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ADDISON — VNA Health Care, which provides affordable health care to more than 50,000 women, men and children living primarily in the collar counties, will host an information and enrollment session on the Affordable Care Act, Health Insurance Marketplace, and Medicaid on Saturday, March 15 from 1-5 p.m. at Addison Public Library, 4 Friendship Plaza, Addison.

Drop in anytime or call (630) 482-8130 for an appointment. To begin the enrollment process, individuals must bring social security numbers for all family members, 2013 tax return (or 2012, if 2013 is not available), employer and income information for every member of the household who needs coverage, and if applicable, the permanent resident card for all family members.

A certified Navigator from VNA will offer enrollment assistance, answer questions and talk about who is eligible

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Rehearsing for the baile folklórico

Addison Trail senior Michelle Gonzalez rehearses the baile folklórico from Mexico for the school's dance performance culminating International Fest Week. The show will take place on Friday, March 7 at 7 p.m. and will feature 18 dances that represent 16 countries. For tickets and information, call 630-458-4178. See story on page 4.

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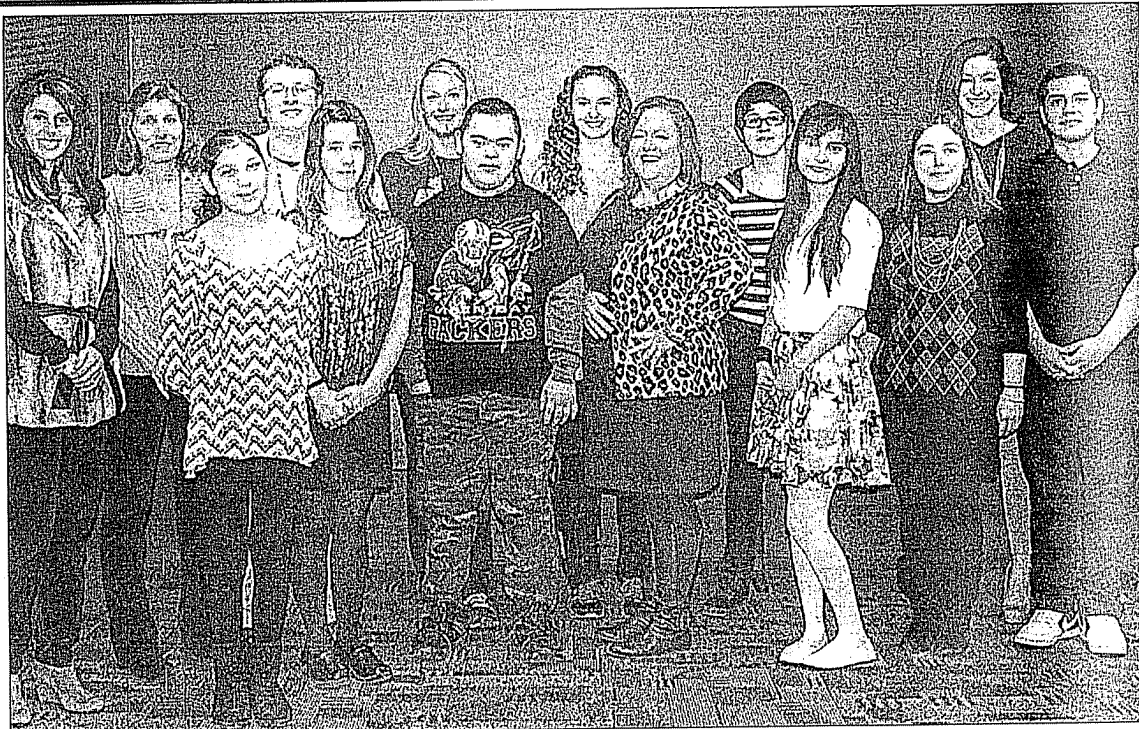


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Six staff members earn Addison Trail's Golden Apple

On Feb. 25, six Addison Trail staff members were recognized and honored with the school's Golden Apple award. Recipients, pictured with the students who nominated them, include (front row, from left): freshman Isabella Chaidez, senior Christina Jewell, junior Johnny Rodriguez, staff member Kathleen McColaugh, sophomore Isabel Carrillo, staff member Randi Wargo; (back row, from left): staffer Laura Zaccaro, staffer Patty Hochheimer, senior John Orrico, staffer Jessica Sokolowski, sophomore Nicole Pudlo, sophomore Daniela Diaz, staffer Katie Prast and senior Alexis Arellano.

• HEALTHCARE

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for the newly-expanded Medicaid program, what is offered and how to get coverage on the Illinois Marketplace, and other benefits available. There is no charge for this assistance.

For more information, call 630-482-8130.

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Nominated by students, six AT staff earn 'Golden Apples'

ADDISON — Each semester, Addison Trail students have the opportunity to recognize a teacher or a staff member for going above and beyond and making a difference in their life through the school's Golden Apple program.

On Feb. 25, six staff members were recognized and honored with the Golden Apple

award. That award is one way students can give back to staff members who make a difference in their lives. It also is a reminder to staff their hard work and continuous effort matter each and every day.

The six staff members who were recognized are:

Patty Hochheimer, nominated by senior Christina Jewell; Jessica Sokolowski, nomi-

nated by senior John Orrico and junior Johnny Rodriguez; Laura Zaccaro, nominated by freshman Isabella Chaidez; Randi Wargo, nominated by sophomore Daniela Diaz;

Kathleen McColaugh, nominated by sophomores Isabel Carrillo and Nicole Pudlo;

Katie Prast, nominated by senior Alexis Arellano.

Addison Trail to celebrate International Fest Week

Multi-cultural dance performance takes place Friday

ADDISON — Addison Trail was scheduled to celebrate International Fest Week during the first week of March, when students will enjoy programs and presentations about cultures from throughout the world — including some presentations by their classmates.

“I love being a leader with this event and making people smile. It's wonderful to share my culture with others.”

— Senior Bolor Bat-Erdem

On Friday, March 7 at 7 p.m., students will take the stage for the International Dance, featuring 18 dances representing 16 countries. Tickets

for the dance performance are \$7 for adults or \$6 with a Senior Gold Card or Activity Pass. Children 3 and younger are admitted free. For tickets or more information, contact Mirela Mehmeti at mmehmeti@dupage88.net or 630-458-4178. Other co-sponsors of the International Dance are Annette Severino and Lily De La Torre.

A portion of the proceeds from this year's event will be donated to ChildrenUP, an organization that helps students in northern Uganda be advocates for their education.

“This event is all about celebrating the various cultures of the students at Addison Trail,” said AT senior Arleta Arizi, leader of the show's Albanian dance. “I hope the audience has fun and enjoys the music and performances.”

Senior Bolor Bat-Erdem is the leader of the Mongolian dance and said she's excited to perform in her third International Dance this year.

“I love being a leader with this event and making people smile,” Bat-Erdem said. “It's wonderful to share my culture with others.”

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."

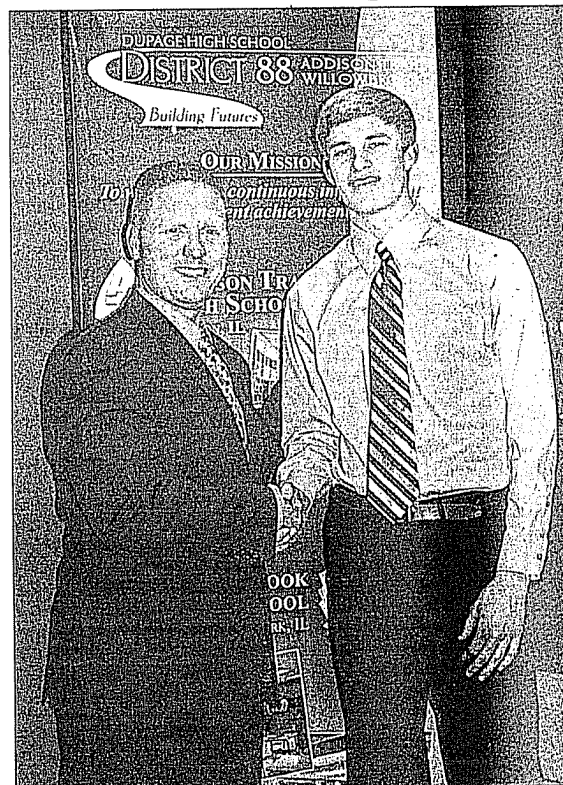
Social studies teacher Brian Eslick agreed. "Ross certainly represents the best of District 88," he said. "He is thorough, driven, pensive, thoughtful and diverse. He is never afraid to take a challenge head on and insists on excellence. He is willing to roll up his sleeves and work hard independently 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.



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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 is 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 "exer-game" 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.

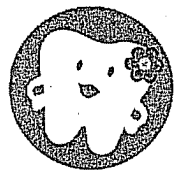
Setting health goals does not have to be intimidating. Set yourself up for realistic success with small, fun changes to your lifestyle that will lead to big results. For healthy inspiration and resources to help you achieve your health goals, visit www.Who'sYourHealthy.com.



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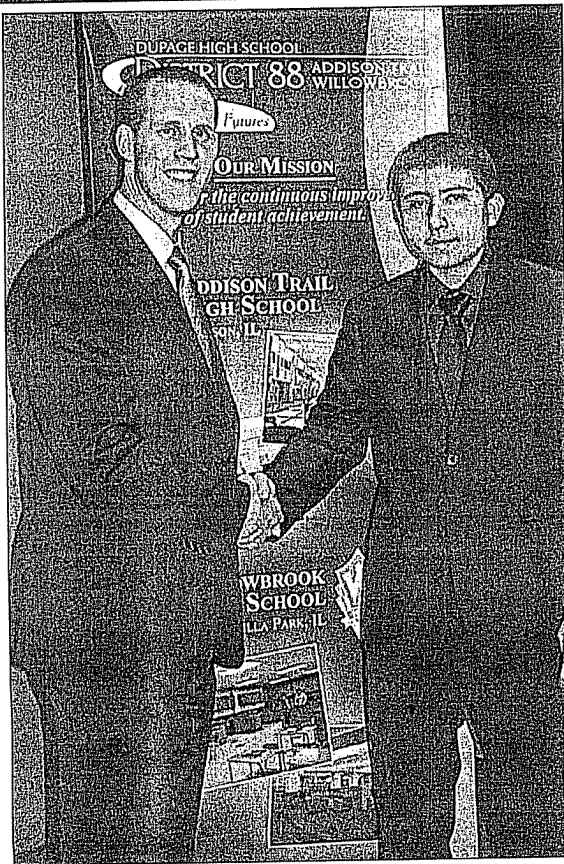
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Mario Macedo recognized as 88's Best for January

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

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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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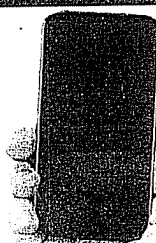
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Two WB students earn Eagle Scout status

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.

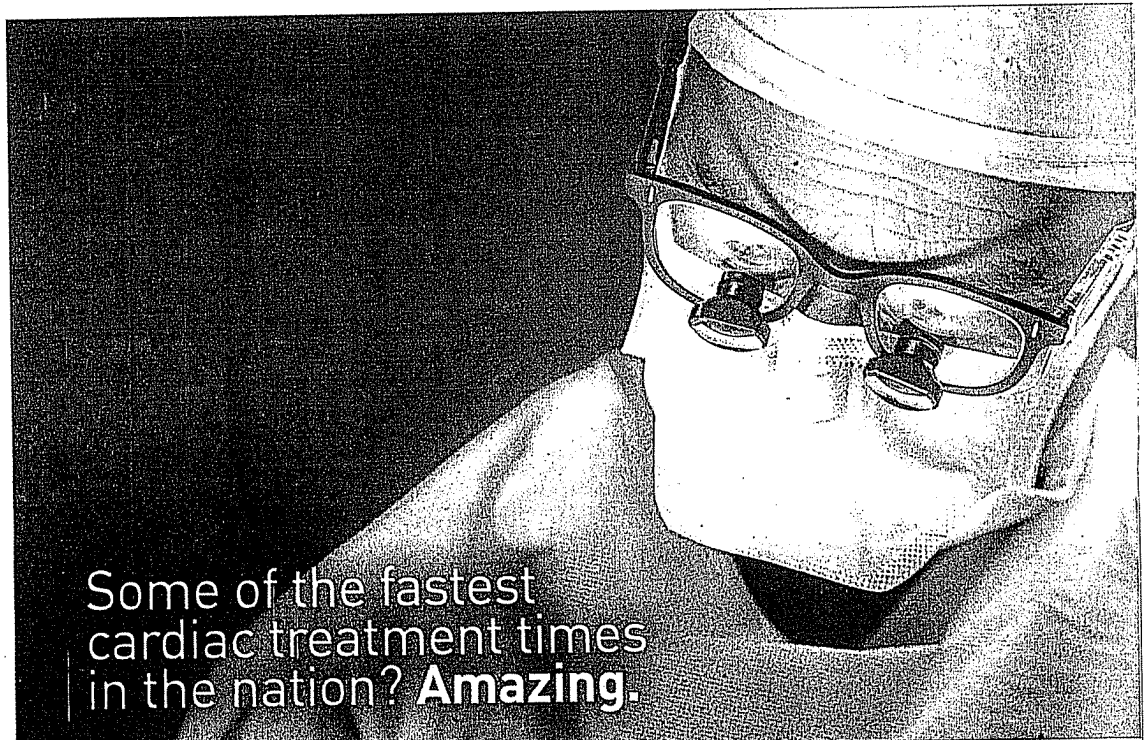
Kids ages 3-12 (3-5 with a parent) can

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.

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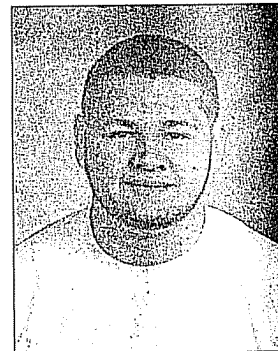


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Two AT students take 3rd in national carburetor competition

Pictured are Addison Trail juniors Tom Baughman (above) and Adrian Villarreal, (below) who recently finished in 3rd place in the National Edelbrock OTC Carburetor Challenge. They had to disassemble, rebuild and reassemble a racecar's carburetor as fast as possible, which was then checked for accuracy. Baughman and Villarreal completed the task – correctly -- in about eight minutes, earning each of them a \$3,000 scholarship.

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AT students head to State finals for SkillsUSA

Eight Addison Trail students have qualified to compete in the SkillsUSA State finals in April. Pictured are (top row, from left): sophomore Salvatore Dugo, senior Miguel Garcia Sanchez, senior Antonio Vargas, junior Luis Flores; (bottom, from left): junior Harmanpreet Singh, senior Sam Ramos, junior Carlos Rodriguez and junior Anthony Modica. Dugo, Garcia Sanchez, Vargas and Flores qualified in the automotive event. Singh, Ramos and Rodriguez did in the principles of technology portion. Modica qualified in technical math. The four students who will compete in the automotive event also have been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship each for qualifying for the State competition.

ADDISON 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 http://public.elmhurst.edu/cultural_events/governmental_forum

• Addison Park District "Mom-Son Night"

From 6:30-8 p.m., Moms and their sons are invited to the Community Rec Center where the Addison Park District will host Mom & Son Night, with pizza, gym games and a keepsake photo to remember the evening. Register online at addisonparks.org

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 • Art Guild welcomes George Ceffalio

At 7:30 p.m. at Addison Village Hall, the Addison Art Guild will hold its monthly meeting, featuring guest artist George Ceffalio. Guests are welcome. Info: 630-543-4100 ext. 7416.

Saturday, March 15 • Park District hosts Clover Hunt

At 10:30 a.m. sharp, kids of all ages are invited to the Community Rec Center to search a field of green clovers. Find the four-leaf clover and win a special gift.

• 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/worldmusic or kontrasquartet.com

Saturday, March 22 • Congregation Etz Chaim gala

Starting at 7:30 p.m. Congregation Etz Chaim of Du Page 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.

Friday, March 28 • Movie in the Gym: "Frozen"

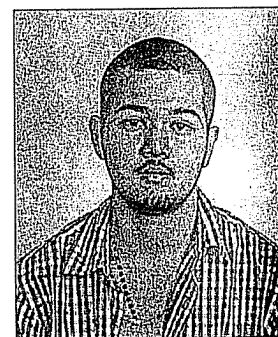
At 6:30 p.m., bring the whole family, along with your own blankets and lawn chairs, and enjoy watching the movie "Frozen" on the big screen at the Centennial Rec. Center, 1776 W. Centennial Place. The movie is free; concessions will be available for purchase.

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) 543-4300 or email: addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net

Saturday, April 5 • April Fools 5K benefit run

Starting at 9 a.m. at the Mallard Lake Forest Preserve, located near the intersection of Gary Avenue and Schick Road, Bloomingdale, the second annual April Fools 5K run, which benefits Stepping Stones for Women of Domestic Violence, will be held. The age categories for men and women are as follows: under 19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-and-over. There also will be a 400-meter Kids Dash for ages



2-12. Info or to register go to: ducatchiropractic.com or call (224) 653-8094.

Ongoing events...

Active Adults Senior Club

Adults, ages 55 or better, are invited to Park District's Active Adults Senior Club on Tuesdays from 12-2 p.m. for lunch at Community Rec Center, 120 E. Oak Street. To find out more about special events, programs, trips and club membership, contact Teresa Grodsky at (630) 233-7275.

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.

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Season comes to a close for Addison Trail girls cagers

Blazers played strong first half in regional game against Elk GroveBy 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 gameBy 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 Rössinger and Michala Giammarrino. 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

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.

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-

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 Aware-

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 simi-

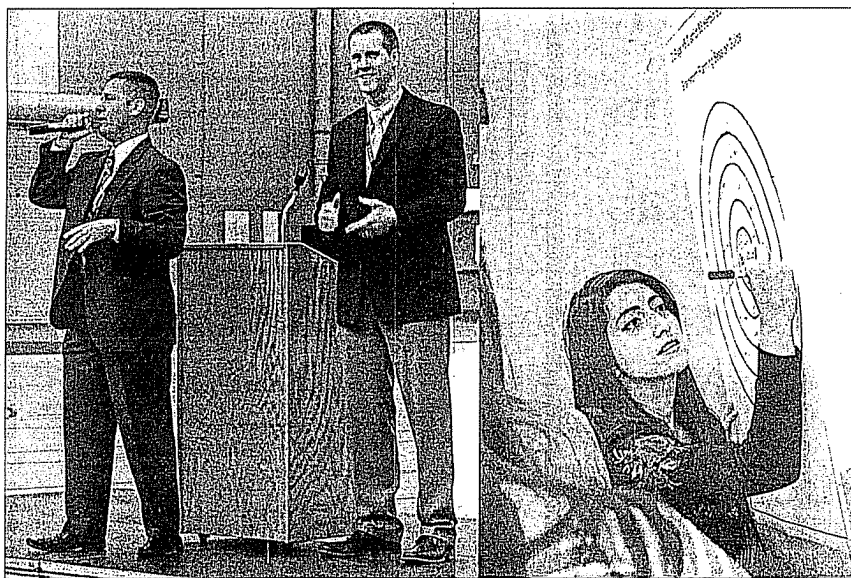
lar event starting at 7 p.m. on March 11.

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.

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



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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■ LAST WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION: Did you plan to cast a vote March 18?

60 PERCENT: Yes
19 PERCENT: No
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10 PERCENT: It's likely

■ THIS WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION: When do you think spring will finally arrive? Vote online at mysuburbanlife.com.

Illinois supports the physically challenged

Recently the Muscular Dystrophy Association conducted their first transitions seminar to share information and resources with families affected by MD. Disabled high school students learned what to expect in the transition from the support found in public schools to a more independent life as an 18-year-old. I learned that Illinois has many great resources to offer people with a physical disability.

One student told her story of moving from Nebraska to Chicago to attend DePaul University because, she said, "it is easier for a disabled person to live in Chicago than in Omaha." The support and benefits she received living in Illinois improved her standard of living even while being confined in a wheelchair. She also stated that college students didn't care that she was disabled.



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The University of Illinois supports qualified disabled students with Disability Resources & Educational Services (DRES). These services include dormitories with ceiling lifts, clinical psychologists on staff, and personal assistants to help with studies and living support. Currently the program has 24 students studying in Champaign.

The seminar also outlined the public assistance available for young disabled adults. It is a complex, but fair, system involving Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. If you are lucky enough to get a job, your benefits package is reduced accordingly with certain dollar limits to what you can receive annually. In 2011, \$1.7 billion was spent on services for disabled people. Illinois' part was 46 percent of this amount with the rest coming from the federal government. Only four other states spent more on a percentage basis.

Illinois has also chosen to participate in the Health Insurance Marketplace set up by the Affordable Care Act. This allows disabled individuals to compare health care plans on an "apple-to-apples" basis.

And lastly, the Special Recreation Association network of 33 SRAs is unique to Illinois. SRAs offer recreational and leisure programs to disabled individuals in partnership with park districts across the state. Using facilities and assets cooperatively translates to efficient taxpayer spending for disability services. For example, Northeast Dupage Special Recreation Association works with 11 park districts, providing staffing, transportation, and specialized programs to disabled individuals. No other state in the nation has this system.

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



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Mary Ho helps Natalie Martinez, 7, of Addison find the right page to color for her birth year based on the Chinese zodiac during the Addison Public Library's World Fest.



Thumbs up to the Addison Public Library, which recently hosted a World Fest event celebrating diversity and cultures from around the globe. Learning about Chinese zodiac signs, henna tattoos and Irish dancing certainly broadened the horizons of those who attended.



Thumbs up to Addison Trail students who nominated and staff who received Golden Apple awards recently. It's great not only to recognize those staff members who do exceptional work, but to encourage the students to take note of it.

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Area volleyball teams hope to net success

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Volleyball is one sport immune to bad spring weather. High school boys teams get started next week, so here's a look at what to expect from area teams this season.

York Dukes

Coach: Ken Dowdy

2013 record: 13-18

Top players:

Jason Bowles	sr.	OH
Joe Duda	sr.	S
Sebastian Guzman	sr.	L
Evan Wendell	sr.	OH

Outlook: The Dukes bring back nine seniors, including four starters.

That experience will be tested with a tough early schedule that includes matches against Payton, Lake Park, Lyons Township, Benet, Downers Grove North and Glenbrook South.

"We'll know where we need to improve to compete in a tough West Suburban Silver," coach Ken Dowdy said. "We should be very competitive as the season progresses. We're really fortunate to have a tremendous senior class, and their leadership since last spring has been great."

The four returning starters, Jason Bowles, Joe Duda, Sebastian Guzman and Evan Wendell, will lead the team, but they should have help from a supporting core fill with varsity returners.

Bobby Krissinger and Casey McNamara will take up the middle hitter position. Sean Lyons, Kevin Peronto, Mike Pasternock and Omar Carbajal, a transfer from Addison Trail, should contribute.

"Our defense should be one of the best in the area, and Sebastian has the ability to be one of the best libero's in the state," Dowdy said.



Willowbrook's Ben Wozniak (left) and Zac Prosek celebrate a match win last season. Wozniak is back for the Warriors this season and should be a major contributor on offense.

"Duda runs the offense with precision and it should lead to an efficient offense headed by Bowles and Wendell."

Glenbard East Rams

Coach: Marci Maier

2013 record: 23-13

Top players:

Brad Cardott	sr.	DS
Sterling Glover	sr.	OH
Cory Soehren	sr.	S

Outlook: The Rams graduated many key seniors, including Penn State freshman Joey Farrell, but there is still plenty of talent in the program.

Setter Cory Soehren and outside hitter Sterling Glover are the team's top returners, and a junior class that helped the JV team win the DuPage Valley Conference and go 27-1-1 last season will boost the squad.

Soehren had 633 assists last year and Glover had 107 kills. Fellow seniors Brad Cardott,

who had 101 digs last season, 6-foot-5 Erik Fiebrandt and Alex Bojan are also back.

Junior Adam Eboli is another returner.

"We graduated many seniors, however we have five seniors returning," Glenbard East coach Marci Maier said. We have high hopes for the season. We should be a better defensive team and have a balanced offense, so we hope to compete for a regional title and beyond."

Montini Broncos

Coach: Steve Dowjotas

Top players:

Ryan McAuley	sr.	RS/S
Jimmy Soukup	jr.	MH
Matt Vogrin	jr.	RS/S

Outlook: The still developing Montini program has five returners and nine varsity newcomers, including a staggering six freshmen. Senior Ryan McAuley and junior

Matt Vogrin will share setting duties while also getting some time as hitters. Six-foot junior Jimmy Soukup will be a key contributor at middle hitter.

"We are looking to continue to grow ... and get experience for our freshmen to continue to rebuild our boys volleyball program at Montini," coach Steve Dowjotas said.

Addison Trail Blazers

Coach: Troy Hubner

2013 record: 16-19

Top players:

Anthony Chiaramonte	sr.	OH
Alex Dickmann	jr.	OH
Kevin Grygo	sr.	S
Kannon Nelms	so.	MH
John Valintini	jr.	OH
Jack Vrchota	jr.	MH

Outlook: After enduring a season with a young team last year, the Blazers are set for bigger and better things

this spring.

Talented junior outside hitter Alex Dickmann had 300 kills last season and will lead the way again.

The 6-foot-4 Dickmann has represented the United States at the youth level. A strong supporting cast is with him.

"We return every position from last year and we only graduated one outside hitter that played significant time," coach Troy Hubner said.

Hubner set goals of a West Suburban Gold title and a trip to state for his team.

"We will see how the team gels as the season progresses as to whether we can meet any of those goals," he said.

Willowbrook Warriors

Coach: Ryan Bazon

2013 record: 26-11

Top players:

Anthony Acitelli	jr.	L
Tommy King	jr.	S
Ryan Wakely	jr.	OH
Ben Wozniak	sr.	OH

Outlook: The Warriors have the task of replacing a 12-man senior class that won 52 games in the past two years on varsity.

This season, Willowbrook has just one senior joined by 11 juniors on the roster. Outside hitter Ben Wozniak is the team's lone senior, but is a good one.

He had 243 kills, 223 digs, 35 blocks and 17 aces a year ago.

Newcomers Ryan Wakely, Anthony Acitelli and Tommy King should play big roles in their first year on varsity.

"Our teams expectations this year are to again be competitive in the West Suburban Gold and to continue building on our successes," coach Ryan Bazon said.

This group of players has seen increasing success over the years and we are eager to [continue that] as a team and program."

Meet the all-area east team

Here are Suburban Life Media's 2014 boys basketball selections

The boys basketball postseason is nearing its end with state finals

for classes 3A and 4A taking place this weekend. That means it's

time to take a look at the 2013-14 boys basketball all-area team.



Matt Brachmann

School: Montini
Year: Senior
Impact: The Broncos' senior forward nearly averaged a double-double with 17.1 points and 8.9 rebounds per game. Brachmann was also a wide receiver for the football team and used his size and strength as a physical player inside.



Clark Brinkman

School: IC Catholic
Year: Senior
Impact: Brinkman was IC's solid senior guard. He averaged 12.8 points per game and 4.8 rebounds. Brinkman was a standout in football and basketball, but his best sport is baseball, which he will be playing in college.



Ronald Duling

School: Addison Trail
Year: Senior
Impact: Duling wasn't much of a factor for the varsity team last year, but showed great improvement. He earned a starting spot and turned that into an all-conference selection. He was all-tournament at the Blazers' pre-holiday tournament this season and averaged 11 points, 4.0 assists and 3.1 rebounds per game.



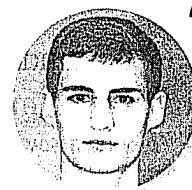
Rhashaun Epting

School: IC Catholic
Year: Sophomore
Impact: The Suburban Christian Gold player of the year put up big numbers, and the scary part is that he's only a sophomore. The 6-foot-3 guard averaged 19.2 points per game while pulling in 8.1 rebounds and blocking 28 shots. Colleges will surely start calling for Epting very soon.



Jaron Hall

School: Glenbard East
Year: Senior
Impact: The Rams had an uncharacteristically down year, but it wasn't because of Jaron Hall. The senior guard led the team in scoring and proved to still be a dangerous player. Hall, who was all-conference in the DuPage Valley Conference, is one of the best jump shooters in the area.



Chris Poole

School: Willowbrook
Year: Senior
Impact: The Warriors didn't have a lot of success on the court, but Poole managed to stand out. The senior guard averaged 9.1 points per game thanks to a good shot and an ability to get open.



James Pupillo

School: Addison Trail
Year: Senior
Impact: The four-year starting point guard was a staple in the program. His scoring ability and ballhandling skills helped earn him an all-conference selection and all-tournament nods at West Chicago and Addison Trail this season. He averaged 17.1 points, 4.7 assists and 4.1 rebounds per game while shooting 51 percent from the floor.



Stanley Roberts

School: York
Year: Senior
Impact: Roberts was a versatile athlete for the Dukes. The 6-foot-1 guard played longer than his size and was third on a balanced York team in scoring at 8.9 points per game. He will be playing at the next level after receiving a lot of interest from Division III schools.



Charlie Rose

School: York
Year: Senior
Impact: Rose was the quarterback of the football team, but the basketball court is where he truly shines. The sharpshooting guard made 39 3-pointers this season while averaging 9.8 points per game. He also led the team with 59 assists.



Frank Toohey

School: York
Year: Senior
Impact: Toohey was a four-year varsity player and leaves the program with the most career wins in York history. Bound for Air Force, the 6-foot-8 forward scored 14.1 points and grabbed 7.2 rebounds per contest. What's maybe most impressive is his 80.6 free throw percentage (166-for-206).



Connor VanderBrug

School: Timothy Christian
Year: Senior
Impact: The all-area MVP was also the MVP of the Metro Suburban Conference. VanderBrug played all five positions at different points in the season for Timothy and put up monster numbers. He averaged 21.6 points, 8.7 rebounds and 2.1 blocks per game while also shooting 38 percent from 3-point range as a 6-foot-6 forward.

Honorable mention

Addison Trail: Joe Kurucar
Glenbard East: Mike Finley and Patrick Peterkin
IC Catholic: Anthony Taylor
Montini: Jack Brady
Timothy Christian: Justin Rhiner
Willowbrook: Ed Mickevicius
York: Jack Heinle and Jayvon Thomas

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



SEAN LYONS

York
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Why Lyons was selected:

Lyons qualified for state in the 3-point Showdown after making 12 out of 15 shots in 45 seconds at the Bartlett sectional.

York senior guard Sean Lyons kept the Dukes' winter sports season going for another week by advancing to state in the 3-point Showdown, matching Megan Backman's appearance on the girls side. He made 12 shots to finish first at the Bartlett sectional. He competed Thursday at Peoria's Carver Arena for the Class 4A preliminaries and is already gearing up for volleyball season. Lyons, this week's the Oak Trust Credit Union Athlete of the Week, talked with Suburban Life sports reporter Dan Santaromita about his preparation for the state competition and the season in general.

What was your preparation for the shootout?
We do a lot of shooting during the year with the

team. Once the season was over I got a little shooting in. I didn't have to do anything different. The cool thing was that the team came out and watched. We had almost the whole team there for my 45 seconds.

Did you have to change your shot at all?

It's a little different. I just keep everything the same. I just try to take my whole shot. You have to go a little quicker. As long as you don't slow down you're fine.

Do you have any favorite memories of the season?

It was a great senior year. We were really close [as a team]. We all had each others' backs. It was really cool. There's not one favorite memory.

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EC picks Planz as football coach

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ELMHURST - Elmhurst College has named Ron Planz as its new head football coach.

Planz becomes the 19th head coach in school history, taking over for Joe Adam, who resigned last month to join the coaching staff at Syracuse.

Planz has spent the last five seasons as an assistant coach at Minnesota State University, Mankato - an NCAA Division II school. He served as the team's defensive line coach and special teams coordinator.

He takes over for an Elmhurst team that finished the 2013 season with a 4-6 overall

record and a 3-4 mark in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW).

The team is just one season removed from its best-ever campaign in 2012 when the Bluejays won a share of the CCIW championship for the first time since the 1980 season and earned the College's first-ever trip to the NCAA playoffs.

"My family and I are beyond excited to be joining the Elmhurst College community," Planz said in a release.

"This is a great school that cares about the student experience and is committed to being great. This is what has me most excited about being a Bluejay."

Planz is no stranger to the Elmhurst area or the CCIW after attending nearby Fenton High School and then playing football at Carthage College.

Prior to joining the MSU-Mankato coaching staff in 2009, Planz served as the defensive coordinator and strength and conditioning coordinator at Manchester College for five seasons. He also spent three seasons as an assistant at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

He began his coaching career overseas, serving as the defensive coordinator for the Danube Dragons in Klosterneuburg, Austria, in 2002.

» PREP ROUNDUP

Blazers win big in first game

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

Addison Trail's girls soccer team beat Mount Assisi 7-2 in their first game of the Windy City Classic on Tuesday.

GIRLS SOCCER Glenbard East

The Rams opened the season with a 3-0 win over Reavis on Tuesday. Sophomore Brittany Paganucci had a goal and two assists.

Holly Ward and Taylor Hallcox also scored a goal

each. Goalkeepers Haley Lydon, Rachel Anderson and Sierra Dana combined for the shutout.

IC Catholic

With six new faces in the lineup, including three freshmen, the Knights were able to come away with a 8-0 victory against Westmont in the season opener Monday.

Dominique Lotz had a hat trick, Grace Vitek had two goals and three assists and Hannah Hartnett scored a goal and had an assist.

The Knights made it two in a row by defeating Argo 3-1 in the first game in the Windy City Classic.

IC trailed 1-0 at halftime, but got second half goals from Lotz and Vitek. Erin Maloney assisted on two of the goals.

BADMINTON Willowbrook

The Warriors defeated Wheaton Warrenville South 13-2 in the season opener Monday.

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State qualifiers...

A TEAM OF STUDENTS from Jackson Middle School (right) earned a third-place trophy at the Destination Imagination (DI) regional tournament on March 8 at Hadley Junior High School in Glen Ellyn. A total of 16 teams from District 45 schools took part in the regional event. The Jackson team pictured on the right was one of nine District 45 schools to advance to the DI State Tournament, which will take place at Illinois State University on April 12. The Destination Imagination program inspires students to work together to develop solutions to specific challenges. Teams that compete at DI events give a presentation to provide details of their solutions. The Jackson team shown on the right competed in the "Dig In" challenge of the Middle Level Division. The team created and designed equipment to detect objects in their hiding places. The designed equipment was used in the team's presented story about a technology that detects things a human cannot sense without help. Members of the team (pictured left to right) are: (front row) Ashley DeLeon, Erinn Bell and Makalah Jones; (back row) Tori Mullens, Anas Salman and Kayla Lewis. The team manager is Dr. Joyce Perry.

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Willowbrook recognizes Outstanding Award winners



Outstanding students and faculty at Willowbrook...

NINE WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL students (above, left) received Outstanding Student Awards during Thursday's breakfast in their honor. Each of the above students received the award for their studies in a particular department. To be chosen for the Outstanding Student Award at Willowbrook, students must demonstrate extraordinary achievement and outstanding effort, as well as commendable attitude and motivation. Students who receive the award must also demonstrate the ability to overcome obstacles and maintain a continuous exemplary performance. The honorees (pictured from left to right) are: (front row) freshman Hannah Neher (English), sophomore Sally Nijim (science), senior Ricky (Nelson) Ayala (career and technical education) and senior Dana Degnan (music); (middle row) sophomore Raquel Cuautle (world languages), junior Brooke Bimber (physical education) and junior Avery Kirchner (social studies); (back row) senior Lukas Wiedman (art) and senior Gregory Ross (mathematics). Principal Dan Krause and assistant principal Ann Kimpton welcomed the students to the breakfast. Members of the students' families and the staff members who nominated the award winners also attended the event. Willowbrook physical education teacher Clyde Ware (above, right photo) received the Outstanding Teacher Award at Thursday's breakfast. The above photo shows Ware with the two students who presented him with the award—juniors Nora Grzadzki (left) and Mia Railing (right). To earn the Outstanding Teacher Award at Willowbrook, a staff member must treat teaching as a passion, not just a job. The honoree must also create a positive learning environment where students feel encouraged and supported, use a variety of strategies to engage students, be willing to offer extra support, provide prompt and effective feedback to students and relate to and understand students' viewpoints and perspectives.

Residents invited to tonight's town hall meeting at Willowbrook

All residents of the Village of Villa Park are invited to tonight's town hall meeting at Willowbrook High School. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

According to a news release issued by the Village of Villa Park, the purpose of tonight's meeting is to discuss the condition of the village's two public pools (Jefferson and Lufkin pools), as well as storm water management issues and the condition of Villa Park's roadways. Members of the Villa Park Village Board will attend the event, which will include presentations from village staff officials.

For more information about the town hall meeting, call Villa Park Village Manager Rich Kechner's office at 630-592-6052, or send an e-mail to eknackstedt@invillapark.com.

Willowbrook's music department presents two more March concerts

The Willowbrook High School Music Department's series of four winter concerts this month will conclude with two more events. Both performances will begin at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

This week's orchestra concert on Thursday, March 20, will feature the symphony and chamber orchestras. The beginning guitar and guitar ensemble groups will also perform.

The concert of Thursday, March 27, will include performances from the jazz band, jazz combo and the CenterStage show choir.

Admission to each concert 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.

District 88 students enjoy Music In Our Schools Month

ADDISON-VILLA PARK — March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education (NAFME) for the observance of Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM), the time of year when music education becomes the focus of schools throughout the U.S. The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children.

The program began as a single state-wide celebration in 1973 and has grown throughout the decades to encompass a day, then a week. Then, in 1985, MIOSM became a month-long celebration of school music.

District 88 is enjoying MIOSM with lots of music successes and events, including the following:

WB musicians earn "Superior" rank
At Willowbrook, 36 students and three ensembles earned a Division 1 Superior Rating (the highest-possible rank) at the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Solo and Ensemble Contest. The contest took place on Saturday, March 8 at Hinsdale South High School. To see the Division 1 recipients, visit dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=1445.

WBHS Concert Choir perform in Boston
From Feb. 27 to March 3, 46 students from the Willowbrook Concert Choir traveled to Boston for a music tour. The students sang at Old North Church, Old South Church and Saint Leonard's

Church. They also participated in a clinic with faculty at Boston University.

• AT host POPS Concert
At Addison Trail, the annual POPS Concert took place on March 8. The concert featured the school's music groups, including the bands, choirs, orchestras, Shades of Blue, Jazz Ensemble and Guitar Ensemble. The event serves as a fundraiser for the Addison Trail Music Booster Club, and more than \$4,000 was raised for the club's scholarship fund, which benefits Addison Trail students.

At right and below: Addison Trail music students perform during the school's annual POPS Concert on March 8. The event serves as a fundraiser for the Addison Trail Music Booster Club and features the school's music groups, including the bands, choirs, orchestras, Shades of Blue, Jazz Ensemble and Guitar Ensemble.



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Musicians at AT take part in POPS Concert



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Men's Garden Club to feature Making Seasonal Containers

VILLA PARK — The next meeting of the Villa Park Men's Garden Club will feature Joe Heidgen from Shady Hill Gardens (Forty Bloomin' Years!), who will be speaking "All About Geraniums."

The meeting begins at 7:30, Tuesday, March 25 at the Villa Park Recreation Center, 320 E. Wildwood.

Joe Heidgen's father Chuck started Shady Hill Gardens in 1974. Shady Hill has gained a national reputation as geranium specialists, after more than 30 years of breeding, propagating, and growing geraniums of every color, shape, size and scent imaginable. Joe is well known for his gardening and geranium knowledge both as a speaker at garden clubs and as an instructor at The Morton Arboretum and the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Joe and his brother, Matt, continue to own and operate the greenhouses of Shady Hill Gardens. They both have 20 years experience and specialize in plants from and for Northern Illinois. They grow and sell many different plants, old favorites as well as new varieties out in the Dutch glass greenhouses at 42W075 Route 38 in Elburn.

"This year, 2014, will mark our 40th season of growing and selling plants," Joe explained. "This program is timed just as we open for the season. I hope to inspire gardeners by sharing my family's proud tradition of growing quality plants and helping you select what will work best for you."

As a side note the Annual Plant Sale by the Mens' Garden Club is scheduled for Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10—just before Mother's Day.

The Mens' Garden Club of Villa Park has monthly meetings that are held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Villa Park Recreation Center, 320 E. Wildwood. Details of the events and monthly meeting information are available at: homegardening.org.

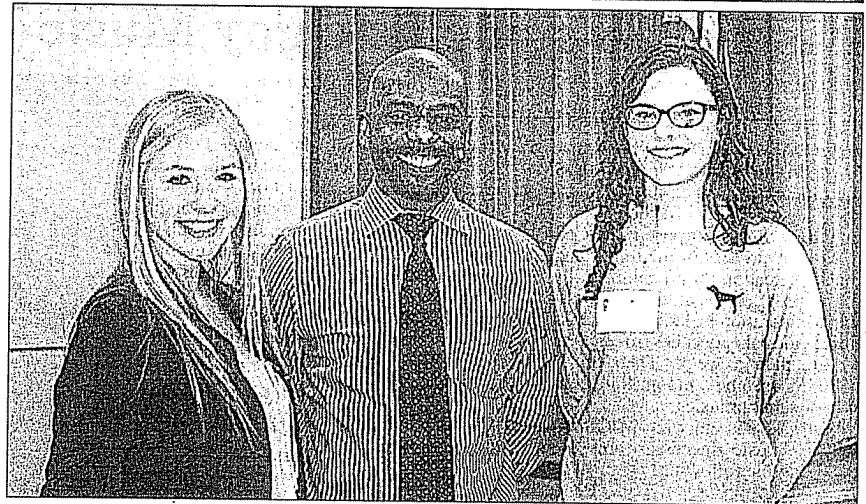


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Ware named Outstanding Teacher at WBHS

Willowbrook teacher Clyde Ware received the Outstanding Teacher award and was presented by Willowbrook juniors Nora Grzadziel (left) and Mia Railing. Ware was honored at a breakfast held in his honor along with the Outstanding Students of the quarter. The full story and another photo can be found elsewhere in this issue.

• STELLA'S

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with a book shelf holding various bits of nostalgia including a manual typewriter and books. Even this back room is airy and provides plenty of room for two or more persons to sit at each of the five video gaming machines.

"Our customers are adults who are probably past their bar hopping days," said CEO Gary Leff during the May 14 ribbon-cutting ceremony for Stella's Place held by the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce.

"It's exciting to have this new business in town," said Chamber President John Zaley. "We also look forward to the opening of Shelby's on St. Charles Rd. in the near future."

Shelby's, similar in concept to Stella's Place, is scheduled to open at 321 W. St. Charles Rd. in the Villa Center shopping complex.

Part of the Illinois law that allows video gaming outside of casinos requires the venue to hold a liquor license. People

more interested in gambling on the machines than visiting a full-fledged bar had few choices. Until Stella's Place opened, adults seeking to try their luck locally at video slot machines and video poker had to visit the VFW Post #2801, Stulgin's Park Blvd. Tavern, Crazy Pour on North Ave. or other bars.

When the proposed North Ave. location opens, Laredo Hospitality will have three video gaming locations in Villa Park.

• BOARD

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Trustee Bob Wagner.

The cameras, initially installed in 2009, generated nearly \$450,000 in revenue from violations in 2013. The cameras take video and still pictures of vehicles at the intersections of Rte. 83 and Riverside Drive (near the Walmart); Roosevelt Rd. and Summit; and, North Ave. and Villa Ave. Drivers deemed to have run the light or failed to come to a complete stop before turning, could be issued fines of \$100. The Village receives \$66 per violation; RedSpeed Illinois gets the remainder.

"You need to look at studies conducted by unbiased parties... those without a financial interest in these cameras," said Arthur Biladeaux in an address to the Trustees at a Board meeting on Monday, March 10. "These cameras are not about safety. They are about money. Other measures such as increasing yellow light times one or two seconds have proven to [increase] safety at intersections."

All photos of suspected violations are submitted to the Villa Park Police Dept. for verification by a sworn police officer. Last year, 59 percent of such submissions resulted in a ticket being issued.

"No one likes the red light cameras," Trustee Bob Taglia said. "But in a way, some of

the violators are lucky. The tickets issued by the cameras don't get reported to insurance. I have seen some very dangerous driving captured on the camera that could cost the driver their license if a police officer was present."

A spokesperson for RedSpeed Illinois explained that new technology will eliminate the flash that drivers are used to seeing when a red light camera takes their photo. Better cameras will also offer clearer images.

"We are often asked to check the images if there has been an accident or crime in the camera's view," the spokesman said. "Now the images will be even clearer for such purposes."

The current contract with RedSpeed Illinois is set to expire this year. The new contract runs through 2017, with an option to extend through 2020. The Village can cancel the contract with no penalty and for any reason with a 60-day notice.

Trustees Bob Taglia, Bob Wagner, Al Bulthuis and Village President Deborah Bullwinkel voted for the measure. Trustee Don Kase voted 'abstain' which counts with the majority. Trustee John Davis was absent from Monday's meeting and Trustee Chris Aiello arrived after the contract was voted on.

District 88 salutes partnership with Jostens

ADDISON-VILLA PARK — District 88 regularly recognizes its business and organizational partnership for their support in building the futures for the students and helping to accomplish its mission and vision. Those groups are honored as Business Partners during a District 88 Board of Education meeting.

On March 10, the District 88 Board of Education recognized Jostens as a Business Partner. During that meeting, Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton and Board President Donna Craft Cain thanked Jostens for their support of District 88, specifically Todd Crandall, who works with Willowbrook, and Pat Buschette with Addison Trail. "The support Jostens has provided to District 88 through the years has been tremendous," school officials said. "Pat Buschette and Todd Crandall go above and beyond and are more than just vendors. They come into Addison Trail and Willowbrook and speak with students about the importance of graduating and following their dreams."

"Outside the classroom, Jostens has been more than willing to step up and make a difference in the lives of District 88 students through supporting the District 88 Foundation and the Partnership for Inspired Education (PIE) Foundation. Those

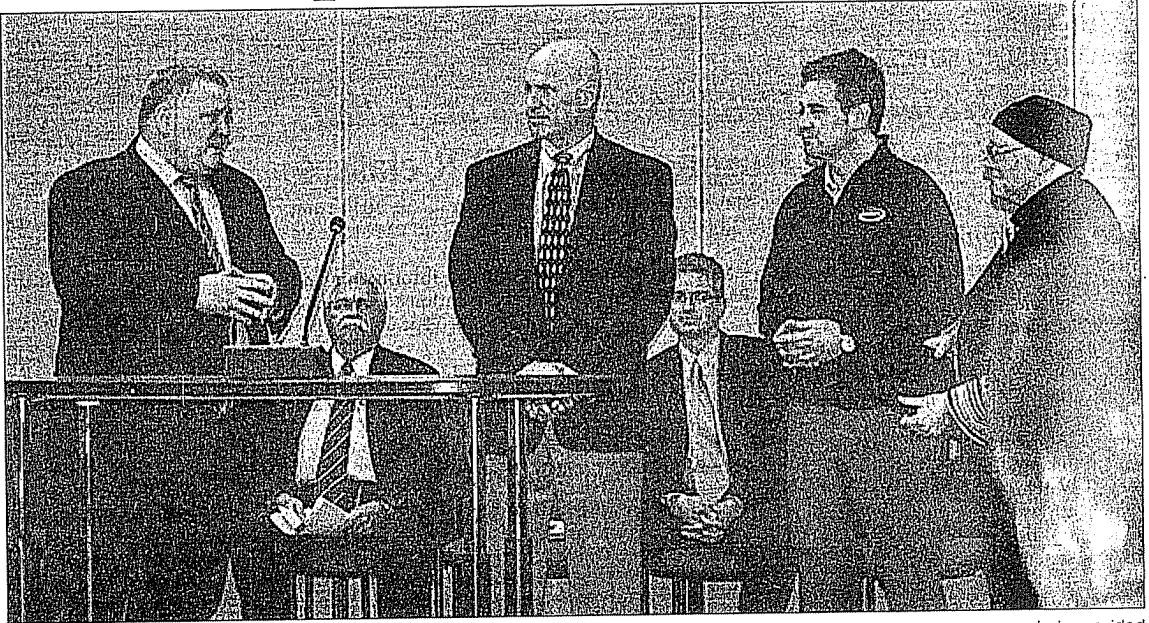


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District 88 recognizes Jostens as a business partner

(From left) District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton recognizes Todd Crandall and Pat Buschette with Jostens as Business Partners. District 88 regularly recognizes businesses and organizations that partner with the district as Business Partners.

foundations benefit students in school districts 4, 45, 48 and 88. Jostens has been a sponsor for the Addison Mayor's Community Charity Ball and the Dennis Doyle 3-on-3 Classic

District 88 Foundation Basketball Tournament, and they continue to help District 88 achieve its mission of working for the continuous improvement of student achievement."

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WB Guidance Dept. hosts 3rd annual College & Career Awareness Week

VILLA PARK — The Willowbrook Guidance Department is gearing up for its 3rd annual College & Career Awareness Week.

The weeklong event will take

place from March 24 to 28 and helps prepare students for their post-high school lives.

"The purpose of College & Career Awareness Week is to bring awareness and knowl-

edge to all students about their various post-high school options," said Cathy Bendiczen, Willowbrook Director of Guidance. "Combining all of these events in one week helps to get all students, faculty and staff excited and involved to assist students in exploring and developing their post-high school plans."

Bendiczen added the week provides an opportunity to showcase the incredible experiences and knowledge of Willowbrook faculty and staff, which is another resource for students.

The Guidance Department has organized a number of activities throughout the week. Some of the events are drop-in activities that will take place during Warrior Time and lunch periods. Students will be given a "passport" to get signed by colleges or career reps. After students have completed the card, they are encouraged to turn them in to win prizes on March 28.

College & Career Awareness Week activities include:

March 24: Senior Career Seminar — Senior students who are undecided on their future can stop in during this seminar, which is designed to help them explore a variety of opportunities.

March 25: Military Fair — Representatives from all branches of the military will be

present to speak with students. Willowbrook also will offer the ASVAB Test for any interested students (advanced registration is required). The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. It is administered annually to more than one million military applicants, high school and post-secondary students. It also provides career information for various civilian and military occupations and is an indicator for success in future endeavors such as college, vocational school or a military career.

Warrior Time: College Essay Writing Workshop

March 26: College Fair — More than 60 colleges and universities will be available to meet with students and parents/guardians to discuss admission and application requirements.

Warrior Time: Senior students are encouraged to stop by the Seminar for Seniors Workshop. That workshop will help students prepare for their next steps, including securing finan-

cial aid, making a final decision on schools/vocational schools, taking placement exams and registering for classes and housing.

March 27: Career/Vocational Fair — During all lunch periods, students and parents/guardians have the opportunity to speak with representatives from schools and businesses to learn more about career options, including skilled trades, medical, cosmetology, fire science and police.

Warrior Time: Career Expo — More than 20 business professionals will be available for students to speak with to learn about various careers, including attorney, nurse, engineer, insurance agent, statistician, carpenter and marketing director.

March 28: Career/College Seminar, Awarding of Prizes — During lunch periods, awards will be presented to students who participated in activities throughout the week.

For more information, contact Bendiczen at cbendiczen@dupage88.net or 630-530-3419.



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A Willowbrook student enjoys the Career/Vocational Fair during last year's College & Career Awareness Week at Willowbrook. This year's College & Career Awareness Week will take place from March 24 to 28, with the purpose of preparing students for their post-high school lives.

OBITUARIES

Richard L. Iwicki Sr., 81

Richard L. Iwicki Sr., of Villa Park, passed away in Elmhurst on March 14, 2014, at the age of 81. Beloved husband of Sally nee Sacino, loving father of Richard L. Jr. (Carol), Pamela (Gary) Thomm and Karen (Greg) Flak, dear grandfather of Megan, Nick, Sarah, Colton and Charlie, fond brother in law of Anne Menolascino, dear uncle of Anthony and Rochelle. Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday March 18, 2014 at St. Alexander Church in Villa Park. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Alexander School are appreciated. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

Alberta E. Tauscher, 62

Alberta E. Tauscher, of Wheaton, passed away at Central DuPage Hospital on March 9, 2014, at the age of 62. Alberta was the retired front office receptionist for the Villa Park Police Dept. Loving mother of

Vince (Theresa Miller) Main, fond sister of Edward (Sandy Uzarewicz-Stroh) Main. Memorial visitation will be held on Friday March 21, 2014, from 3 to 8 p.m. with memorial service at 7 p.m. at Steuerle Funeral Home 350 S. Ardmore Ave, Villa Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials would be appreciated to Chicago Zoological Society Annual Fund at czg.org/cczs/annual.fund. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

Charlotte Auch, 93

Charlotte Auch, nee Reising, of Villa Park, passed away in Elmhurst on March 9, 2014, at the age of 93. Beloved wife of Paul, loving mother of Ronald (Joan) and Christine Auch, dear grandmother of Clay, Christian, William and Paul, great grandmother of nine. Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 15, 2014, at Grace Lutheran Church, 5 N. Princeton, Villa Park. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery, Oak-

brook Terrace. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

Lora S. Van Zyl, 67

Lora S. Van Zyl, of Villa Park, passed away at West Lake Hospital on March 8, 2014, at the age of 67. Beloved fiancé of Robert Costenaro, cherished family of Kip and Greg Costenaro and their wives Linda nee Cikowski and Heidi nee Devermann, proud grandmother of Emily, Jodi, Cody, Dave, Kaitlyn, Jessica and the late Brittany, dearest sister of the late Bart Van Zyl, loving daughter of Harold R. and the late Norma Van Zyl. Funeral services were held at Steuerle Funeral Home in Villa Park on Tuesday March 11, 2014. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to American Cancer Society appreciated. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.



photo by Paul DeGuldicce

Irish dancer steps up

Villa Park's own Peter Dziak holds a framed copy of the proclamation designating March 17, 2014 as "Peter Dziak Day" in Villa Park. Dziak is a three-time World Irish Dance Champion.

Willowbrook hosts heroin awareness program

VILLA PARK — On March 11, Willowbrook hosted a heroin awareness presentation to educate students and parents/guardians about the heroin issue in DuPage County and throughout Illinois.

The presentation was hosted in conjunction with DuPage County, the DuPage Regional Office of Education and the Villa Park Police Department. Angelica Selvaggio and Felicia Miceli with the LTM Heroin Awareness and Support Foundation Inc. shared their story of how heroin has affected them through the loss of their cousin/

son, Louie Theodore Miceli, after whom the foundation is founded. Recovering heroin addict Nick Gore also spoke about his journey and the negative impacts of heroin.

Villa Park Deputy Chief Bob Budig and DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group Director Mark Piccoli also presented about the dangers and realities of heroin. DuPage County Coroner Dr. Richard Jorgensen said in 2013, there were 46 heroin-related deaths in DuPage County. That number surpasses the county's record of 38 heroin-related deaths in 2012.

After the presentations, audience members participated in a question-and-answer session.

To see videos from the event, go to <http://tinyurl.com/mcx-updm>.

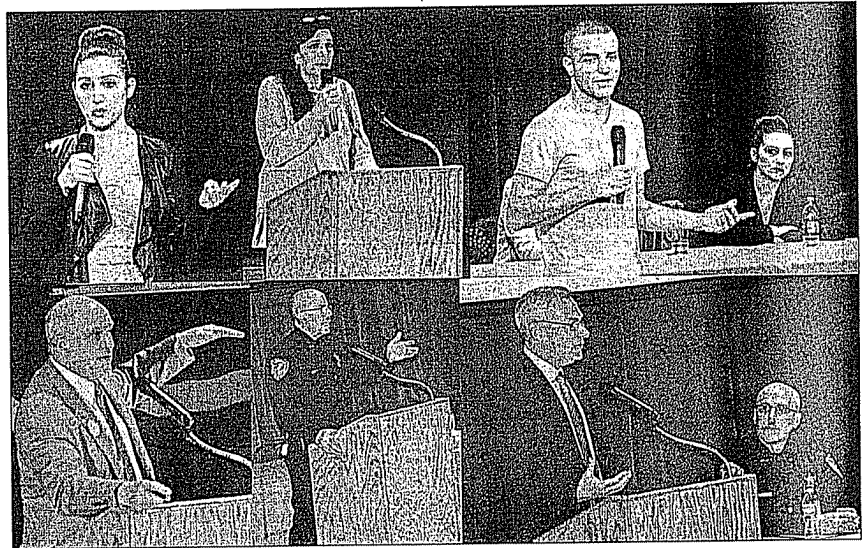
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Addison Trail hosted a similar event starting at 7 p.m. on March 18.

District 88 is committed to helping put an end to the heroin epidemic in the county and will continue to support the county to ensure the safety of students.



Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause welcomes the audience to the presentation.



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On March 11, Willowbrook hosted a heroin awareness presentation. Top row (from left): Angelica Selvaggio and Felicia Miceli with the LTM Heroin Awareness and Support Foundation Inc. share their story of how heroin has affected them. Recovering heroin addict Nick Gore speaks about his journey and the negative impacts of heroin. Middle row (from left): DuPage County Coroner Dr. Richard Jorgensen, Villa Park Deputy Chief Bob Budig and DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group Director Mark Piccoli present about the dangers and realities of heroin.

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Addison Trail boys basketball team makes progress this season

Blazers competed against tough schedule; finished 6-6 in conference play

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys basketball team took some important steps forward as a program this season.

The Blazers finished 11-18 overall and went 6-6 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action.

"We thought we would be able to at least be middle-of-the-pack in our conference," said Addison Trail coach Brendan Lyons. "We definitely improved as a team this season."

James Pupillo and Ronald Duling earned all-WSC Gold honors.

"Our entire senior class played well and those two guys stood out with con-

sistent point production," said Lyons. "I'm very happy with our seniors. As a group they set the bar pretty high for the younger kids and set a great example. We relied upon James and Ronald to do a lot of scoring, defending and handling the basketball. They were the guys, barring injury or foul trouble, that played 30 to 32 minutes a game."

Lyons said improvement occurred this season against a schedule loaded with quality competition.

"We definitely took a step forward," he said. "We could have loaded up the schedule against a lot lesser competition. I thought we were able to compete with a lot of good teams. We showed that and had some good wins against Stagg, Morton and Hinsdale South. Those are some wins people might not have expected, plus we took some teams down to the wire. We lost to Geneva at the buzzer and we lost to Proviso East

in overtime at the buzzer. We accomplished a lot this season. I wouldn't change anything. With the right schedule, we could have been 18-11, but our guys proved that most of the time they were up to the task."

Addison Trail's sophomore team went 18-7 and the freshman squad recorded double-digit wins as well.

"I definitely like the direction we are going," said Lyons.

The Blazers will graduate seven seniors.

"We're probably losing 80 percent of our scoring, playing time and everything else," said the coach. "We do return two juniors who played quite a lot. It will be a new look next year. We'll have a few returning guys and the sophomores who will be coming up and will have an opportunity to make contributions. We definitely have to replace a lot of parts."

Taylor White and Matt Gontarek are the two juniors returning who saw significant playing time this season.

"Taylor started 24 or 25 games for us this year. Next year will be his third year on the varsity," said Lyons. "He averaged 10 points and was one of our leading rebounders this year. Matt started about 17 games for us and did a lot of the little things right for us. We'll look to them right away and hopefully the other guys can come in here and step up and fill spots."

Pupillo led the Blazers in scoring at 17.9 points per game.

"James battled through some injuries," said Lyons. "It will definitely be weird without him around. He was a four-year varsity starter who left his mark on the program."

Duling also advanced to the sectional portion of the state 3-point shooting contest.

Willowbrook boys gymnastics team poised to continue recent success

Warriors return numerous state qualifiers from last year's team

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook boys gymnastics team doesn't lack for returning talent this season.

The Warriors return numerous key contributors from last year's team that went 7-1 overall.

Leading the way is all-around performer Keawe Winstead, who placed 24th on the hi bar, 26th in all-around, 26th on parallel bars and 41st on horse at the boys state gymnastics meet.

He also won conference titles on horse, rings, parallel bars and all-around.

Colton Bach also returns after placing 11th on vault at the state meet. The all-arounder also took 10th in the conference on parallel bars and the hi bar.

Bret Golz was 20th in the state on floor exercise, and took second on floor and sixth on parallel bars at the conference meet.

Eduardo Alvarez was the conference champion on vault and also took fifth on rings at the league meet.

Sophomore Dillan Jones is a key newcomer, who will compete on floor, horse, vault and

parallel bars.

"The team is very tightly bonded and family-oriented," said Willowbrook coach John Wronkiewicz. "This has been a strength for us in the past and will continue to be this season. Our gentlemen truly have a desire to improve themselves and the team every day."

Wronkiewicz said the team's strongest suits right now are floor and vault.

"Our most talented gymnasts on those events from last season are back again this year," he said. "That and the addition of Dillan Jones on those events will make us very strong there."

Wronkiewicz said the team

is hard at work on "building smart routines that work well and adapt to the new rules this season."

Wronkiewicz cited Bach for his strong work ethic.

"Already in his first meet this season, Colton scored a personal-best in the all-around," said Wronkiewicz. "He is a dedicated, hard-working leader in the gym and will be one to watch this season."

The coach also has been pleased with the improvement of senior Alex Bardesi.

"Although he only started gymnastics last season, Alex has made remarkable progress in the sport," said Wronkiewicz. "He is one of the hard-

est-working athletes I have ever met and is an outstanding example for others to follow."

Wronkiewicz said the size of the team has nearly doubled from last year.

"We have a very large team this year," he said. "We have 16 freshmen who came out for the team and are working hard to build success for the present and future of the team. We have many junior-varsity and varsity gymnasts who are hungry for improvement and ready to continue the success of past seasons. Our outlook is very bright for this season and for future seasons to come."

Timothy Christian boys basketball team wins 18 games

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Timothy Christian boys basketball team had an extremely successful 2013-2014 season.

The Trojans finished 18-10 overall, went 9-3 in Metro Suburban Conference play and advanced to a Class 3A regional championship game where they lost to St. Joe's.

"It turned into a really fun year for the kids and for me," said Timothy Christian coach Jack LeGrand. "The guys did a great job. I'm very proud of how they grew together and grew closer and got better. They grew up right before our eyes. It was fun to watch. The team rallied together to try and make them-

selves as good as they could be. They didn't listen to what other people said. In the preseason nobody was sure what we were going to do in the conference and we ended up tied for second. We had a good group here this season."

Timothy really hit its stride toward the end of the season.

"We had a rough spell right around the new year," said LeGrand. "Then we ran off a bunch of wins at the end of the schedule. It was great to get to the regional championship against St. Joe's. That was fun. The kids played a real good ballgame and gave themselves a good chance against St. Joe's. We were up by a point going into the fourth quarter, but St. Joe's had too much for us."

LeGrand lauded the play at the end of the season of Connor VanderBrug, who was named the MSC player of the year.

"Down the stretch, Connor really stepped up his game to another level," said LeGrand. "He had games of 37, 37, 31 and 38 points and had 27 in his last game against St. Joe's. Connor and his teammates bought into their roles and gave maximum effort each night."

LeGrand noted VanderBrug wasn't the only player who stepped things up to another level.

"It seemed like it was a different guy each night doing something well. That's fun to see as a coach," he said. "A lot of different guys had good years for us. Sophomore Ben Lodewyk helped

us. Junior Joe Bishop started most of the games. Robert McGivney played a lot and he's coming back with Ben and Joe."

In addition to VanderBrug, Justin Rhiner also earned all-conference honors.

"We's Ditchfield also had a solid basketball year. Khali (Valrie) was doing very well for us and Logan Byrne showed tremendous leadership," said LeGrand. "The seniors led the way and the underclassmen bought in."

LeGrand said a key turning point in the year was at a shootout the team played at Fulton High School.

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WBHS hosts Dennis Doyle 3-on-3 Classic

Basketball tournament raises funds for District 88 Foundation

VILLA PARK — On Saturday, March 8, the field house and gyms at Willowbrook were filled with basketball

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"The kids have rebounded from things all year. We lost the first two games of the year," he said. "We go to the shootout at Fulton and played a different team than we were supposed to and it was a much stronger team and we ended up losing by one in overtime. That was probably the turning point right there. Everybody stepped up and everybody played. It was a great bonding experience. I'm going to miss the seniors in this group. I love the fact they set the bar up there and said, 'This is what we want to be about and let's work hard to attain this.' They did that."

Rhiner averaged 9.5 points in conference play and shot 45 percent from 3-point range (26-for-58) in league contests.

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players and fans for the 2014 Dennis Doyle 3-on-3 Classic District 88 Foundation Basketball Tournament.

This year had the highest participation for the event, with 44 teams. The tournament raised about \$4,000, and proceeds support the District 88 Foundation and the Dennis Doyle Memorial Scholarship, which 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 way to remember his commitment to District 88.



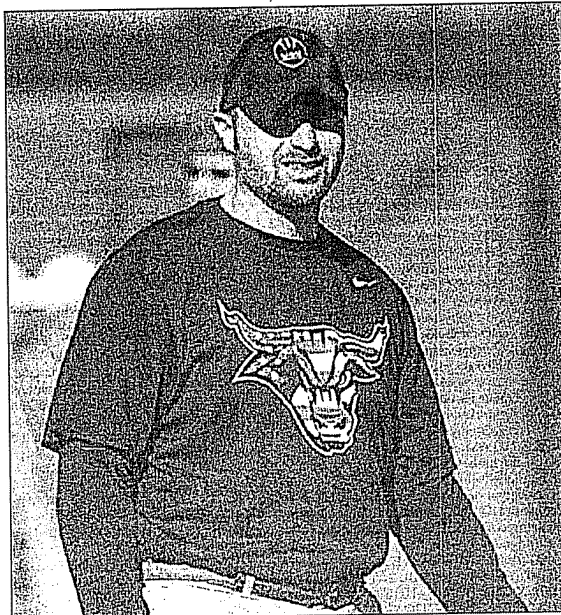
Willowbrook Assistant Principal Sam Bentsen makes a three-point shot during the 2014 Dennis Doyle 3-on-3 Classic District 88 Foundation Basketball Tournament. The tournament took place on March 8 at Willowbrook and raised about \$4,000 to support the District 88 Foundation and the Dennis Doyle Memorial Scholarship, which benefit District 88 students.

Ron Planz named head football coach at Elmhurst College

ELMHURST — Elmhurst College has named Ron Planz as its new head football coach. Planz becomes the 19th head coach in school history, taking over for Joe Adam, who resigned last month to join the coaching staff at Syracuse University.

In the last five seasons as an assistant coach at Minnesota State University, Mankato — an NCAA Division II school — Planz served as the team's defensive line coach and special teams coordinator. In his time at Minnesota State, the Mavericks won four Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) South Division titles, three NSIC conference championships, qualified for the NCAA playoffs three times, including a national semifinal appearance in 2012. He helped coach three All-Americans and 12 first-team all-conference players in his time at Minnesota State, including a conference Defensive Player of the Year and Conference Newcomer of the Year.

The Elmhurst College team finished the 2013 season with a 4-6 overall record and a 3-4 mark in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW). The team is just one year removed from its best-ever season in 2012 when the Bluejays won a share of the CCIW championship for the first time since the 1980 season,



Ron Planz, pictured here, has been named the new head football coach at Elmhurst College, making him the 19th head coach in school history. Planz comes from Minnesota State University in Mankato, where he served as the team's defensive line coach and special teams coordinator. In his time at Minnesota State, the Mavericks won several conference titles and championships, qualifying for the NCAA playoffs three times, including a national semifinal appearance in 2012.

earning their first-ever trip to the NCAA Playoffs. The Bluejays won their opening round playoff game against Coe and

earned a Top-10 national ranking in the final season polls from D3football.com and the American Football Coaches

Association.

"My family and I are beyond excited to be joining the Elmhurst College community," said Planz. "This is a great school that cares about the student experience and is committed to being great. This is what has me most excited about being a Bluejay."

Prior to joining Mavericks' coaching staff in 2009, Planz served as the defensive coordinator at Manchester College for five seasons where he coached seven first-team all-conference players and also worked as the team's strength and conditioning coordinator. He also spent three seasons as an assistant at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire where he coached cornerbacks, wide receivers and the defensive secondary. Planz began his coaching career overseas, serving as the defensive coordinator for the Danube Dragons in Klosterneuburg, Austria, in 2002.

"Ron will represent a new voice and face of leadership for the football program and is enthusiastic about getting started immediately with confirmed starting date next week," said Athletic Director Paul Krohn. "He is eager to address the needs and challenges of the position with high energy and commitment to doing things right."