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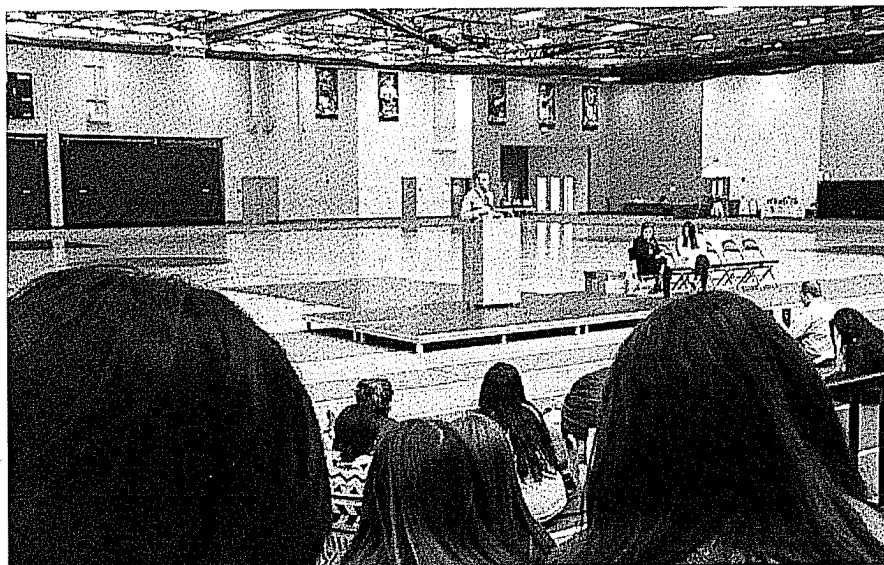

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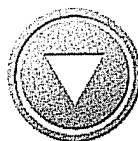
Nick Gore speaking to Morton East and West students on the dangers of heroin. (Posted By educator1323, Community Contributor - March 7, 2014)

**Posted By educator1323, Community Contributor**

12:07 pm, CST March 7, 2014

On Friday, February 28th, sixteen student leaders from Morton West and East attended a Student Symposium and Workshop at Willowbrook High School. The purpose of the Symposium and Workshop was to educate student leaders on the rise of heroin use and substance abuse and empower them with the tools and understanding to impact their current high school and community.

The morning began with a presentation by Nick Gore, DuPage County Resident and recovering Heroin addict, as well as a representative from the LTM Foundation, on the realities of Heroin use and the impact on the individual, family, and friends. The workshop concluded with students working with fellow students from 19 area participating high schools



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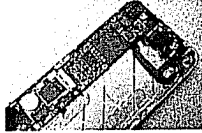
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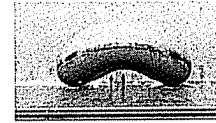
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Keehner also said that the PARC grants are typically not awarded in a timely manner, and that the village might not hear whether it will receive a grant until this November or December. Keehner said Williams Architects basis and is capable of preparing or submitting a PARC application by the March 10 deadline.

## Board meeting includes budget news for the upcoming 2014-15 fiscal year

Monday night's Villa Park Village Board meeting featured the first presentation of information regarding the village's budget for its upcoming 2014-15 fiscal year, which begins on May 1. Villa Park Public Works Director Vydas Juskelis, who also serves as the village's treasurer and budget officer, gave a presentation at the meeting.

Juskelis said the village's corporate fund, which is the largest fund in the budget, has a projected balance of about \$6.4 million at the end of the 2014-15 fiscal year. The corporate fund had a balance of about \$6.1 million at the start of the current fiscal year, Juskelis said. According to Juskelis, the corporate fund had a balance of \$3.9 million four years ago.

A balance of \$6.4 million would give the corporate fund enough money to fund the village's operations for about 119 days. In recent years, the fund's balance covered the village's expenses for between 50 to 60 days.

Juskelis, who noted that the corporate fund is the source of many of the village's capital projects, provided information about the enterprise funds in the village budget. The enterprise funds include the water fund, the waste water fund, the street improvement fund, the capital projects fund, the equipment replacement fund and the storm water fund.

Juskelis said the village's water fund will begin the new fiscal year with a balance of over \$2 million. He said that figure should hold relatively steady during the fiscal year and close the 2014-15 year with a healthy balance of about \$1.9 million.

The water fund's main expense—the purchase of water—is \$2.3 million a year and rising, said Juskelis. He also noted that the village is about to begin the transition from quarterly billing to monthly billing. One of the fund's expenses will be a conversion to a radio system that will enable the reading of every water meter in the village from one antenna. He said the process of installing transmitters for the new meter-reading system will take place in phases. Juskelis also said the village is planning about \$8.8 million worth of water main replacements over the next five years.

In discussing the village's street improvement fund, Juskelis said the current fiscal year has been a busy one for road repairs in Villa Park. He said that 3.8 miles of roads

were resurfaced or reconstructed in 2013. The improved roads included portions of Kenilworth Avenue, Harvard Avenue, North Michigan Avenue, Van Buren Street and Ovaline Court. Juskelis said about 25.5 miles of Villa Park streets have been repaired in the last seven years.

Villa Park's street improvement projects during the current 2013-14 fiscal year cost over \$3 million, Juskelis said. He noted that the main funding source for the fund—a half-percent sales tax, has consistently generated about \$1.4 million per year in recent years.

Villa Park Village Manager Rich Keehner noted during the presentation that the cost to reconstruct a street is about 10 times the cost of resurfacing a street. The reconstruction project on Van Buren Street, which is about 90 percent complete, will cost over \$800,000, including street and sewer costs.

The street improvement projects for the upcoming fiscal year include resurfacing the parking lots at the village's two public pools and at the fire station at 102 W. Plymouth Ave. Those projects have a total estimated cost of approximately \$170,000.

Juskelis said the village's equipment replacement fund has no dedicated funding source and relies largely on transfers from the corporate funds. While speaking about the equipment replacement fund, he said the village has one more payment on one of the ambulances in its fleet. A new ambulance will join the village fleet later this year. Juskelis said the village has currently saved \$100,000 toward the purchase of a new fire engine, which will cost about \$460,000. The village will budget another \$120,000 toward a new fire engine in the coming fiscal year. Keehner said he expected the village to place an order for a new fire engine around August of this year. He said the new fire engine will replace a fire engine that is about 25 years old and has been experiencing multiple problems. There are three fire engines in the village fleet.

The upcoming March 10 village board meeting will include further discussion of the budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year. That meeting will feature information about the village's corporate fund and anticipated revenues and expenditures, as well as discussion about the budgets of Villa Park's police and fire departments.



## District 88's Best...

WILLowbrook HIGH SCHOOL senior Molly Kuenstler (above, right) of Villa Park is her school's recipient of the District 88's Best award for the month of February. Kuenstler, who is pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause, was recognized at the Feb. 24 District 88 Board of Education meeting. Each month of the school year, the board of education presents the District 88's Best award to students from each of the district's two schools—Willowbrook and Addison Trail high schools. The award recognizes students for their achievements both inside and outside the classroom. When she graduates from Willowbrook in June, Kuenstler will have successfully completed 11 Advanced Placement (AP) college-level courses, as well as several honors courses. She has maintained a class ranking within the top 2 percent of her school's Class of 2014, and she is an inductee of the National Honor Society, the Math Honor Society, the Hispanic Language Honor Society and Willowbrook's social studies honor society—Civitas. Outside of the classroom, Kuenstler has been a standout swimmer of the Addison Trail/Willowbrook girls swim and dive team, serving as the team captain. She was a four-year varsity letter winner and qualified for the IHSA State Meet in nine different events during her four seasons. She has also been involved in Relay For Life, Feed My Starving Children and Key Club. Kuenstler also teaches swim lessons for the Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department. Kuenstler has received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, where she plans to major in chemistry. She will also swim for the academy's collegiate swim team.

## Chicago man charged in Friday morning stabbing in Villa Park

by Bonnie MacKay

A male and female, returning to a Villa Park apartment, were met by a Chicago man who ended up allegedly stabbing the 36-year-old male subject.

According to Villa Park Police Detective Sgt. Dan McCann, Octavio Angeles, 48, reportedly was waiting in the parking lot of an apartment building in the 300 block of North Ardmore at about 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 28.

He reportedly "came out of nowhere," yelled an expletive in Spanish and then allegedly stabbed the 36-year-old man. He then fled the scene.

However, the couple did not make a 9-1-1 call or notify police, the detective related, saying that later in the day they went to Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove. At about 10 p.m., Villa Park police were notified that a stabbing victim was at the hospital for treatment.

When officers arrived at Good Samaritan, McCann said the 36-year-old victim was in surgery.

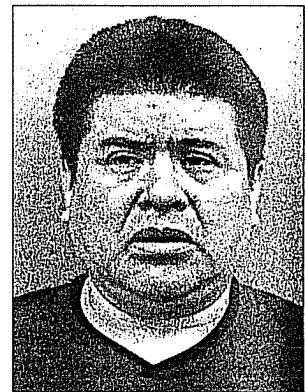
"Officers learned that the victim [allegedly] had been stabbed multiple times, including stab wounds to his face," McCann said, adding that the injuries were not life threatening.

Upon interviewing the 41-year-old female, officers learned that the suspect reportedly involved in the stabbing was a former boyfriend.

McCann said investigators did some research and found out that Angeles lives in the 2100 block of North Melvina in Chicago. They also were able to determine the make and model of his vehicle.

In the early morning hours of Saturday, March 1, Villa Park officers went to his address in the city and located his vehicle.

"He surrendered himself at the house," McCann explained, adding that Angeles was



OCTAVIO ANGELES

in his vehicle.

A search of the gray Buick turned up a knife, which reportedly had blood on it, the detective said.

"Once placed in custody, he told us where the knife was," McCann said, adding that Angeles gave Villa Park detectives access to his vehicle.

The detective explained that although the stabbing allegedly took place in the parking lot, and investigators did find blood at the crime scene, no one notified police.

"It happened by the back door of the building and it's possible not many people saw it," he said.

Angeles was transported to the Villa Park Police Station. He was charged with aggravated battery and transported to the DuPage County Jail in Wheaton. As of press time, he was being held at the county jail in

## Willowbrook music department presents four concerts this month

The Willowbrook High School music department will present four winter concerts in March. All four Thursday night performances will begin at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The first of the four concerts takes place Thursday, March 6. The choral event will include performances from the school's concert and treble choirs, as well as the beginning mixed chorus.

The band concert of March 13 will feature music from the symphonic wind ensemble, the symphonic band, the freshman band and the percussion ensemble.

The orchestra concert on March 20 will feature the symphony and chamber orchestras. The beginning guitar and guitar ensemble groups will also perform.

Willowbrook's final concert of the month on March 27 will include performances from the jazz band, jazz combo and the school's CenterStage show choir.

Admission to each of the four concerts is \$3 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens and students. Student passes and senior citizen gold cards will be accepted for each event. Admission is free to children 12 and under who are accompanied by an adult.

## Lou Manfredini to speak at Villa Park Kiwanis Club's fundraiser

Lou Manfredini, WGN Radio's "Mr. Fix It" and co-owner of Villa Park Ace Hardware, will be the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club Eliminate Project fundraiser on Saturday, March 8, from 11 a.m. to noon at Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801, located at 29 E. St. Charles Road.

Audience members will have an opportunity to hear "Mr. Fix It" and to get answers to personal home-repair questions.

The Kiwanis Club will also provide information on its Eliminate Project and the work being done by Kiwanis and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to eliminate malnutrition and neonatal tetanus in poverty areas around the world.

The cost of \$10 per person includes lunch. Tickets will be available at the fundraiser.

For more information, contact the Villa Park Kiwanis Club at 630-247-9064 or visit its website at [www.kiwanisclubofvillapark.org](http://www.kiwanisclubofvillapark.org).





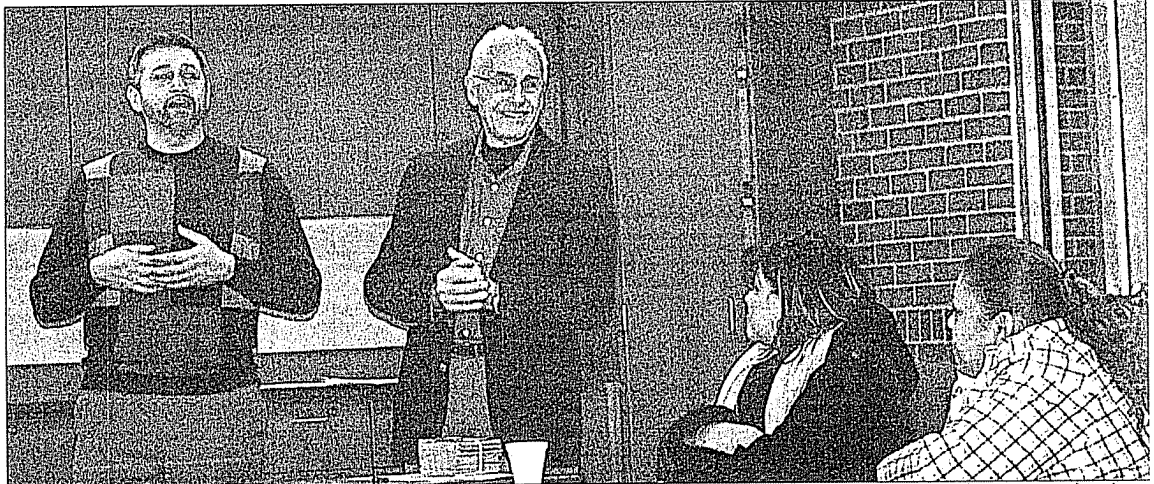
# District 88 hosts Student Leadership Symposium

VILLA PARK — On Feb. 28, the field house at Willowbrook was filled with students from 23 high schools throughout DuPage County.

They came together for a Student Leadership Symposium to discuss the heroin epidemic in the county and state. 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. The students talked about substance abuse, how to become a leader in their schools and communities to create awareness and how to elicit help for those in need. DuPage Regional Office of Education Superintendent Dr. Darlene J. Ruscitti, Angelica Selvaggio and Felicia Miceli with the LTM Heroin Awareness and Support Foundation Inc. and recovering heroin addict Nick Gore shared their stories with the students and discussed the importance of the symposium.

District 88 is committed to helping put an end to the heroin epidemic in the county. The safety of students and staff is the district's No. 1 priority, and two other events to educate students and parents/guardians about the heroin issue will take place in March.

On March 18, Addison Trail and the Addison Police Department will host a Heroin Awareness



## Bringing in an expert...

Addison Trail Social Worker Jorge de Leon (left) introduces Dr. Calvin George, with George Chiropractic in Addison and a member of the Addison Rotary Club, during the Padres Latinos en Acción meeting on Feb. 25. During that meeting, parents/guardians heard a presentation from de Leon and Addison Trail ACHIEVE Social Worker Rolando Rocha about various drugs, how to speak with your child about drugs and the heroin epidemic in DuPage County and Illinois. Dr. George shared his story about how drugs have affected two of his family members.

ness 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.

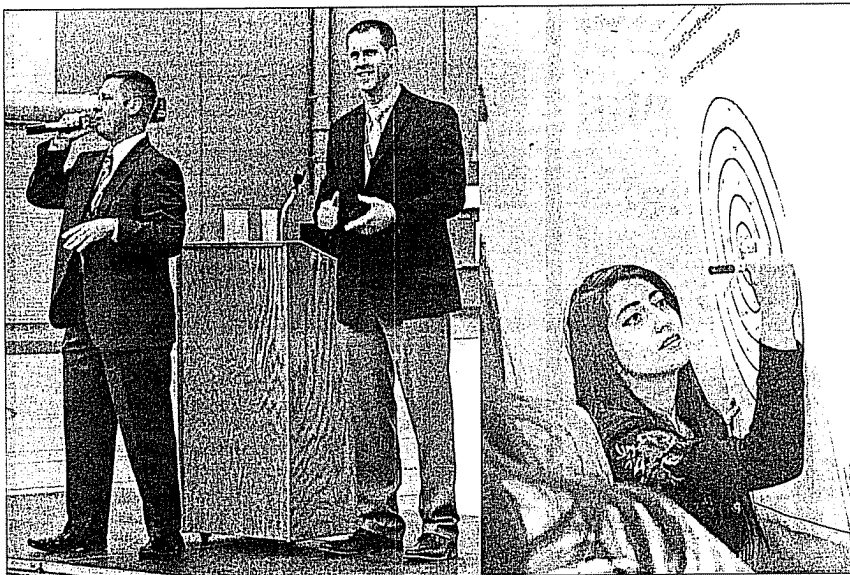
The district and local officials recently filmed a video with Addison Community Television (ACTV) to promote the importance of these events. To see the video, go to [addisonadvantage.org/actv/index.shtml](http://addisonadvantage.org/actv/index.shtml).

To reach out to the Spanish-speaking community, Addison

Trail hosted a heroin awareness presentation during its Padres Latinos en Acción meeting on Feb. 25. During that meeting, parents/guardians heard a presentation from Addison Trail staff members Jorge de Leon and Rolando Rocha, which included videos and information about various drugs, how to speak with your child about drugs and the heroin epidemic in DuPage County and Illinois. Dr. Calvin George, with George Chiropractic in Addison and a member of the Addison Rotary Club, shared his story about how drugs have affected two of his family members.

District 88 will continue to

support the county in these efforts to ensure the safety of students.



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## District 88 Heroin Symposium takes on tough issues

On Feb. 28, District 88 hosted a Student Leadership Symposium at Willowbrook to discuss with students the heroin epidemic in DuPage County and Illinois. (Left photo): Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (left) and Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka welcome students to the symposium. (Right photo): Addison Trail senior Genesis Garcia leads a group project during the symposium.

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## SPORTS

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## Season comes to a close for Addison Trail girls cagers

**Blazers played strong first half in regional game against Elk Grove**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Addison Trail girls basketball coach Rob Schader saw some good progress in the first half of his team's Class 4A regional game against Elk Grove.

Addison Trail ended up losing, 55-26, to Elk Grove to conclude its season.

"We played really well in the first half," said Schader. "Our problem was that we couldn't score, which really hurt us. That's something we've had

to deal with all year. We played good defense against Elk Grove. They had a nine-point lead and then all of a sudden it was up to 20 points like nothing in a matter of two or three minutes. We held them to 19 points in the first half. We played good man defense. They had a couple tall girls that we did well against in the first half."

Katie Dziabis led the Blazers with 12 points. Addison Trail finished the year 5-23 overall and 2-10 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play.

"We have a lot of kids who played a lot of varsity minutes this year who are coming back," said Schader. "Stephanie Messina reinjured her knee and we expect her to come back. They say she could be back by August and with her I

don't doubt that. We have five kids who played good minutes who will be back. We have some sophomore kids who can play and our freshmen were 15-8 and played really well so our lower levels are pretty decent. I think we should continue to improve the next few years."

That list of five includes Rachel Baumgartner, Tegan Graff, Annina Beltrano, Kelly Delawder and Messina.

"Rachel played a steady game for us as a junior and Tegan is a sophomore who played a lot of minutes in the past for us," said Schader. "Those five are coming back and we have four or five kids on the sophomore team that will help us. Our sophomores won 10 games and didn't have their best player all year (knee injury). We'll be a little bit bigger

next year and we have kids who logged good minutes."

Senior Connie Barkoulies earned all-WSC Gold honors.

"Katie Dziabis was right there as well for all-conference," said Schader. "Connie and Katie pretty much led us in scoring this year. They are great kids who gave a lot to the program. They worked hard in season and out of season and in the classroom."

Schader noted eight seniors on the team earned all-conference academic honors.

"I think the lowest GPA in the group is a 3.75 and that's great," he said. "We have a great group of kids who will do really well."

## Willowbrook girls basketball team enjoys banner season

**Warriors won 23 games, conference title and advanced to regional title game**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Willowbrook girls basketball team made the 2013-2014 season a memorable one.

The Warriors went 23-5, won the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title with a perfect 12-0 mark and advanced to a Class 4A regional title game.

Willowbrook lost to Batavia in the regional championship.

"Against Batavia we had a few too many injuries," said Willowbrook coach Terry Harrell. "And we were going against a pretty good team."

The Warriors also played the game with standout Molly Krawczykowski at less than full strength. Harrell said she suffered a knee injury the Tuesday prior to the game.

"She was playing at about 70 percent," said Harrell. Sophomore Josie Zabran again played well against Batavia. She had 22 points, including 16 in the first half.

Krawczykowski had 11 points and 10 rebounds. Harrell said the loss in the regional championship game does not take away from the overall body of work the team turned in.

"We were 23-5 and went undefeated in conference," he said. "It's not the way you want it to end, but it's difficult to complain about the season we had."

Willowbrook had four players earn all-WSC Gold accolades. That group includes Krawczykowski, Lauren Carroll, Olivia Domin and Melissa Rader.

Harrell also lauded the progress of Zabran, who was moved up to the varsity team in the second half of the season.

"Josie Zabran was a true find for us," the coach said. "She didn't get her first start until we played Proviso East and then she averaged double figures the rest of the season. She had 21 and 22 points in our playoff games. We have found a true post player. We haven't been focusing on that the last several years. Now we

have a girl, regardless of her height, that can be a true back-to-the-basket post player. She's able to draw fouls and draw attention inside and that allows us to free up the perimeter."

Harrell also is looking forward to the return of Danielle Velasquez, who suffered an ACL injury.

"We think she'll be back in time for the fall pre-season," said Harrell. "That would go a long way in making us a very good team. She's our point guard going forward."

Harrell is excited for what the future holds for the program.

"We have a lot of talented players coming back," he said. "We have Josie, Sam Schmidt, Alyssa Ressler and Michala Giammarino. We expect to be very good next year."

Harrell would like to see the program continue to progress and build upon yet another strong season.

"We've lost in the regional final two years in a row," he said. "All in all, this was a good season for us. It was very nice winning the conference. That was the

first time in 18 years that has happened. It was one of the girls' goals at the beginning of the season. Going undefeated was a very big deal."

Harrell lauded the team's character in securing the undefeated league season. Prior to the team's final conference game against Downers Grove South, the team attended the wake of a teammate's family member.

"We had four girls on crutches that game and basically went from the wake and played the game," said Harrell. "We had a lot of girls who probably didn't feel like playing basketball that night, but they showed a lot of heart and played through it."

Harrell noted this group of Willowbrook seniors will go down in the books as the winningest in program history.

"They went 45-9 the last two years," said Harrell. "That's a pretty good run. We're looking forward to continuing what we've established here. We want this to be a place where the seniors expect to win 23-24 games a year."

## IC girls basketball team finishes fourth in state

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The IC Catholic Prep girls basketball team ended its most-successful season on the biggest stage of all.

The Knights finished fourth at the Class 2A state girls basketball finals at Illinois State University's Redbird Arena in Normal.

IC finished the season 25-8 overall and won 16 games in a row at one point.

IC dropped a 32-28 decision to Teutopolis in the state third-place game.

IC led 6-2 after the first quarter and 16-12 at halftime. Teutopolis outscored IC 8-2 in the third quarter and 12-10 in the fourth quarter.

Abby Radoha led the Knights with 14 points and four rebounds. She shot 7-for-14 from the field. Erin Maloney added eight points, three rebounds and two steals. Rory Manion had seven rebounds and Grace Vitek had six rebounds, two assists and two steals. IC shot 29.8 percent from the field.

IC opened play in Normal with a 57-48 loss to Proph-

etstown.

Prophetstown led 10-6 after the first quarter and 27-22 at halftime. Prophetstown outscored IC 16-5 in the third quarter. IC shot 39.6 percent from the field, while Prophetstown shot 52.9 percent and 66.7 percent from the field in the second half.

Vitek led the Knights with 24 points, eight rebounds, three steals and two assists. She shot 12-for-16 from the field. Manion had 10 points and seven rebounds, while Radoha had seven points, five rebounds and two steals. Maloney added five points, five rebounds and two steals.

IC reached the state finals by scoring a 40-38 victory over South Holland Seton Academy in Class 2A super-sectional action. Manion had 10 points and 12 rebounds, while Vitek scored 10 points.

Champaign St. Thomas More won the Class 2A state title with a 70-34 win over Prophetstown. St. Thomas More finished the season with a 31-2 record.

IC's Kasey Carver competed in the Class 2A state 3-point shooting finals at Redbird Arena. She made eight 3-pointers in the Group 1 preliminary round and did not advance to the Class 2A final round.

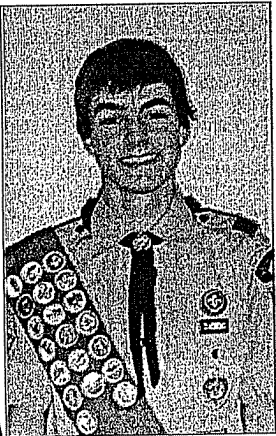


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## Two WB students earn Eagle Scout status

Pictured are Willowbrook senior Greg Danielson (above) and sophomore Zack Wolski, (below). They recently earned Eagle Scout status, the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts of America.



## Parks & Rec gears up for spring Easter events

VILLA PARK — Parks and Recreation's is offering several special events for kids and families to help usher in spring. Kids ages 3-12 (ages 3-5 with parent) are invited for "Pizza with the Bunny" on Wednesday, April 9 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., where they will make their own pizzas, play games, decorate cookies and visit with the Bunny. The fee is \$12/\$9 siblings.

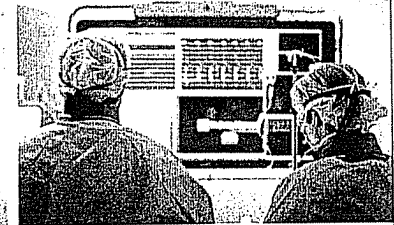
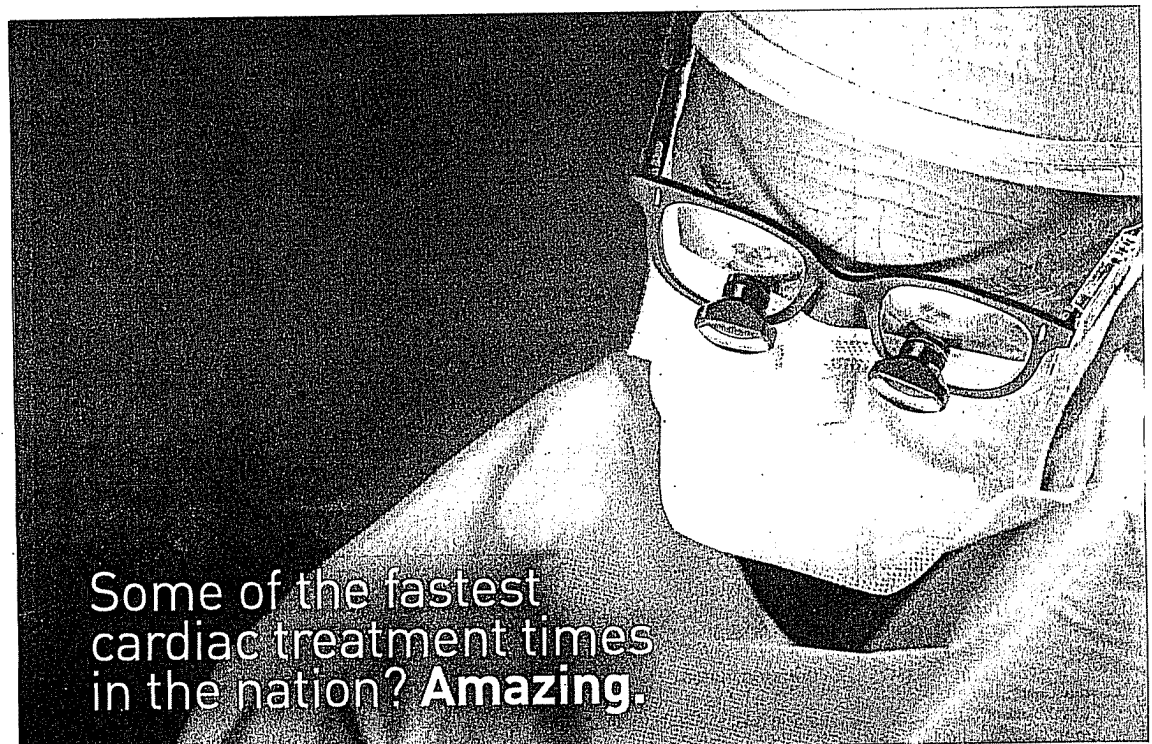
Kids ages 3-12 (3-5 with a parent) can

join in an "Egg Coloring Class" on Friday, April 18 from 3-4 p.m. Use different materials and dyes to make colorful eggs to take home for an at-home egg hunt. The fee is \$10/\$8 addl. siblings.

All ages can register for "Lunch with the Bunny" on Saturday, April 12 at 12 noon at the Community Rec Building, 320 E. Wildwood. Enjoy hot dogs, chips, drinks and desserts, along with a visit with the Bunny. After lunch, head

outside (rain or shine) for an egg hunt by age group, where a special prize will be awarded to the child in each age group who finds the golden egg. Age groups will be divided as follows: younger than age 2; ages 2-4; ages 5-7; and, ages 8 and older. Parents may assist children ages 4 and younger.

Pre-registration is required for all the above programs. Register by calling 630-834-8970 or visit [vprd.org](http://vprd.org).



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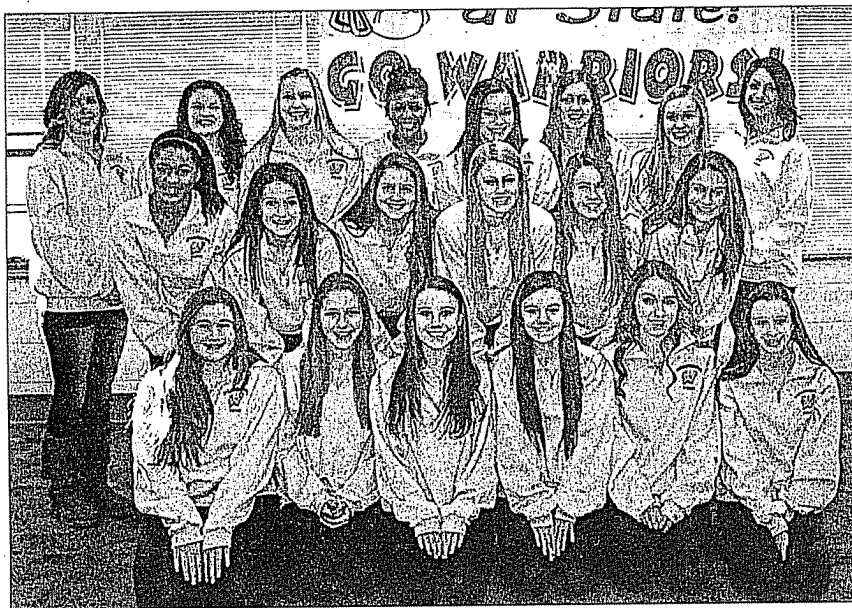


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## WBHS Poms compete in TDI Grand Championship

Pictured is the Willowbrook Poms Team, which competed in the Team Dance Illinois (TDI) Grand Championship on March 2 at Carver Arena inside the Peoria Civic Center in Peoria. Pictured are (front row, from left) freshman Julia Holden, sophomore Claire Creighton, sophomore Christen Huetten, freshman Kiana Gleason, sophomore Amanda Barrie, sophomore Marissa Fast, (middle row, from left) freshman India Garner, sophomore Bianca LoCascio, sophomore Veronica Catanese, sophomore Emily Isaacson, senior Kelly Moran, senior Hannah Smith, (back row, from left) Coach Maggie Lamb, freshman Maggie Sommers, sophomore Maddie Schulte, junior Lashay Butler, junior Sarah Dvorak, junior Hunter Sparks, junior Nora Grzadzki and Coach Autumn Jones.

### • TIF

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trict is in place," he said.

The Board of Trustees agreed that the area was ripe for a TIF district. They voted 6-0 (Trustee Don Kase was absent) to approve a feasibility study and report for the area, a necessary first step in creating the TIF.

"We all want to see development in the area," Trustee Aiello said. "I can't believe a TIF district hasn't already been proposed here."

The North Ardmore TIF District, if found feasible by the study as expected, will run east-west from Harvard to Illinois Sts. The TIF will be bordered in the south by the railroad tracks. To the north, it would cover just one block, but is bowed out to Vermont, thus covering the Garden Station project. The Jefferson Pool would fall under the TIF, opening up a potential funding source for the decades-old swimming pool.

Ehlers & Associates would conduct the TIF feasibility study, at a cost of \$26,000. Goldman offered to pay the fee, but Trustee Chris Aiello pointed out a potential conflict of interest.

"It is a conflict of interest when the business that would most benefit from a TIF pays for the study," Aiello said. "The Village will have to pay for it."

The study would be eligible for reimbursement from the TIF, however.

### Inducement Resolution debated

The Board was somewhat divided when the question of approving an inducement resolution was next considered. Trustee Aiello noted that the main costs that are reimbursable to developers through a TIF district involve land acquisition. As Golden Spike already owns the land, that item is not eligible for this project.

Resident Diane Blair-Sherlock, an attorney, addressed the Board with concerns about the sudden nature of the proposal.

"I have issues with the wording of the resolution," Sherlock said. "It is too open-ended. As I read it, just about everything is reimbursable to the developer."

The Village Attorney said such agreements were common, but they usually happen after a TIF is established, or much closer to final approval of the TIF.

Trustees John Davis and Aiello both voted against the inducement resolution. Trustees Al Bulthuis, Bob Taglia, Bob Wagner joined Village President Deborah Bullwinkel in voting for the resolution.

## OBITUARY

### Robert J. Jordan, 86

Robert J. Jordan, of Villa Park, passed away in Westmont on February 28, 2014, at the age of 86. Retired from ComEd, he was the beloved husband of the late Audrey A., loving father of Aimee (Richard) Safover, Luke Jordan, Robert E. (Angela Westphal) and Kathy Jordan, fond brother of William (Darlene) Jordan and Michael Antink. Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday March 4, 2014, at St. John the Apostle Church, Villa Park. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Please omit flowers. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

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

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### 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 [elmhurst.edu/cultural\\_events/governmental\\_forum](http://elmhurst.edu/cultural_events/governmental_forum)

#### • VPRD Nerf Wars

At 6:30 p.m., kids ages 11-14 are invited to the Iowa Community Center for Nerf Wars, a single elimination tournament in which teams of four will battle it out to be Nerf Wars champion. Register as a team of four or as an individual to be placed on a team. All participants should bring their own Nerf Guns and labeled Nerf Darts. Fee: \$10 per team/\$5 individuals.

#### • VFW hosts Luau

##### Night Fish Fry

From 5:30-8:30 p.m., the Villa Park VFW's Friday night fish fry will have an island theme. Wear a Hawaiian shirt (or your brightest) and the first 180 guests receive an island lei. Beef sandwiches and other options also available. The Post #2801 is located at 39 E. St. Charles Rd. Info: 630-834-8191.

### Wednesday, March 12

#### Girl Power! A World of Peace

Starting at 7 p.m., celebrate Women's History Month at the Villa Park Public Library as storyteller Shanta shares tales of strong women who stood up for their beliefs. The program is sponsored by the Youth Services Department, and all ages are welcome. No registration is needed. Info: visit [vppl.info](http://vppl.info) or call (630) 834-1176.

### Wednesday, March 12

#### Unemployment insurance workshop

From 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Glendale Lakes Golf Club, the Addison Chamber of Commerce and Industry, State Sen. Tom Culleton and the Glendale Heights Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend a free unemployment insurance workshop, titled: "Meeting Business Needs." Admission: Free. Info and to register: Those who want to attend must register by Thursday, March 6 due to limited space. Call: (630) 903-6662.

### Thursday, March 13 Bunch & Lunch seniors celebrate St. Patrick's Day

Parks and Recreation holds a monthly Birthday Bunch & Lunch program for seniors from 12-2:30 p.m. at the Community Recreation Building, 320 E.

Wildwood. At the March gathering, celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a special lunch of corned beef and turkey sandwiches with sides. Singer Rick Pickren will provide musical entertainment. After lunch, enjoy Bingo for gift prizes (not monetary) and singing to those celebrating March birthdays. Fee: \$9/payable at the door. Register to 630-834-8525 at least one week in advance. Sponsored in-part by G.M. Smith and Son Realtors in Villa Park.

### Saturday, March 15

#### Kontras String Quartet to perform

At 7:30 p.m. in Buik Recital Hall (190 Prospect Ave.), Elmhurst College's Department of Music presents the Kontras String Quartet in recital. Admission: \$15 and is free for all Elmhurst College students, faculty and staff. Info and to purchase tickets: visit [elmhurst.edu/world-music](http://elmhurst.edu/world-music) or [kontrasquartet.com](http://kontrasquartet.com)

### Friday, March 20

#### Mom & Son Date Night

From 5:30-9 p.m., young men and their special date are invited to Enchanted Castle for the Parks and Recreation Dept.'s Mom and Son Date Night. Boys and their "dates" will receive a wristband to use the go-carts, bumper cars, play Laser tag, miniature golf and more. Game tokens can be purchased at a special discount of \$4 for a roll or 20. Couples will also enjoy a pizza dinner. The fee is \$30 per couple/\$15 each additional son.

### Saturday, March 21

#### Friday FUN-DAY

Fridays are FUN-DAYS at Iowa Community Center and 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, kids will venture outside to the new playground and other grounds. Friday FUN-DAY takes place from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Fee: \$13.

### Wednesday, April 9

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### Mario Macedo recognized as 88's Best for January

Pictured here with Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka, is Mario Macedo, Addison Trail's January recipient of 88's Best recognition.

courtesy photo

## Addison Trail names January recipient of 88's Best recognition

ADDISON — Mario Macedo has been named as Addison Trail's January recipient of 88's Best recognition. Macedo, a senior, was recognized during the Feb. 24 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

Macedo's outstanding performance in the classroom has earned him a place on the Distinction Honor Roll all four years of his high school career, two AT's Best awards, a Student of the Semester recognition and acknowledgment as an AP Scholar and an Illinois State Scholar.

His parents left their family and the world they knew in Mexico to give Macedo and his siblings better opportunities to succeed in the U.S. His excellence in the classroom is not only demonstrated by his exceptional grades, but also by the courses he has taken. Macedo will graduate this year having successfully completed 15 Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses and 10 honors courses.

"When I had Macedo as a freshman, he was a quiet leader," said teacher Becky Cibulka. "I was so impressed with his work ethic and his drive for excellence. He was part of the first class that was able to take AP human geography at Addison Trail, and he earned a 5 (the highest grade possible) on his AP test because of all of

his hard work."

Not only does Macedo commit himself to academics, but he excels in other areas as well. He has been a four-year member of Addison Trail's Academic Team, Math Team and Debate Team (of which he also was Treasurer). During the past two years, Macedo also has been a member of Science Olympiad, DECA (he was a State qualifier), Youth and Government, Model UN and Science Club. He even took a particle physics course at Fermilab.

Also involved in community

service at Addison Trail and within the village, Macedo has volunteered with the food drive, the Kiwanis Breakfast, Key Club, the Easter Egg Hunt and the Activity Fair over the past four years.

With plans to study aerospace engineering, Macedo is waiting to hear back from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Michigan, Northwestern University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and the California Institute of Technology (Caltech).

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## Willowbrook names January recipient of 88's Best recognition

VILLA PARK — Gregory Ross has been named as Willowbrook's January recipient of 88's Best recognition. Ross, a senior, was recognized during the Feb. 24 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

As a student, Ross consistently challenges himself with a rigorous course load, while maintaining a class ranking within the 99th percentile. Ross is currently enrolled in five Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level classes and has completed a lengthy list of other AP and honors courses.

He has been named to the Distinction Honor Roll each semester of his high school career and was named an AP Scholar with Distinction and an Illinois State Scholar. He also received a National Merit Scholarship Program Letter of Commendation. Ross is a member of Willowbrook's social studies honor society, Civitas, Willowbrook's math honor society, Mu Alpha Theta, the National English Honor Society and the National Honor Society. He also was part of the 2013 State competition team for Econ Challenge that was awarded 2nd place.

Beyond the classroom, Ross has been involved with Habitat for Humanity, helping to build an inner-city house in Washington, D.C. He also serves as Treasurer of Key Club and is a member of Blue Crew. Ross has volunteered at a food pantry for the past two summers and also has taken two river trips on the Grand Canyon Colorado River to collect scientific data to be studied by ecologists and researchers who study the canyon.

"Ross's work in English class is exemplary," said English teacher Terri Woebel. "He writes

impressive essays with exceptional style, content and structure that all students should strive for when writing. Ross helped raise the standards for those around him. He has drive and passion to improve, and he is always ready to think outside the box and make impressive connections to other disciplines and to life. I can honestly say I looked forward to reading his work each time he turned in an assignment. I knew I would have the opportunity to learn something new from this talented young man."

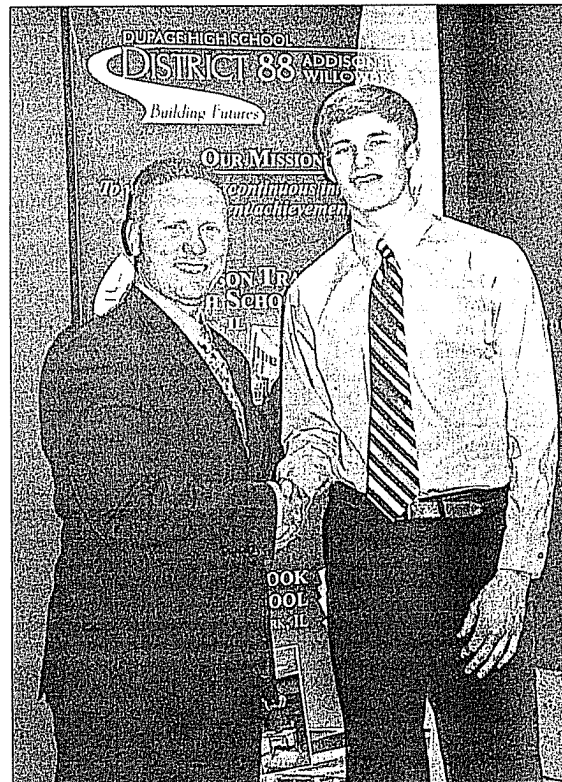
Social studies teacher Brian Eslick agreed. "Ross certainly represents the best of District 88," he said. "He is thorough, driven, pensive, thoughtful and diverse. He is never afraid to take a challenge head on and insists on excellence. He is willing to roll up his sleeves and work hard independently or with others on activities inside and outside the classroom. He is a tremendous positive influence on the culture of the classroom and learns from failures as well as from successes. He is among the most talented students I have taught."

Ross has applied to the University of Chicago, Northwestern University and Columbia University in New York. Although he has not yet specified a major, his career interests include urban planning, journalism and economics.

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### Gregory Ross is 88's Best for January

Pictured at right with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause, Gregory Ross was selected as Willowbrook's January recipient of 88's Best recognition.



## Healthy Living

A Monthly Guide to a Fitter, More Healthier You

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## Small changes can help you live a healthier lifestyle

#### Expert offers healthy tips to continue all year

(BPT) — A new year often brings with it the desire to make improvements in your life, and kick old habits to the curb in the pursuit of healthiness. But for most Americans, resolutions fail within the first few months because goals are too ambitious, intimidating or unrealistic in nature.

If you've resolved to be healthier this year, the good news is that successful, positive change - whether it be spending more time with friends and family, being more physically active, or choosing healthier foods - is more achievable than you think. It's important to

think positively, stay focused, and take baby steps versus one giant leap towards a lofty goal.

Many goal-setters achieve their desired health goal by starting with small changes. In fact, more than half the respondents to the Aetna "what's your healthy?" survey like to do small things such as taking the stairs instead of using the elevator each day to be more physically active.

The approach to healthiness is a personal one and is not a "one size fits all" solution. To help inspire you to achieve your health goals this year, Alison Sweeney, an actress, author, television host and mother of two, offers

her tips on simple changes you can make to your day-to-day life to ensure happiness and healthiness year-long:

- 100-calorie snacks. Thirty-three percent of respondents to the Aetna "what's your healthy?" survey say they could, in an instant, drop eating large portions in order to become healthier. While it can be difficult to just start eating less than you are used to, you can set yourself up for success with 100-calorie snacks. A handful of almonds, homemade ranch dip with vegetables, or six cups of fresh-popped popcorn are all great low-calorie options to take on the go.
- Run your first race. Determined to

run your first race in 2014? Here's a secret to getting started: run walks. Alternating between running and walking quickly builds up your endurance and confidence - a great way to train and get fit. Start with 20 minutes a day, three times a week. During the cold winter months when you can't get outside, try walking or running wherever you can - whether it is on a treadmill, taking the stairs more, or even parking further away when you are shopping. Increasing your physical activity in any way possible will definitely help toward your fitness goal.

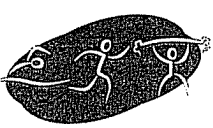
- Strike a child's pose. Many people take yoga classes to help them decompress and get

in some exercise. You can also try it at home with the kids. This allows everyone to release extra energy, handle frustration or just relax, which is especially good right before bed. Deep breathing is the key. Try a child's pose, which is a resting pose in the fetal position. The family gets to cool down together, making bedtime calmer for everyone.

• Eating clean. Many people probably included "eat clean" on their list of New Year's resolutions. Ready to make the change, but not sure where to start? When you're at the market, avoid the middle aisles where you'll find most of the processed, packaged foods with artificial ingredients. Instead, shop the perimeter of the store for fresh foods like seasonal produce and lean meats.

• Get your "exergame" on. It's often hard to squeeze in both "me time" and "family time" when you have a busy day, and especially when you want to stay fit to boot - 18 percent of respondents to Aetna's "what's your healthy?" survey cite family demands as a reason for not having time to be physically active. "Exergaming" (short for exercise gaming) is a great way to work out alone or with your kids. Grab the kids' game console and get moving. You can dance, play tennis, and even golf - and get your entire body into it.

Setting health goals does not have to be intimidating. Set yourself up for realistic success with small, fun changes to your lifestyle that will lead to big results. For healthy inspiration and resources to help you achieve your health goals, visit [www.WhatsYourHealthy.com](http://www.WhatsYourHealthy.com).




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Addison Trail's Ronald Duling brings the ball up the court in Monday's home playoff game against North Lawndale. Duling sparked a comeback for the Blazers, but they fell 52-44.

## Blazers bow out

### Comeback comes up just short for Addison Trail boys basketball

By DAN SANTAROMITA  
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**ADDISON** – In a season that was already filled with what if moments, Addison Trail was forced to play its playoff opener without leading scorer James Pupillo.

The result was a 52-44 loss to North Lawndale in a regional quarterfinal on Monday.

Pupillo sat out the game with a back injury that had been bothering him for the past month.

"He's been playing the last month at about a 60 percent clip," AT coach Brendan Lyons

said. "He's been trying to tough it out. It just got to the point where he was in a lot of pain and we decided last week it was just time to shut it down and let him get healthy."

Without Pupillo, the host Blazers, the No. 16 seed in the Bartlett sectional, hung with the No. 17 Phoenix for about two-and-a-half quarters before a 21-2 run gave North Lawndale a 45-25 lead. The Phoenix led 22-21 at halftime.

AT senior guard Ronald Duling led a comeback attempt in the fourth quarter by scoring 10 points as part of a 17-1 Blazer run as they got within

50-44 in the final minute, but it wasn't enough. Duling finished with 20 points. The Blazers ended the season 11-18.

"We thought we'd be the flip of that coming into this year," Lyons said. "I just think for our kids and our program and where they're at, there's one thing about all of them – they're good students. They're good people and they set a good example for our lower level kids in the program."

Pupillo, a four-year varsity player that was an West Suburban Gold all-conference guard this season, has multiple Division III programs vying for

his skills. Fellow seniors Ronald Duling, also all-conference, and Joe Villaseñor are chasing the college dream as well. Joe Kurucar will play baseball at Elmhurst College.

It's a group of seniors that helped push the program forward. The season highlights included wins over Stagg, which was undefeated at the time, and Morton, the first time the Blazers beat the Mustangs in Lyons' tenure.

"I can't say enough about our seniors," Lyons said. "They put in more than any group that I've had. I don't want to say they turned every-

thing around for us because I think we've been doing that, we've been getting better year-by-year, but they're definitely going to be a group I miss."

Juniors Taylor White and Matt Gontarek saw plenty of action this season and will be joined by a younger group next year that headed up an 18-9 sophomore team for the Blazers.

"Even though we graduate a lot I still think we have good days ahead of us," Lyons said. "It will definitely have a new feel to it. I'm going to have to get used to not having James around. It's kind of become second nature."

# Meet the all-area east team

## Here are Suburban Life Media's 2014 girls basketball selections

The girls basketball season is nearing its end as the last two state championship games take place Saturday. It's the perfect

time to celebrate the accomplishments of some of the top players from locals schools with the 2013-14 girls basketball all-area team.



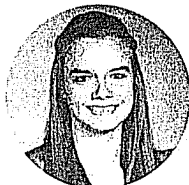
**Jessica Bianchi**

**School:** York  
**Year:** Junior  
**Impact:** The Dukess' point guard was the catalyst for much of the team's success. She led the team in scoring (8.1 points per game), assists (2.9) and steals (2.0). Bianchi's quickness made her a tough defender and got things started for York's offense.



**Olivia Domin**

**School:** Willowbrook  
**Year:** Senior  
**Impact:** Domin took over as the Warriors' point guard this season and helped the team win the West Suburban Gold title. The senior led the team with about 3.5 assists per game and also averaged 8.7 points per game.



**Kaitlyn Gehrke**

**School:** Timothy Christian  
**Year:** Junior  
**Impact:** Gehrke emerged as a solid player for the Trojans on a team that had five new starters and a first-year coach. The 6-foot-1 center was an all-conference selection in the Metro Suburban Conference.



**Kelly Karlis**

**School:** Montini  
**Year:** Senior  
**Impact:** The Ohio recruit is a tough matchup for opposing teams because she is a 6-foot-2 guard with shooting range and ballhandling skills. Entering this weekend's state tournament, Karlis was averaging 9.9 points, 3.4 rebounds and 2.4 assists per game.



**Molly Krawczykowski**

**School:** Willowbrook  
**Year:** Senior  
**Impact:** The Warriors needed someone to take over the scoring load after graduating a lot of talent from last year's team, and the all-area MVP answered the call. Krawczykowski averaged a team-best 14.4 points per game and displayed an all-around game with about four rebounds, three assists and three steals per game.



**Rainey Kuykendall**

**School:** Montini  
**Year:** Junior  
**Impact:** Kuykendall was a key bench contributor last year, but the junior forward emerged as a solid, strong player who is a staple in the Montini starting lineup. She is averaging 7.6 points and 4.4 rebounds per game for the Broncos heading into the state finals.



**Rory Manion**

**School:** IC Catholic  
**Year:** Senior  
**Impact:** Manion was the rock for IC in the middle. She averaged more than nine points and nine rebounds per game and was a tough player that helped lead the Knights to their first trip to state. The senior forward earned her second state medal after helping the volleyball team win state in the fall.



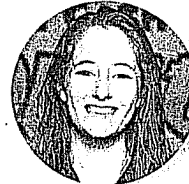
**Sara Ross**

**School:** Montini  
**Year:** Senior  
**Impact:** Ross is listed as a forward on the Montini roster, but managed to lead the team in assists. The IUPUI-bound senior is a strong player on the fast break and a good passer. She averages 3.4 assists per game while adding 7.9 points and 5.1 rebounds per contest.



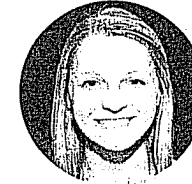
**Molly Schlecht**

**School:** York  
**Year:** Senior  
**Impact:** The 6-foot-2 Schlecht was a force inside for York. She was tough for opponents to handle inside and used her size to lead the team in rebounds (5.8 per game). Schlecht, who was also a standout in volleyball, averaged 7.6 points per game.



**Kateri Stone**

**School:** Montini  
**Year:** Senior  
**Impact:** Stone enters state this weekend as Montini's only double digit scorer. The Colgate-bound guard is averaging 11.8 points per game after having made 93 3-pointers to this point of the season. The 6-foot-1 guard also leads the Broncos in rebounding (5.1 per game).



**Grace Vitek**

**School:** IC Catholic  
**Year:** Senior  
**Impact:** Vitek led the Knights in scoring at 10 points per game, but she did a little bit of everything well as a 5-foot-11 guard. She led the team with just over three assists per game and was second on IC with just shy of five rebounds per game.

### Honorable mention

**Addison Trail:** Connie Barkoulies, Katie Dziabis  
**Glenbard East:** Allison Hansen, Brasia Solid  
**IC Catholic:** Erin Maloney, Abby Radoha  
**Montini:** Kelsey Bogdan  
**Timothy Christian:** Alexis Hoogendoorn  
**Willowbrook:** Melissa Rader, Josie Zabran  
**York:** Sarah Milkowski



## ALL-AREA MVP

# The key to success

## Krawczykowski powers Warrior girls hoops to conference title

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### About Molly Krawczykowski

Year: Senior  
Position: Guard  
Height: 5-foot-9  
Scoring average: 14.4 points

VILLA PARK - As a standout track athlete, Molly Krawczykowski used her speed to her advantage at every opportunity on the basketball court.

The Willowbrook senior guard was the mainstay star for the Warriors this season. After leading the team in scoring and filling whatever the role the team needed, Krawczykowski is the MVP of the girls basketball all-area team. She helped the team win its first West Suburban Gold title since 1996.

"Conference was one of our biggest goals, so it was a really big deal when we went undefeated," Krawczykowski said.

Plenty of standout track athletes play other sports and use their athleticism to their advantage, and Krawczykowski was no exception. She grew three inches from her junior to senior year and used her length to her benefit.

"Her first step is really quick and really long," Willowbrook coach Terry Harrell said. "I really think she had as good of a first step or better than any other female player in the past couple years in this area."

She used her speed and good instincts on the court to often rack up quick points on transition layups. Krawczykowski was also able to create her own fast break opportunities as a quality defender.

This year Krawczykowski moved from point guard to shooting guard because the makeup of the roster changed. She became the team's leading scorer, but even after she hyperextended her knee in the Warriors' first playoff game she did other things to make up for her inability to drive to

the basket like normal in the regional final.

"She still gave us 12 points, but then she also gave us 10 rebounds," Harrell said. "She stepped up as a rebounder. She gave us different things. There's always something she could give you that would help make the team successful."

In a year where the Warriors had as many as four contributing players out with injury at the same time, Krawczykowski was a staple. She never missed a game.

"She was somebody as a coach that you wanted there," Harrell said. "She started her sophomore year. She was very key at that point, but mostly as a defender. She developed as a scorer her junior year."

Harrell thought Krawczykowski would wind up as a college basketball player. Instead, Krawczykowski will be heading to Illinois State to compete for the track team. Her specialty is the 800-meter run, an event in which she is already a two-time state qualifier.

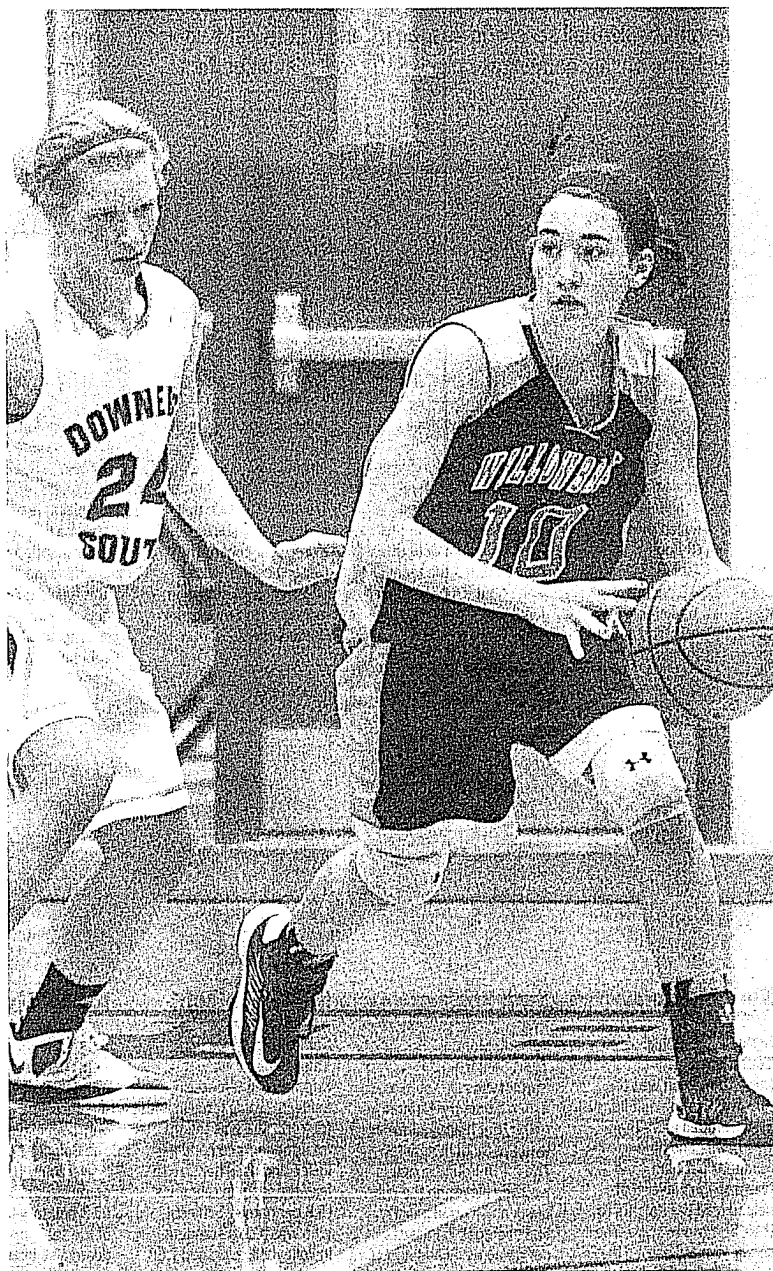
When picking schools, Krawczykowski didn't prioritize athletics for her decision. She had a lot of interest from Division III basketball programs and some Division II schools had reached out about her, but ultimately she picked Illinois State track because of academics.

"I really like ISU as a school and they have a great special education program, which is what I want to do," she said.

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Willowbrook's Molly Krawczykowski dribbles the ball in a Feb. 4 game against Downers Grove South. With Krawczykowski leading the way, the Warriors won a conference title for the first time since 1996.