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Fenton gridders moves to 2-0 with convincing win

Addison Trail football team downs Hinsdale Central, now 2-0 as well

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Fenton football team took another step forward in Week 2 of the 2014 season.

The Bison raised their record to 2-0 on the young season after a 55-12 Metro Suburban Conference crossover win against Walther Christian.

Fenton was coming off a Week 1 road victory against Grayslake Central.

Fenton heads to Norridge on Friday for another MSC crossover game against Ridgewood.

Addison Trail football

The Addison Trail football team went 2-7 last year.

The improved Blazers already have matched that win total thanks to a recent 18-10 West Suburban Conference crossover victory against Hinsdale Central.

Addison Trail will bring a 2-0 record into Friday night's West Suburban Conference Gold Division opener at Downers Grove South.

Willowbrook football

The Willowbrook football team fell

to 0-2 on the season after a 25-21 loss to Lyons Township in a West Suburban Conference crossover game in Villa Park.

The Warriors open the WSC Gold Division portion of their schedule Friday at home against Hinsdale South. The Hinsdale South game marks the end of a three-game, season-opening homestand for Willowbrook.

Fenton girls cross country

The Fenton girls cross-country team is heavy on youthful talent this season.

"It's going to be an interesting year for us," said Fenton coach Sarah McDougal. "More than half the team is comprised of freshmen, which is very

unusual for us. However, many of them show notable promise and potential and look as if they will end up in our top 7."

Key runners on the team include junior Marisol Garcia, who was part of last year's regional title team, senior Crystal Medrano and freshmen Lea Cornejo-Perez and Jessica McCauley.

"I like our new energy, the enthusiasm the girls have, our young talent, the strong leadership and great peer support we have," said McDougal.

Fenton will run in the expanded Metro Suburban Conference this season.

"It's a new conference this year and I expect it to be very challenging," said McDougal. "Our goals are to have fun, work hard and cultivate young talent."

Addison Trail girls volleyball team defeats Elgin

Villalobos leads Blazers girls tennis team

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail girls volleyball team recorded a recent 25-18, 25-14 non-conference win over Elgin.

Sarah Petrbok and Keara Schmitt each had four kills. Jessica Mell had six aces and three blocks. Schmitt also had three aces. Addison Trail had 14 aces as a team.

The Blazers also dropped a recent 25-13, 21-25, 25-15 West Suburban Conference crossover match to York.

Addison Trail boys cross country

Addison Trail's boys cross-country team returns the likes of seniors Luis Eugenio and Raymond Loi. Key newcomers

to the team include brothers Demitrio and Julio Cervantes.

"Youth is a strength," said Addison Trail coach Brad Donaldson. "We have a strong group of underclassmen which gives us a lot more depth than we've had in the past. As the young kids develop, they will be able to make an impact on the varsity right away."

Donaldson felt the team's summer program was a big success.

"It went very well," he said. "We had solid attendance from our younger group and they are beginning to make some real strides. I like our frosh-soph group. They are competitive and after they get some experience they are going to start pushing the varsity kids and they will be able to help us out on varsity sooner than they think."

One runner with plenty of potential is freshman Noah Boučekkine. "Noah is a very

strong runner and has a tremendous work ethic," said Donaldson. "He doesn't yet realize how good he is. I look forward to watching him develop this season."

Senior Loi also is poised to have a strong season. "Raymond has kept running since freshman year and he is going to be a solid contributor for us at the varsity level," said Donaldson.

Donaldson said the West Suburban Gold Division will be strong once again.

"I think the usual suspects will challenge for the title again," he said. "I expect Morton and Downers Grove South will be the two early favorites because of their depth and consistency. Hinsdale South is coming on strong and I expect them to be solid like they were at the end of last year. I think by season's end we should be able to battle Willowbrook and Leyden for conference posi-

tioning. I think it will be a great conference meet and as competitive as it has been in a long time. We want to develop a consistent and competitive top 7 at the varsity level."

Addison Trail girls tennis

The Addison Trail girls tennis team graduated 10 seniors from last year's squad. Senior Joanna Villalobos is the team's only returning player. She won eight matches last year and will play No. 1 singles this season. Key newcomers include the No. 1 doubles team of junior Gabriela Czerniawski and sophomore Pamela Kobeszko.

"We are a very young team this year," said Addison Trail coach Justin Hegner. "Most of our players on the team this year will still be there next year which is great so they can continue to improve over the next two or more seasons. The girls are focused and determined. We have 50 girls out for

three teams so there is a lot of competition at practice to see who is going to make the varsity, JV1 and JV2 teams. Players that want to make varsity are practicing hard to guarantee their spot on the team."

Hegner is excited about Villalobos' prospects as well as the No. 1 doubles pairing of Czerniawski and Kobeszko. "Joanna is a third-year varsity player and is our most athletic girl," he said. "She will run down every ball and that frustrates her opponents. Gabriela and Pamela were undefeated at No. 1 doubles on JV last year."

Hegner said Downers Grove South and Hinsdale South are favorites in the WSC Gold. "We usually are always fighting for the third spot with Leyden, Morton and Willowbrook," he said. "Finishing third or fourth with this young team would be a great accomplishment."

Willowbrook boys cross-country team has high expectations

Jones, Rodriguez ready to lead Willowbrook girls' cross-country team

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook boys cross-country team finished third in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division last year.

The Warriors would like to improve on that standing this year and have plenty of talent to attempt to carry out the mission.

Senior Jimmy Funteas Jr. is back after placing second in the WSC Gold last year and missing a state finals berth by one place. Also back are juniors Jack Garner, Chris Turek and sophomore Casey King.

Warriors coach TJ Artman sees plenty of positives with

his 2014 group.

"Our summer training was strong. We put in lots and lots of miles and long runs," he said. "The work ethic of this team is great and the motivation to win a conference title is high. It's a great group of hard-working individuals who have a lot of team chemistry and like to push each other every day at practice. We are coming together as a squad that wants to leave a positive mark

in the program and the WSC Gold. They have a tremendous amount of school pride in everything they do. They are a great representation of what it means to wear the 'W' and be part of Willowbrook."

Artman noted Funteas Jr. is extremely focused on having a successful season, while Garner, Turek and King are establishing themselves as solid distance runners in the program. Returning racers Adrian

Gonzales, Chris Seness, Kevin Rezek, and Cristian Batiz also will help, as will newcomers Andrew Verr and David Chernov (both juniors).

Artman said two teams in particular in the conference to keep an eye out for are Downers Grove South and Morton.

Willowbrook girls cross country

The Willowbrook girls'

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Addison Trail holds open house

ADDISON — On Sept. 4, Addison Trail students and parents/guardians attended the school's annual open house. Participants were able to tour the building and learn about Addison Trail's curriculum and clubs/activities.

"Addison Trail parents were given the opportunity to learn about Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses, special education support and college planning, as well as receive training on PowerSchool," said Assistant Principal Iridia Nevarez-Niewinski. "Parents also were given direct access to their child's dean and were able to obtain pertinent information regarding discipline, as well as outside resources. Members of the Board of Education, athletics and all booster clubs were present to provide information and opportunities to members of our community."

The school also invited local realtors and potential homeowners to the open house to see the school firsthand and speak with parents/guardians, students, staff and administrators about ATHS and District 88.



ATHS Principal Adam Cibulka greets the crowd and shares information about Addison Trail during the school's Open House held on Thursday, September 4.

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ADDISON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Sept. 11 Addison Art Guild meeting

The Addison Art Guild will be holding its first meeting of the season at 7 p.m. at the Addison Village Hall, One Friendship Plaza, in Room 1310. The program will be Joe Fournier, who will talk about political illustration. Guests may attend for \$2 fee. Info: Call Carol Trcka at 630-833-8677.

Friday, Sept. 12 Viva Cuba

Viva Cuba, a one-day fundraiser, will be held from 6-11 p.m. at Wilder Mansion, 211 S. Prospect in Elmhurst. Proceeds will be given to Guinness, Cuba, by the Elmhurst Presbyterian Church to aid in many humanitarian needs. Includes: Cuban food, live Spanish guitar, Flamenco dancing, cash bar. Tickets: \$50 for adults, \$25 for children. Visit cuba2014.org for tickets and information.

Saturday, Sept. 13 SwiBiRu, Park District's youth triathlon

The Addison Park District is hosting SwiBiRu, a triathlon of both indoor and outdoor activities for youth ages 6-9 and 10-13 (two brackets), at Club Fitness and Centennial Park. The 6-9 year-olds will swim 50 yards, bike two miles and run one mile; ages 10-13 will swim 100 yards, bike two miles and run one mile. Swimming will be held at Club Fitness; biking and running, outdoors in Centennial Park. Participants must bring their own gear; bicycle helmets are required. Info: call 630-233-7275 or go online to addisonparks.org.

Thursday, Sept. 18 A.J. LaRocca Memorial Golf Outing

The third annual A.J. LaRocca Memorial Golf Outing will be held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road,

Bloomingtondale. Begins with continental breakfast from 8-9:45 a.m., registration, a putting contest and a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Proceeds support A.J. LaRocca Memorial Foundation. Tickets: golf with lunch and dinner: \$125 per person; golf and lunch only: \$85 per person; dinner only: \$50. Tickets and info: iafpd.org or call 630-936-1529.

Saturday, Sept. 20 Addison Chamber Networking Road Rally

The inaugural Addison Chamber of Commerce and Industry networking road rally will be held from 6-10 p.m. with the start being at the DeVry University parking lot, 1221 Swift Road. Preregistration required by Monday, Sept. 8. Entry fees: \$125 per car (team of four persons), includes buffet style refreshments, prizes and a cash bar. Participation limited to first 25 teams. To preregister, send an email to: addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net. Info: 630-543-4300

Sunday, Sept. 21 Youth Fishing Derby

The Addison Park District's eighth annual Fishing Derby will be held at the Wood Dale Grove Lake from 9-11 a.m. Fee: \$5 per person ages 15-and-under prior to the event; \$10 the day of the event. The awards ceremony will take place at 11:15 a.m. Info: call 630-233-7275 or go online to addisonparks.org.

Thursday, Sept. 25 York Township Republican Women to hold dinner

The York Township Republican Women's Organization will be hosting a Celebration Dinner in honor of Congressman Peter Roskam (Wheaton) and Patti Bellock (Hinsdale) at Drury Lane in Oak Brook Terrace. There will be a 7 p.m. dinner with cocktails available one hour earlier. Tick-

ets: \$50 per person and includes appetizers, dinner and wine on the table. Info: Jackie Haddad at 630-941-9388.

Friday, September 26 Dist 4 hosts community resource fair

From 5-8 p.m., the Addison Early Childhood Collaborative will host a community resource fair at Indian Trail Junior High School, 222 N. Kennedy Drive. Includes the presentation for families with children age 5 and younger, "Learning Through Play" by Dr. Lourdes Ferrer, educational consultant, speaker and author. Dr. Ferrer will present in Spanish at 5:30 p.m. and in English at 6:45 p.m. Free and open to District 4 families.

Saturday, Sept. 27 Celebrate National Public Lands Day

Celebrate National Public Lands Day with the Addison Park District by meeting at Community Park, starting at 9:30 a.m. Volunteer groups are invited to spend the morning grooming the parks for the fall season. An appreciation cookout will be held immediately following the event for all volunteers. Info: for park assignments, call 630-233-7275, option 2.

Glow Ball Golf Night

Join the Addison Park District for its "Howl at the Moon" Glow Ball Night golf event at the Links & Tees Golf Course. The event is for those 18-and-older, but younger players will be allowed if accompanied by an adult. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by golf. Fee: \$45 per adult which includes dinner, nine holes of golf, a glow ball and a prize drawing entry; \$20 per child which includes pizza, 18 holes of mini golf and free glow gear. Info: call 630-233-7275 or go online to addisonparks.org.

Sunday, Sept. 28 Amazing Walk for Cancer

The Eimhurst Memorial Hospital Foundation is hosting the Amazing Walk for Cancer at 1 p.m. The Walk is 2.3 miles and begins at 155 E. Brush Hill Road. Fee: \$25/advance \$25, \$35/day-of. Info: amazingwalk.kintera.org.

Saturday, October 4 TCD Expo celebrates 40 years

From 9 a.m. - 12 noon, the Technology Center of DuPage, 301 South Swift Road in Addison, is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Alumni and the public are invited to its anniversary homecoming Expo. There will be demonstrations of dramatic rescues, 3D printing, game design, a car clinic, culinary demos and free salon services. Free and open to the public, but RSVPs would be appreciated for planning purposes. Please RSVP to tcdupage.org or call 630-691-7572.

Saturday, Oct. 11 Art Guild Boutique Fundraiser

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Addison Art Guild will host a Fine Arts & Crafts Boutique fundraiser at the Hampton Inn & Suites. Limited spaces available for \$25 each (max 20). Send check for \$25 payable to the Addison Art Guild to Sandra Conner, 57 No. Maple St., Addison, by September 13, 2014. Info: 630-508-8277 or eyeboutz@me.com

Thursday, Oct. 23 Multi-chamber luncheon meeting

A multi-chamber luncheon meeting with members from Addison, Villa Park, Wood Dale and possibly other area chamber of commerce members

will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Dave & Buster's, 1155 N. Swift Road, Addison. Michael D. Wong, an attorney with SmithAdmunsden LLC, will give a presentation titled, "Smoke Signals: The Impact of the Illinois Medical Marijuana Law." Fee: \$27 per person for chamber members, \$30 per person for non-members. Reservations are required no later than Wednesday, Oct. 15. Info: call 630-543-4300, go online to addisonchamber.org or email: addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net

Ongoing events...

• "European Journey" artists exhibit at ACA

Now through Saturday, Sept. 27, the Addison Center for the Arts (ACA) is presenting its new season with an exhibit, "European Journey" by Tas Gani-topoulos "Ganos." Ganos is an impressionist landscape oil and watercolor painter. For more information or to set up a tour of the exhibit, call 630-450-5000 or go online to: addisoncenterforthearts.com

• Widows or Widowers

(W.O.W.) meet each month

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of the Western Suburbs will meet on the third Thursday of each month and has a variety of social activities. The group's September social gathering also will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Road, Elmhurst, starting at 6:30 p.m. Musical entertainment by Edizon Dayao. Admission: \$5. Info: (630) 620-4060 or wow.cfsites.org.

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Multi-chamber luncheon to feature talk on state Medical Marijuana Law

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Guest speaker Michael D. Wong, an attorney with SmithAmundsen LLC, will give a presentation titled,

"Smoke Signals: The Impact of the Illinois Medical Marijuana Law."

Wong is an attorney in Smith Amundsen's St. Charles office and a member of the firm's Labor & Employment Practice Group. He focuses his practice on advising and representing businesses and employers in various labor and employment law matters, including discrimination, harassment and retaliation claims, civil-right

claims, FMLA claims, wage and hour issues, class actions, and other labor and employment issues arising under state, federal and administrative laws.

In September, the state of Illinois started accepting applications for individuals to become registered users of medical marijuana. With the reality of the implementation of the Illinois Medical Cannabis Pilot Program, Wong will

address topics including:

- The approved Regulations;
- Current timeline for the Illinois Medical Cannabis Pilot Program;
- Legal implications for employers, including on hiring and firing, employee handbooks and policies, drug testing and discipline issues;
- Federal vs. State law conflicts; and
- A general overview of the

current law.

The cost is \$27 per person for chamber members, \$30 per person for non-members. Reservations are required no later than Wednesday, Oct. 15. For information on making a reservation, contact the Addison Chamber of Commerce at 630-543-4300, go online to addisonchamber.org or email: addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net.

Public invited to hear superintendent from Joplin, Mo.

ADDISON — On Thursday, September 25 from 6:30-8 p.m., Addison Trail High School will host Dr. C.J. Huff, superintendent of schools in Joplin, Missouri, who will share his unbelievable story as a special presentation to the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association (INSpra).

In May 2011, a deadly tornado struck Joplin, Mo., devastating the area and destroying Joplin High School. Huff led the efforts for Joplin schools to deal with and recover from that tragedy. The presentation is free and open to the public and also will include a question-and-answer session. For tickets and information, visit tinyurl.com/kdue6sr

Reservations are due by Sept. 18.



DR. C.J. HUFF

Conroy: Time to ratify ERA, reaffirm commitment to women's rights

VILLA PARK — In recognition of Women's Equality Day and the 94th Anniversary of women's suffrage on August 26th, state Rep. Deb Conroy (D-Villa Park) issued the following statement in support of Illinois' adoption of the Equal Rights Amendment:

"Illinois has waited too long in joining 35 other states to protect women's rights and ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. In 2014, we should not be debating whether or not women should be Constitutionally protected as equal to their male counterparts.

"We have made tremendous progress in advancing women's rights and significant strides towards equality in the 40 years since the Equal Rights Amendment was proposed. Less than 100 years ago, I would not have been afforded the right to vote. Women in public office were few and far between. Despite the progress, the fact remains that women are still paid less than their male counterparts, women trail in leadership and executive roles, and women are drastically under-represented in elected office.

"I am proudly co-sponsoring Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 75, approved by the Senate earlier this year, to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment in Illinois and I'm urging my colleagues in the House to approve it as well. We've waited long enough."

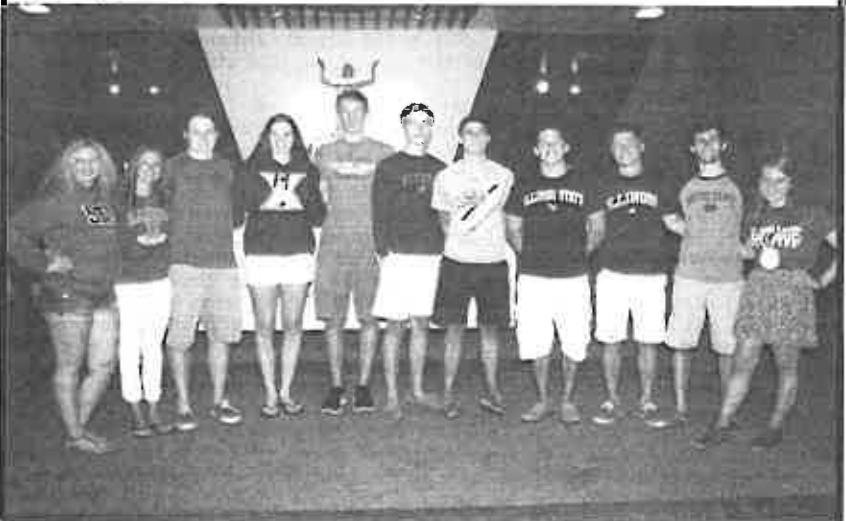
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Gearing up for 2014-15

Addison Trail High School Principal Adam Cibulka greets the crowd and shares information about Addison Trail on Sept. 4 during the school's open house. During the event, Addison Trail students and parents were able to tour the building and learn about Addison Trail's curriculum, clubs and activities. The school also invited local Realtors and potential homeowners to the open house, so they could see the building firsthand and speak with parents, students, staff and administrators about Addison Trail and DuPage High School District 88.

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Michael Crawford, who has cerebral palsy, leads an adaptive powerlifting program for NEDSRA in Addison.

NEDSRA mentor helps others unlock potential

By MARI GRIGALIUNAS
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ADDISON – Michael Crawford doesn't let his cerebral palsy keep him from trying anything, and he wants to teach others that their disabilities don't define them.

"Don't hesitate with anything," Crawford said.

The 26-year-old is studying to get his degree in behavior science and plans to continue to work at a special recreation association, so he can help others with disabilities see their own potential.

Crawford is a mentor in the transition-aged recreation experiences and community program at Addison-based Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association, where he helps those with intellectual disabilities leaving high school further develop social and life skills.

"I'm able to say, 'Hey guys, I went through this a couple years back, so I know what you're going through, so let me help you,'" said Crawford, who moved out on his own immediately after high school.

Crawford, however, doesn't have an intellectual disability, although many assume he does because of his physical disability.

"Sometimes, people talk down to you and stuff. It's way off," said Crawford, who now lives in Glen Ellyn.

Cerebral palsy affects his speech and spastic move-

About Michael Crawford

- **AGE:** 26
- **RESIDENCE:** Glen Ellyn
- **EDUCATION:** Willowbrook High School, College of DuPage, transferring to National Louis in winter
- **OCCUPATION:** Adaptive powerlifting leader for NEDSRA
- **INTERESTS:** Golf, playing sports, watching hockey, football and baseball

ments, but little else in his life. In addition to his college studies, Crawford enjoys playing golf and cheering for the Chicago Blackhawks and Bears. He drives his own car and recently married the love of his life, Heather Picton.

The couple met online three years ago and share a passion for helping others. Picton is an assistant director at KinderCare.

Crawford's current job as an adaptive powerlifting program leader at NEDSRA gives him the opportunity to give back to the organization where he realized many of his strengths.

"A lot of able-bodied kids at age whatever go out to the mall with their friends ... they have no limitations," Crawford said.

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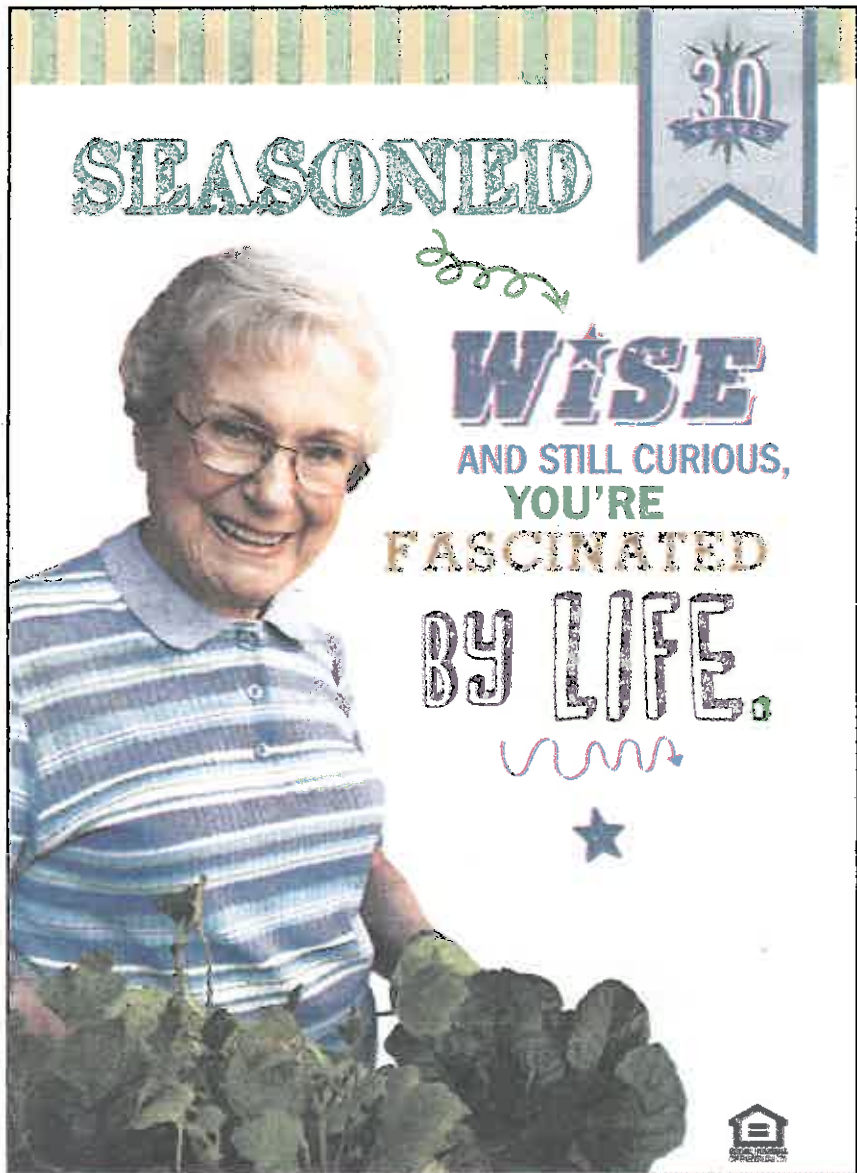
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NEDSRA gave him the opportunity to play sports like wheelchair basketball, although he is not confined to a wheelchair. He started playing at age 6 with the Junior Wheelchair Bulls.

"I played nonstop until I couldn't anymore," said Crawford, who was no longer eligible when he graduated high school.

He began leading the adaptive powerlifting program about a year and a half ago, and said not a day goes by that he doesn't feel good about his job.

"I love putting a smile on people's faces," Crawford said.

He remembers working with one girl, who also had cerebral palsy, who wanted to try doing a pull-up, although she thought it may not be possible.

"It's awesome. It truly is a fabulous feeling."

Michael Crawford
NEDSRA mentor

"Sure enough, she was able to get a pull-up done," Crawford said.

Witnessing her smile after she'd accomplished her goal was Crawford's reward.

At the first session of his class, Crawford sits down with each participant and discusses individual goals. He then shares in his participants' goals, working with them to achieve their objectives.

He also shares in their accomplishments.

"It's awesome. It truly is a fabulous feeling," Crawford said.

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20 PERCENT: On a case by case basis

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■ THIS WEEK'S WEB POLL QUESTION: What's your favorite spot to watch football games? Vote online at mysurbanlife.com

District 4 preschool program sees success in prepping students

The Addison Elementary School District 4 Preschool for All program achieved excellence for attaining the highest standards for preschool programs in Illinois.

The Illinois State Board of Education joined with the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development and the Illinois Department of Human Services to administer the ExceleRate Illinois system to assess the quality of programs for early learners. ExceleRate establishes standards for helping infants, toddlers and preschool-age children develop intellectually, physically, socially and emotionally.



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The Preschool for All program at Ardmore School in Addison serves 3- to 5-year-old children and their families. Preschool staff members participate in professional learning designed to enhance the program's effectiveness. The staff also meets with parents, sponsors family night events and communicates ways in which families can support their children and help them with their educational progress.

Ardmore School's preschool program met the highest quality standards in three areas: learning environment and teaching quality, administrative standards, and staff training and education. The program achieved the Gold Circle of Quality recognition for going beyond the highest quality goals defined by ExceleRate Illinois.

This recent accomplishment is the result of hard work and commitment of both the school program staff and the Addison Elementary School District 4 Board of Education. Other Board of Education initiatives scheduled for the start of the 2015-16 school year focus on our earliest learners. These include the implementation of full-day kindergarten for all Addison children and the construction of the new Early Learning Center, which is designed specifically for 3- to 5-year-old children. The Board of Education decided in 2011 that enhancing the learning opportunities for all children ages 3 to 5 in Addison is an important priority. The school district has followed this vision, and it is providing a strong foundation for our children's futures.

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James Stewart (from left), Jaquelin Sanchez and Kenny Flores participate in a music production class Sept. 3 at Addison Trail High School.



Addison Trail High School is taking steps to keep up with students' use of technology by expanding its bring-your-own-device policy and laptop checkout program, offering a new online P.E. class, and providing students and staff with an online management system to share resources and host class discussions. With more and more focus being placed on the use of technology in the classroom, these steps appear to be moving Addison Trail in the right direction.



As important as technology is in today's world, it's crucial for kids to get up and get active, especially as they spend more time sitting in a classroom now that summer is over. Bensenville Park District is offering a variety of fitness classes, programs and events this fall to help kids keep on track with a healthy lifestyle. For information, visit bensenvilleparkdistrict.org or call 630-766-7015.

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Addison Trail Blazers complete comeback against HC

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ADDISON - After helping Addison Trail knock off Hinsdale Central 18-10 on Friday night with two fumble recoveries and an interception, senior linebacker Eric Gilliam was just as quick verbally.

"We're aggressive. We get out there, we punch people in the mouth," Gilliam said. "And we fly to the ball."

And he won't get any arguments from Hinsdale Central coach Dan Hartman, who watched his team surrender a 10-0 lead in the West Suburban Conference crossover game, lose starting quarterback Matt Rafferty to an ankle injury and turn the ball over four times.

"They're a bunch of hard-nosed kids and they played hard," Hartman said of Addison Trail. "They definitely deserved the win."

Addison Trail running back Malik Pierre-Louis rushed for a game-high 140 yards, including a 1-yard plunge for a score in the fourth quarter following Gilliam's interception. Jaavion Bradley jumped up between Hinsdale Central defenders for a 30-yard touchdown catch with three seconds left in the first half. Quarterback Mike Rybarczyk ran for a score and threw for 57 yards.

For the Blazers (2-0), who will play at Downers Grove South tonight, it was the state game for a Class 6A school that lost seven games in 2013.

"We want big things," said Gilliam, who was a freshman when the Blazers last made the state playoffs. "We feel like we're overlooked just because we're smaller. Addison Trail football's got more heart than anyone else in the state and we know that. We were excited to come out here and shock everyone. And that's what we did."

The Red Devils (1-1), who had started the season by defeating state powerhouse Bolingbrook, were among the shocked. After going ahead 10-0 in the opening quarter on a 9-yard touchdown run by Juwan Edmond and a 23-yard

Game breakdown

Addison Trail 18,
Hinsdale Central 10

TOP PERFORMERS

■ **PASSING:** HC - Matt Rafferty: 5-for-12, 57 yards. AT - Mike Rybarczyk: 5-for-9, 57 yards

■ **RUSHING:** HC - Juwan Edmond: 22-79, TD; Christian Bobak: 4-20. AT - Malik Pierre-Louis: 28-140, TD; Larry Thomas: 3-26

■ **RECEIVING:** HC - Ryan Doney: 3-31. AT - Jaavion Bradley: 2-36

■ **DEFENSE:** HC - Matthew Bradley: sack. AT - Eric Gilliam: 2 fumble recoveries, interception; Zach Atiyeh: interception

Week 3 matchup

■ **WHO:** Addison Trail

at Downers Grove South

■ **WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. Friday

■ **WHERE:** 1436 Norfolk St., Downers Grove

■ **RECORDS:** Addison Trail 2-0, Downers Grove South 1-1

■ **OUTLOOK:** The upstart Blazers take on the defending West Suburban Gold champs in the conference opener. The Mustangs have struggled on offense so far, losing 26-16 to Benet in Week 1 and needing a last minute score to force overtime against Proviso West before winning 28-27. Meanwhile, AT has given up just 17 points in two games.

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field goal by Blake Hately, the Red Devils couldn't muster anything more.

"Shutting them out for three quarters, pretty impres-



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Addison Trail quarterback Mike Rybarczyk rolls out during an Aug. 29 game against Glenbard South. The Blazers scored 18 unanswered points to win 18-10 against Hinsdale Central on Sept. 5.

sive," Addison Trail coach Paul Parpet said.

Rafferty completed 5-of-12 passes for 57 yards before leaving the game in the final

quarter because of an injured ankle. But by then, the Blazers had already taken charge.

"I think it's an eye-opener," Hartman said. "Take a team

lightly or you get up on a team and think that you've got the game under control, I think that's the lesson learned right there."

Thornton leads Montini to impressive win

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LOMBARD – If Saturday's performance and his coach's words are any indication, Leon Thornton could be in for a memorable season for Montini. The senior wide receiver had 13 receptions for 181 yards and three touchdowns to help the Broncos win a 46-32 shootout against visiting East St. Louis.

"They're going to be talking about Leon with Montini football for a long time," coach Chris Andriano said. "He's a special player. He had a huge game today. His leadership abilities keep getting better. You saw him on special teams. He's doing it in all phases. He's a big time player and proved it against a really good team."

The visiting Flyers scored 13 points in the first four minutes of the game on an 80-yard run by Natereace Strong and an 81-yard punt return by Rae-kwon Griffin. The Broncos (1-1) got on the board with a 33-yard field goal from Mason Weissenhofer and a fumble recovery returned for a touchdown by Samuel Asta.

The Flyers (0-2) answered with another touchdown before the end of the first quarter. Strong, East St. Louis' Miz-zou-bound running back, had 209 yards by halftime and finished with 276 yards on 29 carries and two touchdowns. The Flyers had nearly 500 yards of total offense.

"All week in practice we were just saying we knew they were capable of big plays," Thornton said. "They're the winningest program in the state of Illinois' history. They got playmakers and we knew that was going to happen. We just had to respond and that's what we did the whole game."

A Charles Norgle III scoring run and a Thornton touchdown reception got Montini within 26-24 at halftime. Thornton caught his second touchdown on the first drive of the second half and added another later in the third quarter.

"It was like a shootout at the O.K. Corral," Andriano said. "I felt like I had a bunch of bullet holes in me."

It was a big victory for a Montini team that needed to rebound from Week 1's late collapse against Maine South. The



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Montini quarterback Charles Norgle III throws the ball during Saturday's game against East St. Louis. The Broncos won the back-and-forth game 46-32.

Broncos' tough early schedule has tested them so far.

"It was a huge win, especially after the collapse we had last week," Andriano said. "I knew it was going to be a test. This was a psychological test, a mental test on how strong we are and our kids passed, especially after

falling behind early."

It doesn't get any easier with a trip to St. Rita tonight. The Mustangs will be Montini's first Chicago Catholic League opponent, although it will be a crossover game. St. Rita is in the top tier CCL Blue division while Montini is in the newly-formed CCL Green.

Game breakdown

Montini 46,
East St. Louis 32

BRONCOS LEADERS

- **PASSING:** Charles Norgle III: 24-for-34, 288 yards, 2 TDs
- **RUSHING:** Prince Walker: 18-53
- **RECEIVING:** Leon Thornton: 13-181, 3 TDs; Patrick Maloney: 7-44

Week 3 matchup

- **WHO:** Montini at St. Rita
- **WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. Friday
- **WHERE:** 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago
- **RECORDS:** Montini 1-1, St. Rita 2-0
- **OUTLOOK:** It's a matchup of two of the best Catholic programs in the state. The two schools have seven state titles between them. The Mustangs are off to a 2-0 start with wins against Simeon (28-26) and Dunbar (56-8).

Willowbrook shows flashes of greatness against LT

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VILLA PARK – Unlike in the season opener, Willowbrook's football team found a rhythm in its offense, but the Warriors needed one more big play to beat Lyons Township for the second year in a row.

The Lions scored the final 15 points of the game to leave Villa Park with a 25-21 victory Sept. 5. The loss drops Willowbrook to 0-2 on the young season.

"We're a great team and we showed it tonight, but we just got to finish," running back David Harris said.

Junior quarterback Billy Degnan was 28-for-50 for 356 yards. The first of his two touchdowns went to Ronnie Rietz from 40 yards out to tie the score at 7-7 early in the second quarter. The other, a 26-yard strike to Mark Molitor, gave Willowbrook a 21-10 edge

midway through the third.

However, a pair of interceptions by LT senior Jack O'Malley played a huge role in deciding the game. The first came on the last play of the first half on a fade route intended for Willowbrook wide receiver Kyle Rushing. O'Malley was able to grab the jump ball away from Rushing in the end zone after both players had hands around the ball. That kept the halftime score 10-7 in favor of LT (1-1).

"I knew they were going to go high to him the whole time, so I knew I had to get up on it and try to knock it down or take it away," O'Malley said.

O'Malley's second interception turned the game around. With Willowbrook leading 21-10 in the third quarter, O'Malley picked off a Degnan pass in Willowbrook territory and took it to the end zone.

Leonard Ross had the game-winning score on a

2-yard run with 1:18 left in the game to cap off an 85-yard drive. Ross finished with 129 yards and two touchdowns on 29 carries.

The Warriors outgained the Lions but couldn't finish the game. After a 41-14 season-opening loss against Glenbard East, they showed progress, but they are still without a win.

"We just executed better than we usually do," said Harris, who had 88 yards and a touchdown for Willowbrook. "We didn't finish on our fourth down after going 90 yards [on a fourth quarter drive] and our defense just got tired. We got to work harder and bring it next week."

"It's more of a disappointing loss to us because this is a game we should have won. [LT] is a pretty good school and they've been pretty well-known for a while."

Game breakdown

LT 25, Willowbrook 21

WARRIORS LEADERS

- **PASSING:** Billy Degnan: 28-for-50, 356 yards, 2 TDs

Week 3 matchup

- **WHO:** Willowbrook vs. Hinsdale South
- **WHEN:** Friday 7:30 p.m.
- **WHERE:** 1250 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park
- **RECORDS:** Willowbrook 0-2, Hinsdale South 2-0
- **OUTLOOK:** The West Subur-

- **RUSHING:** David Harris: 27-87, TD
- **RECEIVING:** Kyle Rushing: 10-143; Josan Murphy: 10-91; Ronnie Rietz: 3-58, TD; Mark Molitor: 3-45, TD

ban Gold opener for both teams is a matchup with teams going in opposite directions. The Hornets are coming off a 6-0 win against Downers Grove North and beat Romeoville 27-14 in Week 1. Willowbrook won 35-28 last year.

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Area teams take field with eye toward postseason

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Boys soccer teams in the area have already taken the pitch this season, and plenty of them have high expectations. Here's the outlook for Addison Trail, Glenbard East, Willowbrook, York and other area teams:

Addison Trail Blazers
Coach: Ryan Dini
Conference: West Suburban Gold

Top players

Name	Year	Pos.
Dannys Garcia	sr.	D
Tom Kania	so.	F
Elias Leyva	sr.	M
Sergio Marin	sr.	D
Damian Zielinski	jr.	M

Outlook: The Blazers' biggest asset is midfielder Elias Leyva. The younger brother of former all-state forward Jorge Leyva is AT's engine in midfield and is the primary distributor on the team.

Leyva, a former Chicago Fire Academy player, missed almost all of last season with a shoulder injury suffered in the first game of the season. Through the Blazers' 3-2-1 start to the season, Leyva has a goal and six assists.

"We do go through him," coach Ryan Dini said. "He played with the Fire Academy. This year we finally got him just with us. I'd like him to put a couple more in the net, but he is our distributor, he is our main guy."

Leyva's primary targets up top so far are Tom Kania, a returner with three goals so far, and freshman Jonathan Hernandez.

"We have five sophomores up and a freshman that get serious minutes," coach Ryan Dini said. "We're young. We're learning."

Youth won't be much of an excuse for a lack of success though. AT has talent to win and already won their own eight-team invite by beating Maine West in a shootout in the final on Saturday.

Sergio Marin and Dannys Garcia are key players on defense. Marin, the team's sweeper, was one of three starters out against Down-

ers Grove South in Tuesday's conference opener. AT hit the post twice in the first 15 minutes, but couldn't finish their chances and lost 3-0.

Glenbard East Rams
Coach: Josh Adler
Conference: Upstate Eight Valley

Top players

Name	Year	Pos.
Elvin Husetovic	sr.	GK
Ulysses Sarabia	so.	F
Juan Torres	jr.	M
Jackson Zetterquist	sr.	D

Outlook: The Rams have a young team with four sophomores and a freshman on the varsity roster.

Forward Ulysses Sarabia had two goals to lead the team entering Thursday's match against Neuqua Valley, a game the Rams entered with a 1-2-3 record. Sophomore midfielder Pawel Wilisowski also has a goal to his name. Justin Murphy and Librado Olivares, also sophomore midfielders, could be difference makers if they develop this season.

Defender Jackson Zetterquist is a key returner in the back. Behind him, returner Elvin Husetovic and junior Emran Aldass are sharing time at goalkeeper.

The Rams, new to the Upstate Eight Valley, lost to defending league champ Metea Valley 1-0 on Tuesday.

Montini Broncos
Coach: Barry Briggs
Conference: Chicago Catholic League North

Top players

Name	Year	Pos.
Albert Holler	sr.	M
Mark Kalal	sr.	M
Dan Kopsky	jr.	D
Anthony Vosicky	sr.	D

Outlook: Montini moves into the Chicago Catholic League this season and will do so after losing much of the talent from the team that made it to a sectional final in Class 1A last season.

Mark Kalal is one of the key players back, along with fellow captains Albert Holler and Anthony Vosicky. Defender Dan Kopsky is also a returner. So far the wins have been



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Willowbrook's Mike Rogalski surveys the field in a game last season. Rogalski is back in the fold for a Warriors who already have improved its form this season.

hard to come by for Montini, which lost 4-0 against Fenwick in the CCL opener on Monday and fell to 1-7 after a 4-1 loss against St. Edward on Tuesday.

Timothy Christian Trojans
Coach: Joe Grit
Conference: Metro Suburban East

Top players

Name	Year	Pos.
Jimmy Allen	fr.	F
Josh Anderson	so.	M
Greg Biesboer	sr.	D
Tyler Vlasak	sr.	M
Andrew Wieringa	sr.	M

Outlook: Three-year varsity starters Greg Biesboer, Tyler Vlasak and Andrew Wieringa

have helped lead the Trojans to a 7-0 start.

First-year coach Joe Grit is hoping that senior core, supported by some young talent, can help the Trojans to at least match last season's Class 1A sectional title.

"Our hope is that our tough strength of schedule prepares us to return to another super-sectional," Grit said.

Timothy is in the new Metro Suburban East with division games against Illiana Christian, defending MSC champ Ridgewood, Elmwood Park, Chicago Christian and Guerin Prep and crossover matches with Fenton, Riverside Brookfield and Wheaton Academy, one of the favorites in Class 2A.

Through the first six matches of the season freshman Jimmy Allen already had seven goals, Vlasak had six goals and three assists, and sophomore Josh Anderson had three goals and five assists.

Willowbrook Warriors
Coach: Peter Ginter
Conference: West Suburban Gold

Top players

Name	Year	Pos.
Saul Hernandez	so.	F
Aaron Johnson	jr.	M
Asmir Perviz	sr.	GK
Michael Rogalski	sr.	M

Outlook: The Warriors won just one game last year, but have already far surpassed that total. A 3-2-1 start has Willowbrook thinking bigger this fall.

Early season wins against Elmwood Park, Curie and Fenton along with a draw against typically strong Maine West are a good start to the season.

Saul Hernandez is back as the team's top forward. Sophomore Benny Heredia has also been a fixture in the starting lineup in midfield. Aaron Johnson and Michael Rogalski are key players in that midfield, and Asmir Perviz is a returning starter in goal.

York Dukes
Coach: Markus Roy
Conference: West Suburban Silver

Top players

Name	Year	Pos.
Brayan Chegue	sr.	M
Marty McDonough	sr.	M
Michael Mirretti	sr.	F/M

Outlook: The Dukes had a senior-heavy squad last season and bring back just three returning varsity players.

The senior trio of Brayan Chegue, who received the team's most improved player award a year ago, Marty McDonough and Michael Mirretti were a part of York's 6-9-3 squad that went 2-4 in the West Suburban Silver last year.

York opened the season with a 3-1-1 showing at the Lake Park Invite. The Dukes tied Conant 2-2 and lost to Lake Park 1-0 before rattling off three straight wins against Huntley (2-0), St. Francis (5-1) and Wheaton North (3-1).