

Award winners...

TEN WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL students were recognized as Outstanding Students during a breakfast held in their honor last month. To be selected for the school's Outstanding Student award, students must demonstrate extraordinary achievement, outstanding effort and commendable attitude and motivation. Additionally, students must show an ability to overcome obstacles. The award winners who were honored in various departments at the Oct. 23 breakfast (pictured left to right) are: (front row) freshman Austin Nordensten (social studies), senior Liana Pavese (art), senior Isabelle Martinez (music), junior Sally Nijim (math) and senior Sarah Wood (career and technical education); (back row) junior Jalon Thompson (English), senior Haley Patel (physical education), senior Tyler Rusnak (science), freshman John Morser (literacy) and junior Laima Licitis (world languages). Principal Dan Krause joined assistant principal Doug Wildes in welcoming the students and their families to the breakfast. Each of the students received a certificate in honor of their efforts. Willowbrook band director Jonathan Bogue was also honored at the breakfast. He received the Outstanding Teacher award.



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VPFD provides assistance in fighting two Lombard fires

by Bonnie MacKay

Villa Park firefighters assisted the Lombard Fire Department in battling a pair of residential garage fires last week. Both of the homes were occupied during the unrelated incidents. All of the occupants escaped without injury.

According to Lombard Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Howell, the first fire, which began shortly before midnight on Wednesday, Oct. 29, originally came in as a car fire.

However, while firefighters were en route to 432 W. Collen Dr., additional information alerted them that it was a garage fire.

"Once on the scene, they reported a fully involved garage," Howell said, adding that fire

crews attacked the fire from the interior and the exterior, which kept it from spreading to the house to the east.

Two cars parked in the driveway also were on fire and the alarm was upgraded to a special alarm, which brought in additional fire companies.

Police officers who arrived on the scene before firefighters helped evacuate the residents of the home. The residents of a nearby house were also evacuated.

"The police ensured the occupants were out," Howell said, crediting the officers with helping to make sure a number of residents in the area of the fire were evacuated.

The assistant chief said the Collen Drive residents were awake at the time of the fire and were alerted to the blaze when they heard "popping and a noise from the garage."

"We think the fire started low and went up high," the assisted chief outlined, adding that the fire went up and extended into the second floor, where a lot of damage was done.

In addition, the garage and two vehicles parked close to the garage sustained significant damage.

Although the fire was extinguished in approximately 30 minutes, according to

Lombard Fire Battalion Chief Ray Kickert, crews remained on the scene for another 90 minutes performing salvage operations and extinguishing hot spots. Total damage was estimated at approximately \$250,000.

Less than 24 hours later, at about 9:25 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30, firefighters responded to the report of a garage fire at 21W066 Kensington Road.

According to Lombard Fire Acting Battalion Chief Chuck Faivre, crews arriving on the scene encountered a large amount of fire

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Raising awareness...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S hallways were colored purple on Oct. 29, when the school participated in a "Purple Out" in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed in October 1987. Willowbrook junior Christian Cloutier (pictured above in the front row, first from the left) started the "Purple Out" initiative at the school last year. He spent about five days making 1,500 ribbons for this year's event. Willowbrook's Interact Club, Young Men's Group (MENTORS) and Ladies Group contributed to last week's "Purple Out" at the school by distributing purple ribbons during lunch periods. Tri-folds were also displayed in the school cafeteria to provide more information about domestic violence. Pictured left to right are: (front row) Cloutier, junior Noah Nagle and senior Chris Senese; (back row) junior Ian Patete, junior Jonathan Deeds, junior Mike Sommers, junior Luke Hoppensteadt, junior Zachary Boehm, sophomore Jacob Boehm and junior Liam Cherry.



A memento from the VPFD...

VILLA PARK VILLAGE MANAGER Rich Keehner (above, left) and Villa Park Fire Chief Ron Rakosnik (right) visited U.S. Rep. Tammy Duckworth (center) at her district office in Schaumburg on Oct. 29. Keehner and Rakosnik presented Duckworth with a Villa Park Fire Department helmet that displays her rank of lieutenant colonel in the Illinois National Guard. Keehner and Rakosnik gave Duckworth the helmet to thank her for her role in helping the village's fire department receive a \$432,000 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant for a new fire engine. Duckworth represents Illinois' 8th District, which includes Villa Park. The village learned it had been awarded the grant on Aug. 20. The grant will cover about 85 percent of the cost of a new Pierce Impel fire engine. The fire department will take delivery of the new emergency vehicle in the spring of next year.

Murder mystery begins Friday at the Villa Park Library Annex

The Friends of the Villa Park Library will hold their annual murder mystery this week. The event—B-I-N-G-O Spells Murder!—begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 7, at the Villa Park Public Library Annex, located at 317 S. Ardmore Ave. It continues at 7 p.m. on Saturday, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The murder mystery, which was written by Robert Mattson, promises to offer audiences more madcap mayhem than a multi-card bingo game. Audience members will help cast members deduce the culprit.

When the Friends of the Villa Park Library break out their annual murder mystery—B-I-N-G-O Spells Murder!—on Nov. 7-9, audiences will experience more

readings mayhem than a multi-card bingo card game.

Audience members will be encouraged to test their wits and possibly win prizes from local businesses. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the library for \$12. Tickets at the door will cost \$15.

The Friends of the Villa Park Library act as advocates for the library, sponsoring programs and fundraising events, promoting the library within the community and helping to improve the library facilities and services.

For more information about this week's murder mystery production, send an e-mail to Friends@VPLibrary@gmail.com.



Willowbrook presents fall musical...

WILLOWBROOK SENIORS (left to right) Alex Lapinski and Olivia Baumann are pictured rehearsing a scene from the school's upcoming fall musical—'Beauty and the Beast.' Baumann shares the lead role of Belle with senior Allison Mahal, while Lapinski plays the Beast. Willowbrook English teacher Regina Wathier will direct the production. The school's theater department will present the musical on Thursday, Nov. 13, Friday, Nov. 14 and Saturday, Nov. 15. Each of the three performances will begin at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. For more information, contact Wathier at 630-782-2860, or at rwathier@dupage88.net.

Visit lbvpr.com for updated results of the Villa Park road referendum in the Nov. 4 election

Residential fires...

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coming out the front of the garage and extending into the ranch home.

Howell said the residents were watching TV when they smelled smoke. They went toward the garage door, where the smell became stronger.

"They did the right thing seeking out the smell, discovering it, evacuating and reporting it quickly," Howell said, adding that in both cases the residents did the right thing by leaving their home.

"The guys really did a good job of stopping it before it went into the rest of the home," the assistant chief said, adding that damage to the home and contents is estimated at more than \$100,000.

This fire also was upgraded to a special alarm, which brought in additional resources from neighboring communities.

Both fires remain under investigation by the department's Fire Investigation Unit (FIU). On Monday, investigators were still collecting evidence before making their determination as to the cause of the fires.

"Both appear to have originated in the garage," Howell said.

The assistant chief reminds residents that as

we enter the winter season, which statistically has a lot more fires, it's important to check and change batteries in both smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

In addition, Howell reminded residents if they suspect there is a fire in their home and think there is fire behind a door to feel the door and the doorknob.

"If it's hot and you smell smoke, immediately go in the other direction, exit the home and call the fire department from outside your home," Howell related.

In both recent fires, all occupants of the homes were able to safely evacuate their homes without injuries.

Villa Park firefighters joined the Downers Grove and Oak Brook fire departments, as well as the Lisle-Woodridge, Addison and York Center fire protection districts in assisting Lombard firefighters with the Collen Drive fire. The Lombard fire stations were manned by units from Glenside and Lisle-Woodridge fire districts and Elmhurst and Downers Grove fire departments.

The Villa Park department joined the Addison, Lisle-Woodridge and York Center fire protection districts, as well as the Downers Grove, Elmhurst, Glenside and Oak Brook fire departments in assisting Lombard with the fire on Kensington Road.

Villa Park's unlimited fall leaf collection lasts for another month

Yard waste stickers will not be required through Dec. 5

The Village of Villa Park's fall leaf collection program will allow residents to dispose of an unlimited number of Kraft paper bags of leaves without affixing yard waste disposal stickers. The program is in effect during a seven-week period that will continue through Dec. 5.

Brush must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet and not larger than 18 inches in diameter. No limbs over 4 inches in diameter will be accepted.

Yard waste stickers are not required for the disposal of brush bundles. Since all brush and yard waste are transported to a composting facility for processing, plastic bags may not be used. Residents should use only biodegradable twine or string for binding brush.

It is unlawful to deposit yard waste of any kind into public streets.

For more information, call the village's public works department at 630-834-8505.

State qualifier...

SENIOR JIMMY FUNTEAS (right) of Willowbrook High School earned a trip to the IHSA Class 3A boys state cross country meet with his strong showing at Saturday's IHSA sectional at Niles West High School in Skokie. Funteas completed the sectional race of about 3 miles in a 19th-place time of 15 minutes, 17 seconds. The top five teams at the 18-team sectional qualified for the state meet, which takes place this Saturday at Detweiler Park in Peoria. The Warriors placed 14th in the team standings, but Funteas qualified to run in Peoria as an individual. The sectional's seven fastest runners who weren't members of a state-qualifying team advanced to the state meet to compete as individuals. Junior Marco Martinez was Willowbrook's second-fastest runner at the sectional. Martinez completed the race in a 44th-place time of 15:47. Junior Chris Turek, senior Chris Senese, senior Adrian Gonzales, sophomore Casey King and senior Kevin Rezek also ran for the Warriors at the sectional. The photo on the right shows Funteas during the closing moments of the IHSA Class 3A Lake Park Regional on Oct. 25 in Roselle. Funteas finished that race, which ended on the track of the school's east campus, in a 10th-place time of 15:47. Funteas is a resident of Villa Park.

Photo by Chris Fox



Questions? Comments?

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Fire in Lombard...

Photo by Steve Spoden

VILLA PARK FIREFIGHTERS assisted the Lombard Fire Department in fighting a pair of residential fires last week. The above photo shows damage from the first of the two unrelated fires, which began on the 400 block of West Collen Drive shortly before midnight on the night of Oct. 29. Total damage from that fire was estimated at \$250,000. Less than 24 hours later, Villa Park firefighters provided assistance during Thursday night's fire at 21W066 Kensington Road. Damage in that fire was estimated at more than \$100,000. No injuries were reported in either fire. Villa Park firefighters joined firefighters from neighboring municipalities in assisting Lombard's fire department during both fires.

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Addison Trail alumnus competes on 'The Biggest Loser'

ATHS community lends its support

ADDISON — On Oct. 23, about 100 family members, friends and fans of Addison Trail alumnus Toma Dobrosavljevic gathered at Addison Trail to watch him compete in this week's episode of "The Biggest Loser," NBC's competitive weight-loss show.

When this season of "The Biggest Loser" premiered on Sept. 11, Toma weighed 336 pounds. He is now down to 275 pounds. Toma's supporters gathered at his alma mater to cheer him on.

"The theme of this season is 'Biggest Loser: Glory Days,' so to bring all of the #TeamToma supporters to Addison Trail — where he was his fittest and happiest — is really special," said Jamie McGowan, Toma's girlfriend.

Jamie said she and Toma have been a couple for three years, but they have been friends since high school. Both graduated from Addison Trail in 1999.

In high school, Toma played football, volleyball, baseball, tennis, basketball and soccer, according to his biography on the website tinyurl.com/k69yhe7.

The AT alum's life changed dramatically nine years ago, when his father died prematurely at age 54. After moving home to care for his mother, Toma began to gain weight while trying to help his family deal with the devastating loss. He promised his father before he died that he would lose weight, and the 33-year-old was ready to fulfill that promise.

After he loses the weight, Toma hopes to be able to try out for a professional soccer team.

"The Biggest Loser" airs at 7 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information about the show, go nbc.com/the-biggest-loser.



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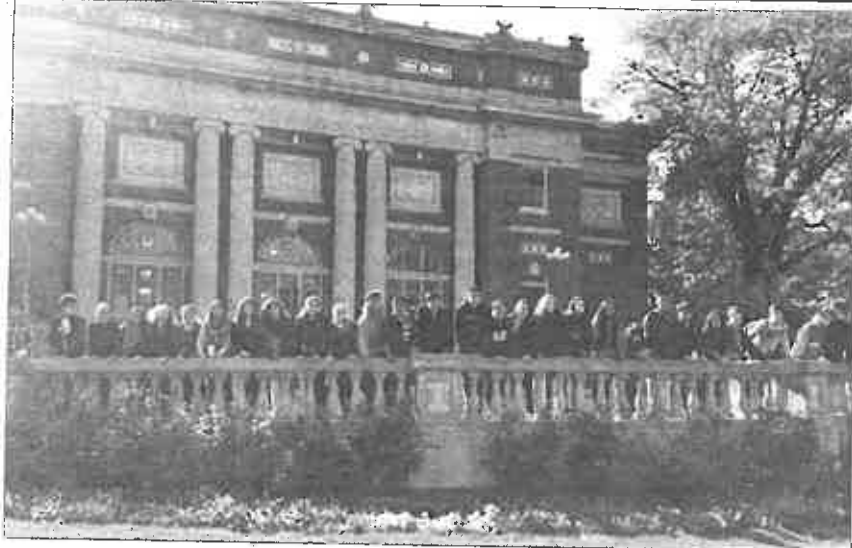
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Addison Trail sophomores tour the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign during a recent college visit. The visit was hosted by the Addison Trail Guidance Department to allow students to experience a college campus. photos provided



AT students take advantage of college visits

Guidance Department continues tours throughout school year

ADDISON — Throughout the year, the Addison Trail Guidance Department hosts college visits to allow students to experience college campuses firsthand.

Students were recently given the opportunity to travel to two universities. On Oct. 16, 39 sophomores, juniors and seniors went to North-

ern Illinois University and heard a presentation about the admission process and available financial aid options. Students also participated in a scavenger hunt to explore the campus.

On Oct. 21, 43 sophomores went to University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. They enjoyed a guided tour of the campus and a presentation about the admission process.

The Guidance Department will continue to offer college visits through the end of the school year.

AT's Serio named to Glenbard North Hall of Fame

ADDISON — Since he was 11 years old, wrestling has been part of Rob Serio's life.

His passion for the sport led him to compete in high school at Glenbard North (class of 1994) and in college at Lincoln College and Eastern Illinois University. He has been the head wrestling coach at Addison Trail since 2004, where he also teaches physical education.

"Wrestling teaches you a strong work ethic, respect, dedication and what it means to belong to a family," he said, asked what he enjoys about the sport.

On Oct. 18, Serio was recognized for his success in the sport during the Class of 2014 Glenbard North Hall of Fame induction ceremony for wrestling. He said this was the fifth year Glenbard North hosted the event, and he's honored to be among the 20 inductees.

"I was pretty shocked to be inducted, but it was definitely exciting," he said.

He added Mark Hahn, Glenbard North wrestling head coach, started the hall of fame for wrestlers from the high school. The event honors wrestlers from throughout the years, and recipients are selected by a committee. Inductees also include wrestlers who have

made a positive impact on their profession or community.

"There's such a strong sense of tradition and family with Glenbard wrestling, and my goal is to create that culture at Addison Trail," Serio said. "And it's working — the kids believe in it, and it's taking them far. They have won the Conference championship the last two seasons. I love seeing where these kids go after wrestling."

Highlights from Serio's wrestling career include:

Glenbard North 1994: DuPage Valley Conference Champion (second year in a row), Regional Champion, Sectional Champion, All-State (third place), Team Captain (second year in a row), Most Valuable Wrestler (second year in a row)

Lincoln College 1996: Midwest Regional Champion, All-American, Team Captain, Most Valuable Wrestler, National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) third-place team finish

Eastern Illinois University 1997 and 1998: Two-time East Regional runner-up

To see Serio's full biography, visit dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=1907.

Historical museum to host 'Gone With The Wind' program

ADDISON — The public is invited to "Why Gone With The Wind Still Matters," a program by Leslie Goddard, on Saturday, December 6 at 7 p.m.

Goddard is known for her lectures on historical topics and her living history portrayals. This free program, sponsored by the Addison Historical Society, will take place at the Addison V.F.W., 446 W. Lake St., Addison. Refreshments will be served.

To register, please call or e-mail the Addison Historical Museum by November 25 at 630-628-1433 or museum@addison-il.org.



Addison Trail head wrestling coach Rob Serio (center) is inducted into the Class of 2014 Glenbard North Hall of Fame for wrestling. He's pictured with Addison Trail assistant wrestling coaches Jerry Kelly (left) and Sam Geraci. courtesy photo



Addison Trail students and staff members (including Principal Adam Cibulka, center) are pictured taking part in last year's Addison Trail Lettermen Club Run-a-Thon. This year's event will take place on Nov. 18.

Lettermen Club plans Run-a-Thon for scholarship fund

ADDISON — On Nov. 18, members of Addison Trail's Lettermen Club will participate in a Run-a-Thon to raise money for the Lettermen Club Scholarship Fund and to help Addison Trail families in need.

Starting at 6:30 p.m., club members will run as many laps as they can in Addison Trail's field house, and the public is invited to support them by either sponsoring a student or donating to the event. There are two opportunities:

Donate a set amount of money for each lap a club member runs.

Donate a flat amount of money for a club member for a certain amount of laps.

Lettermen Club is a coed club for varsity athletes. The club is in charge of several events during the school year, including Senior Takeover Day and Lettermen Club Week, as well as awarding a scholarship. For more information, contact Becky Cibulka at 630-458-4379 or rcibulka@dupage88.net or Hannah Sutton at 630-458-4352 or hsutton@dupage88.net.

ADDISON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 6 Bears' McCaskey to speak at Elmhurst College

Starting at 1:30 p.m. in Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel on the campus of Elmhurst College, Pat McCaskey, a member of the Chicago Bears' Board of Directors and the club's senior director of special projects, will discuss sports and faith in a special presentation sponsored by the Elmhurst College Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Admission: Free. Info: go online to public.elmhurst.edu

Friday, Nov. 7 Ladies Auxiliary V.F.W. Fantasy of Flowers show

The Ladies Auxiliary V.F.W. 7446 of Addison, located at 446 W. Lake St., will be hosting a Fantasy of Flowers Flower Show, starting at 6:30 p.m. The doors open at 5 p.m. There will be flower door prizes, money raffles and the Auxiliary's famous basket raffle. Donation: \$5 per person.

• Family Bingo night, movie in the gym. Join the Addison Park District for family Bingo, followed by a movie in the gym. Bingo goes from 5:30-6:45 p.m., followed by the 7 p.m. movie, "Maleficent," at the Centennial Rec Center, 1776 W. Centennial Place. Fee: \$3 for residents; \$4 for non-residents. Info: call 630-233-7275.

Sunday, Nov. 9 Elmhurst College World Music Series kicks off

The Elmhurst College World Music Series 2014-15 will celebrate the music of Brazil, France and Italy during its main concert, which starts at 3 p.m. in Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel. Admission: Tickets at the door are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors; free for students and staff with a JPass. Info: public.elmhurst.edu

• **DuPage County Veteran's Day ceremony**
DuPage County will host a ceremony in

observance of Veteran's Day at 2 p.m. at the DuPage Convalescent Center, 400 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton.

Thursday, Nov. 13 AAG artist's reception and show critique

From 7-8:30 p.m., there will be an artist's reception for the Addison Art Guild's Fall Members' Show at Addison Village Hall Rotunda. Eric Forsberg will offer a critique of the original art done by the AAG members and will present awards. Free prize drawing for art-related items. Free and open to the public.

• CNN Vatican analyst to discuss Pope Francis

John Allen, the senior Vatican analyst for CNN, a former senior correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter, will present a talk on Pope Francis, titled: "Against the Tide: The Radical Leadership of Pope Francis" beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Founders Lounge of the Frick Center. A book signing will follow. Admission: \$10 for the general public and free for Elmhurst College students, faculty, staff and alumni. Tickets are available by visiting elmhurst.edu/tix. Info: call (630) 617-3390.

Friday, Nov. 14 Elmhurst College Music Classical Guitar Ensemble

The Elmhurst College Music Classical Guitar Ensemble performs Canciones de España, or Songs from Spain, at 7:30 p.m. in Buik Recital Hall on the campus of Elmhurst College. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5. Info: go online to public.elmhurst.edu

Saturday, Nov. 15 Mayor's Community Charity Ball

Mayor Richard Vecnstra will serve as host of the 24th Mayor's Community Charity Ball at Alta Villa Banquets. Tickets are \$80 per person, or \$75 per person if pur-

chased by Oct. 31. Available at Village Hall in the Community Relations Department or online at addisonadvantage.com. Info: 630-693-7550.

Saturday, Nov. 22 Kontras String Quartet

The Kontras String Quartet begins its own music series at 1:30 p.m. in Buik Recital Hall at Elmhurst College with Geselligheid: Music of Beethoven and Tchaikovsky. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at the door or online at brownpapertickets.com/event/865247.

Thursday, Nov. 27 Addison Park District Turkey Trot

The annual Addison Park District Turkey Trot will take place at the Addison Community Park, 120 E. Oak St. (north of Lake Street). The kids' 1/4-mile Drumstick Dash starts at 8:45 a.m. and the Turkey Trot—a 1- to 3-mile walk or 1- to 5-mile run—begins at 9:10 a.m. Fees: individual \$15, couple \$25, family of three \$33, family of four \$40, family of five \$45 and family of six \$48. Info: 630-233-7275.

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Refreshments served. To register, please call or e-mail by November 25 to 630-628-1433 or museum@addison-il.org.

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.

SPORTS

Off and running

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By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

It's the little things that count.

Just ask Addison Trail junior running back-wide receiver Mike Hundley.

"I've gotten better this season because I'm listening to the coaches' advice and I'm paying attention to the details. I'm watching the linemen and I'm reading plays and looking for holes. They coach us to run the ball to the holes and get what you can. I use my speed and my vision to find the hole and then I hit it full speed."

Hundley has been one of a cast of many who has helped Addison Trail enjoy an impressive season. The Blazers, who defeated Lake Zurich 7-3 in the first round of the Class 7A playoffs, head north to face Libertyville this week in second round action.

Hundley ran for 301 yards and scored three touchdowns in Addison Trail's Week 9 win over district neighbor Willowbrook that secured an undefeated conference-championship season.

"When I was younger, I was used to getting touchdowns," he said. "Varsity football is different. I had a good game against Willowbrook, just like I used to have when I was younger. That got me excited. I just kept hitting the hole and kept my feet going."

Hundley said success on the ground does not come without a strong offensive line.

"Our linemen have stepped it up this season," he said. "We have a good line coach who has showed those guys how to block and they have shown huge improvement over the course of the year."

Hundley said this year has been a reunion of sorts for him.

"I've played with a lot of these kids when I was younger," said Hundley, who grew up playing in the Addison Cowboys youth football system. "Now I get to play with them again this year on the varsity. It's been really nice. We've had a really good year. We've stepped it up. We get the job done."

Hundley said the team has been thrilled with the support it has received throughout the season.

"The fans and the town have been the backbone," he said. "We don't have dead stands. The support we receive helps us win games. It's very motivating."

Hundley, who enjoys working out in his spare time, said the key to continued success is to stick to what has worked through 10 weeks.

"We stick to tradition," he said. "We stick together as a unit. This isn't about one person. It's us instead of I and that brings us all together."

Junior Mike Hundley has helped the Addison Trail football team's offense this season

Week 11 Preview

Addison Trail (9-1) at Libertyville (7-3)

When: Friday or Saturday. Check www.ihsa.org for day and time.

What: Second round of Class 7A state football playoffs. **Seeds:** Addison Trail is the No. 3 seed in the top half of the Class 7A bracket. Libertyville is the No. 11 seed.

Last week: Addison Trail 7, Lake Zurich 3; Libertyville 47, Chicago Lincoln Park 0

Outlook: The Blazers broke a four-game playoff losing streak with a victory at home against Lake Zurich in a battle of two strong defenses. The Blazers now turn their attention to Libertyville, which won easily over higher-seeded Chicago Lincoln Park in the first round. Libertyville is a member of the same North Suburban Conference Lake Division as Lake Zurich. Libertyville was one of five teams in the division to make the playoffs. Libertyville won 20-10 at Lake Zurich in Week 3. Libertyville has played six teams with winning records and sports a 3-3 record. Libertyville has scored 30 or more points in six of its 10 games this season and has gone over 40 points five times. In nine of Addison Trail's 10 games, the Blazers have held opponents to 17 or less points (10 or less in six of the 10 games).

Up next: The winner faces either No. 15 seed Fenwick (6-4) or No. 10 seed Mundelein Carmel (7-3) in the state quarterfinals. If Addison Trail wins, it would host Carmel or travel to Fenwick in the quarterfinals.

Addison Trail football team wins playoff game

Willowbrook's Funteas Jr. advances to state

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

It's on to the next round for the Addison Trail football team.

The Blazers scored a recent 7-3 defensive-minded victory over Lake Zurich in opening-round action of the Class 7A state playoffs in Addison.

The win moved No. 3 seed Addison Trail to 9-1 overall. The Blazers won in the playoffs for the first time since 2004.

Addison Trail will hit the road in the second round and head to Libertyville either Friday or Saturday for a Class 7A second-round matchup. Libertyville, the No. 11 seed in the upper bracket in Class 7A, scored a 47-0 victory over No. 6 Chicago Lincoln Park.

The winner of the Addison Trail-Libertyville game faces either No. 15 seed Fenwick (6-4) or No. 10 seed Mundelein Carmel (7-4) in the state quarterfinals.

Malik Pierre-Louis scored

Addison Trail's only touchdown in the third quarter. Lake Zurich (5-5) kicked a field goal in the fourth quarter to close out the scoring.

Willowbrook boys cross country

Willowbrook boys cross country runner Jimmy Funteas Jr. qualified for this weekend's Class 3A state finals meet in Peoria.

Funteas Jr. finished 19th at the Class 3A Niles West sectional and earned a state bid. He covered the course in 15:17.

Willowbrook finished 14th as a team. Marco Martinez took 44th with a time of 15:47.3. Chris Turek placed 109th with a time of 16:50.40. Chris Senese was 118th with a time of 17:05.03 and Adrian Gonzales was 122nd with a time of 17:10.49.

In earlier action, Willowbrook placed fourth at the West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet. Funteas Jr. was second in the meet, while Martinez took eighth.

Willowbrook coach TJ Artman was pleased with the progress the team was showing heading into the state series.

"We stepped it up the last few races and had our best races of the year," said Artman prior to the state series starting. "We've had many personal records and many goals have been attained. It's been a team effort. They don't want to leave anybody behind. They are a team."

Addison Trail boys cross country

Addison Trail sophomore boys cross country runner Demetrio Cervantes competed in the recent Class 3A Niles West sectional. He finished 62nd with a time of 15:59.24.

In earlier action, Addison Trail finished sixth at the WSC Gold meet and took sixth overall in the conference.

Addison Trail's sophomore team won the WSC Gold meet and the overall conference championship for the first time in program history.

Cervantes won the WSC Gold sophomore title with a time of 16:46. He also placed fourth in the sophomore division at the St. Charles invitational (16:29). Julio Cervantes was third in the sophomore WSC Gold meet with a time of 17:23.

Addison Trail coach Brad Donaldson noted the team ran a freshman, three sophomores and a senior at the regional meet.

"The younger runners are beginning to understand the team aspect of the sport and the importance of the pack running mentality," he said. "We also are beginning to understand how much potential and ability we have."

In addition to Demetrio Cervantes, Julio Cervantes and freshman Danny Bueno also have shown continued improvement.

"Julio and Danny have been running very strong and have been running faster each week," Donaldson said heading into the state series.

Donaldson has been pleased with the progress the program has made this season. "We have had a good year," he said. "The underclassmen won the conference and have set a great foundation for the future. All year, we wanted them to have some success and begin to build a competitive mentality. We have had strong numbers and participation with our lower levels

and as a result have had some great success."

Willowbrook girls cross country

Willowbrook junior Jocelyn Rodriguez finished 63rd at the recent Class 3A Niles West girls cross country sectional. Rodriguez's time was 19:11.78. Junior teammate Shannon Jones finished in 131st place with a time of 21:01.33.

Willowbrook girls volleyball

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team dropped a 25-23, 25-22 decision to Riverside-Brookfield in the semifinals of the Class 4A R-B regional.

Addison Trail girls volleyball

The Addison Trail girls volleyball team lost 25-10, 28-26 to Glenbard East in the semifinals of the Class 4A Chicago Little Village regional.

The Blazers ended their season with a record of 9-27.

Sarah Petrbok led the Blazers with eight kills and eight digs. Jessica Mell had five kills, while Mary Flores had three kills. Anastasia Labadesa had 19 assists. Alyssa Pham had eight digs and Carla Muell added six digs.

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Trustee John Davis steps down from Village Board

**Unfinished term
will be up for
election in April**

By Paul DelGuidice
For The Villa Park Independent

VILLA PARK — The tenure of Villa Park Trustee John Davis will end much as it began: with an unfilled two-year term.

Davis, who was originally appointed to fill a vacant seat on the Village Board of Trustees in 2009 and went on to win election for the remainder of the term, announced his resignation at the Monday, Oct. 27, 2014, Formal Meeting in Village Hall, effective that evening. There are still more than two years remaining in his current term.

"I'd like to thank the residents of Villa Park for allowing me to serve on the Board, and to all those who felt they could stop and talk to me if they had a concern," Davis said. "Serving on the Board of Trustees has been a fulfilling learning experience for me."

Davis indicated he was stepping down for medical reasons. The north side resident had undergone several back surgeries over the years and could often be seen standing at the dais to ease his discomfort during Board meetings.

"After serious consideration, I have decided that this is the best thing for myself and my family," he told The Villa Park Independent.

Davis was elected for a full four-year term in 2009 and again in 2013. His seat was next up for election in 2017. The spot will remain vacant, however, until the April 7, 2015, election, when his unexpired term will be added to the ballot for voters to decide, according to Village President Deborah Bullwinkel. Bullwinkel had the option of appointing someone to fill the seat (with the consent of the Board) until the next election.

"I've had the pleasure of serving on the Board with Trustee Davis for six years," Village President Bullwinkel said. "You've always had the best interests of the Village at heart, the residents have been your number one."

Davis initially garnered attention from than Village President Joyce Stupigia for his efforts in promoting railroad safety. His daughter lost a friend to a train accident, causing Davis to advocate for stricter railroad crossing laws and permanent fencing away from the crossings.

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Willowbrook presents 'Beauty and the Beast'

Willowbrook seniors Allison Mahal and Jack Corkery rehearse a scene from Willowbrook's upcoming fall musical, "Beauty and the Beast." Mahal shares the lead role of Belle with senior Olivia Baumann, and Corkery plays Gaston. The musical will take place on Nov. 13, 14 and 15. Full story and another photo inside.

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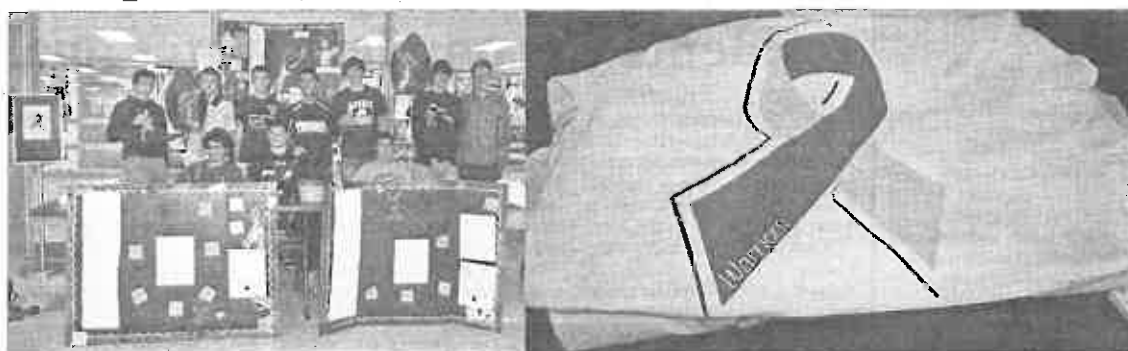
'Purple Out' event promotes Domestic Violence Awareness Month

VILLA PARK — On Oct. 29, the color purple filled the halls at Willowbrook as the school participated in a "Purple Out" in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October 1981 by the coalition. The Day of Unity is celebrated on the first Monday in October, and support is shown by wearing purple.

Willowbrook junior Christian Cloutier started the "Purple Out" initiative last year, and he spent about five days making 1,500 ribbons for this year's event. He said one of his family members was affected by domestic violence, and he wants to make sure his classmates don't suffer that same fate.

"As high school students, we're at the age when we're starting to get into serious relationships, and it's best for people to know the dangers of



On Oct. 29, the color purple filled the halls at Willowbrook as the school participated in a "Purple Out" in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Left: Willowbrook students distribute purple ribbons and share information about domestic violence. Picture are (front row, from left): junior Christian Cloutier, junior Noah Nagle, senior Chris Senese; (back row, from left) junior Ian Patete, junior Jonathon Deeds, junior Mike Sommers, junior Luke Hoppensteadt, junior Zachary Boehm, sophomore Jacob Boehm and junior Liam Cherry. (Right): Pictured is the T-shirt that was distributed during the "Purple Out." The shirt displayed a pink-and-purple ribbon to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

photo provided

domestic violence before it's too late," Cloutier said. "That's why I wanted to start this event."

Find out more about Cloutier's work on the Facebook page

for Domestic Violence Angels at tinyurl.com/k7mwj9d.

The "Purple Out" was made possible with the help of students from Willowbrook's Interact Club, Young Men's

Group (called MENTORS) and Ladies Group. During lunch periods, those students distributed the purple ribbons, as well as T-shirts with a pink-and-purple ribbon (to celebrate Breast

Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month). Tri-folds also were displayed in the cafeteria for students to learn more about domestic violence.

OBITUARY

Angeline Lopatka, 89

Angeline Lopatka, beloved wife, mother and grandmother passed away peacefully on October 25, 2014, at 7:50 p.m., at the age of 89. She was born in Chicago on September 27, 1925, the oldest of nine children.

Angeline was an active, talented woman participating in community organizations, church and local politics. She was Deputy Clerk of York Township, a Republican Committee woman, president of the Republican Women's Club, president of the Villa Park Garden Club and St. Alexander's Council of Catholic Women. During her life she had many accomplishments. The 23

volumes of poetry she wrote are a testament to her passion for writing. All who knew her will remember her happy smile and positive attitude. Angeline is lovingly remembered by her daughter Joyce Lopatka Sawicki, daughter-in-law Kathleen Kohring Lopatka Nauretz, grandsons Walter Lopatka and Matthew Lopatka and great grandchildren, Adam, Steven, Kevin, Julia, Emily, Joey and Tommy.

On November 3, 2014, a one-hour viewing will be held at 9 a.m. at the Gathering Place at St. Alexander Church, 300 So. Cornell Avenue, Villa Park, followed by a Mass at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Onward Neighborhood House, 5413 W. Diversey Ave., Chicago, IL 60639; call 773-622-3215 or visit onwardhouse.org. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

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Clearly against alcohol in all its forms, Davis almost always voted against any kind of liquor establishment or issuing additional licenses. He surprised everyone in the room and on the dais when he recently voted in favor of Sal's Beverage World moving into Villa Park on Roosevelt Road. He later acknowledged that he recognized the advantages the new outlet would bring to the community.

Bullwinkel ended the Monday meeting by presenting Davis with a plaque commemorating his time on the Board.

•Serving on the Board of Trustees has been a fulfilling learning experience for me."

— Villa Park Trustee John Davis

WB Principal serves as emcee at math symposium



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Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause serves as emcee during a math symposium at College of DuPage (COD).

VILLA PARK — On Oct. 31, Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause served as emcee of a symposium at College of DuPage (COD) that discussed shifts in math curriculum, assessment and instruction.

The symposium was for high school and college staff members and administrators. It consisted of three panels that focused on the new Common Core State Standards and the new Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments. Panelists shared strategies for integrating the new standards into the curriculum, as well as how to support students throughout the learning process. Special attention was placed on the transition from high school to the post-secondary environment as this shift occurs.

District 88 holds crosstown football game

Honors community leaders, first responders, veterans

VILLA PARK/ADDISON — On Friday, Oct. 24, the Addison Trail and Willowbrook football teams faced off on the gridiron during District 88's annual crosstown game.

And in the crowd were some special guests. The district invited local community leaders, first responders and veterans to attend the game to be recognized and thanked for their service and support of District 88. About 15 community leaders from Addison and Villa Park — including mayors, police chiefs, fire chiefs, superintendents, board of education members, service group members and the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security Director — were represented.

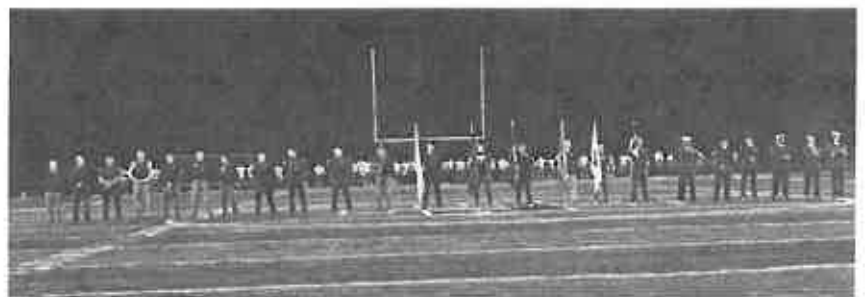
The district also honored first responders and veterans, including members of the DeVry Military Resource Club, with a presentation of the flags and Color Guard.



ball players, cheerleaders, Blazettes and Orchestis Team members formed an aisle as those being honored left the field.

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Top right: During the District 88 crosstown football game on Oct. 24, the district recognized local community leaders and honored local first responders and veterans. Top: Pictured are (from left) Donna Craft Cain, District 88 Board of Education President; Sharon Kucik, District 88 Board of Education Secretary; Rich Veenstra, Mayor of the Village of Addison; Veenstra's wife, Mary Ann; Timothy "Bill" Hayden, Director of Police with the Addison Police Department; Don Markowski, Fire Chief with the Addison Fire Protection District; Markowski's wife, Judy; John Langton, Superintendent of Addison Elementary School District 4; Jim Lombardo Sr., Co-president of the Addison Switchboard; Larry Berger, Treasurer of the Addison Switchboard; Rae Rupp Sr. with the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club of Villa Park; Deb Bullwinkel, Village President of the Village of Villa Park; and James Joseph, Director of DuPage County Office of Homeland Security.



Local first responders and veterans, including members of the DeVry Military Resource Club, are recognized as the flags are presented.



A Color Guard presentation takes place during the game.



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COMMUNITY CAPSULES

Here's what is happening at Village Hall.....

By Paul DelGuidice
For The Villa Park Independent

The Villa Park Board of Trustees met for a formal meeting on Monday, October 27, 2014, at Village Hall.

- The meeting began with a presentation of the Village's comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2013/14 by representatives from Lauterbach & Amen, LLP. Once again, Villa Park received the Certificate of Achievement for excellence in financial reporting. The firm's audit opinion of the Village's finances was "unmodified," which is the highest level opinion achievable. The audit will be available on the Village's website shortly, according to the auditors.

- During the Committee of the Whole portion of Monday's meeting, the Board discussed a proposed ordinance amending the probationary period requirements for police department recruits and promotions. The ordinance would address probationary periods for police officers and the process of discharging (firing) probationary officers.

According to Village Attorney Kathleen Field-Orr, this ordinance is needed to "clean up the municipal code to follow state law, which says police and fire departments' collective bargaining agreements supersede Village ordinances." The Ordinance would allow the person in charge (in Villa Park, the Village Manager) to unilaterally terminate probationary officers.

Trustee Chris Aiello, who indicated he would vote against the ordinance, said if collective bargaining agreements need to match the Village Ordinance, then those agreements should be amended.

"I would think policemen and firemen would want more than one person to make that decision about their life," Aiello said.

The item failed to move to the formal agenda for a final vote, with Trustees Bob Taglia, Bob Wagner and John Davis voting for the ordinance; Trustees Al Bulthuis, Chris Aiello and Don Kase voting against it. Village President Deborah Bullwinkel broke the tie and voted "no." Bullwinkel indicated the ordinance could come up for a vote again, after more research was done.

- The Board voted on 13 items during the Consent Agenda portion of the Formal portion of Monday's meeting. There were no items voted on outside of the consent agenda. (Consent Agenda gathers several items together for a single vote. Trustees can request individual items be separated from the Consent Agenda for consideration, but a motion must be made, seconded and a majority vote must agree before the item can be separated.)

- The items passed included:

- a) The Village Bill Listing dated October 27, 2014 in the amount of \$825,283.

- b) Minutes from the Village Committee of the Whole meeting for October 13, 2014.

- c) Minutes from the Village Formal Board Meeting for October 13, 2014.

- d) Approval of the Village's CAFR for fiscal year 2013/14 by Lauterbach & Amen, LLP.

- e) Removed (This was the probationary police Ordinance that did not move from the COW.

- f) First and final reading of an Ordinance clarifying soliciting activities, specifically the prohibition of door-to-door soliciting on Sundays.

- g) A First and Final reading of an ordinance clarifying the authorization for video gaming. The current Ordinance prohibits gambling in establishments with a liquor license. State law requires businesses with video gaming machines to hold a liquor license. Other local Ordinances allow video gaming and off-track betting in facilities with liquor licenses. The new ordinance updates the previous ordinances to follow current state laws.

- h) A First and final reading of an ordinance prohibiting the use of groundwater as a potable water supply or by any other method. The ordinance was prompted by a request from Carlson Environmental. The ground water at 1101 to 1133 North Ellsworth Ave. and 1050 North Villa Ave. has been found to be contaminated with dry cleaning chemicals. The property owner requested the Village pass the ordinance to prohibit drilling of private drinking water wells in the vicinity of the contamination. Remediation and clean-up is currently underway in the areas affected, according to Village Director of Public Works Vydis Juskelis.

- i) A resolution authorizing an engineering agreement between the Village and RJN Group, Inc. for the combined sewer

overflow long term control plan (phase 1). The Resolution allows Villa Park to contract for a long term control plan at the wet weather flow treatment facility. This is required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The work would be split over two fiscal years, with Phase I in FY2014/15 at a cost of \$78,050 and Phase II in 2015/16 at a cost of \$58,810.

- j) A resolution authorizing change order #2, the final change order, to the contract between the Village and Chicago Paving Contractors, Inc. for the 2014 Kenilworth Park roadway improvements project. The change resulted in a deduction of \$18,425 for a final contract amount of \$153,087. The deduction was prompted by reporting of actual material used in the field, which was less than initially anticipated.

- k) Another resolution for a final change order was to the contract between Villa Park and Globe Construction Inc. for the 2014 sidewalk improvement program. The final balancing of contract quantities, as measured in the field, resulted in an addition of \$7,749 for a final cost of \$57,605.

- l) A resolution authorizing change order #1 for the 2014 Van Buren Street improvement project. This resulted in a deduction of \$49,510 for a revised final contract amount of \$867,935.

- Two resolutions passed during the consent agenda portion of Monday's meeting addressed the Village Hall holiday schedule for 2015 and establishing regular meeting dates for the Village Board in 2015.

- The final resolution passed by the Board was for a license agreement between the Village of Villa Park and the property owner at 131 East Van Buren Street. The owner wants to pave the existing gravel driveway located in a public alley right-of-way. The agreement was needed to grant the property owner permission for the construction and maintenance of the driveway.

- During the Village Trustees' Report section of Monday's meeting, Trustee John Davis announced he would resign his seat on the Board, effective immediately. Davis cited health concerns as the reason he would leave the Board after nine years. Davis has more than two years remaining in his current term. (See story on page one of this issue.)



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Willowbrook seniors Alex Lapinski and Olivia Baumann rehearse a scene from Willowbrook's upcoming fall musical, "Beauty and the Beast." Baumann shares the lead role of Belle with senior Allison Mahal, and Lapinski plays Beast.

Willowbrook brings 'Beauty and the Beast' to stage

Fall musical opens Thursday, Nov. 13

VILLA PARK — The magic of Disney will fill the stage at Willowbrook when the school presents its fall musical, "Beauty and the Beast," on Nov. 13, 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. in Doris White Auditorium. For tickets, visit dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=1906

This classic tale tells the story of Belle, a young woman who seeks adventure, and her encounter with Beast, a prince transformed into a beast by an enchantress as punishment for his arrogance. The two start out full of resentment and anger toward each other, but they slowly begin to see the other's true beauty.

Director Regina Wathier said the show is full of special-effect props and features a large cast, many of whom are new to theatre at Willowbrook.

"We have a lot of new people in theatre this year, and I wanted a musical that could showcase all of those students and their talents," Wathier said. "It has been amazing to watch the older actors mentor the novice performers and take them under their wing."

Willowbrook seniors Allison Mahal and Olivia Baumann share the lead of Belle.

"The underlying theme of this musical is, 'Don't judge people by their appearance, and love them for who they truly are on the inside,'" Olivia said.

Allison said the audience can expect to be entertained from the opening number to the closing scene.

Senior Alex Lapinski, who portrays Beast, said he's thrilled to take the stage for his final musical at Willowbrook.

"The relationships between the characters in this musical really add to the dynamics of the story," he said. "And the ensemble numbers are looking incredible. It's going to be an amazing show!"

Senior Jack Corkery, who plays Gaston, a vain hunter who vies for Belle's hand in marriage, agreed the music is a highlight of "Beauty and the Beast."

"The lyrics and composition are what set this musical apart," he said. "There's a wonderful variety of ensemble numbers, duets and solos."

Wathier said the musical is family friendly and offers something for everyone.

"As the show says, we invite you to 'Be Our Guest!'" Wathier said.

Defense delivers AT playoff win

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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ADDISON - Defense was the name of the game Saturday and Addison Trail had plenty of it.

The Blazers beat Lake Zurich 7-3 in the first round of the Class 7A playoffs with a dominant defensive performance. AT (9-1) advances to face Libertyville on the road in the second round. It was the first playoff victory for Addison Trail since 2004.

"We just did everything we could," AT junior linebacker Zach Atiyeh said. "We knew they're a 5-4 team and we're 8-1, but the thing is they've been to state four out of the past eight years. We can't overlook any opponent. We just came out and took it to them."

The Bears (5-5) didn't get a first down until the second quarter. Once their run-heavy offense got inside the AT 10-yard-line, the drive stalled and resulted in a missed field goal. Lake Zurich missed another field goal in the second quarter and the game went into halftime still scoreless.

In the third quarter, AT junior quarterback Ryan Zigowicz completed a pair of big passes to Jake Atiyeh and Jaavion Bradley to get the Blazer offense moving. Malik Pierre-Louis later ran in for a 7-yard score to break the ice.

Zigowicz, who was making just his second start in place of injured starter Mike Rybarczyk, was 6-for-10 for 71 yards. His passing complemented the play of running backs Mike Hundley and Pierre-Louis.

"We came into the game knowing we were going to run the ball, pound it down their throats," Zigowicz said. "All around we played great. The line played a great game the whole time, gave me time to throw and step up. Our running backs were going. Our defense was incredible, only three points. That's unbelievable."

Lake Zurich again got in the red zone in the fourth quarter, but settled for a field goal attempt on fourth-and-4

Game breakdown

Addison Trail 7, Lake Zurich 3

AT LEADERS

■ **PASSING:** Ryan Zigowicz 6-for-10, 71 yards

■ **RUSHING:** Malik

Pierre-Louis 20-69, TD;

Mike Hundley 13-50

■ **RECEIVING:** Jaavion Brad-

ley 2-36; Jake Atiyeh 3-22;

Darrion Conrad 1-13

■ **DEFENSE:** Robert Rinaldi 2 sacks; Josh Simko sack

Second-round matchup

■ **WHO:** Addison Trail at Libertyville

■ **WHEN:** 3 p.m. Saturday

■ **WHERE:** 708 W. Park Ave., Libertyville

■ **RECORDS:** AT 9-1;

Libertyville 7-3

■ **OUTLOOK:** The Wildcats are fresh off a 47-0 demolition of Lincoln Park. Libertyville beat AT's first round playoff opponent, Lake Zurich, 20-10 in Week 3. Junior quarterback Riley Lees is Libertyville's leading rusher and has more carries than pass attempts.

from the 9-yard-line with 6:51 left. The Bears got the ball trailing 7-3 with 2:56 left, but the Blazers' defense stepped up big again, not allowing a first down.

Robert Rinaldi had two sacks for the Blazers and Josh Simko had one as well.

The defense was the story of the game, but if AT is to win at Libertyville, the offense will have to produce more. Coach Paul Parpet Jr. has shown confidence in Zigowicz.

"He's very composed," Parpet said. "You saw that on a couple of the scramble throws, and he probably should have thrown the ball a lot quicker, but he wanted to make it exciting. That's what Ryan does. He's a smart kid and he knows what we're doing."

PREP ROUNDUP

Kern leads York boys to state meet

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York freshman Charlie Kern led the Dukes with a second place finish at the Niles West sectional.

Kern clocked a 14:55 and York was fifth overall at the sectional to advance to state. Matt Plowman was 22nd.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY York

Elizabeth Hagstrom was 22nd and Hannah Wahlgren placed 25th to lead York to third place at the Niles West sectional and a place at Saturday's state meet. Freshmen Erin Davies and Emily Siegenthaler finished back-to-back in 32nd and 33rd.

Timothy Christian

Hannah Bosman will run at state after finishing 10th at the Class 1A Lisle sectional. The Trojans were seventh as a team.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL IC Catholic

The Knights won a Class 2A regional Oct. 30 against Wal-

ther Christian 25-13, 25-15. IC also beat St. Benedict 25-7, 25-12 on Tuesday in a sectional semifinal. The Knights hosted Woodlands Academy in the sectional final Thursday.

Timothy Christian

The Trojans won their first regional since 2011 by defeating Golder College Prep 25-6, 25-13 on Oct. 30. Timothy extended the playoff run by defeating Payton 24-26, 25-22, 25-14 on Tuesday in a sectional semifinal. Kacie Stoll had 16 kills and two aces, Ava Venema had five blocks and Dani Van Laten dished out 28 assists and had four blocks against Payton.

TC played Montini in the sectional final Thursday.

GIRLS SWIMMING York

Alison Brodt placed third in the 500-yard freestyle to be York's top finisher at the West Suburban Silver meet on Saturday. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Maggie Schlecht, Meghan Quinn, Paige Jaeger and Jessica Woolfe took fourth. York was

fifth as a team.

Addison Trail/ Willowbrook co-op

The co-op team placed third at the West Suburban Gold meet at Hinsdale South. Kelly McNamara won both the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard butterfly while finishing one-hundredth of a second off her own conference record in winning the butterfly with a time of 57.52.

Molly Hill was first in the 50-yard freestyle and second in the 100-yard backstroke. The relay team of Hill, Gabby Morone, McNamara and Meghan Koterba won both the 200-yard medley relay and the 200-yard freestyle relay.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY Timothy Christian

TC was ninth at the Class 1A Lisle sectional and didn't have any individual state qualifiers.

IC Catholic

The Knights placed 11th at the Lisle sectional and none of them advanced to state individually.

'Something special' about TC soccer season

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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NORMAL - Timothy Christian's boys soccer team didn't win the state title, but the Trojans did return home with some memories and a second place trophy.

The Trojans made it to the Class 1A state final, but lost 2-0 to Columbia on Saturday at the Corn Crib in Normal.

The day before, Timothy got past Harvard in a semifinal in a penalty kick shootout, which was TC's second straight playoff game to go to a shootout. The Trojans ousted Harvard 10-9 after 10 rounds of penalty kicks. All 10 Timothy Christian penalty kick takers converted to help the Trojans to advance.

"It was a great experience for the kids," coach Joe Grit said. "It's something they'll never forget. Ultimately they came up a little short, but in time I think they'll realize they accomplished something pretty special."

State semifinal

Timothy Christian 1, Harvard 1
TC won 10-9 in penalty kicks

State final

Columbia 2, TC 0

It was the program's first trophy since the 2009 state title and its third trophy overall.

Senior Tyler Vlasak scored a first half goal in the semifinal for his 27th goal of the season. Vlasak, who also had 16 assists, was a two-year captain along with fellow senior Andrew Wieringa.

Those two were among a small, but essential group of starting seniors for the Trojans this season.

"Tyler and all the seniors are going to be hard to replace," Grit said. "He's second all-time in goals and second all-time in assists. Soccer is

a team game so we will have guys step up, but he's going to be hard to replace."

Vlasak and freshman Jimmy Allen teamed up at forward and showed a chemistry made it seem like they had been playing together for years. Allen totaled 21 goals this fall.

"That's the first time in school history we've had two 20-plus goal scorers," Grit said. "It looked like they've been playing together for years. It was a great opportunity for Jimmy to learn from Tyler."

Allen is a part of a young group of players that will lead the Trojans next season. Sophomore midfielder Josh Anderson had 14 goals and 16 assists. Freshman midfielder Michael Martens contributed seven goals and seven assists.

"The nicest thing was they didn't let their age affect them," Grit said. "If you look at our roster, we were young. We had two freshmen up and started only four seniors. They never showed their nerves."