2014 Basketball Tournament.

The event will take place on March 8 at Willowbrook, and spots are still available. Register at [dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=1315](http://dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=1315). All ages are welcome to participate and transportation will be provided from Addison Trail High School. The tournament supports the District 88 Foundation and will benefit District 88 students.

Dennis Doyle came to Willowbrook in 1994, after several years of coaching basketball. He was the Head Basketball Coach from 1994 to 2006, as well as a Guidance Counselor until his death in 2011. Doyle believed each person should have a passion and must compete each day to achieve his or her goals. For those who had the opportunity to know Coach Doyle, he truly was a Warrior in every sense of the word.

The tournament is a wonderful way to remember Doyle's commitment to District 88. See you there!

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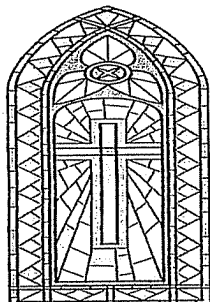
## Good Luck at State! Colleen Shelton in Oratorical Declamation



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### WBHS senior competes in state speech tournament

Pictured at left is Willowbrook senior Colleen Shelton, who competed at the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Speech State tournament Feb. 21 and 22 at the Peoria Civic Center. Shelton competed in the Oratorical Declamation event with her piece entitled "Neil Gaiman: Keynote Address 2012."



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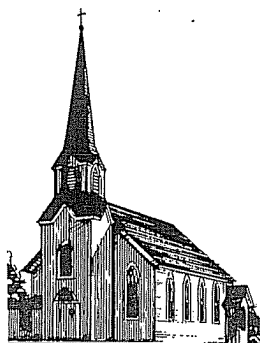
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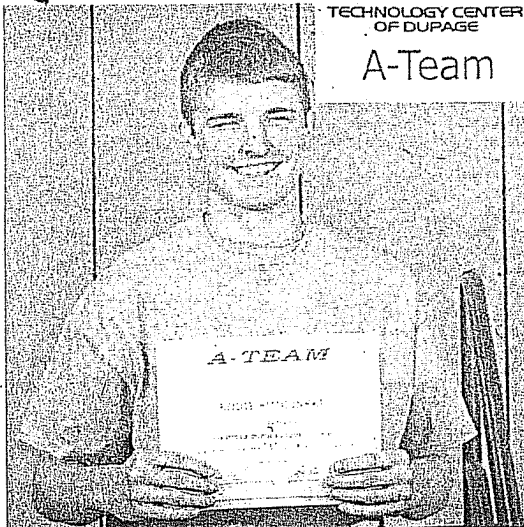
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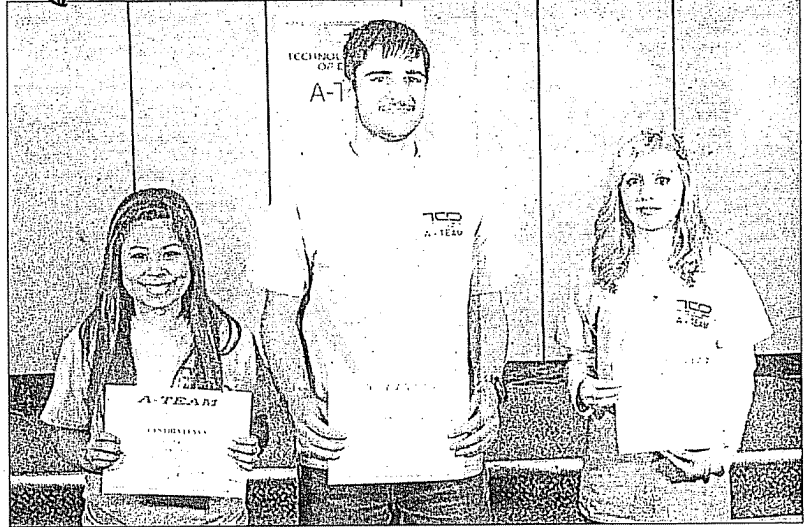
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On Feb. 7, Addison Trail senior Edward Smolinski was recognized for receiving an A grade during his first semester at Technology Center of DuPage (TCD).



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### Addison Trail students receive 'As' at TCD

Pictured are (from left): Addison Trail junior Cynthia Leyva, senior Brent Yurek and senior Cristina Garcia, who were recognized for receiving an 'A' grade during their first semester at Technology Center of DuPage (TCD).

## News from the Village of Addison

### Frost line causing frozen water service

**ADDISON** — Due to the extremely cold weather we have experienced this winter, Public Works crews have noticed that the frost line is almost four feet thick. Because of this frost line, water services are freezing, leaving businesses and homes with no water. We have experienced several frozen services on Factory Road. Many of these are still without water.

It may be to your advantage to run some water over night and on the weekends when no one is in the building. You would need to have the flow equal to the diameter of a pencil.

Even though there have been several days of nice weather, services can still freeze up. When we experience sunny and warmer than normal days the frost line can go down deeper into the ground.

If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Water Division at (630) 620-2020.

### Residents encouraged to clear curb inlets and fire hydrants

The Village of Addison Public Works provides ice control, and snow plowing/removal for the Village's 110 centerline miles of streets, 163 cul-de-sacs, 29 dead-ends, and specified buildings and parking lots.

Due to the extreme winter weather and snow accumulation some of our 2,200+ stormwater curb inlets are buried under the snow and ice.

The Addison Public Works is asking our residents to please help remove the snow and/or ice to open curb inlets or stormwater inlets during this harsh winter season.

**PLEASE** take the time to clear the snow and ice from around the inlets to give runoff water a chance to enter the inlet, this will aid in drainage relief as the snow melts and/or a rain event. During a rain event, every available stormwater inlet counts.

Also some 2,300+ fire hydrants are slowly becoming buried under the mountains of snow.

Residents are asked to please help us keep fire hydrants free from obstruction of snow during the winter season. As you shovel or push snow off your driveways and sidewalks, **PLEASE** take the time to clear the snow from around fire hydrants (three-foot radius).

During a fire, every second counts. The extra minutes you spend removing snow from around fire hydrants may save yours, or your neighbor's home in an emergency. Also, keep your house numbers readily visible. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

## ATHS students score big at TCD

**ADDISON** — On Feb. 7, four Addison Trail students were recognized for receiving an A grade during their first semester at Technology Center of DuPage (TCD).

Seniors Brent Yurek and Edward Smolinski were recognized for computer information systems, and senior Cristina Garcia and junior Cyn-

thia Leyva were recognized for cosmetology.

There are a limited number of spots for high school students to attend classes at TCD, and students who apply are selected based on their grades and attendance. Through attending classes at TCD, students have the opportunity to receive college credit.

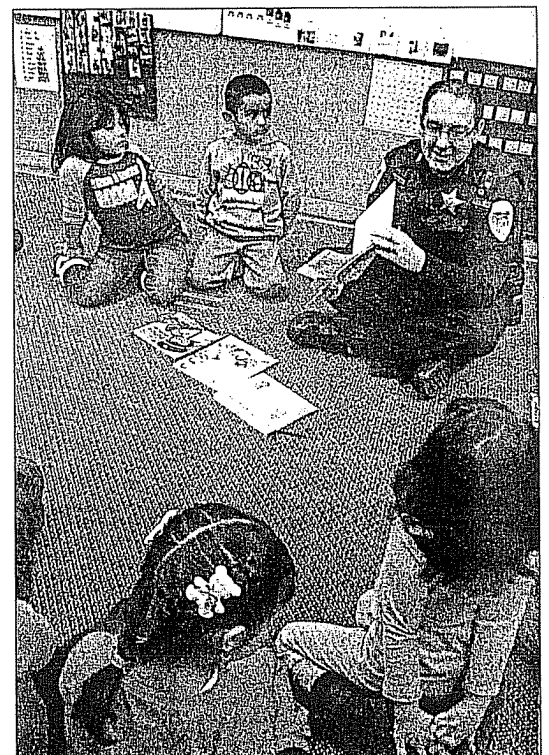
## Stone School celebrates literacy

**ADDISON** — At Stone School, community readers have celebrated literacy throughout the month of February. A record-setting 44 volunteers (more than twice the number of readers in 2013) signed up to visit the school and read with the students this year, including representatives from the Addison Fire and Police Departments, as well as School District 4 administrators. Parents and family members were also encouraged to attend and read to a classroom.

### On the floor with the students...

Right: Chris Weinbrenner of the Addison Police Department got down on the floor to read to the students in one of the afternoon Headstart classes at Stone School. See more photos on page 18.

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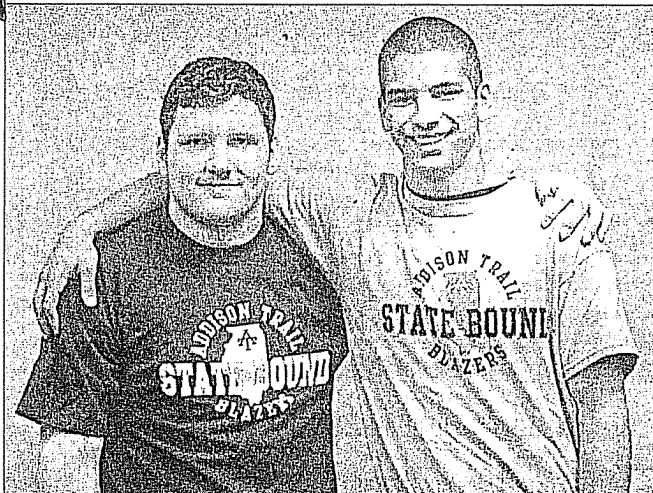


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## Two Addison Trail wrestlers competed at IHSA State tournament

Pictured are Addison Trail seniors Bobby Carson (left) and Niko Rocha, who competed at the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Boys Wrestling State tournament Feb. 20 through 22 in Champaign. Rocha competed in the 170-pound division, while Carson competed in the heavyweight division.

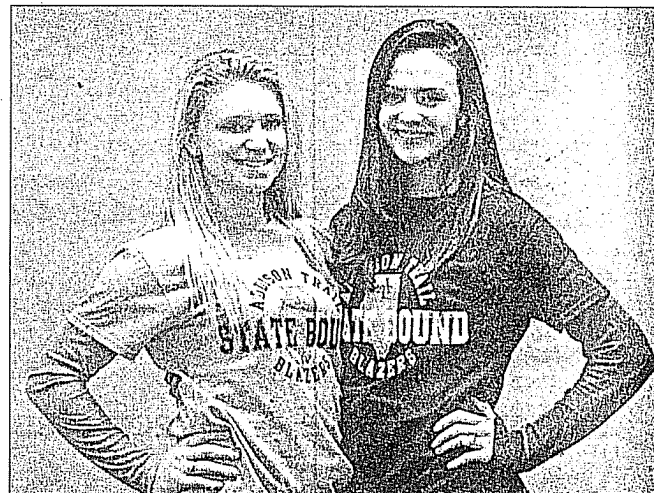


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## Two Addison Trail gymnasts competed at IHSA State meet

Pictured are Addison Trail junior Casey Boksha (left) and freshman Kennedy O'Neill, who competed at the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Girls Gymnastics State meet Feb. 21 and 22 at Palatine High School. After earning at-large spots in their events, Casey competed on floor; Kennedy competed on bars and floor.

## ADDISON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Thursday, February 27 Multi-chamber luncheon

Starting with registration at 11 a.m., a multi-chamber luncheon will be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 1685 W. Lake St. in Addison. Participating Chambers include Addison, Bensenville, Glendale Heights and Villa Park. Lunch served at 11:30. Program will feature Dan Gartlan, president of Stevens & Tate Marketing in Lombard. Tickets: \$25/Chamber members, \$30/non-members. Pre-registration required by Wed., Feb. 19. Info: (630) 543-4355 or [addisonchamber.org](http://addisonchamber.org).

### Friday, February 28

#### Five Star Business and Health Expo

From 10 a.m.-4 p.m., the Five Star Business and Health Expo, a multi-chamber event, will take place at the Medinah Shrine Center, 550 Shriners Drive, Addison. Participating Chambers include Addison, Bartlett, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream and Glendale Heights. Info or to register: [carolstreamchamber.com](http://carolstreamchamber.com) for a registration form. Food vendors, call (630) 539-8399. Info: (630) 543-4300.

### Saturday, March 1

#### Final ice fishing clinic of season

From 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Wood Dale Grove Forest Preserve in Wood Dale, The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County invites anglers ages 6-and-up to learn the ins and outs of fishing on frozen waters during the final "Ice Fishing for Beginners" clinic of the season. Fee: free. Info: Advance registration is required by calling Visitor Services at (630) 933-7248 on weekdays.

### Sunday, March 2

#### Mid-Winter Festival of Artists

From 10 a.m.-2 p.m. the Mid-Winter Festival of Artists will be held at the Addison Village Hall, One Friendship

Plaza. The festival includes well-known artists presenting demonstrations in their chosen medium such as, watercolor, pastel, oil, and acrylic. Hosted by Dillman's Creative Arts Foundation. Free admission. Info: (630) 543-4100.

### Friday, March 7 Elmhurst College Governmental Forum

Beginning with registration at 7 a.m., the seventh annual Elmhurst College Governmental Forum will be held at the Drury Lane Conference Center, 100 Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. The program itself runs from 8-10 a.m. The panel discussion will be led by former Illinois Gov. Jim Thompson. Admission: \$25 includes a full-breakfast. Info: visit [http://public.elmhurst.edu/cultural\\_events/governmental\\_forum](http://public.elmhurst.edu/cultural_events/governmental_forum)

### Saturday, March 22 Congregation Etz Chaim gala

Starting at 7:30 p.m. Congregation Etz Chaim of DuPage County, located at 1710 S. Highland Ave., Lombard, will present "Let the Good Times Roll," a gala evening of gaming, music, dancing, auctions and raffles. All are welcome. Tickets: \$25 per person; premium tickets: \$50 per person. Info: (630) 627-3912.

### Sunday, March 30

#### Wedding & Special Event Expo

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Alta Villa Banquets, the second annual Wedding & Special Event Expo, hosted by the Addison Chamber of Commerce, will be held. NOTE: The event has been moved to this date from Jan. 19 due to the inclement weather in January. The Expo will highlight all aspects of services related to weddings and special events such as anniversaries, showers, birthdays, christenings, prom, quinciniera. Admission: Free. Info: (630)

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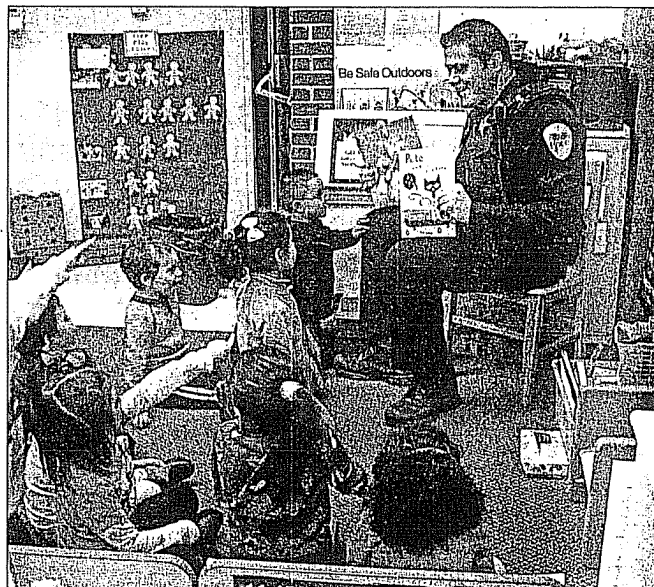
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## Getting into Headstart...

Addison Police Officer Dan Slattery gets ready to read to another Headstart class at Stone School.

# SPORTS

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## Boksha, O'Neill part of Addison Trail girls gymnastics team's success

### Both gymnasts qualified for state finals meet

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

In a season of successes for the Addison Trail girls gymnastics team, Casey Boksha and Kennedy O'Neill took things to the next level.

Boksha and O'Neill both qualified for this past weekend's IHSA girls gymnastics state finals.

Boksha and O'Neill both qualified on floor exercise. O'Neill also earned an at-large bid on bars.

"We added in some more difficult leaps and jumps," said Boksha of her improvement in the floor exercise. "I worked on my technique and tumbling. As far as technique, it's making sure things are clean and tight. Form really

counts. Judges look at form the most."

Boksha, a junior at Addison Trail, said she enjoys several aspects of the floor exercise.

"I like that I can get into the music I have and how sometimes I can make things look easy when they are not," she said.

But Boksha stressed improvement on floor exercise is because of the hard work she puts in.

"You have to get in there and focus on basics before you can learn the big moves," she said. "I've worked a lot on my second pass because that's the hardest one. Because I've worked it so much, it's a lot easier for me."

Boksha performs her floor routine to the song "Unstoppable" by Sherlock Holmes.

"It's more powerful music because my tumbling is faster," she said. "I'm not the dance-y type of person. I do this trick and then tumble this. Your music is

important. It reflects the music you like and shows off who you are and what type of gymnast you are. Some music is more graceful and other music is more powerful."

Boksha is proud she qualified for her first meet by earning an automatic state spot based on her fourth-place sectional finish.

"I'm really excited that I made the state meet," she said earlier last week. "I've put in a lot of long practices and sometimes practiced on Sunday. I stayed with it and got to where I wanted to be this year."

O'Neill, a freshman, said the dancing part of her floor exercise improved the most this season.

"I've been dancing a lot my whole life," she said. "I put in a lot of hard work in the gym, but the dancing comes easy for me."

O'Neill uses Broadway music for her routine.

"I've always really liked Broadway," she said. "Musicals fit me well."

O'Neill said her qualifying for the state meet only makes her want to train harder.

"It's been amazing. I made state as a freshman," she said. "Being a freshman and making it makes my standards higher for the next three years after this."

Boksha and O'Neill were part of an Addison Trail team that won a share of the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title this past season.

"We had a great season," said O'Neill.

"I think we only can get better from here. I'm excited to see how next year goes. This year has definitely motivated me. I know what I need to get in my routines and I know what I need to work on for next year. I already have my routines laid out for next year. I can't wait to get started."

## Willowbrook's Rowland finishes fifth in the state in wrestling

### Schmelter competes in state bowling tournament

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Willowbrook sophomore Matt Rowland finished fifth in the state at the recent Class 3A wrestling finals held at the University of Illinois in Champaign.

Rowland started the 152-pound tournament with a 5-0 win over Minooka's Carson Oughton. In the quarterfinals, Rowland dropped a 14-4 decision to Mt. Carmel's Bryce Brill. He then came back to score a 14-4 win over Tanner Anthony of Machesney Park Harlem. Brill eventually won the state title.

In the wrestlingback quarterfinals, Rowland scored a 6-3 win over St. Charles East's Keone Derain. In the wrestlingback semifinals, Rowland suffered a 15-0 defeat in 4:00 to Oak Park-River Forest's Matthew

Rundell.

Rowland came back to score a 3-2 win over Libertyville's Joey Gunther to finish in fifth place.

Rowland ended the season with a 46-6 mark.

Teammate Jake Kroeger started off in the 182-pound tournament with a 2-1 loss to Deerfield's Colton Emmerich. He then scored a pinfall win in 50 seconds over Edwardsville's Thorne Berry in the first round of wrestlingbacks. Kroeger was eliminated after a pin loss in 3:55 to Normal Community West's Luke Nohns.

Kroeger finished the season 22-8.

### Addison Trail wrestling

Addison Trail heavyweight wrestler Bobby Carson started the Class 3A state wrestling tournament with a pinfall win in 2:39 over Glenbrook South's Denatra Moshi.

He then dropped a 9-1 decision to Lincoln-Way East's Nick Allecretti in the quarter-

finals. Carson was eliminated after a 3-1 loss to Lincoln-Way Central's Bryan Ditchman in the wrestlingback quarterfinals.

Teammate Niko Rocha-Gomez started the tournament with a 7-6 loss at 170 pounds to Rockton Hononegah's Tyler DeMoss. Rocha-Gomez was eliminated after a 14-7 loss to Marmion's Nick Ferraro in the first round of wrestlingbacks.

### Addison Trail gymnastics

Addison Trail freshman gymnast Kennedy O'Neill placed 27th in floor exercise at the recent IHSA state gymnastics finals at Palatine High School. O'Neill earned a score of 8.825, which included judges marks of 8.7, 8.95, 9.05 and 8.65.

Teammate Casey Boksha tied for 28th in floor exercise with an 8.80 average. She had judges' scores of 8.75, 8.85, 9.05 and 8.70.

O'Neill tied for 34th on bars with a 7.45 after scores of 7.6, 7.3, 7.6 and 7.2.

### Addison Trail girls bowling

Addison Trail senior Megan Schmelter finished 89th at the recent IHSA girls state bowling finals near Rockford.

Schmelter finished with a total pinfall of 1,127. She had series' of 533 and 594. Her 594 series included games of 201, 195 and 198. Schmelter averaged 187.8 per game at the state tournament.

### Willowbrook girls basketball

The Willowbrook girls basketball team opened play in the Class 4A Batavia regional with a 58-56 win over St. Charles East.

Willowbrook trailed 17-11 after the first quarter and 25-21 at halftime. The Warriors cut the deficit to 36-35 heading into the fourth quarter and then outscored St. Charles East 23-20 in the fourth quarter.

Josie Zabran led the Warriors with 21 points. Olivia Domin had 17 points. Lauren Carroll added nine points and Molly Krawczykowski scored eight

points.

The Warriors then dropped a 63-43 game to Batavia in the regional final.

After playing to a 13-13 tie, Batavia outscored Willowbrook 14-9 in the second quarter and 22-10 in the third quarter.

Zabran led the Warriors with 20 points on 6-for-13 shooting. She also went 8-for-9 at the free-throw line and added five rebounds and two steals. Krawczykowski had 11 points and nine rebounds. Domin had six assists. Willowbrook shot 12-for-42 from the field.

### Addison Trail girls basketball

The Addison Trail girls basketball team dropped a 55-26 decision to Elk Grove in quarterfinal action of the Class 4A Batavia regional.

### Fenton girls basketball

The Fenton girls basketball team suffered a 45-31 loss to Glenbard West in quarterfinal action of the Class 4A Glenbard West regional.

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### AT senior goes to IHSA girls bowling state tournament

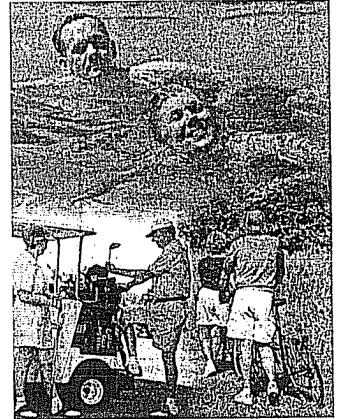
Pictured is Addison Trail senior Megan Schmelter, who competed at the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Girls Bowling State tournament Feb. 21 and 22 at the Cherry Bowl in Rockford.

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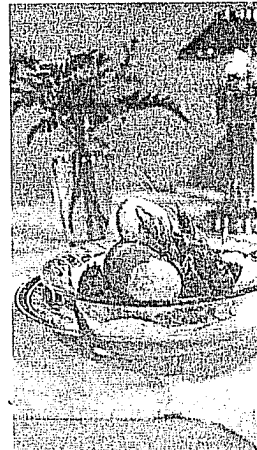
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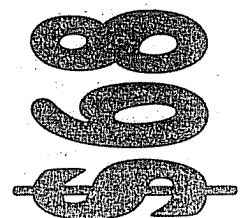


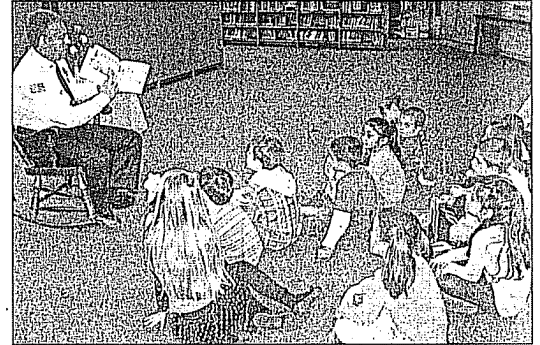
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### Captivating the Kids...

Above: Kindergarteners at Stone School appear enthralled as Addison Fire District chief Don Markowski reads to them.

Left: Fire Chief Don Markowski visits with Mrs. Ragucci's 5th grade class. The school celebrated literacy throughout the month of February.

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## IC Catholic Prep girls basketball teams wins sectional title

### Knights run winning streak to 15 games in a row

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The IC Catholic Prep girls basketball team recently added another must-read chapter to its 2013-2014 tale.

The Knights scored a 48-28 victory over Willows Academy to win the Class 2A Chicago Marine Military Academy sectional title. It was IC's first girls basketball sectional championship since 1980 (the 1980 team was coached by current ICCP President/Principal Pam Lavar).

IC played in the Class 2A Concordia University supersectional in River Forest Monday against South Holland Seton Academy. If IC won that game it will play in the Class 2A state semifinals Friday at 8:15 p.m. in Normal at Illinois State University.

IC led 15-4 in the first quarter and 25-8 at halftime against Willows. The Knights stretched their lead to 38-15 heading into the fourth quarter.

Rory Manion led the Knights with 15 points. Anjella Farmer scored eight points.

IC improved to 24-6 with the win. The Knights increased their winning streak to 15 games in a row.

"It's pretty amazing," said IC coach Aubree Lawrence Schuett. "I can't be more excited for them. What a group! Our journey has been so long and we've overcome so many obstacles and adversity along the way. They keep persevering. I'm so impressed with them

as a group. I couldn't ask for 11 more committed, loyal and talented kids to work with. They give life and joy to coaching. I can't be prouder of them. Their character builds into their ability to work together as a unit. They are such great kids who, genuinely do care about one another. That makes everything they do on the floor that much easier."

Lawrence Schuett said a deep roster has helped the team excel throughout the season.

"If one player is having a down day, someone else picks up the slack," she said. "We always seem to have a different double-figure scorer. Rory (Manion) has been consistent for us with scoring and rebounding. She's been consistently having double-digit rebounding games for the two months. Our ability to spread the scoring out to our five starters and players coming off the bench has helped us. It's fun to be able to see so many smiles and to see them contribute any way they can and do things to the best of their abilities. We have girls with great individual skill sets, but it's the teamwork and chemistry that has made us just as successful."

Defense again set the tone for the Knights in the sectional-championship win over Willows.

"They were hungry and wanted it," said Lawrence Schuett. "Our defense has been fierce. Willows only had eight points in the first half. Erin (Maloney) has done a fantastic job locking down the primary kid on the opposing team. The girls have this hungry look in their eyes. They are reaping the benefits of all the hard work they have put

in. They want this really bad."

IC reached the sectional final by scoring a 53-34 victory over Chicago Christ the King in the semifinals.

"Chiara (Gaudio) really stepped up against Christ the King," said Lawrence Schuett. "She had like 10 points alone in the second quarter all on mid-range jump shots. Christ the King played aggressive with their zones, but our kids seem to find one player within the offense. Chiara was successful making shots and that's a big reason we came out on top in that game."

IC also made a key defensive adjustment in the semifinals.

"Christ the King had a 6-3 center who really hurt us in the first half," said Lawrence

Schuett. "At halftime we made a defensive adjustment that allowed us to hold her to two points in the second half. It's another reason why we were successful that game. Against Willows we had an all-around great team defensive effort. They saw the opportunity in front of them and made sure they didn't lose out on it."

Lawrence Schuett also revealed Manion was recently named the Suburban Christian Conference Gold Division player of the year. Maloney, Grace Vitek and Abby Radaha also earned all-SCC Gold honors.

IC's Kasey Carver advanced to the state finals of the Class 2A 3-point shooting contest. She will shoot in Normal at ISU later this week.



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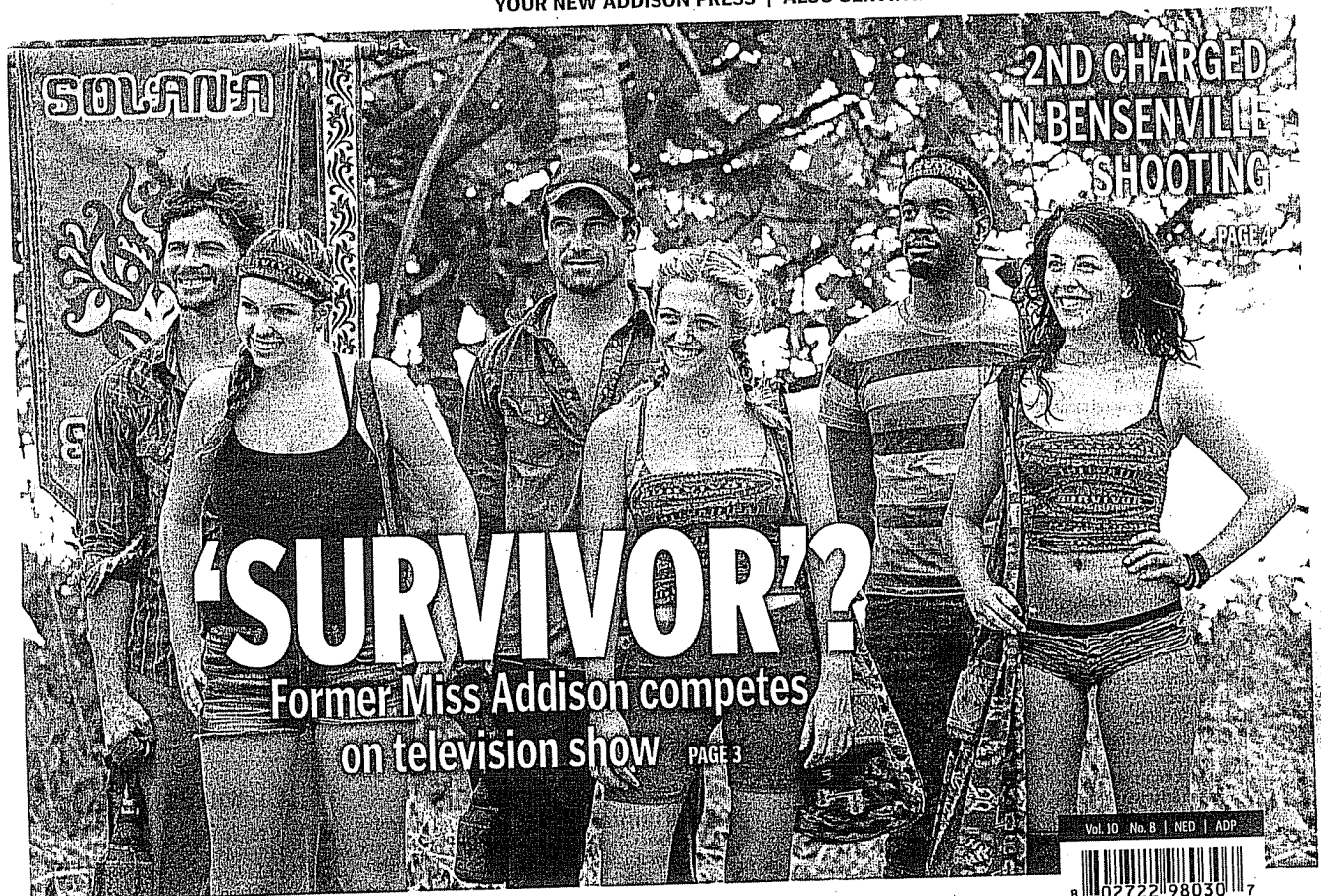
### Two Willowbrook wrestlers compete at IHSA State tournament

Pictured are Willowbrook sophomore Matt Rowland (left) and senior Jake Kroeger, who competed at the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Boys Wrestling State tournament Feb. 20 through 22 in Champaign. Rowland, a sophomore, competed in the 152-pound division; and, senior Jake Kroeger competed in the 182-pound division.

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# Former Miss Addison uses beauty, brains on 'Survivor'

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## Alexis Maxwell

**Age:** 21  
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**Residence:** Addison  
**Family:** Parents, Ron and Waleska; brother, Zach, 23  
**Plans after graduation:** Work as a district manager at ALDI where she interned during college

ADDISON – Addison residents who caught the premiere of the latest season of "Survivor" on Wednesday may have recognized former Miss Addison Alexis Maxwell among the castaway contestants.

"We watched it as a family since season one," the 21-year-old Northwestern student said.

Her father Ron, the biggest "Survivor" fan of the family, convinced her to apply with him for a spot on the show. In the spirit of fun, Alexis Maxwell put together her audition tape in a day. As she continued through the selection process, she couldn't believe she might actually be cast.

When she finally was chosen as one of 18 contestants for "Survivor: Cagayan," the show's 28th season, Maxwell decided to play not only for herself, but her dad, who wasn't cast on the show.

"I feel like it put even more pressure on me," she said.

The pair got to work strategizing and analyzing former seasons before Maxwell took off last summer for filming in the Philippines. This season, players are divided into three teams: brawn, brains and beauty.

Armed with a big personality, big appetite for adventure,

and big hair, Alexis was cast as a member of the Beauty Tribe.

"I don't care what I look like at all," said Maxwell, who rarely wears makeup to class.

She thinks the label was an interesting choice because beauty is so subjective, but she also wanted to use the label to her advantage. With a double major in learning and organizational change and psychology, Maxwell anticipated people would underestimate her other skills since she'd enter the game defined by her looks.

"Survivor" is just all about the social game," Maxwell said.

While she was crowned Miss Addison in 2009, she had never before competed in a pageant.

"That was the only time I did something like that, and I was doing it for a scholarship," Maxwell said.



Former Miss Addison Alexis Maxwell, 21, competes in this season of "Survivor: Cagayan" as a member of the Beauty Tribe.

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She prepared, she played, and now she has to watch the whole game on national television.

"It's definitely exciting and nerve-racking," said Maxwell, who refused to watch recordings of her high school theater performances during her Addison Trail High School days because she was too critical of herself.

Even while castaway on an island with 17 competitors in situations meant to test her, Maxwell stayed mindful of the cameras.

"I thought about future employers," she said. "I thought

about my little cousins that were all going to see."

Maxwell is still interested to see how everyone reacts to the show since she said the show brought out both the fun-loving side of her personality she usually reserves for her friends and her business side she usually leaves at work or class.

Despite her tribe title, Maxwell wouldn't call herself a beauty queen. She played her fair share of sports in high school, but after giving them up in college, she wouldn't have put herself in the Brawn Tribe. She was open to the other, though.

"I think definitely I would feel comfortable being labeled as a brain," she said.

At 21, Maxwell is also one of the youngest players this season. She considered the age difference when she first met her competition, but wasn't too intimidated.

In a season preview, "Survivor" host Jeff Probst calls Maxwell a "dark horse" in the game, citing her age as a possible setback, but the smarts behind her pretty smile as an asset.

Find out if Maxwell psychs out her competition on "Survivor: Cagayan" at 7 p.m. Wednesday on CBS.

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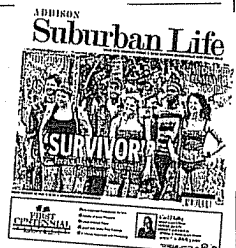
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Alexis Maxwell (far right), 21, of Addison stands with her fellow Beauty Tribe members on this season of "Survivor: Cagayan."

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## Addison Trail pays it forward

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**ADDISON** – For the 13th year, Addison Trail hosted Pay It Forward for current students and incoming freshmen.

On Feb. 15, incoming freshmen spent the day with high school students and staff, learning what it means to be an Addison Trail Blazer. This year's theme was "The Amazing Race," and more than 320 students participated.

The day included various leadership workshops, speakers, team-building exercises and activities to help students understand what it means to "pay it forward" in high school and in life.

A team of high school student leaders, including two student directors, led the event. Volunteer teacher leaders were pres-

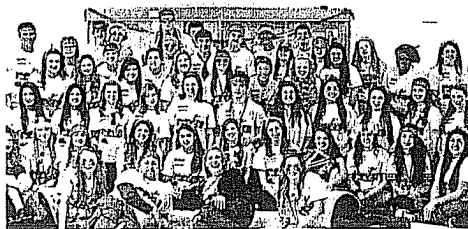


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Addison Trail High School student leaders facilitate the school's 13th annual Pay It Forward event Feb. 15 to teach incoming freshmen what it means to be an Addison Trail Blazer.

ent to assist with the team-building exercises and answer questions throughout the day.

In a District 88 news release, student director and senior Julia Rowley said she thinks the program helped her create lasting friendships as an

eight-grader coming from a private school.

Pay It Forward concluded with a reflection period and a dance, where students were able to let loose and celebrate a day's worth of leadership and team building.

### • STAR

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as narrowing achievement gaps on the ISAT for Hispanic and low-income students and those with limited English proficiency by 10 percent compared to their peers at each grade level.

Board member Karen

Stufen asked how the Rising Star plans, school improvement plans and key district performance indicators are related. They are separate plans, but all relate to goal-setting.

Johns suggested reviewing the plans and indicating which DPIs are also addressed through the Rising Star program this spring.





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## Addison sports bar to host fundraiser for kidney transplant

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

**ADDISON** – Pyramid Sports Bar in Addison will host a fundraiser for a Lake in the Hills man who needs a kidney transplant.

Patrick Turchan has polycystic kidney disease, a hereditary illness, and his kidneys have started to fail during the past year. His grandmother, mother and brother all have died from complications related to the disease.

Patrick's wife, Teresa, is a match and will donate her kidney March 6, but the transplant and related costs are expensive. The average kidney transplant costs about \$250,000, in addition to a lifetime of follow-up care and daily anti-rejection medications, according to a National Foundation for Transplants news release.

The foundation is a non-profit that helps patients raise funds to pay for trans-

plant-related expenses.

The lunch and raffle fundraiser will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday at Pyramid Sports Bar, 236 West Lake St.

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# OPINIONS

■ **LAST WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION:** What's the best thing about a winter warm spell?

**42 PERCENT:** Wearing less layers  
**26 PERCENT:** Spending the day outdoors  
**24 PERCENT:** It's still not warm enough for me  
**8 PERCENT:** Cooking out

■ **THIS WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION:** Do you support raising the minimum wage? Vote online at [mysurbanlife.com](http://mysurbanlife.com).

## District 88 to host heroin awareness events in coming weeks

In 2013, there were 45 heroin-related deaths in DuPage County. That number surpasses the county's record of 38 heroin-related deaths in 2012.

At District 88, we're committed to reversing this trend and helping put an end to the heroin epidemic in the county. The safety of students and staff is our No. 1 priority, and District 88 will host several events to educate students and parents/guardians about the heroin issue in the county and state and the dangers of that illegal drug.

I was honored to participate in a Heroin Awareness Prevention Panel on Feb. 20 at Good Samaritan United Methodist Church in Addison. The goal of that event was to have a discussion panel with a multifaceted perspective on the effects of heroin use in the community. The LTM Heroin Awareness and Support Foundation was a featured speaker on the panel and provided a resource table with heroin awareness handouts.

In partnership with the DuPage County Regional Office of Education, local police officials and high schools throughout DuPage County, District 88 will host a Student Leadership Symposium on Feb. 28 at Willowbrook. The symposium will bring student leaders from throughout the county together to create awareness and understanding of the rise of drug use in the county, especially heroin.

On March 18, Addison Trail and the Addison Police Department will host a Heroin Awareness presentation for parents/guardians and students. The event will begin at 7 p.m. at Addison Trail and will focus on the dangers of heroin and how to support those who might be struggling with addiction. The event is meant for students in sixth through twelfth grades and their parents/guardians. Willowbrook will host a similar event starting at 7 p.m. on March 11.

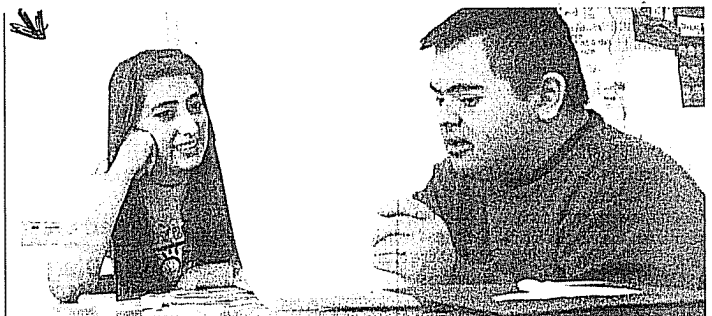
We recently filmed a video with Addison Community Television (ACTV) to promote the importance of these events, and you can see the video at [addisonadvantage.org/actv/index.shtml](http://addisonadvantage.org/actv/index.shtml).

District 88 will continue to support the county in these efforts to ensure the safety of students.

*Dr. Scott Helton is the superintendent for DuPage High School District 88.*



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Erica Benson - ebenson@shawmedia.com  
 Addison Trail student Genesis Garcia of Addison works Wednesday with Best Buddies group member Johnny Rodriguez of Addison at Addison Trail High School.



The list of service accomplishments for Addison Trail senior Genesis Garcia, 17, boggles the mind. She assists in a tutoring program, she's raised funds and awareness for breast cancer research, she's been involved in projects such as Teen Safe Driving and the Health and Wellness Program ... the list goes on. This drive to help others has earned her the Violet Richardson Award from Soroptimist International of Suburban Chicago, which comes with a college scholarship. Keep up the great work, Genesis.



Here's a thumbs up to Ekaterin Gjonaj of Addison and Paige N. Ramirez of Wood Dale, who sought out and received nominations from U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin to attend two of our nation's service academies. Gjonaj hopes to attend West Point, and Ramirez is aiming for the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado. Best of luck to you both.

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# SPORTS

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## Blazers in bounce-back mode

AT boys aim to put rough patch behind them as postseason tips off

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**ADDISON** – It's safe to say Addison Trail's boys basketball team has had better weekends

After getting crushed by host Morton on Feb. 21, 88-36, the Blazers fell to Hinsdale South 63-55 the next day. The Blazers beat both teams in the initial meetings of the season, but were unable to complete season sweeps of their West Suburban Gold rivals.

Morton played arguably its best game of the season, fired up to get revenge for the loss in Addison, and the Blazers didn't do enough to stay with the Mustangs. A hot shooting Morton team led 30-13 after a quarter and 61-21 at half, not the kind of score that was expected after AT won the first time the two teams met.

"We knew they could play and we knew they were capable of that," AT coach Brendan Lyons said. "We just didn't expect that. A lot goes to them and their ability to do what they did tonight, but we need to look at ourselves as well and say we didn't do a lot of things to get the game back to our tempo. We didn't shoot well and we took quick shots and we didn't get to the offensive glass."

The Blazers finished 6-6 in the WSG, tying for fourth in the conference. On Wednesday, the Blazers hosted Lyons Township in a WSC crossover. LT won 67-42. It was AT's fifth loss in six games.

Lyons has the task of getting his team to regroup ahead of the playoffs, which begin Monday. AT opens in a regional quarterfinal against North

### Addison Trail regional quarterfinal

Who: Addison Trail vs. North Lawndale Charter  
What: Class 4A boys basketball playoffs  
When: 6 p.m. Monday  
Where: 213 N. Lombard Road, Addison

"We knew they could play and we knew they were capable of that. We just didn't expect that."

**Brendan Lyons**  
AT coach

Lawndale Charter and would play top sectional seed York if they win.

"We got North Lawndale, who is a tough team, opening round at our place," Lyons said. "It's nice that we're hosting and if we win we get York. It's never going to get easy."

AT's recent losing skid comes partially as a result of tough competition. Each of the Blazers' last five losses have come against teams with winning records.

The team hopes hosting the regional gives them a good chance to make some noise in the playoffs.

"We like the fact that we're home," Lyons said. "Obviously we play better at home. Just try to get a little bit of momentum going in there and just take it one game at a time with North Lawndale."



Addison Trail's Taylor White looks to pass the ball during Wednesday's home game against Lyons Township. The Blazers lost to the Lions in the West Suburban Conference crossover game.

# Postseason tipoff time arrives for boys hoops teams

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The Class 3A and 4A boys basketball postseason begins next week. Teams in the area are hoping to reach Carver Arena in Peoria for the state finals March 20-22.

## Addison Trail

**Class:** 4A  
**Regional:** Addison Trail  
**Sectional:** Bartlett  
**Seed:** No. 16

**First game:** 6 p.m. Monday vs. No. 17 North Lawndale Charter

**Outlook:** The Blazers enter the postseason having lost three in a row and five of their last six games. That slump doesn't mean they should be overlooked.

AT has quality wins over Morton, Hinsdale South and Stagg. All three of those wins came at home.

Guard play has been key for the Blazers. Senior point guard James Pupillo is a very good ball handler that is capable of big scoring nights. Fellow senior guards Ronald Duling and Joe Kurucar are also key to the team.

First opponent North Lawndale Charter went 4-6 in the Public League Red West, the same division as powerhouses Whitney Young and Orr. The winner gets top sectional seed York in the March 7 regional final.

## Glenbard East

**Class:** 4A  
**Regional:** Morton  
**Sectional:** Bartlett  
**Seed:** No. 21

**First game:** 8 p.m. Monday vs. No. 12 Bartlett

**Outlook:** After winning the DuPage Valley Conference for the third time in four years last season, the Rams went just 1-13 in the DVC this year.

Senior guard Jaron Hall gives the Rams a quality scoring guard, but the rest of the team is very young and inexperienced. Young players like freshman Mike Finley and sophomore Patrick Peterkin have shown flashes of their potential, but will have to put it together if the Rams are to make a playoff run.

East opens up on the road



Addison Trail's Ronald Duling elevates for a shot during Wednesday's home game against Lyons Township. The Blazers start the playoffs Monday at their own regional tournament.

at Bartlett, which finished 4-8 in the Upstate Eight Valley. The winner of that game takes on No. 5 seed Conant, which the Rams beat for a regional title last year.

## Montini

**Class:** 3A  
**Regional:** Genoa-Kingston  
**Sectional:** Hampshire  
**Seed:** No. 5 in regional  
**First game:** 7 p.m. Monday vs. No. 4 Genoa-Kingston  
**Outlook:** The Broncos are the No. 5 seed out of five teams at

the Genoa-Kingston regional.

Montini, which was fourth in the Suburban Christian Gold, is led by senior forward Matt Brachmann. Brachmann is a double-double machine and a tough physical force inside. His younger brother, Kevin, has emerged as a player to watch and has given the Broncos some quality minutes late in the season.

If the Broncos can top Genoa-Kingston, they will then face top regional seed



Willowbrook's Carlos Meyers (left) makes his way down court during a Feb. 14 home game against Downers Grove South. The Warriors face Wheaton North in their first playoff game Monday.

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## Timothy Christian

**Class:** 3A  
**Regional:** Timothy Christian  
**Sectional:** Glenbard South  
**Seed:** No. 13

**First game:** 7 p.m. Monday vs. No. 23 Instituto Health Sciences Charter

**Outlook:** Losing Khali Valrie in the middle of the season has really hurt the Trojans at the guard position, but senior forward Connor VanderBrug makes them a dangerous opponent for any team.

VanderBrug is averaging 21.5 points and 8.6 rebounds per game. He does everything for the Trojans both because he is good enough and out of necessity. The senior forward is 6-foot-6 with 3-point shooting range and good ball handling skills.

The Trojans should be able to get past the regional quarterfinal and would see No. 7 Clemente in a semifinal. Clemente went undefeated in the Chicago Public League's Blue West, a third-tier conference in the CPL system.

## Willowbrook

**Class:** 4A  
**Regional:** Elk Grove  
**Sectional:** Bartlett  
**Seed:** No. 23

**First game:** 8 p.m. Monday vs. No. 10 Wheaton North

**Outlook:** The Warriors went winless in the West Suburban Gold and enter the post-

season with just two wins.

Regional semifinal opponent Wheaton North is a balanced offensive team led by senior guards Andrew Slivinski and Matt Biegalski. Getting past the Falcons would require an upset, but guards Chris Poole, Ed Mickevicius and Will Unseth can get hot from the outside. Junior Kyle Rushing has also emerged late in the season.

## York

**Class:** 4A  
**Regional:** Addison Trail  
**Sectional:** Bartlett  
**Seed:** No. 1

**First game:** 7 p.m. Tuesday vs. No. 16 Addison Trail or No. 17 North Lawndale Charter  
**Outlook:** It's not a good time of year to have the first slump of the season. The Dukes enter the postseason on a three-game losing streak, after losing just two games all season before that.

The losses did come to quality teams: Hinsdale Central, Oak Park-River Forest and Morton. York's senior laden squad is built for a quick turnaround, but they will have a target on their backs as the top seed in the sectional. Proviso East, OPRF and Morton are the next three seeds, in order, after the Dukes.

York could see Lyons Township in a regional final, which would be the fourth meeting between the teams this season. The Dukes won all three games during the regular season.



## Suburban Life ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



### CARLOS FUENTEZ

Glenbard East  
Senior | Wrestling

#### Why Fuentez was selected:

**Fuentez placed third at 106 pounds at the Class 3A state meet in Champaign last weekend.**

Glenbard East senior wrestler Carlos Fuentez earned his first state medal by taking third at 106 pounds at the state tournament over the weekend. He was one of two Rams to earn all-state honors, along with teammate Dayton Olson, and recovered from a quarterfinal defeat to win four matches in the wrestlebacks to claim his medal. Fuentez, the Oak Trust Credit Union Athlete of the Week, talked with Suburban Life sports editor Jason Rossi in Champaign after he picked up his medal.

**How did you mentally get ready after losing in the quarterfinals?**

I just focused on winning one match at a time, just focusing on that next match ahead of me.

**What did you do well at state?**

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I was just trying to break my opponents mentally. I was just trying to go after them. I was trying to wrestle tough, smart and hard.

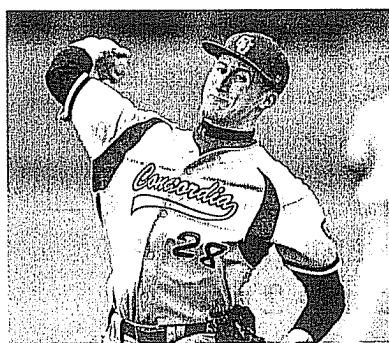
**What was key to the third place match against Glenbard North's Kirk Johansen?**

I wrestled him at sectionals in the quarterfinals. I don't think [having wrestled him before] made a big difference. I wrestled him in IKWF [Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation] when we were in eighth grade, so I knew what he was going to do and he knew what I was going to do, so it was good.

**Do you have any plans for college yet?**

I'm not sure yet [where I'm going], but I'm definitely going to wrestle in college.

## Willowbrook graduate earns All-American recognition



Steve Cox earned a nice accolade before the college baseball season even began. The Concordia University senior relief pitcher and Willowbrook High School graduate was a second-team selection to D3baseball.com's preseason All-American team. Last season as a junior, Cox made 17 appearances out of the bullpen and recorded 13 saves as the Cougars went 39-7 and finished the season ranked No. 16 in the country. His 13 saves were the third-most in Division III. He allowed just one unearned run in his 16 innings and fanned 20 batters while walking four.

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### » PREP ROUNDUP

## AT's Carson, Rocha compete at state

#### SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

Addison Trail wrestler Bobby Carson went 2-2 at the Class 3A state tournament. He won his first match by fall at 285 pounds, but was defeated in the quarterfinals. The senior won one match in the wrestlebacks before losing 3-1 in a quarterfinal wrestleback. He was one win away from placing. Fellow senior Niko Rocha lost both of his matches at 170 pounds.

#### BOYS BASKETBALL Willowbrook

After losing to Proviso East 72-46 Feb. 21, the Warriors lost a West Suburban Conference crossover to Downers Grove North 60-47 on Wednesday.

#### Montini

The Broncos improved to 9-15 on the season with a 58-55 victory against Aurora Central Catholic. Matt Brachmann had 27 points and 11 rebounds while Kevin Brachmann had 10 points and eight rebounds.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL Willowbrook

The Warriors came up short in a regional final on Feb. 20. Batavia ended Willowbrook's season with a 63-43 victory. Josie Zabran led the Warriors with 20 points and Molly Krawczykowski added 11 points and nine rebounds. The game was tied after a quarter and Willowbrook trailed by only five at halftime, but the Bulldogs pulled away in the second half. The Warriors were 23-5 this season.

#### GIRLS GYMNASTICS Addison Trail

Freshman Kennedy O'Neill was 27th on floor exercise and 34th on the uneven bars in her state debut Feb. 21. Junior Casey Boksha, also making her first state appearance, tied for 28th on floor.

#### GIRLS BOWLING Addison Trail

Megan Schmelter took 89th place at the state tourney on Feb. 21.

#### BOYS SWIMMING Addison Trail/Willowbrook co-op

The District 88 co-op team was 10th at the Downers Grove North sectional and failed to qualify any swimmers to state.

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