

Police association holds charity event on Saturday at the VFW

The Villa Park Police Department Association (VPPBA) will hold a charity fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2804, located at 39 E. St. Charles Road. The VPPBA will conduct a Texas Hold 'Em event from 2-10 p.m. The fundraiser will feature sit-and-go tables and tournaments. A

\$20 tournament will begin at 2:30 p.m., while a \$50 tournament will start at 5:30 p.m. The VPPBA will receive 25 percent of the entry fees from the sit-and-go tables and tournaments. There will also be cash games available.

Call Villa Park Police Officer Louis Pastorek at 630-428-0335 for more information.

Library conducts Team Trivia Tuesday at Crazy Pour on Jan. 20

The Villa Park Public Library will hold a Team Trivia Tuesday competition at Crazy Pour, located at 105 E. North Ave., on Tuesday, Jan. 20. Library staff will conduct the event, which will begin at 8 p.m.

Teams will consist of up to seven adults in the trivia contest, which will feature questions in various categories. Possible categories include, but are not limited to: In the News, Sports, History, Movies/TV,

Music, Science and Unusual Trivia.

The winning teams will receive prizes courtesy of Crazy Pour. Registration is not required. If an individual wants to be on the team and is not a member of a team, he or she will be placed on one.

For more information, visit the library's Web site at www.vppba.org, or call the library at 630-834-1164, Ext. 5. More information is also available at www.crazypour.com.

Willowbrook seeks professionals to take part in career fair on March 26

Willowbrook High School's guidance department is joining the Willowbrook Parent Organization (WPO) to hold a career and vocational fair on Thursday, March 26. The event will provide students with an opportunity to speak directly with experienced professionals about various careers. The goal of the fair is to provide a setting in which students can learn about a multitude of professions as they consider their futures.

For the fair to be successful, participants are needed to represent their career fields. Those who are interested in participating can download a form that's available online at <https://dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=1987>.

A busy shift...

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floor. According to the release issued by the fire department, excessive storage on the second floor created a risk of a structural collapse.

Firefighters had the fire on North Yale under control within an hour of arrival. The male homeowner was reportedly transported to Elmhurst Memorial Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries after attempting to extinguish the fire before alerting his wife to call 9-1-1. Villa Park Fire Chief Ron Rakosnik stated Monday afternoon that the cause of the fire is under investigation, and that the estimated amount of damage to the home remains undetermined.

The Lombard, Elmhurst, Oak Brook and Wood Dale fire departments joined the Addison, Bensenville and York Center fire protection districts in providing assistance.

The department's release reminded residents that excessive storage can cause fires

to spread quickly, as well as creating a structural collapse risk because of the weight of the storage items. The release also reminded residents to call 9-1-1 as soon as possible after observing a fire.

The members of the Villa Park department's gold shift responded to another fire at 6:31 a.m. on Monday morning. According to the release, firefighters responded to a call from a passerby who observed sparks on the roof of a commercial building in the 800 block of South Route 83. The building is located in Elmhurst on the east side of Route 83, but Villa Park was the first company to respond to the scene.

A light on the roof may have shorted out and caused the roof to catch fire. Crews extinguished the fire within 45 minutes of arriving at the scene. Damage to the building was reportedly minimal.

The members of the Villa Park Fire Department work in three shifts—red, gold and black. Each shift begins at 7 a.m. and runs for 24 hours.



A full shift...

Photo by Al Stasch

THE VILLA PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT'S gold shift responded to three separate fires on Sunday night and Monday morning. At 8:23 p.m. on Sunday, firefighters responded to an oven fire at a single-family home in the 200 block of East Kenilworth Avenue. About two hours later, at 10:40 p.m., firefighters responded to a fire on the second floor of a two-story detached garage in the 1100 block of North Yale Avenue. At 6:31 a.m. on Monday morning, firefighters were called to a report of sparks on a roof of a commercial building in the 800 block of South Route 83. The above photo shows (left to right) Villa Park firefighter/paramedics Eric Blaskovich, Blaise Clairardin and Jamie Bickley after they extinguished the fire on Monday morning. Each of the Villa Park Fire Department's three shifts runs 24 hours, beginning at 7 a.m. Firefighters are on duty for 24 hours, then off duty for the next 48 hours.

Board rejects proposal to require licenses for individual scavengers

The Villa Park Village Board voted unanimously during Monday night's meeting to reject a proposal to amend the licensing and regulation requirements for scavenging in the village. Board members voted 6-0 against the proposal, which would have called for all scavenger vehicles, including individual scavengers, to have a license sticker on the windshields of their vehicles. Additionally, the proposal called for an increase in the annual scavenger fee for commercial waste haulers from \$250 to \$400.

According to Villa Park Village Manager Rich Keelmer, the village has had no issues with commercial scavengers. He said the vehicles used by individual scavengers, however, could pose safety problems.

There is currently no provision in the Villa Park Municipal Code to regulate individual scavengers who pick up a variety of items that residents leave at the curb.

"I have some trouble with this," said Villa Park Trustee Albert Bulthuis of the proposal to require licenses for individual scavengers. "Right now, you put a dryer out there, a water heater out there, a grill out there, put an old bed frame out there, put any metals out there—

within 20 minutes, it's gone. In my opinion it helps keep the town looking cleaner."

Bulthuis said he was not aware of any incidents caused by independent scavengers or their vehicles.

"In the long run, this is going to cost residents more money," added Bulthuis. "They're going to have to pay somebody [to take away an item] or haul it to the scrap yard themselves. I don't see the advantage to this. I think it's fine the way it is."

Trustee Robert Taglia said that while he understood that some people don't like what he referred to as "junk-looking trucks" used by the independent scavengers who roam the village, the scrapers do provide a service by quickly removing unwanted items.

"It doesn't cost us anything," said Taglia, who related that he left an unwanted water heater at the curb. The item was soon removed by a scavenger.

"The people who do this are not in a position where they're doing well financially," stated Taglia, who stated the scavengers might stop roaming through Villa Park if they were required to obtain a license. "They would probably just leave our town."

Willowbrook seeks participants for Trivia Night event on March 7

The Willowbrook Parent Organization (WPO) will hold a Trivia Night on Saturday, March 7. The event will take place from 6-10 p.m. at Willowbrook High School. All proceeds will go toward scholarships for Willowbrook High School seniors. Teams should consist of eight to 10 people. The entry fee is \$10 per person. The evening will also include raffles, prizes and a bake sale.

To register, and to see a list of prizes, visit www.dupage88.net/TriviaNight2015. For questions or more information, send an e-mail to WPO President Elaine Ebeling at emeorganized@comcast.net.

Questions? Comments?

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District 88's Best...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL senior Destiny Williams (above, right) of Villa Park is her school's recipient of the District 88's Best award for the month of December. Williams, who is pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause, was recognized at the District 88 Board of Education meeting on Dec. 15. Each month of the school year, the board of education presents the District 88's Best award to students from each of the district's two schools—Willowbrook and Addison Trail high schools. The board created the award to recognize students for their achievements both inside and outside the classroom. When she entered high school, Williams struggled with academic and personal challenges. She made tremendous strides in her time at Willowbrook, becoming an "A" student who takes honors courses. Williams plans on attending college next year. She will be the first person in her family to go to college. Outside of the classroom, Williams is a member of the girls basketball team and the Best Buddies program. She is also a Special Olympics coach, and she volunteers her time at a local nursing home, a local church and at Human Resources Development Institute Inc. Williams plans to study nursing at Mount Mercy University in Iowa. She hopes to be a pediatric or neonatal nurse.

Applications for foundation grants now available

The DuPage Community Foundation has announced that guidelines and applications for the 2015 Community Needs Grants are now available.

The Community Needs Grant Program is focused on addressing the broad needs of DuPage County residents through grants in support of the following program categories: arts and culture, education, environment and health and human services.

Applicants may apply for a Community Needs Grant by submitting an online grant application. The application and grant guidelines may be found at www.dcfnd.org. The deadline for the spring cycle is 5 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2015. The deadline for the fall cycle is 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4, 2015, and includes grants in the areas of arts and culture, education and environment.

Applications to the Community Needs Grant Program will be accepted from not-for-profit organizations that are classified as 501(c)(3) and primarily serve DuPage County residents.

"We learn about the many needs in DuPage County through the Community Needs Grant applications we receive and are proud of the impact we've had as a result of our investment in the community," said Barb Szczepaniak, director of programs for the foundation.

For more information about the foundation, contact Joelyn Kott,

marketing and communications officer, at 630-665-5556, ext. 19, or jkott@dcfnd.org.

Applications now being taken for associate judge

Chief Judge Kathryn E. Creswell announced that the court is accepting applications to fill a vacancy for the Office of Associate Judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois, DuPage County. This vacancy is a result of the elevation of Associate Judge Paul M. Fullerton to Circuit Judge.

Creswell added that applications to fill this vacancy will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Jan. 28. Applicants must be a United States citizen, licensed to practice law in this state and a resident of DuPage County. Two original applications, submitted on the prescribed application form, must be filed with: Michael J. Tardy, Director, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, 3101 Old Jackson Road, Springfield, IL 62704-6488.

Applications can be obtained from the Chief Judge's office, the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts or from the Supreme Court's Web site: www.state.il.us/court. Applications may not be submitted electronically or via facsimile.

Sunday, Jan. 18, 9 a.m., Starved Rock Dam (LaSalle County). Be sure to bring walkie-talkies and scopes if you have them. Dress warmly. Pre-register by Friday, Jan. 17 (the trip may be cancelled in the event of inclement

weather and driving conditions). Leaders: Bob and Karen Fisher, 630-985-2956 or KFisher928@aol.com. Saturday, Jan. 24, 8 a.m., York Woods FP, Oak Brook. This will be a walk for new birders. New birders are welcome

to this site with paved trails providing good access. Meet at the parking lot off Hwy. 38 (Roosevelt Road) frontage road, off Harger Road. Leader: Lesa Hipes, 630-689-7463 or lesahipes@gmail.com.

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An entertaining exploration of the character of Lady Almina from the book, "Lady Almina and the Real Downtown Abbey" by The Countess of Carnarvon

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Elmhurst: Wednesday, January 21 at 1pm



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GPS program

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In other words, the author emphasized, it's important to teach children not just how to read flash cards but how to handle adversity and failure, in order to build character.

According to Ross, in the press release, Tough's presentation "will change our understanding of the powerful role parents and other adults must play in nurturing character traits in our children—traits that foster resilience and help [ensure] real, lasting life-success."

"He's looking at the whole realm of research that's out there and pulls it all together," the coordinator said.

Ross said this is one of two GPS presentations slated to be held at College of DuPage (COD), which is a GPS sponsor. In addition to the founding sponsor—the Cebrian Goodman Center—COD and the Cooperative Association for Special

Education (CASE), the parent series now has newer sponsors such as the DuPage Medical Group, the Ermy Gaffey Foundation and the Trust Company of Illinois.

Thanks to these sponsors, "We were able to invite him [Tough] to the community," Ross commented with gratitude, adding that the growing number of sponsors "makes speakers of this caliber possible."

The bottom line for Ross is, "...a best-selling author in a beautiful place with an important message."

The Jan. 21 presentation will begin at 7 p.m. in the college's McAninch Arts Center (MAC), located at 425 Fawell Blvd. Glen Ellyn. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited to this free event and more information is available at www.glenbardgps.org or contact Ross at 630-942-7668, or gilda_ross@glenbard.org.

Villa Park POLICE Blotter

January 4

A BUFFALO GROVE RESIDENT was charged with battery in the 1100 block of South Ardmore Avenue at about 2:44 p.m. Vytautas Repeckas, 54, was charged and released. A burglary to motor vehicle was reported in this same block after a complainant advised a folding hunting knife was taken from an unlocked vehicle. **A SUSPICIOUS PERSON** was reported in the 200 block of East Maple, where a homeowner observed the interior light on in a vehicle parked in the driveway at about 2:13 a.m. The homeowner yelled at an unknown subject, who was observed running south through backyards. Nothing appeared to be missing.

CRIMINAL DEFAACEMENT was reported in the 800 block of West North Avenue, where unknown person(s) spray-painted graffiti on the door of a vehicle.

January 6

CRIMINAL DEFAACEMENT was reported in the 500 block of East St. Charles Road after graffiti was spray-painted on windows of a commercial building, as well as all the parking signs in the parking lot.

January 7

THEFT OF A PURSE was reported at Villa Park Fruit Market, 302 W. North Ave. The purse was taken from a shopping cart.

January 8

A VILLA PARK TEEN was charged with unlawful trespass to motor vehicle in the 800 block of West North Avenue shortly after noon. Justin Johnson, 18, was charged in the incident.

THEFT OF A SNOW PLOW was reported in the 800 block of North Ellsworth after the plow was taken from the outside of a building.

A culture of PRIDE

More than 90 percent of the Willowbrook class of 2014 was accepted to a two- or four-year college or university.

A culture of TRADITION

Willowbrook students continue to give back through a food drive, raising money for the American Cancer Society, donating gifts and more.

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Sports

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Strong finishes help Rams to a pair of victories

Glenbard East's boys basketball team closed out the first half of the Upstate Eight Valley Conference season with Friday's 42-41 victory over Metea Valley in Lombard.

The Rams held a slim lead over the visiting Mustangs for the first 14 minutes of the second half, but Metea Valley finally took the lead with two minutes left in the game. An inside basket gave the Mustangs a 41-40 edge. Both teams committed turnovers in the closing moments of the game. One of those turnovers—a steal by Glenbard East junior Patrick Peterkin—gave the Rams the ball with nine seconds to play. Following a timeout, sophomore Michael Finley

drove toward the basket and made an inside pass to senior Bryce Roberts, who converted a layup to give the Rams a 42-41 lead with four seconds remaining. Metea Valley then called a timeout before the final sequence of the game, which concluded with a medium-range shot that bounced off the rim.

"I'm proud of our kids," said Glenbard East coach Scott Miller after Friday's victory, which marked the Rams' first contest since losing three of four games at York High School's holiday tournament in late December. "We didn't quit. We struggled to score, but if you're a good defensive team you give yourself a chance to win. It

was not one of our better offensive performances, but I thought defensively we played outstanding."

Friday's victory gave the Rams an overall record of 7-8 and a conference mark of 4-3. Glenbard East improved to 8-8 overall and 5-3 in the conference following Saturday's 68-53 home win over South Elgin.

The Rams led Metea Valley 11-8 after one quarter and 25-20 at halftime. Glenbard East clung to a 34-32 lead at the end of the third period. Finley provided six of the team's nine third-quarter points with a pair of 3-point plays in a span of 45 seconds. Finley's second 3-point play gave the Rams a 31-26 lead with about five minutes left in the quarter. Junior Zach Walsh accounted for the team's remaining points of the period when he drained a shot from 3-point range with under two minutes to play in the period.

Metea Valley whittled the Rams' lead to 36-35, 38-37 and 40-39 during the final quarter. The Mustangs finally took the lead on an inside basket with two minutes left in the game. One minute later, the Rams turned the ball over. The Mustangs committed a turnover of their own a few seconds later when a player with the ball stepped on the sideline.

Peterkin missed a shot with about 12 seconds to play. The Mustangs grabbed the rebound and fired a pass downcourt. Peterkin intercepted the pass to set up the Rams' game-winning offensive series.

Walsh, who made a pair of shots from 3-point range, led the Rams in scoring with 10 points. Finley and Roberts both scored eight points, while Peterkin contributed six points. Junior Terrance Lakes, who fouled out with about five minutes to play, scored four points. Senior Adam Eboli and junior Jack Grigat, who each hit one 3-point shot during the first half, scored three points apiece.

Saturday's game against South



Solid weekend...

Photos by Chris Fox

JUNIOR ZACH WALSH (above) of the Glenbard East boys basketball team drives toward the basket during Friday's Upstate Eight Conference game against Metea Valley. Walsh scored a team-high 10 points to help the Rams to a 42-41 win in Lombard. Walsh contributed 12 points by making four shots from 3-point range in Saturday's 68-53 conference victory over South Elgin. The two weekend victories gave the Rams an overall record of 8-8 and a conference mark of 5-3.

Elgin was tight through three quarters, but the Rams pulled away to the win by outscoring the Storm 18-8 during the fourth quarter. The teams were tied at 31-31 at halftime.

Peterkin scored 10 of his team-leading 21 points during the fourth quarter by making four baskets and a pair of free throws. He scored seven points during the third quarter with three field goals, including a 3-point shot. Walsh made one 3-pointer in each quarter to provide 12 points.

Roberts also scored 12 points, while Grigat and Lakes each scored eight points. Finley added seven points for the Rams, who completed a season sweep of the Storm. Glenbard East opened the Upstate Eight Valley Conference season with a 61-57 victory in South Elgin on Dec. 5.

The Rams will play a pair of games (one on Saturday and another on Jan. 19) at the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. holiday tournament at Wheaton Warrenville South.



Celebrating a victory...

GLENBARD EAST SENIOR Bryce Roberts (No. 20, above) shouts for joy moments after the conclusion of Friday's boys basketball game against Metea Valley. Moments earlier, Roberts scored the winning basket off a pass from sophomore Michael Finley (No. 24, left). The inside basket from Roberts accounted for the final points in the Rams' 42-41 Upstate Eight Valley Conference win in Lombard. "It was originally drawn up for Finley," said Roberts of the play on the team's final offensive sequence. "Our coaches told him the dump-off pass is always there, and it was. It worked out."



A big win for the Warriors...

JUNIOR KEVIN MILLER (above, left) of the Willowbrook boys basketball team prepares to shoot and make a 3-point shot during the third quarter of Saturday's home game against Argo. Miller made a pair of 3-point shots in the Warriors' runaway 77-34 victory in Villa Park. Senior Jake Bruns (right) made a pair of 3-point shots and scored a team-leading 13 points for Willowbrook, which built a 42-20 halftime lead in its first game of the month. Seniors Chris Roycroft and Kyle Rushing both scored 12 points for the Warriors, who improved their overall season record to 7-6 with the win. Sophomore Alonzo Verge added 11 points.

Longtime Glenbard East teacher, coach and announcer heads into retirement

Bill Burt has been a familiar face and voice at Glenbard East High School for more than 30 years. The longtime math teacher, boys and girls tennis coach and public address announcer will retire from teaching at the conclusion of the current semester, which ends this month.

Burt, who attended Arlington High School (which is now closed) in Arlington Heights, spent half a year as a teacher at a junior high school in Rolling Meadows right after graduating from Eastern Illinois University. He then taught at Wheeling High School for one year before joining the Glenbard East faculty in the fall of 1983.

Burt became the Rams' boys varsity tennis coach in the spring of 1984. He spent his first season as Glenbard East's girls varsity tennis coach in the fall of 1985.

"The character and work ethic of the kids in our (boys and girls) tennis programs is hard to describe," said Burt. "It seems like everyone is inherently pulling for one another. It's a very cooperative culture."

In December of 1989, Burt took over as the public address announcer for Glenbard East's boys basketball home games. Saturday's game against South Elgin marked his final contest as

the regular announcer at boys games. Burt completed his public address duties at Tuesday night's girls basketball game.

"It's been a lot of fun," said Burt of his 25 years behind the microphone for the boys program. "I've had the best seat in the house."

Burt is about to retire from teaching, and he won't be the Rams' boys tennis coach this spring, but it doesn't sound like he's vanishing.

"Everything's up in the air," said Burt, who may coach the girls tennis team in the fall. He might also spend time at the school as a substitute teacher, and he'd be happy to fill in as an announcer if there's an occasional opening. "I'm going to be taking a little time away. I'm not going to be sitting in the rocking chair."

The 55-year-old father of three (two daughters and one son, all in their 20s) won't pass the regular weekday schedule of waking up at 5:30 a.m. and starting classes at 7:30 a.m. Burt might travel to Arizona in March to take in some Cubs and White Sox spring training games.

"I have a lot of respect and admiration for the people here," Burt said. "They're well-intentioned, really talented people. It makes you proud to be at Glenbard East."



Over and out...

BILL BURT (above) is about to retire from Glenbard East High School. The longtime math teacher and tennis coach at the school is retiring at the end of the current semester. Burt joined the Glenbard East faculty in 1983. In addition to teaching and coaching at the school, he's spent the last 25 years as the public address announcer at the Rams' boys basketball home games.

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DuPage Community Foundation news Grant awarded to 'Dare To Dream: Get Educated!'

WHEATON — The DuPage Community Foundation awarded a grant to "Dare to Dream:

Get Educated!" as part of the 2013 Fall Community Needs Grant Cycle. The grant was intended to fund the organization's annual conference and scholarship initiative which was held on January 25, 2014, at the College of DuPage. This was the third consecutive year the Foundation funded this event.

The motivational conference was targeted to 8th grade Latina girls and their mothers or mentors to help them recognize that higher education is key to rising to a higher economic level and brighter future.

The 7th annual conference is planned for Saturday, January 24 at the College of DuPage.

Foundation offers grant application guidelines

The Foundation also announced its guidelines and applications for the 2015 Community Needs Grants are now available. This grant program is focused on addressing the broad needs of DuPage County residents through grants in support of the following program categories:

Arts and Culture
Education
Environment
Health and Human Services

The application and grant guidelines may be found at dcfdn.org. The deadline for the Spring Cycle is 5 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2015, and includes grants in the areas of Health and Human Services.

The deadline for the Fall Cycle is 5 p.m. on Friday, September 4, 2015, and includes grants in the areas of Arts and Culture, Education and Environment.

Applications to the Community Needs Grant Program will be accepted from not-for-profit organizations that are classified as 501(c)(3) and primarily serve DuPage County residents.



photo: Independent archives

Debuting in this week's Addison Independent... 'The Don of a New Day' sports column

This week, you'll see a new face on the Addison sports pages, but it is certainly not a new name in sports! Addison's own Don Figarelli — the Don of Sports — pictured here with the nine medals he won received at last year's Six County Senior Olympics in September — offers his first-ever newspaper column with sports tips of all kinds for all ages. Enjoy it and watch for more in the weeks to come. Please send any comments or suggestions for the column to QuestPublishing@aol.com and put "Don of Sports" in the subject line.

AT's BPA Team headed to state competition

ADDISON — Thirty members of the Addison Trail Business Professionals of America (BPA) Team will compete at the State competition, which will take place from Feb. 26 to 28 at DoubleTree by Hilton Chicago Oak Brook hotel.

The students qualified after competing at the Regional competition. Addison Trail had 15 first-place finishers, 11 second-place finishers and 12 third-place finishers.

First-place finishers are (all are seniors unless otherwise noted): Brandee Samlow, Julia Dziabis, Eric Gilliam and Joe Nasti; Small Business Management Team; Carlos Cantu; Fundamental Word



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POLICE REPORTS

Area Police Departments recently reported the following arrests and citations. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a conviction, and that subjects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Juveniles age 17-or-younger are not named.

Addison

Jan. 7

Oscar Galeana-Flores, 48, of Addison, was arrested in the 600 block of N. Highview Ave. at around 9 a.m. and charged with disorderly conduct and criminal trespass to a residence. Police said the suspect entered a residence and asked

a victim for a can of pop and a pair of socks.

Jan. 6

• Ricardo Barajas II, 19, of Melrose Park, was arrested in the 900 block of 14th St. in Melrose Park at around 3:30 p.m. Police said Barajas II had an original arrest warrant out of the Addison Police Department.

• William M. Katsigiannis, 37, of Addison, was arrested in the 1500 block of W. Byron Ave. at around 7:12 p.m. Police said Katsigiannis had an original arrest warrant out of the Cook County Sheriff's Department.

• Odis T. Richmond, 24, of Melrose Park, was arrested at around 2:15 a.m. Police said Richmond had an original arrest warrant out of the Addison Police Department.

• A 19-year-old Addison man was arrested in the 500 block of Denise Court at around 7:30 p.m. and charged with domestic battery and unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor.

• A 36-year-old Addison man was arrested in the 300 block of Lincoln Court at around 11:35 p.m. and charged with domestic battery. Police said the suspect punched the victim on the head.

Jan. 4

• Reynaldo Pena Jr., (age not given), of Melrose Park, was arrested in the 700 block of Lake Street at around 2:05 a.m. and charged with DUI, improper lane usage and failure to dim lights.

• A 35-year-old Addison man was arrested in the 400 block of Green Oaks Court at around 3 a.m. and charged with domestic battery.

Jan. 3

A 39-year-old Addison man was arrested in the 600 block of W. Diversey Ave. at around 9:49 p.m. and charged with domestic battery.

Jan. 2

• Jason A. Hadamik, 38, of Genoa City, Wis. (his last known residence), was arrested in the 1000 block of W. Lake St. at around 2:05 a.m. and was charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Jesus Mendoza-Ortiz, 46, of Northlake, was arrested at around 3:15 p.m. Police said the suspect had an original warrant out of the Addison Police Department.

Jan. 1

• Alberto Alvarado, 32, of Addison, was arrested in the 100 block of W. Elizabeth at around 11:41 p.m. Police said while officers were investigating a suspicious person.

Alvarado attempted to leave the area after being told to stop and was subsequently charged with obstructing a police officer.

• Albert M. Posluszny, 25, of Addison, was arrested in the 800 block of Heritage Drive at around 12:30 a.m. Police said Posluszny was involved in an incident and was subsequently charged with aggravated battery and resisting arrest.

Dec. 31

Miguel Rosalez III, 36, of Villa Park, was arrested in the 500 block of Stevens Drive at around 11:39 a.m. Police said Rosalez was involved in an incident on Dec. 30. A warrant for Rosalez was issued, and he was arrested on Dec. 31. He was charged with violation of an order of protection and criminal damage to property.

Villa Park

Jan. 3

• Andon Kacharkov, 34, of Schaumburg, and Ivan Yondev, 34, of Schaumburg, were arrested at a local store at around 4 p.m. Both were charged with retail theft.

• Reckless conduct was reported in the 1000 block of W. North Ave. Between 1 and 3 a.m., police said an unknown suspect shot a projectile (possibly a bullet) through a metal screen door.

Jan. 2

• Darcie Cass, 53, of Lombard, was arrested at a local store at around 4:40 p.m. and charged with retail theft.

• Mariusz Jasnos, 39, of Villa Park, was arrested in the 500 block of N. Ardmore at around 6:28 p.m. Nov. 4 and charged with reckless discharge of a firearm. The original arrest warrant was issued Jan. 2.

• Residential burglary was reported in the 200 block of E. Terry at around 12:28 p.m. Police said an unknown suspect rang the doorbell of a victim's residence. When no one answered, the suspect broke a basement window with a metal dumbbell and entered the residence. When the suspect was confronted by the homeowner, the suspect exited the basement window and entered a dark gray vehicle, possibly a Jetta, that was parked down the street, and drove in a northwest direction on Terry Lane. The suspect is described as a black male, younger than 30 years of age, about 5'10" with a slim build.

Jan. 1-Jan. 2

• A stolen motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of N. Beverly. Between the above dates, police said an unknown

suspect entered an unlocked vehicle found the keys to the vehicle in a center console and drove it to Jefferson Pool where it crashed into a pool sign, causing front end damage. A Kindle® was missing from the vehicle.

• Burglary to a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of N. Fulton. Between the above dates, police said an unknown suspect entered an unlocked vehicle and took a tablet, gift cards and a GPS unit.

• Burglary to a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of N. Douglas. Between the above dates, an unknown suspect entered two unlocked vehicles and took two iPods.

Jan. 1

• Latoya Bailey, 24, of Chicago, was arrested near North Avenue and Westmore at around 10:17 p.m. and charged with unlawful possession of cannabis.

• A 30-year-old Villa Park man was arrested in the 500 block of N. Princeton at around 1:09 a.m. and charged with two counts of domestic battery and resisting a police officer.

Dec. 31

• Michael Crenshaw, 54, of Glendale Heights, and Charles Crenshaw, 45, of Sanford, Maine, were arrested at a local store at around 6:42 p.m. Michael Crenshaw was charged with retail theft, and Charles Crenshaw was charged with retail theft and violation of bail bond.

• Christopher Olivares-Cervantes, 18, of Villa Park, was arrested in the 200 block of E. Roosevelt at around 2:41 a.m. and charged with unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, standing/parked in a roadway, making an improper turn at an intersection, no valid driver's license, no seatbelt and driving during restricted time.

Dec. 30-Jan. 2

Theft was reported in the 400 block of N. Ellsworth. Between the above dates, police said an unknown suspect took a victim's purse which was dropped in a driveway. A neighbor found the purse on their property and returned it to the victim. Missing was the victim's driver's license, currency and keys.

Dec. 30

• Emmanuel Johnson, 29, of Lombard, was arrested near Addison and Stone at around 7:38 p.m. and charged with unlawful possession of cannabis, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, no valid driver's license and operation of a vehicle with plates suspended for no insurance.

• Mayra Ramirez, 24, of Addison, was arrested at a local store at around 5:35 p.m. and charged with retail theft.

• Theft was reported in the 500 block of S. Ardmore. Between 4:45 and 5:15 p.m., police said an unknown suspect took a victim's purse that was placed unsecured under a jacket on a church pew.

Dec. 29

• Mykola Rozdolsky, 37, of Oak Brook, was arrested at a local store at around 4:28 p.m. and charged with retail theft.

• Samantha Wilson, 19, of Lombard, was arrested at a local store at around 6:05 p.m. and charged with retail theft.

Dec. 28

• Brenda Rico-Morales, 18, of Villa Park, was arrested at a local store at around 10:40 a.m. and charged with retail theft.

• Shawn Stukel, 23, of Westmont, was arrested at a local store at around 7 p.m. and charged with retail theft.

Dec. 12



Pablo Ramirez, 18, of Glendale Heights, and a male juvenile from Addison were arrested near Ardmore and Vermont at around 11:43 p.m. Both were charged with unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor.

• TEAM

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Processing, Basic Office Systems & Procedures; Eric Gilliam: Prepared Speech; Franc De Guzman: Advanced Word Processing; Jennifer Hurtado: Advanced Office Systems & Procedures; Joanna Villalobos: Fundamental Accounting; Julia Dziabis: Legal Office Procedures; Leslie Tolentino (a sophomore): Keyboarding Production; Maggie Sumbulla: Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications and Fundamental Desktop Publishing; Osvaldo Noyola: Advanced Accounting; Peter Mierkowski: Banking & Finance; Saul Rivera: Fundamentals of Web Design; and, Viola Gjanci: Payroll Accounting.

Other State qualifiers are (all seniors unless noted): Yasmeen Kazkaz, sophomore Sarah Hoda, Abel Hernandez, Joseph Conforti, Taylor White, Rosalind Macho, junior Lorna Ngjelo, junior Rayan Baig, Anthony Gamino, Alex DelaRosa, Albino Lucero, junior Kamila Tychonowicz, freshman Angela Addante, sophomore Robert Baughman, junior Nicholas Obrzut and junior Eramilena Gjika.





by Jeffrey T. Boland
Licensed Orthodontic Specialist

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ON RETAINER**

Once orthodontic treatment is completed, the orthodontist will have the patient wear a custom-made orthodontic appliance known as a "retainer." As its name implies, a retainer helps to solidify teeth in their desired locations as the surrounding soft tissue and underlying jawbone grow accustomed to their new positions. In short, these simple wire-and-plastic appliances keep teeth from wandering. Retainers come in two general forms, removable and fixed. Removable retainers can be taken off, which makes it easier to eat and brush and floss teeth. They are generally worn full time for about a year, after which they are only worn at night. Fixed retainers are permanently fastened to the teeth and can only be removed by the orthodontist.

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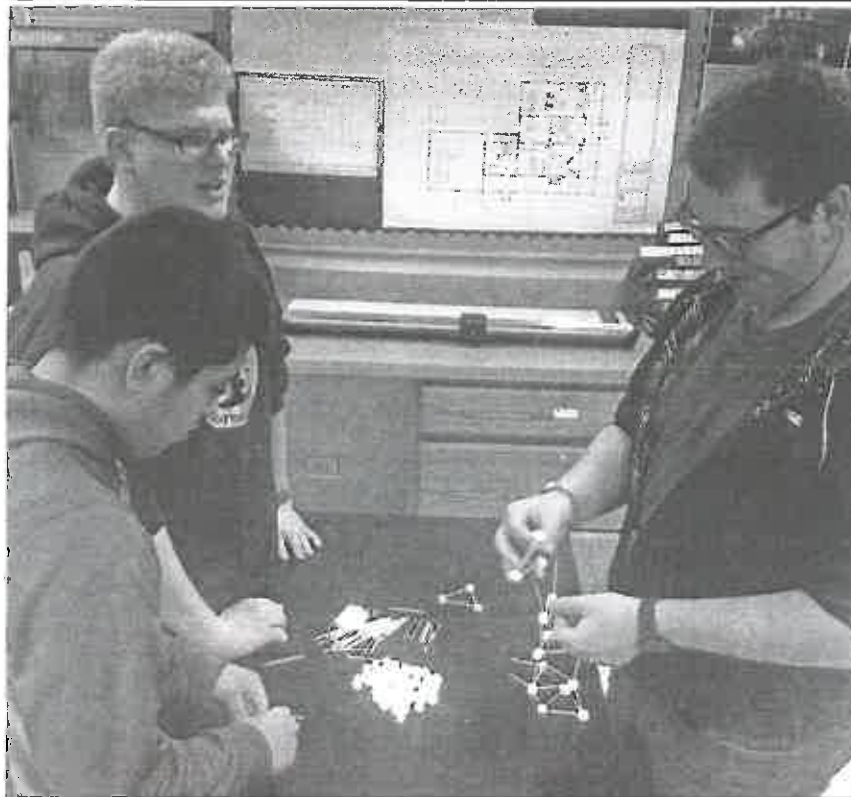


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Pictured are (from left) Willowbrook seniors Jesus Vergara, Collin Metz and William Weltyk as they complete an interactive activity to see which team could build the tallest structure out of marshmallows and toothpicks within a given time period. The activity was hosted by Civil Engineer Associate Julia Moyer, who came to speak with Willowbrook students about the field of engineering on Dec. 19.

Willowbrook students gain insight from civil engineer

VILLA PARK — On Dec. 19, Civil Engineer Associate Julia Moyer spoke with Willowbrook students about her education and career background, how to become an engineer and five different engineering disciplines.

Moyer, who works for the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering, met with students who are enrolled in Project Lead The Way (PLTW) classes at Willowbrook. She graduated from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and earned a double major in civil engineering and Spanish. She also completed an internship with Caterpillar, studied abroad in South America and has traveled the world as an engineer.



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Pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause is senior Destiny Williams, who has been named as Willowbrook's December recipient of 88's Best recognition.

WB awards 88's Best honors to Destiny Williams

VILLA PARK — Destiny Williams has been named as Willowbrook's December recipient of 88's Best recognition for her highly improved performance. Williams, a senior, was recognized during the Dec. 15, 2014, District 88 Board of Education meeting.

During her time at Willowbrook, Williams has made tremendous academic strides and has progressively taken more rigorous coursework. In four years, she has transformed herself into an "A" student taking honors classes and planning on attending college next year.

Coming into high school, Williams struggled with academic and personal challenges. But before her sophomore year, she recalled her academic goals of wanting to be successful in high school and being the first person in her family to go to college. Williams decided instead of using her freshman-year struggles as an excuse, she would use them as motivation and rededicate herself to making college a serious goal.

"Every day, Williams greeted her classmates and me with a smile, was prompt and often had an engaging question or comment pertinent to our topics," said CTE Department Chair Mary Barney. "Williams represents what it means to be a responsible and engaging Warrior with her spirit and continued growth as a leader — on and off the court — in and out of the classroom."

Willowbrook English and literacy teacher Kate Wilson agreed.

"I am truly excited to see what Williams does in the future," she said. "I watched her develop into a dedicated and passionate student, and I could tell she truly valued learning and absorbed everything she could because she saw the value."

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— Willowbrook English and literacy teacher Kate Wilson

But it isn't all work with Williams. Her charismatic personality and sense of humor make her light up the classroom. She is liked by her peers and respected by adults."

Outside of the classroom, Williams is a member of the Girls Basketball Team and Best Buddies and also is a Special Olympics coach. She volunteers her time at a local nursing home, a local church and at Human Resources Development Institute Inc.

Williams credits her family for helping her stay focused on academics and for supporting her every step of the way. She also credits her teachers for helping her accomplish her academic goals.

Williams plans to study nursing at Mount Mercy University in Iowa. She hopes to one day be a pediatric or neonatal nurse.

WBHS parents organization to host Trivia Night fundraiser

VILLA PARK — On March 7, the Willowbrook Parent Organization (WPO) will host a Trivia Night.

The event will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. at Willowbrook, and proceeds will go toward scholarships for Willowbrook seniors. Teams should consist of 8 to 10 people, and the entry fee is \$10 a person. There also will be raffles, prizes and a bake sale.

To register, and to see a list of prizes, visit dupage88.net/TriviaNight2051. For more information send an e-mail to WPO President Elaine Ebeling at emeorganized@comcast.net.

Puebla named AT's recipient of '88's Best for December'

ADDISON — Jennyfer Puebla has been named as Addison Trail's December recipient of 88's Best recognition for her highly improved performance. Puebla, a senior, was recognized during the Dec. 15, 2014, District 88 Board of Education meeting.

When Puebla entered Addison Trail, she had strained relationships with friends, family members and authority figures in her life, she struggled in school and she had difficulty keeping a positive attitude. But she has turned all of that around. Puebla said she is now able to focus in class, she connects with her teachers and her grades have drastically improved.

"Puebla is a wonderful young woman, who has worked incredibly hard in the years I have known her," said Sabrina Macek, Addison Trail English teacher. "She is a student who is mature beyond her years, and her honesty and work ethic leave an impression on everyone she meets."

This year, Puebla is focused on her coursework and improving her grades. She also has developed extremely positive relationships with many Addison Trail staff members and her family. Puebla said she knows she could not have achieved the level of success she has experienced without a number of people in her corner. She said several Addison Trail staff members have helped her realize her mistakes and her potential, and they have guided her to realize she can do anything she wants in life. When Puebla talks about the adults at Addison Trail who have helped her, she constantly refers

to them as her family.

"They helped and did their job," Puebla said. "They were teachers and guiders – it's not only about teaching in a class, but creating a bond with your students. I give an A+ to all of them!"

Addison Trail social studies teacher Mark Olson said it has been a pleasure to teach Puebla.

"It has been such a joy to see the growth both in and out of the classroom with Puebla," he said. "She became a beacon within the classroom, challenged norms, debated issues at a high level of thoughtfulness and grew into a mature young lady."

Addison Trail Dean Keith Marston agreed.

"Puebla is a great representative of what Addison Trail has to offer," he said. "Since she has committed to improving her future, her improved effort every day in class has her standing here today. The new Puebla has responded to higher expectations in and out of the classroom, has her sights set on college and is taking the steps necessary to have a professional career in the medical field."

Puebla said she vows to keep looking forward and to accomplish everything she wants to do.

"I have my story map built of what I want in my life," she said. "I hope to get where I want to be – to helping people and to be kind. That's what I've learned – kindness goes a long way."

Puebla plans to attend Western Illinois University and to pursue a career as an ultrasound technician.



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Pictured here with Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka is senior Jennyfer Puebla, Addison Trail's December recipient of 88's Best recognition.

ADDISON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, Jan. 18

Park District hosts WinterFEST

From 12-3 p.m., the community is invited to the 2nd annual WinterFEST at Addison Community Park. Enjoy free activities including cookie-decorating, crafts, Bingo and more indoors; or, outdoors enjoy sledding, snow volleyball, snowman building and a cardboard sled race. Info: 630-233-7275 or addison-parks.org

Wednesday, Jan. 21

ACCI: Multi-Chamber progressive luncheon

The Addison Chamber of Commerce & Industry announces a multi-Chamber progressive luncheon scheduled on at the Medinah Shrine Center, 550 Shriners Drive. Registration at 11 a.m., participants should be seated at 11:30 a.m. sharp. Reserved seating is determined in advance to accommodate rotations, so you must be registered in advance. Walk-ins discouraged! Tickets: \$25/Chamber members, \$30/non-members. Reservations required by Friday, January 9. To register, call 630-543-4300 or send an e-mail to: addisonchamber@sbeglobal.net.

Saturday, Jan. 31

Open house, demo day at Golf Dome

From 10 a.m.-1 p.m., golf enthusiasts are invited to Links & Tees Golf Dome, 880 W. Lake St., for an open house with club demonstrations and golf clinics. Free and open to all. Info: 630-458-2660 or addisonparks.org/golf.

Community Blood Drive

From 2 - 8 p.m., LifeSource will host the Addison Community Blood Drive in the lower level church meeting room at

St. Joseph's Church, 330 East Fullerton. For more information, or to make an appointment, call Judy Socha at 630-628-1959 or LifeSource at 1-877-543-3768. You may also register on line at lifesource.org and use sponsor code G106. Appointments preferred, but walk-ins welcome. Prepare before you arrive: Eat well, stay hydrated, bring a photo ID and wear sleeves that provide easy access to your arm.

Monday and Tuesday, Feb 2-3

Hair Cuttery donates haircuts to homeless

For anyone receiving a haircut on these two dates, Hair Cuttery will donate a certificate for a free haircut to a homeless person. There are Hair Cuttery locations at 1450 W. Lake St. in Addison, at 213 E. Roosevelt Road in Lombard, and 185 So. Rte. 83 in Elmhurst.

Saturday, Feb. 5

Working on Paintings with Golden Products

Sponsored by the Addison Art Guild, "Working on Paintings with Golden Products" with artist Sandie Bacon takes place from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Addison Trail High School art department, 213 N. Lombard Road. (Sample supplies provided.) Fee: AAG members \$35, non-members \$45. Pre-registration is necessary before the deadline of Wednesday, Jan. 28. For information and a supply list, call 630-250-9407.

Saturday, March 14

Experimenting in Watercolor

Sponsored by the Addison Art Guild, "Experimenting in Watercolor" with Suzanne Hetzel will be held from 9:30

a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Addison Trail art department, 213 N. Lombard Road. To register, call 630-250-9407.

Saturday, April 11 Making Spring Sing with Colored Pencil

Sponsored by the Addison Art Guild, "Making Spring Sing with Colored Pencil" with Peggy McGahan will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Addison Trail art department, 213 N. Lombard Road. Pre-registration is necessary. Info: call 630-250-9407.

Ongoing events...

FINAL DAYS: Holiday lights recycling

The Addison Park District has teamed up with Elgin Recycling to keep your holiday lights out of area landfills. Now through Monday, Jan. 18, residents may drop off non-working holiday lights at all Park District facilities. Lights eligible for recycling: mini-lights (or Italian lights), C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights and extension cords.

Addison Park District open gym

The Park District will be having an open gym for all ages from 3-5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 6-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the Centennial Rec Center gymnasium. Fees: \$2.50 for children in eighth grade and younger on regular days, or \$4 for extended days and weekends; \$3 for ages high school and older on regular days, or \$5 on extended days and weekends. Info: go to addisonparks.org or call 630-233-7275.

Addison Center for the Arts gallery

The Addison Center for the Arts will be featuring Addison Trail High School administrators, teachers and staff in its gallery now through Saturday, Jan. 24. The gallery is open free to the public from 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. Tours can be reserved by calling 630-458-4500. The gallery is located on the north side of the high school at Door No. 4, 213 N. Lombard Road, Addison.

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) meet each month

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of the Western Suburbs will meet on the third Thursday of each month and has a variety of social activities. The meetings are held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Road, Elmhurst, starting at 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$5. Info: (630) 620-4060 or wow.cfsites.org.

Active Adults Senior Club

Adults, ages 55 or better, are invited to Park District's Active Adults Senior Club on Tuesdays from 12-2 p.m. at Community Rec Center, 120 E. Oak Street. For more information, contact Teresa Grodsky at (630) 233-7275, option #2.

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

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Defense aiding Addison Trail girls basketball team

Blazers score recent victory over West Chicago

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Addison Trail girls basketball coach Rob Schader has been thrilled with his team's defensive effort of late.

Now, he's hoping the Blazers' offensive fortunes continue to improve.

"Our defense has been really good," said Schader. "We've just had a tough time scoring."

The Blazers went 0-4 at the Riverside-Brookfield tournament, but turned in strong defensive showings. Addison Trail lost 42-24 to Glenbard East, 50-24 to South Shore, 32-23 to Shepard and 36-28 to Queen of Peace.

"We played good defense against

Shepard but lost 32-23. We couldn't score," said Schader. "We are holding teams to low numbers, but when you do that you should be winning games."

The Blazers did just that in a recent 32-29 non-conference win over West Chicago.

"Again, we struggled scoring, but our defense was very strong," said Schader.

Schader noted the team's defensive success has come in part due to strong rebounding.

"We've done a very nice job rebounding the ball," he said. "We've also done a fairly nice job of holding onto the ball for longer possessions on offense. We're just not finishing. We were 0-for-20 from the 3-point line in a game and made 11 of 26 free throws in a game. We're getting good looks, but we're not hitting shots."

Schader was especially impressed with his team's resiliency in the win over West Chicago.

"What I like about this team is in that game defensively we played well and we didn't give up," he said. "We were down 12-3 in the first quarter and then held them to two points in the second quarter and got back into the game."

Rachel Baumgartner had 11 points in the West Chicago victory. Maria Koulogeorgas added seven points and hit numerous key free throws in the fourth quarter.

"Maria's free throws in the fourth quarter were huge," said Schader. "They helped us win the game."

Schader added Kelly Delawder and Stephanie Messina have been key defensive contributors of late. "Both Kelly and Steph are doing a nice job for us," said Schader.

Addison Trail was 3-15 overall through late last week.

"We're working to get better offensively," said Schader. "We had three games at Christmas where we played well enough to get wins and we didn't finish."

After final exams this week, Addison Trail returns to action Tuesday, Jan. 20 with a non-conference game at Elgin Larkin.

"We have some games coming up where we feel we can compete," said Schader. "We have a good and smart group of girls here."

Schader also lauded the progress the Addison Trail sophomore team is making.

"The sophomores are 8-7 and are doing well," he said. "There is a lot of talent on that team. It's a group that puts in a lot of extra time."

Fenton wrestling team continues to excel

Five Bison grapplers earn state rankings; Alfaro ranked fourth at 182

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Fenton wrestling team's successful season has caught

people's attention.

The Bison, as of late last week, were ranked 13th in Class 2A according to the GEI

Illinois Matmen poll.

Fenton was 10-2 overall in dual meets and sported a 2-0 Metro Suburban Conference

record. In a recent triangular, Fenton defeated St. Charles North and St. Viator and lost to Rolling Meadows.

The team has enjoyed an equal amount of success throughout the lineup.

"Many individuals are having much success," said Fenton coach Brian Hastings.

Senior Juan Alfaro is ranked fourth in the state at 182 pounds. He has a 19-4 record. Senior Corey Muniz is ranked fifth at 106 pounds with a 17-4 record. Senior Grayson Kaspar is ranked eighth at 152 pounds and also has a 17-4 mark.

Senior Antoine Bess earned an honorable-mention state ranking at 126 pounds with a 17-4 mark. Senior Oscar Ledezma was 14-2 at 145 pounds and also earned an honorable-mention state designation.

Elsewhere in the lineup, sophomore Angel Nava was 14-9 at 132 pounds. Senior Rodrigo Castaneda was 10-5 at 220 pounds. Freshman Dylan Butts was 8-3 at 160. Junior Manny Morales was 11-7 at 113. Junior Nathaniel Miller sported a 7-5 mark at 120, while sophomore Ryan Mencini was 6-5 at 132 pounds.

Hastings also lauded Eric Lonergan, Nikko Castaneda, Sebastian Kaspar and Isaiah

"Eric, Nikko, Sebastian and Isaiah all are improving as they get more opportunities and they are making significant contributions," he said.

Hastings said the team is fast at work getting ready for the postseason.

"Overall, we're doing a real nice job of competing and wrestling at a consistent level," he said. "We hope to continue to improve from a technical, physical and mental aspect as our conference season comes to an end and the IHSA state series begins."

Hastings added his group has its eyes on both team and individual goals.

"Many of the wrestlers, led by our seniors, have had solid seasons and they are striving to reach their team and individual goals," he said. "I am proud of the success they have had. I want to continue to motivate our young student-athletes to wrestle hard and get better."

Fenton travels to Riverside-Brookfield Thursday for a MSC dual and then returns home Friday for another conference contest with Aurora Central Catholic.

"We have a few key conference duals coming up in the

Addison Trail girls bowling team progressing

Jastrzebski among the West Suburban Conference's top bowlers

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Addison Trail girls bowling coach Paul Parpet Sr. likes the advancements his team is making heading into the tail-end of the season.

"The season is going as I thought it would," he said. "The girls are getting better every week."

Addison Trail plays in the competitive West Suburban Conference.

"York is at the top of the pile right now and they are pretty good," said Parpet Sr. "We're in the middle of the

nine schools all are competitive. You go to the Saturday invites and the teams in our conference hold their own all the time."

The Blazers have been led by senior Amanda Jastrzebski. An all-WSC performer a year ago, Jastrzebski was ranked, as of late last week, No. 3 in the WSC in per-game average at 201.

"Amanda is doing really well," said Parpet Sr. "We think she has a chance to qualify for the state meet. Amanda is one of the top bowlers around. She's good. She gets a lot of clean games. She'll go a whole game with marks and she doesn't leave unmakeable spares. She has a great pocket presence. She's in the pocket all the time. She's one of the most mentally tough athletes I've ever been around. It doesn't matter if she misses the 10 pin or goes on a

She self-corrects. She knows what she is doing."

Addison Trail also has been aided by the contributions of sophomore Molly Schmelter and senior Betsi Beltran.

"Molly is doing well and continues to work on her consistency," said Parpet Sr. "Betsi also is doing well for us."

Before Christmas, Addison Trail competed in the West Aurora invitational where Jastrzebski finished in the top 12.

Addison Trail, like many other area high school athletic teams, has been slowed on the competition front by the recent cold weather snap. The Blazers have no competitions slated for this school week because of final exams.

The Blazers next scheduled meet is Saturday at the Fenton invitational at Wood Dale bowl. Addison Trail takes on Hins-

The Don of a New Day in sports...

Indoor Golf Domes

By Don Figarelli
The Don of Sports

(Editor's note: This week, the Addison Independent debuts its first column ever contributed by Addison's own Don Figarelli, the Don of Sports. Catch his sports talk program on local cable (visit AddisonAdvantage.com) or find him out and about at sports events everywhere — when he's not golfing!)

When the weather is great, you can play or practice outdoors. But you know it never lasts and here we are in the throes of winter. There are two golf domes in our area — one in Addison and the other in Bensenville.

• **Tip #1:** bring your own clubs if you can, if you don't have any, purchase an inexpensive set to begin with because in order to improve you need your own clubs.

• **Tip #2:** warm up at home, stretch or do calisthenics if you don't want to do them in the dome.

Willowbrook girls bowling team enjoying success at all levels

Zabran scores 18 points for Warriors girls basketball team

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook girls bowling program has produced successes both at the varsity and junior-varsity level through the first half of the season.

"Although the varsity team still is searching for consistency, some members of the varsity have achieved some great individual success in the first half," noted Willowbrook coach Bill Eufrazio.

Through late last week, sophomore Jordan Tiberi was ranked in the top 15 for per-game average in the tough West Suburban Conference. She was averaging 170 a game and had a high game of 233 and a high series of 536.

"Jordan is a very talented and competitive young lady," said Eufrazio.



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• **Tip #3:** start with the higher numbered clubs like the pitching wedge or 9 iron and always aim at the target.

• **Tip #4:** hit the middle irons -- 5 through 3 -- then the long clubs -- 3 and 5 -- and, finally the biggest club in the bag -- the #1 or driver.

Watch for tips from the Don on your favorite sports in our next issue. In the meantime, send comments and ideas for the column to QuestPublishing@aol.com and put "Don of Sports" in the subject line.

Juniors Kelly Conley and Maddie Weinhold also have excelled on the lanes. Conley was averaging a 150 through late last week, while Weinhold had the 19th-highest individual game of the season in the conference with a 217.

On the junior-varsity level, Willowbrook won the Class B championship at the recent Lisle tournament behind first-year senior bowlers Mia Railing and Samantha Lizasuian and freshmen Anna Cuccinotto and Betsy Soriano.

"Our squad still is relatively inexperienced because no one has more than two years of high-school bowling experience," said Eufrazio. "At the same time, we believe our future is bright because of the talent level and work ethic of these young ladies."

Willowbrook girls basketball
The Willowbrook girls basketball team dropped a recent

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Willowbrook girls gymnastics team wins two conference meets

McFarlane secures all-around victories against Leyden and Morton

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook girls gymnastics team recorded a pair of recent West Suburban Conference Gold Division victories.

Willowbrook topped Leyden by a 121.5-96.55 count and also downed Morton by a 122.55-103.05 margin.

In both meets Riley McFarlane won the all-around competition. The team also has been bolstered by the efforts of Tamara Mendez, Gloria Johnson and Katherine Gibson.

Mendez is contributing to the Warriors' success while recovering from a leg injury.

"Tamara continues to dominate bars while recovering, consistently scoring 8.5 or above," said Warriors coach Annette Nocek.

Nocek noted Mendez is working to get back to full strength in the near future.

"Tamara is one tough athlete," she said. "She will be back to full strength soon. Her goal is to qualify for state. Once she sets her mind to something she is relentless. She is a very powerful athlete both physically and mentally. She also is surrounded by awesome teammates who also are relentless in their quest to become the best gymnasts they can."

Nocek also lauded Johnson, McFarlane and Gibson for their hard work and contributions to the squad.

"Gloria, Riley and Katherine have become con-

sistent in contributing to the team totals," said Nocek. "Gloria is very consistent and continues to add higher skills to her routines. Riley's grace, perfection and beautiful moves allow her to score well. She also has stepped up as a leader to the JV teams."

Nocek said Gibson has made impressive progress in her short time in the sport.

"Katherine is the dark horse," she said. "She only has done gymnastics for two years and her hard work and determination are displayed in her mobility from the JV 2 team her freshman year to varsity as a junior."

Alyssa Barrantes and Eunice Assem are event specialists who also have been hard at work.

"Both Alyssa and Eunice are seniors and are committed to making this their best season in their four years on the team," said Nocek.

Willowbrook put in plenty of work over the holiday break with an eye toward more success in the 2015 portion of the season.

"The team is continuing to add new skills while perfecting old skills," said Nocek. "Over the holiday break each varsity member was able to add at least two new skills. Their dedication and drive is unmatched."

Nocek also has been impressed with the high level of team chemistry that has developed in the wake of Mendez's injury.

"The team has grown really close," she said. "It's always hard to see a team member get hurt, especially the lead all-arounder. However, with Tamara's injury the team has bonded and stepped up to fill the gap of her absence as best they can."

Willowbrook competed against Glenbard South earlier in the week.

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MARK W. JOHNSON 1948-2014

Villa Park cop also led school board

By BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Special to the Tribune

Mark W. Johnson was a Villa Park police officer and deputy chief who spent 15 years as a board member and board president of DuPage High School District 88.

He was the west suburban department's first officer for Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or DARE.

"Mark was very, very dedicated to the community," said former Villa Park Village President Rae Rupp Srch. "And he was always concerned about the kids."

Mr. Johnson, 66, of Villa Park, died of complications from lung cancer Saturday, Dec. 13, at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, said his wife, Phyllis.

Mr. Johnson graduated from Willowbrook High School in Villa Park in 1966. He earned a bachelor's degree in music and a master's in choral music from Illinois State University.

After going through student teaching, Mr. Johnson decided he didn't want to go into teaching. Instead, he held a variety of jobs before joining Villa Park police as an auxiliary officer and community services officer in 1978. At 30, he was a



FAMILY PHOTO

Mark W. Johnson

decade older than similar hires for those jobs, said retired police Chief Ronald Ohlson.

"The chief at the time looked at him and said, 'Hey, this guy is sharp, and he has a lot of education, and I can see him going someplace.' And obviously he did," Ohlson said. "Mark had a genuine affinity for kids, and he worked well with them, and they all identified well with him."

Mr. Johnson graduated from the police academy in 1983 and became a patrol officer. He later became a supervisor, a watch commander, deputy chief and chief of support services.

Mr. Johnson was best known for his work as the

officer for the town's DARE program, which started in 1987. To youngsters in town, he was "OJ," which was short for "Officer Johnson."

"You saw Mark's impact everywhere," said District 88 board President Donna Craft Cain. "Whenever I talked to anybody (in) the younger generation, they always remembered him as 'Mr. OJ.'"

Mr. Johnson retired from the police force in 2009, although he worked part time for another year or so, his wife said.

In 1999, Mr. Johnson was elected to the board of District 88, which oversees Willowbrook High School and Addison Trail High School in Addison. He won re-election in 2003, 2007 and 2011, and he remained on the board until his death.

During his time as board president, voters in District 88 signed off on a 2007 referendum question to raise \$105 million to upgrade the two high schools. Mr. Johnson was active on board committees during the planning for that referendum measure, Cain said.

"He always had a vision for the school district, and he always tried to be student-focused and make decisions that would be best

for students," she said.

Cain also lauded Mr. Johnson's other efforts as board president, including managing reduced revenues from the state during the economic downturn and working to build consensus among board members. She also recalled his work as a board member during the implementation of the federal No Child Left Behind law.

"Everybody wants to know that they made a difference," she said. "Mark did."

Outside of work and his school board activity, Mr. Johnson enjoyed cooking and gardening, and he also wrote poetry and two unpublished novels, his wife said.

He also made use of his musical training, directing a large church choir for 25 years. Mr. Johnson wrote a Christmas song each year for 30 years, she said.

A first marriage ended in divorce. In addition to his wife, Mr. Johnson is survived by daughters Kristin Egan, Melissa Bills, Stephanie DiLillo and Bethany Chalmers; brother Joel Johnson; sister Laurel Van Ham; and five grandchildren.

Services were held.

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In 1906 Chicago department store founder Marshall Field died in New York; he was 71.

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was sworn in as Mississippi's first black justice on the state Supreme Court.

In 1988 Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder was fired as a CBS Sports commentator, one day after making controversial remarks about black athletes to a Washington television station.

In 1989 three days of rioting erupted in Miami when a police officer shot a black

the death of the cyclist and a passenger.

In 1991 the White House announced the start of Operation Desert Storm to drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait.

In 1997 entertainer Bill Cosby's only son, Ennis, was shot to death in Los Angeles in an apparent roadside robbery attempt. (Mikhail Markhasev was later convicted in the murder and

sentenced to life in prison.)

In 2003 the space shuttle Columbia blasted off with Israel's first astronaut, Ilan Ramon. (The mission ended in tragedy Feb. 1 when the shuttle burned up during its return to Earth, killing all seven crew members.)

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Former Miss Addison spends year driving Wienermobile



Alexandra Longo has logged 27,000 miles so far and visited 21 states in the Wienermobile. (Kraft Foods)

By [Annemarie Mannion](#) Chicago Tribune

Driving a 27-foot-long hot dog will get you noticed, and that's just the point for Alexandra Longo, a former Miss Addison who has spent the last eight months relishing her travels aboard the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile.

She has logged 27,000 miles so far and visited 21 states in the Northeast and Midwest.

Longo got the yearlong gig as hot-dogger after graduating in June from the University of Wisconsin at Madison with a degree in communications and journalism. After recruiters from Kraft Foods visited the campus, she was one of 12 from across the country selected to travel the U.S. in the giant faux meat product.

"My initial thought was that I didn't go to college so I could hand out hot dogs for the rest of my life, but that's not what this job is about," she said.

Longo actually distributes whistles, stickers and other hot dog-related swag. She also talks up the food product and brand as part of her marketing and public relations role.

She travels on the red and yellow vehicle that announces its whereabouts by playing the familiar Oscar Mayer jingle. The vehicle, of course, is designed to attract attention, evoke pleasant memories and introduce the brand to those who may not be familiar with it.

After being hired, Longo, a graduate of Addison Trail High School, attended training sessions — dubbed hot dog high school — where she learned to drive the mammoth sausage on wheels.

Each hot-dogger travels with a fellow hot-dogger. They generally dedicate Mondays as travel days, take Tuesdays and Wednesdays off, and use the other days to take the Wienermobile to schools, stores, shopping malls and retirement communities.

One of Longo's favorite memories is when she drove the Wienermobile into Times Square as it was being filmed by a television crew from a national news network that was doing a segment about what it is like to spend a year aboard the Wienermobile.

Last June, she also got to park the hot dog on the street in front of her childhood home in Addison, where her parents, Dominic and Rosemarie, still live.

"I surprised my father on Father's Day," she said.

It's a good bet she surprised the neighbors too.

Running personal errands or making routine trips to the store poses a unique challenge when the only vehicle available is a pop culture icon.

"If we park at the front of the parking lot (at a store) people think there's an event going on," she said. "As my boss tells me, 'You can't sneak in anywhere in a 27-foot-long hot dog.'"

Being away from friends and family also can make the experience difficult.

"You're staying in hotels in cities where you don't know anyone," she said.

Longo, nonetheless, has had ample opportunities to make new friends and acquaintances. It's not unusual for other motorists to follow the Wienermobile, smiling, beeping their horns, or giving a thumbs up.

When Longo's travels aboard the Wienermobile are finished in June she plans to return to the Chicago area and hopes to find a job in public relations or marketing, preferably for a nonprofit.

The Wienermobile will visit the Wal-Mart at 3801 Running Brook Farms Boulevard in Johnsburg from noon to 4 p.m. Friday, the Wal-Mart at 2101 Gateway Center in Belvidere from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, and the Wal-Mart at 1275 Lake Avenue in Woodstock from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

There also is a Wienermobile app that people can download to find out when the vehicle is within 200 miles of them, Longo said.

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