

Cheering Warriors...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL recognized the senior members of its boys basketball team, cheerleading squad and pom team before Friday night's boys basketball home game. Playing in its first home game of the 2014-15 season, the Willowbrook team defeated Addison Trail 56-51. The photo on the right shows the seniors of the school's cheerleading team following the game. Pictured left to right are: Brianna Kozi, Sarah Wood, Stephanie Myers, Cassie Heaney, Jenna Miller, Megan Brown, Shukan Shah and Jessica Cookingham.

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Chamber of commerce's Joyful Traditions draws a crowd

The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce held its annual Joyful Traditions event on Saturday night near the chamber office at 10 S. Park Boulevard. Hundreds of residents attended the free community event, which included food, entertainment, a horse-drawn sleigh ride, a trolley ride and a visit from Santa Claus.

Shortly after Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus arrived via special escort (on a Villa Park Fire Department vehicle), Villa Park Village President Deborah Bullwinkel led the countdown to the colorful lighting of a large nearby evergreen tree near Ardmore Avenue. Santa and his wife then sat down in the Rugaard Gazebo to meet with children who lined up to see them.

The celebration also included a food tent with free food provided by local businesses. Two other staples of Joyful Traditions are the s'more station and the Christmas carols provided by members the Willowbrook High School choir.



An annual tradition in Villa Park...

Photos by Chris Fox

THIS YEAR'S JOYFUL TRADITIONS event in Villa Park took place under cold but tolerable conditions on Saturday night. The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce held Joyful Traditions outside of the chamber's office at 10 W. Park Boulevard. The above photo shows the horse-drawn sleigh about to take some guests for a brief ride through a portion of central Villa Park. The lower left photo shows the Golba family of Villa Park visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus under the Rugaard Gazebo. Pictured are Jason and Shauna Golba with their daughters, (left to right) Madison, age 4, and Katelyn, age 6. The lower right photo shows members of Willowbrook High School's choir, who sang Christmas carols throughout the event.



Accidental shooting claims life of 6-year-old boy near Villa Park

The DuPage County Sheriff's Office is investigating Friday afternoon's apparent accidental shooting that caused the death of a 6-year-old boy in unincorporated Villa Park.

Deputies reportedly assisted paramedics from the York Center Fire Protection District in responding at about 4:25 p.m. to a call of a child who had apparently been injured by an accidental gunshot in the Brandywine subdivision in the 18W100 block of 14th Street, located south of Roosevelt Road and west of Ardmore Avenue.

Michael Catron III, age 6, was transported to Loyola University Medical Center in

Maywood. According to Frank Shufan of the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office, he was pronounced dead at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

Shufan stated that an autopsy was conducted on Monday at the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office. He said that the cause and manner of death are listed as pending.

DuPage County Sheriff's Office public information officer Dawn Domrose stated Monday afternoon that the sheriff's office is not releasing any additional information due to the ongoing investigation of the incident.

Attempted residential burglary reported on Monday afternoon

Villa Park patrol officers responded to a report of an attempted residential burglary on Monday afternoon in the 600 block of North Wisconsin Avenue.

According to the Villa Park Police Department, officers were dispatched to the residence at about 1:18 p.m. A male suspect reportedly rang the doorbell, and after receiving no answer, attempted to force entry into the home. The homeowner reportedly scared off the suspect, who fled from the scene.

The Villa Park Police Department reminds residents to report any suspicious persons or activity by calling 9-1-1.

The police department also issued a follow-up release regarding a Nov. 22 incident that was initially reported as an incident involving two suspicious male subjects in the 600 block of North Iowa Avenue. The subjects reportedly knocked on the door of a resident who had not requested any plumbing services. According to the follow-up release, the subjects were identified as plumbers who went to the wrong house.

Villa Park resident charged with aggravated DUI after Nov. 28 crash

Villa Park Police units joined the Villa Park Fire Department in responding to an early morning single-vehicle crash on Nov. 28 in the 600 Block of West Plymouth. According to information provided by the Villa Park Police Department, officers arrived on the scene at about 4:37 a.m. to find that the significantly damaged vehicle, a 2005 Ford Explorer, had struck a tree. The two occupants of the vehicle both suffered serious injuries and were transported to Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove.

Subsequent investigation of the accident revealed that the driver of the vehicle was allegedly under the influence at the time of the crash. The driver was identified as Jose A. Ortiz-Barocio, 25, of Villa Park.

Ortiz-Barocio was taken into custody on Friday and charged with aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol (a Class 4 felony) and driving without a valid license. He was subsequently transported to the DuPage County Jail, where he is being held on a \$150,000 bond.

St. Alexander Parish holds 90th anniversary Mass on Saturday

Villa Park's St. Alexander Parish is celebrating its 90th anniversary this month. The celebration will begin with the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Dec. 13, at St. Alexander Church, which is located at 300 S. Cornell Ave.

The Most Rev. Joseph Siegel, auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Joliet, will preside at the service. The newly commissioned statue of the

church's patron saint—St. Alexander I—will also be dedicated.

Former pastors, priests and sisters who have served at the parish have been invited to the celebration, as have former parishioners and St. Alexander School alumni. The festivities will continue after the Mass with a supper in the hall featuring music and memorabilia.

On stage...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S CenterStage show choir performed four songs during Thursday's brief holiday concert in the school auditorium. The concert also featured the school's jazz band, which performed three pieces. Willowbrook's music department will present two more holiday concerts this month. Both events will begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Ticket prices for each event are \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors (Senior Gold Cards and student passes are welcome). Admission is free to children 12 and under who are accompanied by an adult. This Thursday's concert will include the wind ensemble, symphonic band, freshman band and percussion ensemble. The concert on Wednesday, Dec. 17, will feature the chamber orchestra, symphony orchestra, treble choir, beginning choir, concert choir, beginning guitars group and guitars ensemble. Members of Willowbrook's choir sang Christmas carols at Villa Park's Joyful Traditions event on Saturday. The choir sang inside the mall at Yorktown Center in Lombard earlier this week.

Photo by Buddy Martens



Senior poms...

Photo by Chris Fox

THE SENIOR MEMBERS of Willowbrook High School's pom squad were honored before Friday night's boys basketball game. The seniors on the basketball and cheerleading teams were also introduced before the game. The four seniors on the pom team were the featured performers during the team's halftime routine. Pictured left to right during the halftime performance are Hunter Sparks, Sarah Dvorak, Lashay Butler and Nora Grzadziel.

Villa Park Youth Baseball offers online registration for 2015

Villa Park Youth Baseball's online registration for the 2015 season is up and running at the organization's Web site, www.vpyb.com. Players are able to register online for the new season and to participate in upcoming camps. Visit the Web site for complete details.

In-person registration for the 2015 season will take place on Jan. 10 and Jan. 17 at the Iowa Community Center, located at 338 Iowa Ave. Each registration session will take place from 9 a.m. to noon. Candy bar pickups and uniform fitting will be available at each of the sessions.

Villa Park Youth Baseball will welcome a former Major League Baseball player who will conduct an instructional camp in 2015. There will be a one-time charge of \$25 for the 90-minute clinic. All participants will receive a 12-week hitting manual.

Villa Park Youth Baseball is open to any boy or girl between the ages of 5 to 18. All baseball registrants must be at least 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2015, and must not be older than 18 as of Sept. 1, 2015. Girls fast-pitch softball is open to players ages 8 to 14. All softball registrants must be 8 as of Jan. 1, 2015, and must not be older than 18 years as of Jan. 1, 2015.

Police urge residents to guard against theft of holiday packages

The Villa Park Police Department encourages residents to take action to prevent thefts of holiday packages from doorsteps.

According to a recent news release issued by the police department, thefts of packages from residential doorsteps are being reported in the village. The release stated that thieves often prowls neighborhoods looking for a quick way to make a low-risk theft. Packages are often delivered to unoccupied homes and left outside the front door, making the items vulnerable to theft.

Police encourage residents to ask for

delivery signature and tracking numbers, as well as having deliveries scheduled when they know they'll be home. Residents should also ask for text or e-mail alerts of delivery. If possible, have the packages delivered to work or to a family member, friend or neighbor who will be home.

"Package theft is a crime of opportunity," said Villa Park Police Chief Robert Pavlechuk in the release. "Let's work together to reduce these opportunities."

As always, residents should not hesitate to call 9-1-1 to report any suspicious persons or activities.



Sports

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Improved Warriors win their 2014-15 home opener

The 2014-15 Willowbrook boys basketball season has barely started, and the Warriors have already won twice as many games as they won last season. Willowbrook, which opened its schedule by winning three of four games at Stagg High School's Thanksgiving tournament, improved to 4-1 by winning its home opener on Friday night. Playing in front of a healthy crowd, the Warriors edged Addison Trail 56-51 in a West Suburban Gold Conference battle against their District 88 rival.

Sophomore Alonzo Verge scored a team-leading 22 points in his first home game as a Warrior. Verge converted six of 20 field-goal attempts, including two of five shots from 3-point range. He also made eight of nine free-throw attempts. Verge scored nine of his team's 21 fourth-quarter points. Junior Kevin Miller added seven points during the final eight minutes by draining a pair of 3-point shots and one free throw. Miller made five of seven shots from 3-point range during the evening and scored 16 points. Senior Kyle Rushing provided nine points and a team-leading 12 rebounds.

"We made some plays down the stretch to pull this one out," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins after the victory over Addison Trail. "We're playing well. We're learning how to pull out wins."

Perkins and the Warriors are enjoying the current run of success after suffering through a 2-25 record last season.

"We have more talent," said Perkins in comparing this season's team to Willowbrook's 2013-14 squad. "The chemistry with the guys is a lot different. The energy, the confidence, the expectation—it's like a complete change."

The addition of Verge, who did not play for Willowbrook last season, has been a major factor in the team's success. The standout guard shared high-scoring honors with Miller in the first game of the season. Verge was the team's leading scorer in the next five games. Through six contests, he

is scoring about 20 points per game.

The Warriors fell to 4-2 overall and 1-1 in the conference when they lost a 92-70 decision at Morton on Saturday night. Willowbrook led the Mustangs 43-42 at halftime, but Morton owned a 64-54 lead by the end of the third quarter.

Willowbrook's season continues with this Friday's conference home game against Hinsdale South.

Willowbrook held a 19-11 lead over the Blazers after one quarter of the conference opener in Villa Park, but Addison Trail outscored the Warriors 16-7 in the second period for a 27-26 halftime lead.

The Warriors, who trailed the Blazers 38-35 at the end of the third quarter, scored the first seven points of the fourth period to take a 42-38 lead. Senior Micah Williams started the rally with a driving layup. Senior Chris Roycroft then added a baseline jumper to give Willowbrook a 39-38 lead. Junior Kevin Miller completed the 7-0 run with a 3-point shot with about 6:15 left in the game.

Addison Trail made four straight free throws during the next minute to tie the score at 42-42. The Blazers made another free throw with more than four minutes to play to move into a 43-42 lead. Verge gave the Warriors a lead they would not surrender when he made two free throws at the 3:20 mark. Seconds later, Miller took a charge against an Addison Trail defender to regain possession for the Warriors. Miller then made his second 3-point shot of the quarter to give Willowbrook a 47-43 lead with about 2:45 remaining.

Verge made a 3-point shot of his own at the 2:23 mark to push the Warriors' lead to 50-45. Verge connected on four straight free throws in the closing moments. He made a pair of foul shots at the 1:48 mark for a 52-47 lead. He then sank two more free throws at the 1:04 mark to give his team a 54-49 advantage.

Senior Jake Bruns and Miller each made one free throw in the final seconds to close out Willowbrook's scoring for the night.

The Warriors kicked off the season by winning their first three games of the Stagg tournament to advance to the event's championship game. Willowbrook began the tournament with a 47-40 win over Nazareth Academy, followed by a 67-60 victory over Lindblom. The Warriors then beat Stagg 68-66 to earn a spot in the championship game. St. Laurence scored a last-second basket to beat Willowbrook 58-57 in the title contest on Nov. 29. Verge scored nearly half of the Warriors' points against St. Laurence, pouring in 28 points. Roycroft pulled down 12 rebounds.

Glenbard East

The Rams opened the Upstate Eight Conference season with a pair of victories in under 24 hours, beginning with Friday night's 61-57 win at South Elgin. Glenbard East opened its home season with Saturday's 57-47 victory over Elgin.

The two victories gave the Rams an overall record of 4-2. Glenbard East will play a conference home game against West Aurora this Thursday.

Bartlett led Glenbard East 43-38 through three quarters of Saturday's game, but the Rams held the Hawks to just four points, including a dunk in the closing seconds, during the fourth quarter. Glenbard East made 13 of 17 free-throw attempts during the final period.

Junior Patrick Peterkin scored 16 points in Saturday's win. Junior Terrance Lakes added 10 points, while junior Zach Walsh added nine points. Peterkin and Walsh joined senior Bryce Roberts, junior Jack Grigat and sophomore Michael Finley as the five Rams who made free throws during the fourth quarter.

Finley scored a team-leading 20 points in Friday's win in South Elgin. Roberts added 12 points, while senior Adam Ebohi contributed 10 points. The Rams led the Storm 34-24 at halftime. They maintained a double-digit lead early in the fourth quarter and withstood a South Elgin rally in the closing minutes.



Offensive punch...

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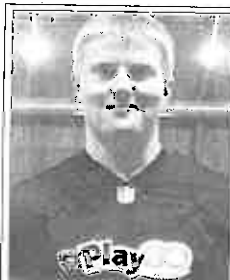
SOPHOMORE ALONZO VERGE (above, left) and junior Kevin Miller (right) have helped the Willowbrook boys basketball team win four of its first six games of the season. The duo led the Warriors to a 56-51 victory in Friday's home opener against West Suburban Gold Conference rival Addison Trail. Verge scored nine of his team-leading 22 points during the fourth period. Miller made a pair of 3-point shots in the fourth quarter, when he scored seven of his 16 points. He made five 3-pointers during the game. Through six games, Verge is averaging 20.5 points per game, while Miller, who's made 16 shots from 3-point range, is scoring almost 10 points per game.



Rams win...

Photos by Chris Fox

SOPHOMORE MICHAEL FINLEY (above, left) and junior Zach Walsh (right) of the Glenbard East boys basketball team both made free throws during the fourth quarter of Saturday's 57-47 Upstate Eight Valley Conference victory over Bartlett. Finley made all four of his foul shots in the final quarter, while Walsh sank two of four attempts during the period. The Rams, who outscored Bartlett 19-4 in the fourth quarter, made 13 of 17 free throws in the last eight minutes. Saturday's win in Lombard gave the Rams an overall record of 4-2 and a conference mark of 2-0. Glenbard East will play a conference home game against West Aurora on Thursday.



Champion...

CONNOR HOEFT (above) won the Chicago Bears' recent NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition in the 14-15 boys age division. Hoeft, who is a sophomore at Marmion Academy and a member of the Cadets football team, is the grandson of Larry and Carol Slink of Lombard. He booted a 51-yard kick and delivered a 35-yard punt at the competition at the Bears' indoor facility in Lake Forest. He fired a 47-yard pass before the Bears' Nov. 23 game at Soldier Field to complete the event. Hoeft will soon learn if he has qualified for the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick national finals.



Drive to the hoop...

Photo by Chris Fox

GLENBARD EAST JUNIOR Brittany Paganucci (above) drives toward the hoop during the closing seconds of the first half of Saturday's girls basketball game against Bartlett. Paganucci scored as the half expired. Bartlett, which held a 19-14 halftime lead, outscored the Rams 13-2 in the third quarter on the way to a 46-31 Upstate Eight Valley Conference win in Lombard. The Rams fell to 3-4 overall and 0-2 in the conference. Senior Allison Hansen scored nine points for the Rams. Paganucci and juniors Amanda Chlebek and Brasia Solid each scored seven points. The Rams will face West Aurora in this Friday's conference game in Lombard.

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Merry gentlemen, and women, too!

The Willowbrook Choir was on hand to perform Christmas carols for the crowd gathered for Joyful Traditions on Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Prairie Path. The evening included sleigh rides, S'mores and the big guy in the red suit!



Welcome to Villa Park

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Alesia Bailey greets the guests of honor at this year's Joyful Traditions. Mrs. Claus is played by Andee J. from King Construction. The other person is from the North Pole!

Fun, friends and food

The Villa Park VFW Post #2801 gave away turkey and ham sandwiches to hungry attendees at Joyful Traditions.



Open air holiday fun

Joyful Traditions guests could take a trolley ride or brave the cold in a sleigh pulled by real horses. The route was to the Villa Park Historical Society and back again.

Residents invited to participate in annual Christmas Bird Count

Event helps Audubon Society with bird conservation

WHEATON — Area birding enthusiasts are invited to join the DuPage Birding Club in the 115th annual Christmas Bird Count Dec. 14 and 20 at various DuPage County forest preserves.

Armed with binoculars, bird guides and checklists, tens of thousands of volunteers throughout the Americas

take part in this annual bird count for the National Audubon Society, which takes place over a 24-hour period to catch owls and other nocturnal species.

Audubon and other organizations use data collected to assess the health of bird populations and to help guide conservation action.

Locally, the bird counts are split into two large sectors—one around Morton Arboretum in Lisle and the other around Fermi Lab in Batavia.

The Dec. 14 Morton Arboretum sector includes Greene Valley, Hidden Lake, Maple Grove and Waterfall Glen forest preserves. Volunteers interested in participating in this count should contact DuPage Birding Club member Geoff Williamson at geoffrey.williamson@comcast.net.

The Dec. 20 count includes Blackwell, Herrick Lake, McDowell, Pratt's Wayne Woods, West DuPage Woods, West Chicago Prairie and Winfield Mounds at Timber Ridge.

Volunteers interested in participating in this count should contact Jeff Chapman from the DuPage Birding Club at jeffchapman@sbcglobal.net.

Volunteers should dress warmly and bring binoculars if possible. They need not be experienced birders because they will be paired with sea-

soned Christmas Bird Count veterans.

For more information on the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, call 630-933-7200 or visit dupageforest.org where you can also link to the District's e-newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and YouTube pages.



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Students in Willowbrook's LINK classes showcase the gifts they recently made, which they'll be selling to their peers and staff members at the school. The students learned many life skills through the project. Pictured are (from left) junior Quintin Dent-Howell, junior Joe Remedi, sophomore Guadalupe Perez, sophomore Christian Manning, freshman Rosa Boehm and freshman Becca Shulda.

LINK classes provide holiday gifts

VILLA PARK — This holiday season, staff members and students at Willowbrook will be able to buy special gifts for \$1 that were made by students in the school's LINK classes.

Those students made about 500 gift tags to place on presents and about 150 Willowbrook magnets. Through creating those items, students learned skills such as how to produce quality work, how to work in a group, how to not give up and how to interact with a customer when selling an item. The gifts will be sold starting Dec. 8 until they're sold out, and proceeds will benefit the LINK program.

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WBHS Interact Club gives back; serves meal at homeless shelter

VILLA PARK — On Nov. 18, 13 Willowbrook students, along with several staff mem-

bers, went to First Presbyterian Church of Itasca to prepare and serve a meal at the DuPage

P.A.D.S. homeless shelter.

The students, who are members of Willowbrook's Inter-

act Club, cooked the dinner to help those in need. Interact Club sponsor Erik Engel said

the students had a wonderful experience and enjoyed giving back to the community.

Students who participated are senior Juan Gallegos, junior Kathia Ramirez, sophomore Gwen Eickberg, sophomore Allison Letson, junior Alexis Hernandez, junior John Cordeiro, junior Kate Viernes, junior Monica Chaidez, senior Collin Metz, sophomore Paola Arzeta, freshman Alejandra Gonzalez and senior Elizabeth Babu.



(From left) Willowbrook freshman Alejandra Gonzalez, sophomore Allison Letson and junior Alexis Hernandez help prepare a meal on Nov. 18 at the DuPage P.A.D.S. homeless shelter in Itasca. The girls are members of the Willowbrook Impact Club, which served the meal.

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Willowbrook Key Club hosts food drive

From Nov. 11 to 21, Willowbrook's Key Club sponsored a food drive to help those in need this holiday season.

The drive collected more than 1,000 nonperishable items for local food pantries. The Warrior Time (resource period) that brought in the most donations was treated to a breakfast on Dec. 2. There were two winning classes, and each class collected more than 200 items. The winners were Elizabeth Stady and Colleen Smith's Warrior Time and Peg Browne's Warrior Time.

The breakfast was catered by the Brook Catering Co., which is comprised of Willowbrook students who are enrolled in culinary classes at the school. The Key Club is affiliated with the Kiwanis Club of Villa Park, and several members of that club attended the breakfast to show their support and to congratulate the students on their food drive.



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Pictured are the winners of Willowbrook's food drive. The school's Key Club sponsored the food drive from Nov. 11 to 21, and donations will benefit local food pantries. The winning Warrior Time classes (resource periods) that brought in the most donations were Peg Browne's Warrior Time (above) and Elizabeth Stady and Colleen Smith's Warrior Time (below). Each group collected more than 200 items.

Willowbrook students, staff and members of the Kiwanis Club of Villa Park enjoy a breakfast hosted on Dec. 2 for the winners of the school's food drive. Above: (From left) Adam Hall, Kiwanis Club of Villa Park member, Steve Swanson, Kiwanis Club of Villa Park member, Megan Derricott, Willowbrook teacher and Key Club sponsor, Bob Brunton, Kiwanis Club of Villa Park member, Jessica Sibigroth, Willowbrook teacher aide, and freshman Rebecca Matthews, Willowbrook Key Club member, enjoy some tasty treats. Below: Willowbrook juniors Danita Robinson and Anthony Interrante prepare breakfast with other members of the Brook Catering Co., which is comprised of Willowbrook students who are enrolled in culinary classes at the school.



Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause congratulates the students on their successful food drive.

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When: Wednesday, December 31

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ling cider toast. A parking lot shuttle will be available. Tables of 8 can be reserved if indicated at registration. This is a cooperative party with Elmhurst Park District. Please register by December 17, at Deer Grove Leisure Center. The fee is \$45 for Bensenville Park District residents and \$50 for non-residents. For more information call 630-766-7015 or visit bensenvilleparkdistrict.org.



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Willowbrook senior receives state-level honor for football

Pictured is Willowbrook senior Kyle Rushing, who has been named to the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association (IHSFCA) 2014 Honorable Mention All-State Team. He has received a state-level honor for his success on the football field.

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Fenton boys basketball team increases winning streak

Bison scores recent win over Chicago Hubbard

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

After a tough start over Thanksgiving, the Fenton boys basketball team is on a roll.

The Bison recently recorded a non-conference win over Chicago Hubbard to run its winning streak to three games.

Fenton started the season at its own Thanksgiving tournament where it lost games to Elk Grove, South Elgin and Chicago Holy Trinity.

The Bison then downed Chicago Clemente in the tournament finale before beating Reavis in a non-conference game. Fenton was 3-3 overall through late last week.

"We've had a pleasant turnaround here," said Fenton coach Josh Payton. "The guys have settled into their roles and our defensive intensity has started to increase. We're scoring the basketball a little better the last three games. Those factors combined with finding

"They rally around one another and are understanding what it means to be a team. They've honed in on the idea of family. They break huddles now by saying 'pride' on three and 'family' on six."

— Fenton Coach
Josh Payton

ourselves and getting into a rhythm have really helped us."

Junior guard Eric Trujillo has been one of the players who has helped in the turnaround. "Eric is doing a lot of nice things for us," said Payton.

Seniors David Echeverria and David Alden, junior KJ Jones and sophomore Bryan Larsen also have been key factors.

"We're getting good senior leadership with David Echeverria and David Alden and KJ Jones helps us whether

he's a starter or provides a spark off the bench to keep us on the move," said Payton. "Bryan Larsen is a sophomore who starts for us and brings some good toughness. We've tasked him with the other teams' best offensive players. He brings some nice defensive components to the table."

Payton added his players also are fully grasping the teamwork concept. "The biggest strength we have going is we realize the value of teamwork and being a cohesive unit," he said. "They rally around one another and are understanding what it means to be a team. They've honed in on the idea of family. They break huddles now by saying 'pride' on three and 'family' on six. That gives them a sense of pride in what we are doing here. There is a greater bond. At the beginning of the season we made the decision not to let them say 'family' because we weren't working as a group."

"After the Reavis win you could see they really stepped up for each other and were supporting each other. We told them to bring that chant back in. The kids appreciate the hard work they have to put in to get that sense of

identity and they are working hard to maintain it."

Payton sensed over the summer that his team had the potential to improve upon last season.

"I knew we had a lot of offensive potency and we had a lot of committed juniors and the seniors were committed as well," he said. "You combine all of that and it allowed everybody to play up to their strengths. I thought there would be a difference this year and it's all starting to come together. A lot of kids have stepped up and proven they are dedicated and committed. We need that. It's allowed us to come out on top as a group."

Fenton played a Metro Suburban Conference West Division game Tuesday at Aurora Central Catholic. The Bison will host Glenbard South Friday night in their first conference home game of the season.

"There are a lot of good schools on our side of the conference," said Payton. "But what's going on in our program with the dedication of the kids, that will allow us to continue to grow in our ability to be competitive in any arena we step into."

Willowbrook wrestling team off to great start

Fenton girls bowling squad is senior-laden

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook wrestling team has racked up the wins in the early part of the 2014-2015 season.

The Warriors had 11 wins in their first 13 dual meets. Willowbrook finished second as a team at the Vernon Hills team tournament where it went 9-1 over the two-day event.

Willowbrook also scored a West Suburban Conference Gold Division win over Proviso East.

"It was a busy first week of wrestling and we had some strong individual performances," noted Willowbrook coach Brandon Murphy.

Andrew Verr, Matt Rowland and Jack Jensen started the year each with 13-0 records. Trevor Bell was 12-1 while Alex Rego was 11-2. Marcus Krupiczowicz was 10-1 and Christian Chavez was 7-1.

Rowland is a junior at 152 and 160 pounds. He went 46-6

last year and placed fifth in the state at 152.

"Matt is working toward his goal of finishing at the top of the podium this year," said Murphy.

Chavez, a senior, is wrestling at 220. He went 24-13 last year and took fourth in regionals. Verr, a junior at 106-113, went 19-9 a year ago and was fourth in regionals last year and was a Fargo national qualifier in the off-season.

"Andrew was a state qualifier in single-A as a freshman," said Murphy. "He is working hard at returning to Champaign as a junior in Class 3A."

Rego is a senior at 120 and 126, while senior Jake Seymore won 11 matches last year and is at 145 this year.

Freshman Jensen leads the list of newcomers for the Warriors. He is a four-time IKWF state champion and to start the season was the No. 1 freshman 170-pound wrestler in the country. He was a double Fargo national All-American this past summer.

"Jack is one of the most highly decorated freshmen in the country," said Murphy. "We are

looking forward to see how he competes with the top returning wrestlers in the state."

Bell is a junior at 113-120, while Krupiczowicz is a sophomore heavyweight.

"I think this is one of the most talented Willowbrook teams we have put on the mat," said Murphy, the son of retired Willowbrook wrestling coach Bryan Murphy. "Our wrestlers are goal-driven and committed to working toward those goals daily. There is strong leadership from our returning place-finisher Matt Rowland, who is pushing himself and the team. The team is working on becoming complete wrestlers. As a team we are working on getting physical and mentally stronger as well as the continued development of our technique."

Murphy said the West Suburban Conference Gold Division is filled with top-notch talent.

"Downers Grove South and Addison Trail have been at the top of the conference the past few seasons," he said. "I know they will be putting quality teams on the mat this season as well. I believe if we can stay healthy this year we can

compete with the top teams in the state. This could be one of the best years for wrestling top to bottom in our conference. Every team has state-level wrestlers. I believe the WSC Gold will have a great showing in Champaign at the state meet."

Fenton girls bowling

The Fenton girls bowling team returns six seniors this year.

"We are looking forward to a successful season," said coach Lee Cassidy. "Several of our girls worked hard in the off-season bowling in summer leagues."

Morgan Martin and Madison Martin have starred for the Bison in the early going. Both are averaging more than 180 pins for the season.

"We are looking for the rest of our girls to add to the mix," said Cassidy.

Cassidy noted Chelsey Anaya, Kelly Blecke and Beth Janovsky have also been key contributors with good scores.

"We expect some of our underclassmen to step up and add to our depth," said Cassidy.

Cassidy also said Fenton will benefit from a strong regular-season schedule. "We bowl against some of the best teams in the state," said Cassidy. "I think this helps our girls understand the importance of practicing and competing at a high level. We hope this will better prepare us for the state series."

Willowbrook girls basketball

The Willowbrook girls basketball team recorded a recent 58-34 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win over Leyden.

Willowbrook led 14-2 after the first quarter and 23-18 at halftime. The Warriors limited Leyden to six second-half points.

Josie Zabrán led Willowbrook with 19 points. Michala Giammarino had 10 points (two 3-pointers). Alyssa Resinger and Sam Schmidt each had 10 points as well, giving Willowbrook four players in double figures.

The Warriors shot 24-for-43 from the field (56 percent).

Addison Trail girls bowling team working hard

Blazers return all-conference performer Jastrzebski

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Addison Trail girls bowling coach Paul Parpet Sr. likes the mix of returning and new bowlers on his team this season.

"We have some pretty decent bowlers on this team," he said.

Headlining the list of returning bowlers is senior Amanda Jastrzebski, who earned all-West Suburban Conference accolades last year when she averaged a 175.

Sophomore Molly Schmelter bowled on the varsity as a freshman last season. Her sister, Megan (senior

last year), qualified for the state tournament last season and took 89th.

"We expect good things out of Amanda and Molly," said Parpet.

Senior Betsi Beltran also returns. She's a four-year program bowler in her second season on the varsity.

"Amanda, Molly and Betsi are our anchors," said Parpet.

Freshman Francesca Capparelli and Petra Kyriakopoulos headline a list of newcomers for the Blazers.

"We have some newcomers we are excited about," said Parpet.

Addison Trail competes in the tough WSC. "Our conference is very strong in girls bowling," said Parpet. "Leyden the last couple years has been outstanding and they took second in state last year. Leyden has a very solid program. Downers Grove South is very good and so are Hinsdale South and York. It's a good bowling league. We're looking to hold our own."

Parpet is pleased with the program's numbers this season. "We have 22 girls out for the team," he said. "The girls are practicing well and trying to improve, especially with their spare shooting. Their dedication in practice has been outstanding. We have extremely nice kids here who are working hard. I think we will hold our own this season."

Addison Trail opened the season with a non-conference loss to Hinsdale Central. Schmelter rolled a 181.

The Blazers bowled at home against Downers Grove South Tuesday and return to Wood Dale Bowl on Thursday for another conference match against Morton.

Parpet has had four bowlers reach the state tournament during his tenure as coach.

"Hopefully Amanda can add to that this year," he said. "She almost made it last year. She was very close."

Addison Trail wrestling team wins first three duals

Blazers return pair of sectional qualifiers in Huynh and Metallo

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Things got off to a strong start for the Addison Trail wrestling team.

The Blazers opened the 2014-2015 campaign with dual-meet wins over Maine West, Graylake Central and Highland Park.

Addison Trail returns the likes of returning sectional qualifiers and seniors Mike Huynh (113 pounds) and Anthony Metallo (152 pounds). Also back are seniors Jaime Valdez (126) and Danny Baeza (145), junior Karim Fuentes (heavyweight) and sophomore Andre Frontier (132).

Fuentes is a returning Greco-Roman All-American performer.

"It's a good group of kids," said Addison Trail coach Rob Serio. "They definitely have

some experience and they put in good off-season time. We have a good starting crew here. I think it's going to be a good year and it's going to be a fun year."

Serio likes the balance throughout his roster. "We're pretty good at the lower weights all the way up through the top classes," he said. "We don't really have any holes. We have kids at every weight class that can wrestle."

Numbers in the program are also solid. "We have around 60

kids this year," said Serio.

Serio liked the way the team started the season with the three, non-conference dual wins. "We definitely came out strong against those three teams," he said. "There is definitely room for improvement, but I'm definitely happy with the way things have started out."

Huynh, Valdez and Metallo got off to strong starts, in particular. "Mike is doing really well," said Serio. "He's quick. He wrestled an exhibition match against a kid from Elmwood Park who was a state qualifier at 106 and Mike beat him 14-3. Jaime is real fun to watch out there and it's the same thing with Anthony at

152. He's really active and is non-stop out there. Anthony and Jaime are guys that go for takedowns and when it's time to pin somebody they will find a way."

Serio also was complimentary of Fuentes. "Karim doesn't wrestle like a heavyweight," the coach said. "He's also fun to watch."

Serio noted the West Suburban Conference Gold Division once again will feature plenty of competition.

"Downers Grove South will be tough and Willowbrook will be tough," he said. "I think we can be right there with those teams. I think we can surprise some people."

Addison Trail girls gymnastics team looking to build on last year's success

State qualifiers Boshka and O'Neill back for Blazers

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail girls gymnastics team is coming off a 2013-2014 season where it went 5-0 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division meets and ended up co-conference champions at the WSC Gold meet.

The Blazers return senior all-arounder Casey Boshka and sophomore all-arounder Kennedy O'Neill.

O'Neill, as a freshman, was the all-around, floor, vault and beam regional champion and qualified for state with at-large berths on bars and floor.

Boshka qualified for state in the floor exercise after taking fourth at sectionals. She also won the floor exercise title at the Addison Trail Tumbleland invitational.

"Casey is a senior who has worked very hard over the summer," said Addison Trail coach Brandi Kisse. "She suffered a couple minor injuries in the offseason, but is staying strong and focused on her goal, which is to make it to state on both floor and beam. Casey is our captain this year and is doing a great job. She keeps the team motivated, on task and is someone the girls can count on inside and outside school."

"Kennedy had a great first year as a high school gymnast. When she gets in the gym she knows what she needs to focus on and she does it. Last year she made it as an at-large qualifier to the state meet so this year we are hoping she

is a qualified gymnast on more than two events."

Kisse likes the team's work ethic and determination thus far. "This year's team is very motivated," she said. "They know what it takes to try and be the best they can be. They are working very hard for it. We have a good group that works well together and pushes each other where they need to be. It gets very loud in the gym when one of our girls is trying a new skill or has been struggling with a skill because of how much they cheer for each other. As a coach, I sometimes stand back and watch how they work together and see the relationships they are building. I couldn't ask for anything better."

The Blazers are building their skill sets and routines early in the season. "The girls are working on perfecting the routines they have," said Kisse. "At practices we work on new skills but are not putting them into routines until they are really needed. We do a lot more goal-setting than we did last year on each event at practices and at meets. The girls are doing a lot better at holding each other accountable for what we do at practice. I think that is going to show throughout the season."

Kisse sees a competitive West Suburban Conference Gold Division landscape.

"This year's placement for conference is going to be difficult to predict," she said. "I am not sure how it is going to turn out. A lot of teams want the title and I think all of them are determined to get it, us included."

The Blazers open conference action Thursday at home at 6 p.m. against Morton.

Willowbrook girls gymnastics team starts strong at Glenbard West

Mendez second in the all-around with 33.250 score

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook girls gymnastics team started its season at the Glenbard West quad invitational and turned in several strong performances.

Tamara Mendez was second in the all-around competition with a 33.250 score and also placed second on vault with a 9.0 score.

Riley McFarlane was sixth on floor exercise at 8.0 and fifth on vault at 8.7. Gloria Johnson placed ninth on balance beam with a 7.9.

Willowbrook took third as a team with a 121.93 score.

The Warriors are coming off a 2013-2014 season where they

took third in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division at the varsity level and second at the junior-varsity level.

McFarlane, a junior all-arounder, was fifth place in the conference last year on floor exercise and eighth in the all-around. Johnson, a senior, was ninth in the all-around at conference.

"This team has the utmost respect for each other," said Willowbrook coach Annette Nocek. "They truly try to help one another out and genuinely care for each other. They have bonded with a common goal of becoming the best they can be within the team as well as in school. Many help each other with schoolwork as well as encourage each other in the gym."

Nocek said the team has been hard at work advancing

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their routines. "We have been concentrating on connecting skills, presentation and technique," she said. "We have specific practices when we work on skills alone and skills in combination. Other practices we concentrate on whole routines. We also have specific practices when we work on learning new skills so we can add difficulty as the season progresses.

"Our goal is to keep our athletes healthy. Practicing six days a week takes a toll on the body. The girls are separated into specific groups according to skill levels for practices, however, daily conditioning is the responsibility of each gymnast."

Nocek has been thrilled with the team's response to the conditioning program.

"Conditioning lists are posted and gymnasts are allowed to choose from each list," she said.

"They have gone above and beyond with this approach. They split into groups on their own and often will encourage and push each other to get through. This shows how dedicated to each other and the team this group of girls is. It's very inspiring to observe."

Nocek said the trio of McFarlane, Johnson and Mendez will lead the way for the Warriors.

"They have been working hard and have been adding new skills weekly," said Nocek. "I expect them to do well in conference. Riley and Gloria are returning all-arounders. Tamara is new to Willowbrook and is a club gymnast. Our goal is to take all three as far into the state series as we can. They are dedicated and will do well."

Willowbrook heads to Leyden Thursday for a West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet.

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ing with each other. Since we only have 12 bowlers on the team, there is a lot of one-on-one interaction and connecting when bowling."

Seniors Andrew Oliver and Alex Michel return from last year. Oliver averages around 200 and is a returning sectional qualifier. Michel averages around 180.

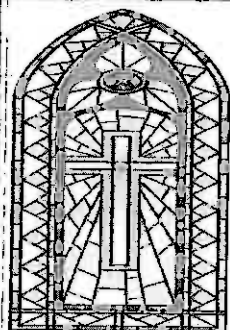
Newcomers to the team include senior Frannie Ceryone and junior Eliot Sexton.

"Andy hit his personal record at our first match this season with a 262 and has matched that one other time this year

already," said Rybarczyk. "Eliot joined after cross country season for the first time and has bowled 175 twice already. They did have a great season last year and my main goal is to make them realize we can be a very good team if we dedicate ourselves to the game."

Rybarczyk has installed several new team-building initiatives for her bowlers.

"We have added in PR Pizza Mondays, which is when a student gets a personal record in a match, as a team we celebrate with some snack-shop items," she said.



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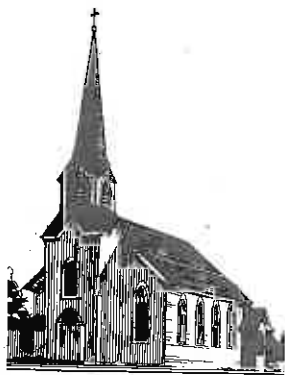
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Meet SLM's all-area football team

The football season wrapped up on Thanksgiving weekend with all eight

classes finishing up at Memorial Stadium in Champaign. That means it's

time to honor the best local players with the all-area team.



Lucas Alexander

■ **School:** York
 ■ **Year:** Junior
 ■ **Impact:** Alexander's older brother, Morgan, joined him in the York backfield, but it was Lucas who had a breakout season. The running back anchored the Dukes' rushing attack under first-year coach Matt Monken.



Jaavion Bradley

■ **School:** Addison Trail
 ■ **Year:** Senior
 ■ **Impact:** Bradley's numbers at wide receiver were limited by the fact that he faced a double team on virtually every play this season. He still managed 35 receptions, 567 yards and seven touchdowns in addition to contributing in the defensive secondary.



Grant Branch IV

■ **School:** Montini
 ■ **Year:** Senior
 ■ **Impact:** The 6-foot-4, 280-pound offensive lineman was one of the most imposing left tackles in the area. He was honored by the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association as an all-state selection in Class 5A.



Mickey Farnham

■ **School:** Glenbard East
 ■ **Year:** Senior
 ■ **Impact:** The senior linebacker led the Rams' defense this season and was all-conference in the Upstate Eight Valley. Glenbard East coach John Walters said Farnham's fire in practice and games was unmatched.



Eric Gilliam

■ **School:** Addison Trail
 ■ **Year:** Senior
 ■ **Impact:** The Blazers had one of the best defenses in the area and Gilliam was a big reason why. The linebacker had 95 tackles, seven for loss, to help the Blazers keep five opponents under 10 points and allow more than 17 points just once.



Tyler Millikan

■ **School:** Montini
 ■ **Year:** Junior
 ■ **Impact:** Millikan began the season in the shadow of talented Leon Thornton III in Montini's receiving core, but had a solid season. He led the Broncos with 947 receiving yards on 57 receptions and caught six TDs.



Charles Norgle III

■ **School:** Montini
 ■ **Year:** Senior
 ■ **Impact:** He only started at Montini for one year, but Norgle made the most of it. He passed for 3,067 yards and 26 touchdowns and ran for three more scores while completing 64 percent of his passes in 14 games.



Jordan Rowell

■ **School:** IC Catholic
 ■ **Year:** Sophomore
 ■ **Impact:** An exciting young talents in the state, Rowell put up huge numbers for the Knights this season. The sophomore running back rushed for 1,522 yards and had 10 touchdowns, nine rushing and one receiving.



Kyle Rushing

■ **School:** Willowbrook
 ■ **Year:** Senior
 ■ **Impact:** The 6-foot-5 wide receiver was one of the toughest players to defend. The honorable mention all-state selection in Class 7A used size and strength to rack up 950 receiving yards and eight touchdowns on 53 catches.



Chris Ryan

■ **School:** Glenbard East
 ■ **Year:** Senior
 ■ **Impact:** At 6-foot-7 and 245 pounds, it's no surprise Ryan is getting Division I college offers. The offensive tackle also was recognized as honorable mention all-state in Class 8A by the IHSFCA.



Mike Rybarczyk

■ **School:** Addison Trail
 ■ **Year:** Senior
 ■ **Impact:** Before an ankle injury ended his season prematurely in Week 8, Rybarczyk totaled 20 touchdowns. The IHSFCA all-state selection in Class 7A had 11 passing touchdowns and nine rushing scores.



Kolton Stephens

■ **School:** York
 ■ **Year:** Senior
 ■ **Impact:** York's switch to a 3-4 defense this year was made easier by Stephens at nose guard. The 6-foot-2, 270-pounder was a tough force on the defensive line.



Ben Sullivan

■ **School:** Glenbard East
 ■ **Year:** Senior
 ■ **Impact:** The three-year varsity player was a standout on the offensive line for the Rams. Glenbard East coach John Walters called Sullivan, a guard, one of the nastiest players in the area.



Leon Thornton III

■ **School:** Montini
 ■ **Year:** Senior
 ■ **Impact:** The Indiana recruit had 16 touchdowns this season, 12 receiving and four rushing, and totaled 945 yards receiving on 66 receptions. He also was an IHSFCA all-state selection in Class 5A.

Honorable mention

■ **Addison Trail:** Jake Atiyeh, Matt Gontarek and Malik Pierre-Louis
 ■ **Glenbard East:** D'Andre Johnson
 ■ **IC Catholic:** Rhashaun Epting and Stephen Stam
 ■ **Montini:** John Embrey, Terrell Johnson, Eric Kibbey, Michael Reiley and Mason Weissenhofer
 ■ **Willowbrook:** Josh Berry, Christian Chavez, David Harris and Jacob Henderson
 ■ **York:** Michael Kusanovich

ALL-AREA FOOTBALL MVP

Senior QB Rybarczyk sparks memorable season for Blazers

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ADDISON – Mike Rybarczyk's fairy tale season had a nightmare ending, but he still played a big role in a memorable Addison Trail football season.



Mike Rybarczyk

The Blazers' senior quarterback racked up 20 total touchdowns, 11 through the air and nine rushing, and was an Illinois High School Football Coaches Association all-state selection in Class 7A.

He led AT to a 7-0 start and a West Suburban Gold title before breaking two bones in his ankle in a Week 8 loss at Glenbard West.

That injury cost Rybarczyk the rest of the season and he had to watch as the Blazers entered the postseason.

"It was honestly one of the toughest things I've gone through," Rybarczyk said. "Ending my senior year like that was horrible, especially missing the playoff run."

AT won its first round game, a 7-3 victory against Lake Zurich, for the program's first playoff win in 10 years. The Blazers lost 17-7 at Libertyville, which went on to make the 7A

semifinals, in the second round.

Rybarczyk watched the games from the sideline, with his ankle in a cast. He got to enjoy the celebration of the first round win, but was helpless in the loss. He said he tried not to think about "what ifs."

"I'd do anything to be on the field, but I was happy for [replacement quarterback] Ryan [Zigowicz] to get on the field," Rybarczyk said.

Since the season ended, Rybarczyk's focus has been on getting healthy. He is out of the cast and now is in a walking boot, which he will have for a couple more weeks.

"First off, I'm trying to get my ankle healthy and back to full strength," Rybarczyk said. "Second, I'm trying to find a place to play next year."

He said he has some offers from FCS and Division II programs. As a two-year starter, Rybarczyk has racked up plenty of highlights, but his senior year was especially strong.

He passed for 822 yards at a 61 percent completion rate. As a runner, he could devastate opponents with big play ability, totaling 420 yards on the ground.

Rybarczyk and the Blazers had lofty ambitions at the start of the year and lived

up to them.

"We really had high expectations," he said. "We had a

lot of seniors. We had a lot of chemistry. Even though we got cut short in the playoffs

our main goal was to win conference and make the playoffs, and we did that."

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SB16 dies in Illinois House

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The controversial school funding bill that could have meant the loss of millions of state dollars to suburban school districts appears to be dead, according to a news release from state Sen. Chris Nybo, R-Elmhurst.

The Illinois House of Representatives did not take a vote on Senate Bill 16 on Dec. 3, its final day of session this term. That means the bill will be dead unless outgoing Gov. Pat Quinn brings it up in a veto session before the new General Assembly begins its first session Jan. 14.

The proposed bill would have restructured how funding was distributed around the state based on the neediness of the student populations in each district. Opponents of the bill said it would unfairly take from wealthier districts without boosting overall education funding. In the release, Nybo credited strong grassroots opposition of the bill by suburban residents as a reason the bill was defeated.

"The outstanding efforts of local residents and education leaders stopped Senate Bill 16 in its tracks, which shows just how much can be accomplished when we work together," he said in the release. "We must keep an eye on the issue of equality in education funding reform, however, because the components of the now-defunct Senate Bill 16 could easily re-emerge in another form once the new General Assembly convenes in January."

Nybo said a series of public forums this fall sent a clear message to state lawmakers that suburban residents are not willing to increase their already-high property taxes or compromise their children's educational resources.

Nybo, together with state Rep. Sandra Pihos, R-Glen Ellyn, partnered with local educators to host one of the community forums Nov. 17 that was attended by more than 100 local residents, according to the release. During a House of Representatives committee hearing about Senate Bill 16 in November, the online witness slips of opponents outnumbered proponents by six to one, the release stated.

OBITUARIES

LIBBY G. BUELENS

Libby G. Buelens, age 79, of Kimberling City, Missouri, formerly of Lombard, died Thursday November 27, 2014, surrounded by her family. She was born September 23, 1935, in Czechoslovakia.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Guy Buelens; her children, Louis (Debbie) Buelens, Sandy (Robert) VanNess; her grandchildren, Nicole and Lyndsey Hensley, Cassandra and Sabrina Buelens, Tyler VanNess and Michael Sears; great-granddaughter, Abigail Hensley, her brother, Walda Fibiger; family in the Czech Republic; and many other family and friends who will miss her dearly.

Mrs. Buelens was the former owner of Buelens Restaurant at St. Charles and Main, and worked for 25 years as a personal banker at Standard Federal, all in Lombard.

A Memorial service will be held on Saturday Dec. 20, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., at Queen of Heaven, Hillside, IL. Inurnment will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the American Cancer society.

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BETTY J. FIELD

Betty J. Field nee Frey, age 87, of Elmhurst, passed away Wednesday, December 10, 2014.

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MARGARET C. KERRIGAN

Margaret C. Kerrigan, nee Enright, age 79, longtime member of Immaculate Conception Parish, graduate of Resurrection Grade School and Siena High School, Chicago; retired employee of the Catholic Cemeteries of Chicago.

Beloved mother of Daniel (Brenda), Mary (Michael) Magee, Katie Wheatland, Laurie (Michael) Asaro, John (Dawn) and Nancy D'Amore; proud grandmother of Ben, Lauren, Connor, Michelle, Michael, Matthew, Brian, Taylor, Sean, Joseph, Kelly, Sarah, Delaney and Devin and great-grandmother of 7; dear sister of James (Joan) Enright, Maureen (John) Krickl, Daniel (Peggy) Enright and the late Elizabeth and Rev. John Enright.

Visitation Friday, 3:00 until 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. until time of funeral 9:00 a.m. at Gibbons Funeral Home, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Interment Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to JC Catholic Prep, 217 Cottage Hill Avenue, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

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JULIUS F. KOCH, JR.

Julius Fred Koch, Jr., age 86, of Elmhurst, passed away, Wednesday, December 10, 2014. Arrangements by Ahlgrim Funeral Home. 630-834-3515

ARDATHE N. LINDBERG

Ardathe N. Lindberg, nee Stone, 75, of Elmhurst. Beloved wife of the late David S., mother of Eric (Sunita) and Jonathan, grandmother of Kayla and Braden.

Ardathe graduated from Knox College, taught Biology at Homewood-Flossmoor High School and was a Real Estate Agent and Manager with Schiller, Reedy and Coldwell Banker for over 35 years. She was also very active at Bethel United Church of Christ.

Visitation was at Ahlgrim Funeral Home, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, 2014. Services were 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 10, 2014, at Bethel United Church of Christ, 315 E. St. Charles Rd., Elmhurst. Private interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials will be appreciated for the church or Residential Home Health Hospice, 40 Shuman Blvd., Suite 204, Naperville, IL 60563.

Funeral info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgrim.com.



MARJORIE J. OFCKY

Marjorie J. Ofcky, nee Padra, passed away, Saturday, November 29, 2014, at the age of 85. Marjorie was the devoted wife of the late William F. Ofcky; loving mother of Karen (Craig) Reges and Daniel (Deborah) Ofcky; adored grandmother of Margot (Sergio) Lanatta-Reges and Phillip (Samantha) Reges; honored Great Grandmother of Brooklyn Reges.

She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Marjorie was an avid Bridge player and member of several Bridge clubs and also was an active member of the Elmhurst Garden Club and prior Board Member of the Prairie Path Committee. Some of her fondest memories were volunteering for the Elmhurst Park District and playing Bridge with close friends.

All services are private. Memorial contributions to CNS Hospice, 690 E. North Ave., Carol Stream, IL 60188 would be appreciated.

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TED W. SOLAK

Ted W. Solak, 90, of Elmhurst. Beloved husband of Margaret nee Otten; father of Cynthia Thompson, Debra (Don) Mungovan, Linda (Steve) Leide and Pamela (Ron) Kresch; grandfather of 11; great grandfather of 3; brother of the late Dolly Wisniewski.

He taught accordion at the Chicago School of Music and was an officer at Continental Bank and Trust for over 43 years.

Visitation at Ahlgrim Funeral Home, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 10. Services 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 11, at Christ United Methodist Church, 920 S. Swain, Elmhurst. Interment Oakridge Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials will be appreciated for the Christ United Methodist Church.

Funeral info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgrim.com.



MARGOT WINDSCHIEGL

Margot Windschiagl, nee Knab, 86, of Lombard, IL and formerly of South Milwaukee, WI. Beloved wife of the late Charles H., loving mother of Karen (Chris) DePodesta; grandmother of Paul and John.

She was a former member of the Divine Mercy Parish in South Milwaukee.

Visitation at Ahlgrim Funeral Home, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst Saturday, December 13, 2014, from 9:15 a.m. until time of Prayers at 10:15 a.m. going to Visitation Church, 779 S. York, Elmhurst. Mass at 10:45 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials will be appreciated for Touch My Heart NFP, 2300 Flambeau Dr., Naperville, IL, 60564.

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