COMMUNITY CAPSULES

Here's what is happening at Village Hall

By Paul DelGuidice
For The Villa Park Independent

The Villa Park Board of Trustees met at Village Hall for their first Formal Meeting of 2015 on Monday, January 12. The meeting began with Trustee Don Kase moving to table item #8 on the Committee of the Whole agenda. The Board voted 5-1 to table the item, which was consideration of an Ordinance amending the probationary period requirements for police department recruits and promotions.

Village President Deborah Bullwinkel also asked that an item declaring February 8, 2015, as Scout Day in Villa Park be removed from the agenda until the next meeting because the Boy Scouts could not attend the January 12th meeting.

• The Board heard a presentation of the Library Card Design contest winners. Kandice Krettler of the Villa Park Library introduced K-6 winner Ruby Kinji and Queen Grace Ventugen of Willowbrook High School, who were declared the winners for their designs. Both students received an iPad Mini for their efforts.

• Village Clerk Hosannah Korynecky, who is also the current President of the Villa Park Kiwanis Club, next read a proclamation declaring January as Kiwanis Eliminate Project Month. The project seeks to provide inoculations against tetanus to mothers around the world.

• Jim Kleinwachter of the Conservation Foundation addressed the Board with an informational presentation on native landscaping. Currently, several residents are interested in planting their yards with native plants, as opposed to traditional aesthetic lawns and ornamental shrubs. Critics of the native landscaping initiative point out that 'wild' plants detract from the curb appeal of neighborhoods and could adversely affect property values. According to Kleinwachter, native plants will help stop erosion and flooding as well as save homeowners money in yard care and fertilizers.

• The Board voted unanimously against consideration of an ordinance to require lincensing and regulation of non-commercial scavengers or "garbage pickers" in Villa Park. Trustee Bob Wagner had asked Village staff to look into this measure, possibly requiring a $400 licensing fee and sticker requirement for all vehicles used in scavenging. The Village already requires commercial scavengers (such as Roy Stromm Inc. the Village's current contracted trash hauler) to be licensed and pay a $250 annual fee. This requirement was not changed by Monday's vote.

• The Board also voted down consideration of an ordinance regulating cats within Villa Park. According to Village staff, there have been complaints about cats roaming outside of their owners' property. Current Village Code prohibits livestock, fowl and dogs from running at large, but no rules are on the books pertaining to cats. The proposed ordinance would have been complaint-driven because cats are not required to be licensed and inspectors could not identify specific cats. This measure would have had no impact on the problem of feral cats in the Village. Trustee Bob Wagner and Village President Deborah Bullwinkel voted to move the item forward to the Formal Agenda. Trustees Bob Wagner, Don Kase, Al Bulthuis and Chris Aiello voted no.

• The Consent Agenda portion of Monday's meeting included seven items passed by the Board with a single vote. The items included the Village Bill Listing dated January 12, 2015 in the amount of $840,766 as well as approval of the December 15, 2014 Village Formal and Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.

• The Consent Agenda also saw approval of a resolution establishing a bank account with BMO Bank to handle bond proceeds from the upcoming street improvement bonds. This account will be used solely for referendum projects and will pay an investment return of 0.15%.

• A safety incentive program for full and part time Village staff was also approved. This measure awards gift cards to staff members who maintain a good driving record and meet other safety goals during the year. The cost of the program is approximately $8,750, of which $800 is dedicated for the safe driver program. Trustee Don Kase cast the sole 'no' vote against the measure, stating he did not feel it was a fair program.

• A resolution approving the purchase of a Ford F-350 pickup truck with utility body was approved. The cost of the vehicle is $32,709 and will be purchased from Bob Ridings dealership of Taylorville, Ill.

• A resolution approving a work agreement with ComEd to relocate an existing aerial electric line at the North Avenue Sanitary Lift Station was also passed. This station serves the North Avenue townhomes, which the Village has taken over repairing. The measure will allow replacement of the lift station once the electric line is relocated underground. According to Village Manager Rich Keehner, the Village has liens active against the townhomes, and is hoping the lift station repairs will help increase the location's property value and allow for future repayment.

• The Board unanimously approved the first reading of an ordinance providing for the issuance of $10 million in General Obligation (G.O.) Bonds for street improvements. This follows a similar measure in December that approved issuing $9,405,000 in bonds for the same purpose. The issuance of up to $23 million was approved by voters in the November, 2015 referendum.

• The Board voted 6 to 0 to approve a first and final reading of an ordinance granting a conditional use for vehicle washing at 187 E. North Ave. The property is currently operating as Savi Motors and allows the business to operate a car wash on their property.

• The Board voted unanimously to approve a first and final reading of an ordinance granting an amendment to the development agreement between Villa Park and Lone Star Cardinal Motorcycle Ventures II, LLC (Wildfire-Harley Davidson). This ordinance allows for the expansion of the dealership to include a rider academy, to provide food service and to add an event center. The amendment includes timing of the project, a provision for the Village to reimburse the developer for site utility work and a 'clawback' provision protecting the Village if the developer is in default during the project.

OBITUARY

Valere F. "Babe" Van De Velde, 92

VILLA PARK — Valere F. "Babe" Van De Velde, of Huntley, formerly of Villa Park, passed away recently at the age of 92. He was a WWII Army Air Corps veteran, beloved husband of Harriet for 68 years, loving father of Susan (Bill) Coke, Kathy (Bob) Carlson, Jim (Jane), Donna (Don) Tauchen, Bob (Diane), Mary (Steve) Unseth, Jan (John) Miller, dear grandfather of 25, great grandfather of 16, fond brother of Albert (Mary), brother-in-law of Henry and Margaret, uncle of many. Funeral services were held on Friday Jan 9, 2015, at St. Alexander Church, 300 S. Cornell, Villa Park. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorials to Compassion Care Hospice. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

NEWS FROM VILLA PARK VFW POST 2801

Dates to remember

• **Sunday, Feb 1** beginning at 4 p.m. – Join us for the Big Game and enjoy free chili and hot dogs.

• **Sunday, March 8** from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. The Post will celebrate its 80th Anniversary, with a

Chicken & Pasta dinner available from 11:30 a.m.– 4 p.m. Come early and enjoy coffee and pastries from 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Range officers will be available for open shooting. Tickets are currently on sale for $9 each; tickets will be available at the door for $10.

The menu includes fried chicken, mostaccioli, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, coffee and tea. Coffee and pastries will be available for the "Early Birds."

More Dates to remember

• **Every Tuesday** – Bingo Night
• **Jan 22** – Wings night
• **Jan 22** – Men's Auxiliary Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
• **Jan 23** – Friday night Fish Fry
• **Jan 29** – Wings night w/ open range
• **Jan 30** – Friday night Fish Fry
• **Feb 1** – Super Bowl festivities

• **Range Safety Officers needed**

We need more Range officers, if you are interested, please contact Joe Vince at jv630@aol.com or call (630) 815-1310; or Fred Roder Fredroder@sbcglobal.net or call 630-939-1278

Willowbrook plans Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet

VILLA PARK — Tickets are currently on sale for Willowbrook's 2015 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet which will take place on Thursday, Feb. 5 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at The Carlisle in Lombard.

Founded in 2010, the organization celebrates the athletic and personal successes of standout Willowbrook student-athletes. A screening committee comprised of current and former coaches, staff members, Athletic Booster Club members and community representatives selects the Willowbrook Warriors who are inducted each year.

The evening will begin with a social gathering from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Dinner will begin at 7 p.m., and the presentation of the Class of 2015 will begin immediately after dinner.

Class of 2015 inductees are Bruce Kelsey (class of 1975), Erin Belling ('94), Jennifer Goebel Goldstein ('00), Rob Scahill ('05), Colin Madison ('07) and the 1999 State Champion Badminton Team. Inductees also will be recognized before the Willowbrook Varsity Boys Basketball game on Friday, Feb. 6.

Tickets are $55 each ($20 for children 10 years old and younger). To buy tickets, or for more information, contact Willowbrook Athletic Director Bob Daly at rdaly@dupage88.net or 630-530-3406. Please RSVP by Jan. 26.

District 88 Board approves request to apply for physical education waiver

VILLA PARK/ADDISON —During its Jan. 12 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education approved the district's request to apply for a waiver from the mandated daily enrollment in physical education for District 88 students who are enrolled in multiple academic intervention programs in reading, math and English.

The district is seeking this waiver to allow those students to have the necessary time during the school day to receive the services and skill remediation they need to make gains in student performance. This is the third time District 88 is applying for the physical education waiver, and it's the final time the district is eligible to apply.

If approved, the waiver would be valid for two years. All data for students using the waiver would be reported out by building administration on a semester basis to district administration to determine the success of the waiver and to provide feedback for future district improvement planning.

While District 88 recognizes physical education is an important component for student growth and development, this waiver will provide an opportunity for students enrolled in intervention programs to access the academic remediation they need to be college and career ready. District 88 has implemented several curricular initiatives to enhance student achievement, and those initiatives, as well as a focus on college and career readiness, have been at the forefront of school improvement efforts at Addison Trail and Willowbrook.

Parks and Recreation News

Plans under way for annual ice fishing derby

VILLA PARK — Parks and Recreation is holding a FREE Ice Fishing Derby on Saturday, February 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the North Terrace Lagoon.

All ages are invited to come out to learn about ice fishing safety, how to drill holes in the ice and how to catch fish. Prizes will be awarded to kids who participate. Bring your own bait. Children younger than age 12 must be accompanied by an adult; those age 16 and older must have a valid fishing license.

Refreshments will be served indoors. Please pre-register so you can be contacted if the event date changes due to inadequate ice thickness. For more information or to register, call 630-834-8525.

Open hockey, figure skating available at Jefferson Park

Villa Park Recreation has announced that open hockey and ice skating are now available at Jefferson Park (just east of Jefferson swimming pool) at 341 N. Harvard Ave. It is free and open daily until sunset. Please note there is no warming house or shelter at the park. Sledding hills are located at North School and Jackson Middle School and are great for all ages.

Annual Princess Ball for dads and daughters in the works

VILLA PARK — Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Young ladies and their favorite date are formally invited to the Princess Ball on Friday, February 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Iowa Center "Castle," at 338 N. Iowa. All will be treated like royalty while enjoying a pizza and pasta buffet from Michael Anthony's, sweet treats and dancing the night away with Coach Josh as your DJ.

Highlighting the special night will be a visit from a very special Princess who is sure to delight the girls. The Princess Ball will be captured on a keepsake photo taken in an on-site old-fashioned photo booth. Additional photos may be purchased for a nominal fee.

The Princess Ball is $33 per couple, $11 each additional daughter. Wrist corsages and boutonnieres can be ordered at time of registration for an additional fee and they will be available for pick up at the Princess Ball. For tickets and information, call 630-834-8525.

Technology Center of DuPage to host 40th Annual Community Open House

ADDISON — On January 21 from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Technology Center of DuPage (TCD) will host its 40th Annual Community Open House. Parents, interested students, alumni and the community at large are invited to attend. During the evening, visitors may see any or all of TCD's 21 program areas and learn more about dual credit (an opportunity to earn high school and college credit) and postsecondary options.

TCD is at 301 S. Swift Road in Addison. For more information, visit tcdupage.org or call 630-691-7572.

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Registration form is available at www.FiveStarExpo.com

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Willowbrook High School hosts Battle of the Bands

'Aiming for Average' named winning group for 2015

VILLA PARK — On Jan. 15, seven bands competed in Willowbrook's Battle of the Bands event.

The competition is hosted annually by the school's Key Club, and this year's winning band was Aiming for Average. As the winner, the band received a free recording session courtesy of Kevin Mucha of Coerce Recording Studio in Villa Park.

To be eligible to compete in Battle of the Bands, participants must be younger than 21 years old, submit lyrics before the competition and have at least one member who attends Willowbrook.

The event raised about $300, which will benefit Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.

For more information, contact Megan Derricott at mderricott@dupage88.net or 630-782-3063.





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Above: Willowbrook senior Ruben Lopez performs wit band, Aiming for Average, during WB's annual Battle o Bands competition. The event took place on Jan. 15, Aiming for Average won the competition.
Left: Willowbrook senior Carrington Breckenridge perf during Willowbrook's annual Battle of the Bands compet on Jan. 15. Breckenridge also hosted the event.

VILLA PARK COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 22
VFW Men's Aux. meeting

At 7:30 p.m., the Men's Auxiliary will meet at the Villa Park VFW #2801, 39 E. St. Charles Road. All are welcome.

Sunday, January 25
St. Pius X celebrates 60th anniversary

At 10 a.m., St. Pius X Catholic Church, located at 1025 E. Madison, Lombard, will celebrate its 60th Anniversary with a Mass with Bishop Joseph M. Siegel taking part. Refreshments will be served immediately following worship. Please RSVP to parishoffice@stpiuslombard.org or call 630-627-4526.

Friday, Jan. 30
Cruisin' Connoisseurs to meet

The Cruisin' Connoisseurs is a group of people who get together to visit a new restaurant each month. The first outing is to Flip Flops Tiki Bar & Grill in Carol Stream. The transportation-only fee is $8 per person. The meal fee is paid individually and it is recommended that participants pay cash. The bus will depart at 10:15 a.m. from the Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood, and return at 2 p.m. Info: 630-834-8525.

Thursday, Feb. 5
WBHS Athletic HOF Induction

Willowbrook High School will hold its 2015 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet at 6:30 p.m. at The Carlisle in Lombard. Tickets are $55 each ($20 for children 10 years old and younger). For tickets and information, call 630-530-4306 or send an e-mail to Bob Daly at rdaly@dupage88.net . Please RSVP by Jan. 26.

Saturday, February 7
VPRD holds ice fishing derby

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Refreshments will be served indoors. Pre-register by calling 630-834-8525 so you can be contacted if the event date changes due to inadequate ice thickness.

Friday, Feb. 13
VPRD's Princess Ball for dads, daughters

From 6:30-8:30 p.m., the Iowa Center will become a Princess Castle as the Parks & Rec Dept. hosts the annual Princess Ball for young ladies in the community and their favorite "date" – be it Dad, Uncle, brother, or special friend. Enjoy pizza and pasta, sweets and dancing to a DJ. Keepsake photos can be taken in an old-fashioned photo booth. Tickets: $33 per couple, $11 each additional daughter. Wrist corsages and boutonnieres can be ordered at registration for an additional fee, available for pick-up at the Ball. Info: 630-834-8525.

Wednesday, Feb. 25
Chamber installation dinner

The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an installation and member recognition and appreciation dinner at 6 p.m. at the Villa Park VFW Hall, 33 E. St. Charles Road. Price for the dinner and ceremony is $35; RSVP to the chamber by Sunday, Feb. 1 by email (vpchamber@sbcglobal.net) or call 630-941-9133. Payment can be mailed to the chamber at: 10 W. Park, Villa Park 60181.

Ongoing events…

• VFW Friday Night Fish Fry

From 5:30-8 p.m. every Friday evening, the Villa Park VFW Post #2801, 39 E. St. Charles Road, holds its Fish Fry. Menu includes fried shrimp, fish/shrimp combos, beef/sausage sandwiches, combos and hot dogs.

• Widows or Widowers meeting

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of the Western Suburbs meets on the third Thursday of each month and offers 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.

• Electronic items disposal

From 9 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of every month, the village of Villa Park has coordinated with Roy Strom, the village's waste hauler, to offer E-Waste "the right way"— a convenient, cost free drop-off electronic disposal solution. The drop-off site has been relocated to the Village Hall parking lot, located at 20 S. Ardmore Ave. Info: (630) 592-6052.

• Indoor Walking Group

Now that the weather has turned colder, stop by the Iowa Community Center gymnasium for your daily walk. Indoor walking is available Monday-Friday from 7-9 a.m. Free drop-in program, no registration required.

• Villa Park Men's Garden Club meetings

On the fourth Tuesday of month, the Men's Garden Club of Park has monthly meetings at 7:30 at the Community Rec Center, 3 Wildwood.

• Your Place for Seniors

Area seniors are invited to " Place" at the Community Rec Buil 320 E. Wildwood, to play Pinc bridge, canasta, a board game or ever game is being played. Hours Monday, Wednesday, Thursday an day from 10:30 a.m-2:30 p.m.; Tuesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. (N "Your Place" does not meet on the ond Thursday of the month.) Info: 834-8525.

• VPRD's Reader's Theater Gro

Join the Readers' Theatre Group Monday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Community Rec Building, 320 E. wood. Free; no registration ne Info: Jenny Casale at (630) 834-85

• Senior Concerns Commission

The Senior Concerns Commi meets the first Monday of each n at 6 p.m. at Village Hall, 20 S. more Ave. Free and open to the p Seniors and those interested in related to seniors are invited. Info 630-592-6052.

• VFW Bingo

The Villa Park VFW hosts every Tuesday from 5:30-10 p.m.

Clubs and organizations are wel to send entries for this column to: Q Publishing@aol.com. Please incl phone number or e-mail address to tact for information.

SPORTS

Willowbrook wrestlers win quadrangular

Rowland, Jessen ranked in top 3 in the state

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The wins keep piling up for the Willowbrook wrestling team.

The Warriors recently won a home quadrangular meet over Neuqua Valley, Joliet Central and Eisenhower. Willowbrook scored a 51-19 win over Neuqua Valley, a 68-18 win over Eisenhower and a 52-7 victory over Joliet Central. The wins moved Willowbrook to 16-7 overall. Willowbrook also was 3-1 though its first four West Suburban Conference Gold Division dual meets.

Through late last week, Matt Rowland was 35-0 at 152 pounds and was ranked third in the state in Class 3A.

Freshman Jack Jessen was 34-2 at 170 pounds and was ranked second in the state. Andrew Verr was 29-8 at 106 and earned an honorable mention state designation in Class 3A. Christian Chavez was 15-6 at 220 and also was ranked in the honorable mention category at his weight in Class 3A.

Trevor Bell was 22-11 at 113, heavyweight wrestler Marcus Krupiczowicz was 20-12 and Alex Rego was 19-14 at 120.

Rowland, a junior, recently won the Sycamore tournament at 152 pounds. This season, Rowland has accomplished the rare feat of winning both the Dvorak and Sycamore tournaments this season—two premier and talent-packed events.

"Winning the Dvorak and Sycamore tournaments two weeks apart is a tough task," said Willowbrook coach Brandon Murphy.

Murphy is only the second Willowbrook wrestler to ever accomplish that feat. The first? Rowland's older brother, Dan, in 2013.

Murphy further added that Rowland won all the regular-season tournaments Willowbrook has competed in this season. The most recent Warrior wrestler to do that was state champion Steve Congenie.

"Matt is having one of the best seasons in school history," said Murphy.

Jessen also has been strong in tournaments. He won the Hoffman Estates tournament, took third at Dvorak and second at Sycamore.

"Both of his losses came to a returning state champion and a finalist," said Murphy. "Jack is up there with the best wrestlers in the state and the nation. His work ethic is tremendous and he is constantly working toward his goals and improving his wrestling."

Verr, a junior, took second at Hoffman Estates, eighth at the Dvorak and sixth at Sycamore.

"Andrew is wrestling with a passion right now," said Murphy. "He is strong and focused. I'm looking forward to him competing with some of the best 106-pounders in the state."

Murphy also cited strong recent work from Bell and Rego. "Trevor has had a great season of growth so far," he said. "He is new to varsity this year and already has more than 20 wins. He is a very talented and bright young man who has a lot to look forward to on and off the mat in the future. Alex is a senior and came out for wrestling late in high school, but has the desire and heart every coach wants to instill in his athletes. I love coaching him. He has improved so much. He went from only a few wins last season to quickly approaching 20 wins."

Murphy noted juniors Javier Ayala and Joe Palumbo are a pair of newcomers to look out for in the future. Both have reached the teens in the win department this season.

As a whole, Murphy has been pleased with what the team accomplishes in the practice room and during matches.

"Each wrestler is finding his strengths and continuing to work on improving what they already do well," he said. "I like the way this team competes. They always are looking for the pin. This is one of the most entertaining teams we have put on the mat. Every dual is a barnburner and we've found a way to come out on top the majority of the time."

Murphy said the team's competitive schedule has aided what still is a relatively youthful squad.

"This team is all about improvement," said Murphy. "We have a lot of new faces in the lineup this year and we still are very young. By competing in some of the toughest tournaments in the state, our wrestlers get a clear picture of where they are and where they need to get to. They get to see how they stack up against the state's best. I believe these early tough matches will help prepare them for the state series. This team's progression has been excellent. They are preparing for the final push the last few conference duals, senior night and then the state series."

Willowbrook hosts Leyden Friday for senior night and alumni night.

Willowbrook boys basketball team picks up two wins

Four players in double figures against Argo; Verge Jr. scores 25 against West Chicago

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Things were clicking on all cylinders for the Willowbrook boys basketball team in a pair of recent wins over Argo and West Chicago.

In a 77-34 non-conference win over Argo, Jake Bruns scored 13 points. Chris Roycroft added 12 points and 15 rebounds. Kyle Rushing had 12 points and six rebounds, while sophomore Alonzo Verge Jr. had 11 points, five rebounds and four assists.

"We were knocking down a lot of shots," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins. "We had a good rhythm going. It was a complete team effort. It was nice to see four guys in double digits. We had a good balanced attack."

Perkins also was pleased with the team's defense.

"Our defense was good in holding them to 34 points," said Perkins. "I was pleased with the effort and the intensity. I was a little concerned going into the game with the snow days we had. It was an awkward week, but we responded well."

Willowbrook also recorded a 63-53 non-conference win over West Chicago. Verge Jr. had 25 points, 10 rebounds and five steals. Bruns added 15 points and three steals.

"Again, we shot the ball well," said Perkins. "We got up 20-4 at one point and then West Chicago did a nice job of getting back in the game. We switched things up and picked it up in the second half."

After the two wins, Willowbrook sported an 8-6 overall mark.

"I was pleased in those two games with how well we shot the ball," said Perkins. "That's completely different than shooting 18-for-72 in the championship game at Glenbard West against Leyden. Those two games we were knocking down jump shots. I'm pleased with how we got back on track with those two games after losing the last two games at Christmas."

Bruns delivered a pair of double-digit scoring efforts in the wins.

"Jake shoots the ball with confidence," said Perkins.

Willowbrook wrapped up play in a Martin Luther King Day shootout tournament in Sterling earlier in the week. The Warriors played a total of four games against Sterling,

Fenton girls basketball team opens play in own tournament

Bison score 71-27 win over Chicago Academy

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Fenton girls basketball team split a pair of recent games in its own season-ending tournament against St. Viator and Chicago Academy.

Fenton's tournament is spread over several weeks and each team in the field plays a round-robin four-game schedule.

Fenton opened play with a 58-27 loss to St. Viator.

"It was the tale of two 16-minute time periods," said Fenton coach Tim Anderson. "It was tied 17-17 at halftime and then we didn't have a very good third quarter. We turned the ball over and got a little frustrated and it showed. We looked at that game from the positive standpoint that it was our turning point. We played with them the first half and then, boom, no explanation. Give credit to St. Viator, they stepped it up. That game was a starting point for us."

Fenton came back to score a 71-27 win over Chicago Academy.

"The girls played very well," said Anderson. "It was a big step up for us. The score was a little lopsided, but we also played a very good game. We had good balance with our scoring. It was a nice effort."

Anderson said one thing the team continues to work on is responding to man-to-man defense. Fenton saw a zone from Chicago academy.

"Zone hasn't been the issue," he said. "We shot extremely well. She shot 45 percent and that's a season high. A number like that is pretty

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Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming team seeing time drops

Wallace wins 100 against Hinsdale South thanks to personal record

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming team turned in strong times recently in a West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet against Hinsdale South.

"We had a lot of personal bests," said AT-Willowbrook coach Neil Wahlgren. "The work we put in over the break definitely paid off. We're getting back to regular practices now and we've seen a difference. Times are better. We showed definite improvement against Hinsdale South.

Ethan Wallace (Willowbrook) won the 100 against Hinsdale South with a personal-best time of 51.27.

"It's good to see that halfway through the season," said Wahlgren. "We're hoping to get him to the state meet."

Jake Roucka (Willowbrook) added a personal-best time of 1:17 in the breaststroke.

"Jake is only a sophomore," said Wahlgren. "He still has a lot of growth potential."

Addison Trail freshman Mikey Strycharz went under one minute in the 100 against Hinsdale South.

"That was a cool accomplishment for him," said Wahlgren. "Again, we're only halfway through the season and he gets a time like that. He's only going to improve from there."

Wahlgren likes where things are headed for his swimmers.

"It's been good to see what we are doing because we have such a young team," he said. "We have seven freshmen on the varsity team and a lot of them came in with not a lot of swimming background. We're improving throughout the season and we've seen awesome growth."

Wahlgren has his eyes on the latter part of the season.

"They will have an awesome taper if they keep up the hard work," he said. "We're all looking forward to that."

Fenton wrestlers defeat conference foe Riverside-Brookfield

Addison Trail wrestlers enjoying success; Willowbrook girls hoops team beats Leyden

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Fenton wrestling team recorded a recent 54-10 Metro Suburban Conference victory over Riverside-Brookfield.

"We wrestled very well, looked to score points throughout the dual meet and won many of the tossup matches," said Fenton coach Brian Hastings.

Corey Muniz (106 pounds), Manny Morales (113), Dylan Butts (170) and Isaiah Brock (285) won via pinfall. Angel Nava (138), Ivan Rodriguez (182) and Juan Alfaro (195) recorded major-decision wins. Other Fenton winners were Antoine Bess, Oscar Ledezma, Grayson Kaspar and Joe Oweina. Hastings noted Ryan Mencini and Rodrigo Castaneda lost decisions to accomplished wrestlers.

In earlier action, Fenton dropped a 44-16 non-conference decision to Addison Trail. Muniz (113), Bess (126), Mencini (132), Ledezma (145) and Alfaro (182) recorded wins for the Bison.

"Addison Trail wrestled well and aggressively while we did not," said Hastings.

After the R-B match, Alfaro was 21-4. Muniz and Bess had 19-4 marks. Kaspar was 18-5, while Ledezma was 16-2. Oweina was 16-7, while Nava was 15-10 and Manny Morales was 12-7.

Addison Trail wrestling

Through late last week Addison Trail sported a 10-4 overall mark in dual matches and a 3-1 record in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action.

Senior Anthony Metallo was leading the way with an 18-3 record at 145 pounds. Junior Karim Fuentes was 17-5 at 285. Senior Mike Huynh was 16-4 at 113. Senior Jaime Valdez was 16-7 at 126. Senior Eddie Valdez was 13-6 at 220, while senior Justin Valentin was 13-8 at 120. Senior Brandon Webb was 12-6 at 160, while senior Jorge Arellano was 12-8 at 138. Senior Larry Thomas was 11-10 at 170.

Addison Trail girls basketball

In Addison Trail's 32-29 non-conference win over West Chicago, the Blazers sank 11 of 16 free throws. Maria Koulogeorgas was especially key from the line in the fourth quarter, making five of her six attempts. She finished with seven points in the contest.

Rachel Baumgartner led the Blazers with 11 points, while Nicole Pudlo had four points.

"It was a total team effort," said Addison Trail coach Rob Schader.

Willowbrook girls basketball

The Willowbrook girls basketball team scored a recent 64-49 West Suburban Conference Gold Division victory over Leyden.

The Warriors led 12-10 after the first quarter, but trailed 26-25 heading into intermission. Willowbrook used a 16-5 run in the third quarter to pull away and then scored 23 points in the fourth quarter alone.

Josie Zabran led the Warriors with 15 points on the strength of a perfect 7-for-7 shooting effort. Alyssa Ressinger added 12 points, shooting 6-for-10 from the floor. Sidney Planz added 10 points (2 three-pointers), while Cheyenne Brunig had nine points.

Sam Schmidt scored six points and pulled in 10 rebounds, while Michala Giammarrino had one 3-pointer and dished out seven assists.

IC Catholic Prep's Oliver advances to boys bowling sectional

Knights show progress throughout 2014-2015 season

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

IC Catholic Prep senior Andrew Oliver is headed to the next round.

Oliver rolled a 1,185 series and earned one of the individual sectional-qualifying positions at the recent IC Catholic Prep regional at Brunswick Zone in Glendale Heights.

Oliver moves on to compete in the IC Catholic Prep sectional at Brunswick Zone Saturday where berths in the state tournament will be on the line.

In other recent action, the Knights dropped a dual meet to Elgin St. Edward and also took 11th at the Glenbard East invitational. Earlier, IC finished eighth at its own Knight Invitational.

Heading into regionals Oliver had earned two personal records this season. He bowled a 254 game and then rolled a 262, which he has since matched twice.

"Andrew's main focus has been picking up splits," said IC coach Stephanie Rybarczyk. "He's very good at picking up spares. If things are going well he'll strike out, but what he's been preparing for are splits. He's improved on his 7-10 splits. I've seen him in his last eight games pick up a split twice, which is huge for a bowler."

Senior Alex Michel also has shown improvement throughout the year.

"Alex started off a little slowly this season, but has shown he's a very good bowler," said Rybarczyk. "He's been practicing and hitting pins in the pocket."

Michel had a personal-best 245 game heading into regionals.

Junior Nick Slowinski also

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Senior night...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S girls basketball team honored its seniors before Thursday's West Suburban Gold Conference home game against Leyden. The Warriors defeated Leyden 64-49 to improve to 9-11 overall and 5-3 in the conference. Willowbrook's seniors include (left to right) Cheyenne Brunig, Micala Giammarino and Sydney Planz. Brunig scored nine points, while Giammarino contributed three points. Planz, who made a pair of 3-point shots during the third quarter, contributed 10 points. The Warriors dropped to 9-12 overall following Monday morning's loss to Providence Catholic at the McDonald's Shootout. The holiday tournament at Willowbrook featured a total of 18 games.

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Winners' designs are now available for new library cards

Patrons of the Villa Park Public Library who are interested in updating their library cards have a couple of options.

In addition to selecting the current design, patrons can choose one of the two winning designs of the recent library card design contest. For the first time, the library invited children to enter a contest to create designs to appear on library cards. The contest coincided with National Library Card Signup Month in September. The contest featured two divisions—one for children in kindergarten through sixth grade and another for students in grades seven through 12. Students submitted more than 40 entries.

A panel of judges helped to select the winning designs in each level. The judges included Villa Park Village President Deborah Bullwinkel, Villa Park Economic Development Director Jan Fiola and Villa Park Public Library Director Sandra Hill. Meredith Meder, who is the president of the Friends of the Villa Park Library, and Villa Park resident and retired art teacher Bob Fritz also served as judges. The library also invited members of the public to cast votes for their favorite designs. The public helped to break a tie between two designs the judges selected in one of the divisions.

Ruby Kingji, a 5-year-old kindergartner at Montessori Children's Academy, submitted the winning design in the K-6 division. Queen Grace Bantugan, who is a junior at Willowbrook High School, was the winner in the division for students in grades seven through 12. The library notified the two winners on Nov. 8. Each winner received a new iPad Mini donated by the Friends of the Villa Park Library.

Both of the winning designers were recognized at the Villa Park Village Board meeting on Jan. 12. Their new designs are now available to patrons who would like to update their library cards.



Winning designs...

THE TWO WINNING ENTRIES in the Villa Park Public Library's recent library card design contest include the design of 5-year-old Ruby Kingji, who submitted the above design that features the slogan "Books Make Life Beautiful." Her submission was selected as the winning design in the division for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The design of Willowbrook High School junior Queen Grace Bantugan (below) that shows reading as a key to adventures was selected as the winning submission in the division for students in grades seven through 12.







Champion designers...

RUBY KINGJI (above, left) and QUEEN GRACE BANTUGAN (right) were the winners of the Villa Park Public Library's first library card design contest. They are pictured with their grand prizes—each winner iPad Mini from the Friends of the Villa Park Library.

Village encourages support of Kiwanis Club's Eliminate project

The Village of Villa Park proclaimed January as Kiwanis Eliminate Project Month in the village. Villa Park Village Clerk Hosanna Korynecky, who currently serves as the president of the Villa Park Kiwanis Club, read the proclamation during the Villa Park Village Board meeting on Jan. 12.

The Eliminate Project is Kiwanis International's global campaign to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT). According to information provided by Kiwanis International, MNT is a deadly but highly preventable disease that causes the deaths of 160 babies every day. MNT has reportedly been eliminated from more than 20 countries since 2000.

The goal of the campaign, which began in 2011 and continues through the fall of 2015, is to raise $110 million. More than $90 million was raised through the end of 2014.

Inoculating one woman and her future babies from tetanus reportedly costs $1.80. The Villa Park Kiwanis Club has set a fundraising goal of $40,000—about $1.80 per resident. So far, the club has raised a little more than $20,000.

The proclamation Korynecky read at the Jan. 12 board meeting recognizes the Eliminate campaign and encourages Villa Park residents to provide support. To donate, visit http://kiwansclubofvillapark.com and click on the "Donate to Eliminate" link.

Village of Lombard pulls the plug on the 2015 Taste

July 4 fireworks display will be presented at Madison Meadow

by Bonnie MacKay

On Friday, the Village of Lombard announced that the annual Taste of Lombard will not be held this summer.

Although Lombard's annual "party in the park" has been cancelled, the village has decided it will host the fireworks display in Madison Meadow on July 4.

Over the past 10 years, the village has given the Lombard Jaycees grants for the fireworks display in Madison Meadow ranging from $25,000 to $35,000.

According to a village press release issued Friday afternoon, the event was cancelled in light of the Jaycees' unforeseen dissolution.

The Lombard Jaycees organization, formed in 1950, was dissolved on Oct. 9, 2014, and reincorporated as Lombard Commonwealth.

The Lombard Jaycees have hosted the Taste of Lombard for the past 32 years. At the time the Jaycees were dissolved last year and Lombard Commonwealth was formed, Jackie West, former president of the Lombard Jaycees, related that the new group planned to continue running Taste of Lombard and the Haunted House.

With village officials opting to suspend the Taste of Lombard this year, the village will contract directly with vendors for a Fourth of July fireworks display.

Lombard District 5 Trustee Laura Fitzpatrick, chairman of the Community Promotion and Tourism Committee, said the cancellation of the Taste is an opportunity for the village "to save some money."

Rather than funding the firework through a local grant this year, the village will seek proposals from multiple vendors and contract directly for the Fourth of July fireworks, the village press release states.

"We might get a better deal," Fitzpatrick said. "We'll try to see if we can."

According to an e-mail from West, following the 2014 Taste, the $37,000 grant in 2014 covered "just the fireworks" and not other expenses such as food for the crew, screw fencing around the area and a porta-potty.

She related that once the crew and truck with the fireworks arrive at Madison Meadow, the crew must stay with the truck.

West said she learned of the cancellation on Friday when she met with Lombard Village Manager Scott Niehaus, Lombard Assistant Village Manager Nicole Aranas, Lombard Village President Keith Giagnorio and Fitzpatrick, who represents District 5, where the Taste is held.

Fitzpatrick, whose committee makes recommendations on the local tourism grant applications, related that in addition to Lombard Commonwealth, there was a second organization, with ties to the former Lombard Jaycees, which expressed interest in hosting the Taste of Lombard.

According to Fitzpatrick, Lombard Commonwealth is a "not established enough for us to know they could throw this and a second organization popped up."

"In addition to funding the fireworks each year, the village commits a tremendous amount of village resources and staff time to the Taste of Lombard event," Niehaus said. "With planning for such a large scale event needing to take place immediately and the recent and unexpected loss of the lead agency, we feel it is best to take a step back this year and open up the opportunity to host a summer festival to all interested community organizations on equal footing."

Niehaus added that Giagnorio's polling of the board would give the groups the courtesy of knowing where the board stands on the issue.

Giagnorio explained that with the cancellation of this year's Taste, financially, he will be "taking a big hit."

The village president, who is the owner of Giagnorio's Pizza and Pasta, related that he was the senior vendor at the Taste of Lombard.

"I've been at the Taste [as a vendor] for 19 or 20 years," Giagnorio stated.

The repayment of overtime costs by the Jaycees started in 2010 when staff recommended not funding the Taste of Lombard fireworks.

Since that time, Niehaus said the village fronted the costs for overtime and the Jaycees began charging admission to the Taste.

Last year, the Lombard Jaycees reimbursed the village $66,979.82, according to village documents. In West's e-mail after the Taste, she related that the paid attendance for 2014 was 23,764 over the five-day Taste, although it rained three out of the five days.

She related that the Jaycees have not made money on the Taste since 2010, when the village began charging the group for the overtime costs. When the Taste made money, the Jaycees used it for a back to school event, as well as holiday food baskets.

West said, with the cancellation of the Taste, Lombard Commonwealth will be investigating holding a fest in another community this year even though planning an event like the Taste is a yearlong process.



Attic fire...

Photo by Steve Spoden

THE VILLA PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT assisted the Lombard Fire Department in responding to a report of a residential structure fire at 516 S. Lodge Lane at approximately 1 p.m. on Monday. The call to 9-1-1 came in from the homeowner, who reported a possible fire inside the second floor wall of the single family home. Lombard Fire Department Acting Battalion Chief Brian Stuart said arriving fire companies encountered moderate smoke coming from the roof of the structure. Upon further investigation, fire crews discovered a working attic fire on the south side of the home. All of the occupants of the home were able to self-evacuate. The cause of the fire currently remains under investigation. However, according to Stuart, the fire appeared to have started in the area where plumbing work was occurring. The estimated damage to the structure and contents is in excess of $50,000. The Addison, Carol Stream and York Center Fire Protection districts joined the Villa Park department in assisting Lombard. For more information, contact Stuart at 630-620-5734 or Assistant Chief Jerry Howell at 630-620-5761.

Willowbrook's athletic hall of fame banquet takes place Feb. 5

Tickets are on sale for Willowbrook High School's 2015 athletic hall of fame induction banquet will take place on Thursday, Feb. 5, at The Carlisle, located at 435 E. Butterfield Road in Lombard.

Founded in 2010, the Willowbrook Athletic Hall of Fame celebrates the athletic and personal successes of standout student-athletes who have graduated from the school.

A screening committee comprised of current and former coaches, staff members, athletic booster club members and community representatives selects the Willowbrook Warriors who are inducted into the hall of fame each year.

This year's induction banquet will begin with a social gathering from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Dinner will begin at 7 p.m., followed by the presentation of the Class of 2015.

The Class of 2015 inductees are Bruce Kelsey (Class of 1975), Erin Belling (Class of 1994), Jennifer Goebel Goldstein (Class of 2000), Rob Scahill (Class of 2005), Colin Madison (Class of 2007) and the 1999 IHSA state champion badminton team. The inductees will also be recognized before the Willowbrook boys varsity basketball game on Friday, Feb. 6.

Tickets to the dinner cost $55 each, and $20 for children 10 years old and younger. To buy tickets, or for more information, contact Willowbrook Athletic Director Bob Daly at 630-530-3406, or at rdaly@dupage88.net. Those who would like to attend the event should respond by Monday, Jan. 26.

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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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 future.

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.



Battle of the Bands...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL senior Carrington Breckenridge (above) is pictured performing during the school's Battle of the Bands competition, which took place on Thursday. Breckenridge, who is a Villa Park resident, also served as the host of the event. Willowbrook's Key Club holds the annual competition. This year's winning band was Aiming for Average. The band received a free recording session courtesy of Kevin Mucha of Coerce Recording Studio in Villa Park. To be eligible to compete in Battle of the Bands, participants must be younger than 21 years old, submit lyrics before the competition and have at least one member who attends Willowbrook. The event raised about $300, which will be donated to Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.

Sports

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Second half rally lifts Warriors on senior night

A second-half surge helped the Willowbrook girls basketball team to a 64-49 senior night victory over Leyden on Thursday night in Villa Park. The Warriors, who honored their six seniors before the game, trailed the visiting Eagles 26-25 at halftime of the West Suburban Gold Conference battle. Willowbrook senior Alyssa Ressinger scored during the opening seconds of the second half to gain a 27-26 lead. The Warriors never gave up the lead after that basket. Willowbrook outscored Leyden 16-5 in the third quarter to build a 41-31 lead with eight minutes to play. The Warriors scored six straight points during the first 30 seconds of the fourth quarter to extend their lead to 47-31.

Willowbrook improved to 9-11 overall and 5-3 in conference play with Thursday's win. The Warriors also completed a season sweep of Leyden. Willowbrook crushed the Eagles 58-24 in the first meeting of the season on Dec. 6 in Northlake.

The Warriors held a 20-11 lead in the second quarter of Thursday's rematch, but the Eagles unleashed a 15-5 run at the end of the first half. Ressinger and senior Sydney Planz each scored six points during the third quarter. Ressinger made three baskets, while Planz drained a pair of 3-point shots. Her first 3-pointer gave the Warriors a 34-28 lead midway through the period. Her next successful shot from 3-point land pushed the lead to 39-31 with about one minute left in the quarter.

The lead swelled to 47-31 following a flurry of three straight baskets at the start of the fourth quarter. Moments after Ressinger scored an inside basket, senior Cheyenne Brunig provided a steal and basket. Seconds later, another Leyden turnover led to a basket by Planz. A 3-point shot from Brunig gave Willowbrook a 50-33 lead with less than seven minutes to play.

Junior Josie Zabran scored a team-leading 15 points for the Warriors. Zabran, who scored eight points in the first half and seven more in the second, connected on all seven of her shots from the field. All of those attempts came from close range. Ressinger added 12 points, while Planz and Brunig provided 10 and nine points, respectively. Senior Sam Schmidt and junior Alyssa Spada each scored six points. Schmidt grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds.

Willowbrook's overall record dropped to 9-12 after Monday morning's 68-45 loss to Providence Catholic at the McDonald's Shootout, an annual event played on the Warriors' home court. This year's tournament included 18 games—nine apiece on Saturday and Monday.

Glenbard East

The Rams couldn't quite pull off a come-from-behind victory in last week's Upstate Eight Valley Conference game against Metea Valley. The visiting Mustangs held a 23-13 lead over the Rams with less than six minutes to play in the third period. Glenbard East then scored 13 straight points to take a 26-23 lead early in the fourth quarter, but the Mustangs responded with six straight points of their own on the way to a 31-28 victory on Jan. 13 in Lombard.

Junior Brittany Paganucci, who scored 15 of the Rams' 28 points, fueled the comeback with five points in the third period, including a 3-point that cut Metea Valley's lead to 23-21 with less than one minute left in the quarter. Paganucci, who scored all seven of her team's fourth-quarter points, gave the Rams a 24-23 lead by sinking a 3-point shot during the first minute of the final quarter. She completed Glenbard East's 13-0 run by making a pair of free throws with about six minutes to play.

Junior Ashley Brown began the Rams' 13-0 rally by making a free throw. Junior Brasia Solid then made a steal and basket. Senior Allison Hansen added an offensive rebound and basket that dropped Metea Valley's lead to 23-18.

Paganucci closed out Glenbard East's scoring by making two free throws that reduced the Mustangs' lead to 29-28 with 1:12 remaining.

Metea Valley made two free throws with about 30 seconds to play to close out the scoring. Paganucci attempted a 3-point shot in hopes of tying the game in the closing seconds, but the shot was off the mark.

The loss dropped Glenbard East to 9-9 overall and 2-6 in the conference.





Senior leaders...

Photos by Chris Fox

WILLOWBROOK SENIORS Alyssa Ressinger (above, left) and Sam Schmidt (right) helped the Warriors to a 64-49 victory over Leyden in Thursday's senior night girls basketball game in Villa Park. Ressinger scored 12 points in Willowbrook's West Suburban Gold Conference victory. Schmidt contributed six points and a team-leading 11 rebounds.



Carrying the load...

Photo by Chris Fox

GLENBARD EAST JUNIOR Brittany Paganucci (above) drives toward the hoop during last week's Upstate Eight Valley Conference girls basketball game against Metea Valley. Paganucci scored 15 points in the Rams' 31-28 loss to the Mustangs in Lombard. Paganucci scored all seven of her team's fourth-quarter points.

Warriors' win streak continues; Broncos pick up their first win

Willowbrook's boys basketball team won four straight games at Sterling High School's inaugural Martin Luther King Holiday Tournament. The Warriors won two games on Saturday and picked up another two victories at the six-team event on Monday. The four wins in Sterling gave Willowbrook a six-game winning streak (the Warriors are 6-0 in January) and an overall season record of 12-6.

The only one of the six tournament teams the Warriors did not face—Dixon—also went 4-0 in the event.

Willowbrook opened the event with Saturday's 64-49 victory over Sterling. Senior Chris Roycroft and sophomore Alonzo Verge scored 16 points apiece. Senior Jake Bruns contributed 10 points.

Willowbrook's second win on Saturday was a 55-52 triumph over Burlington Central. The Warriors rallied from a 31-24 halftime deficit to earn the victory. Verge provided 16 points, while Roycroft scored nine points. Bruns, junior Kevin Miller and senior Micah Williams each scored eight points.

The Warriors' third game of the tournament was Monday's 57-49 victory over Kankakee. Bruns, Miller and Verge all scored 10 points, while senior Kyle Rushing added eight points.

Verge posted a season-high 43 points in the Warriors' final game of the event in Sterling—Monday's 71-62 win over Montini. Verge made 13 of 30 shots from the floor against the Broncos, who led Willowbrook 30-28 at halftime. Verge connected on eight of 15 attempts from 3-point range and made 11 of 17 free throws.

Senior Mike Mooney scored 24 points for the Broncos in Monday's game against Willowbrook, which marked the first boys basketball meeting between the two teams. Junior Kevin Brachmann added 12 points.

The Broncos earned their first win of the season earlier on Monday, beating Sterling 49-46. Mooney scored 17 points for the Broncos, who outscored Sterling 18-8 in the fourth quarter. Senior Sam Thomas, who made eight of 10 free-throw attempts, added 15 points. Brachmann scored 12 points. The Broncos made 18 of 24 attempts from the foul line during the game.

Montini began the tournament with Saturday's 57-46 loss to Dixon. The Broncos' second game on Saturday was a 52-24 loss to Kankakee.

Glenbard East

The Rams won two of four games at Wheaton Warrenville South's Martin Luther King tournament. Glenbard East lost two games on Saturday (to the host Tigers and to Plainfield South) before picking up wins over Schaumburg and Downers Grove South on Monday to square their overall season record at 10-10.



St. Pius X eighth-graders win tournament...

THE ST. PIUS X EIGHTH-GRADE girls basketball team (above) won the title at the Treis-Aird tournament, which took place over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend at St. Petronille School in Glen Ellyn. The Knights won all three of their games at the event to win the championship. St. Pius beat Sacred Heart and St. Patrick's (of St. Charles) to advance to the title game against St. Petronille. The Knights beat the tournament host 40-19 to claim the first-place trophy. Members of the St. Pius team (pictured left to right) are: (front row) CeCe L. and Kaitlyn F.; (second row) Coach Steve Kwak, Maura H., Haley M., Bella P., Hanna K., Maggie K., Caitlyn O. and Coach Mike Owen; (third row) Coach Alex Lizasuain and Coach Ben May.

Blazers maintain winning ways against Morton

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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ADDISON – Addison Trail just keeps on winning.

The Blazers aren't always doing it pretty, but they are winning close games. AT picked up its fourth win by four points or less this season with Tuesday's 55-52 win against Morton.

The win was crucial in the West Suburban Gold race because Morton was the last undefeated team left in the league. At 3-1 in the conference, the Blazers are now right in the mix.

"For us to place well in conference it's going to take more efforts like [Tuesday] where everybody is giving everything they've got," senior Taylor White said.

The Blazers hit some big shots and were the recipients of a big charge call at the end of the game to ice the win.

AT (12-3, 3-1 West Suburban Gold) led 53-52 in the final seconds and Morton (9-7, 4-1 WSG) had the ball. Morton senior forward Weisner Perez was the leading scorer in the game with 25 points, but was called for a charge while driving into the lane. Matt Gontarek was the defender that made the crucial play with 3.3 seconds left.

"We all knew who was getting the ball and that was Weisner Perez," Gontarek said. "As he drove in I just helped out, stepped in and got the call."

Jaavion Bradley made two free throws on the other end for AT and Morton was unable to get a potential game-tying shot off before the buzzer. Bradley, who finished with 11 points, also made two free throws with 29.8 seconds left to give the Blazers the lead at 53-52.

The Blazers, who led 27-25 at halftime, seemed to make a big shot whenever Morton narrowed the deficit or tied it. AT made five 3-pointers from a tied game or with a one-point lead in the second half. White, who made two of those threes, led AT with 18 points.

"I work as hard as I can so I'm pretty confident in games so I don't have to think about it too much," White said. "I'm confident and I want the ball. I want to be the one to make the decision and I want to make the play."

Morton technically still holds the lead in the West Suburban Gold with a 4-1 record. The Blazers are 3-1 and Proviso East sits at 2-1. The Blazers return to action tonight against Hinsdale South, which features 6-foot-10 Barret Benson. Benson was named to the all-tournament team at Wheaton Warrenville South during the holiday weekend by averaging 24 points per game over the four-game tournament.

If you go

- **WHO:** Hinsdale South at Addison Trail
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- **WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. today
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Addison Trail's Eric Grygo drives the baseline Tuesday in a home against Morton. A late charge call against the Mustangs and two AT free throws sealed a key conference win for the Blazers.

Timothy Christian boys basketball gaining valuable experience

By SCOTT SCHMID
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GLEN ELLYN – Learning to play without a superstar isn't an easy task, which Timothy Christian's boys basketball team has found out this winter after the graduation of Connor VanderBrug.

But a younger, less experienced Trojans squad slowly has started to find their way.

"It was a struggle early, just trying to understand how to play without as good of a player as Connor," Timothy Christian coach Jack LeGrand said. "But we are starting to get there.

"That was the big thing, he [Connor] did a lot for us. But guys are stepping up now. We are in the middle of the season and you can no longer say we are a varsity team without experience. We have experience now."

Game breakdown

Glenbard South 60,
Timothy Christian 52

TC TOP PERFORMERS

- **Ben Lodewyk:** 22 points, 5 rebounds
- **Robert McGivney:** 13 points, 4 steals, 2 blocked shots

Heading into Tuesday's Metro Suburban Conference crossover game against Glenbard South with a .500 record of 8-8, Timothy Christian fell 60-52 in overtime despite a valiant second half comeback.

Trailing by 10 at the intermission, the visitors sliced the deficit to three at the end of the third quarter and later took a 48-46 lead on a basket by Mitch Evenhouse with 1:02 remaining in the game.

But with 25 seconds left, the Raiders answered with a basket, and after the Trojans missed a couple of shots in the closing seconds the home team outscored Timothy 12-4 in the extra session.

"We showed a lot of energy coming back, and I'm real proud of us for that," LeGrand said. "We had an opportunity to win with the ball at the end. We had a chance, we've just got to finish. The guys did a really good job fighting back and showing a lot of heart and effort."

Ben Lodewyk played a key role in the visitors' comeback, scoring 11 points in the third quarter. The junior finished with four 3-pointers on his way to a game-high 22 points and he added five rebounds. Robert McGivney played a strong all-around game, totaling 13 points, five rebounds, four steals and two blocked shots.

"Ben shot the ball very well," LeGrand said, "and Robert has been coming along for us really well."

Timothy Christian was coming off a 61-43 victory against Ridgewood on Jan. 17 as McGivney scored 16 points and Lodewyk added 10.

Elmhurst Airborne boys take flight with tourney title

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

ELMHURST – The Elmhurst Airborne Green sixth-grade boys team has had a strong season, results that stem from a tournament victory early in the season.

The Airborne won four games in one day to win the Carol Stream tournament.

The squad earned wins against Western Springs, Carol Stream and Hinsdale, and avenged an earlier loss against Bartlett with a 45-27 win against the Hawks in the championship game.

Members of the team are: Sam Bartolone, Jeffrey Grace, Nick Kortes, Fredrick Levins, Justin Meyers, Connor Polomsky, Dylan Stockwell and Zach Sutter. The team is coached by head coach Mark Sutter and assistants Jeff Fisher and Kraig Meyers.



The Elmhurst Airborne Green sixth-grade boys team has had a strong season.

Photo provided

IC boys squad gets back in win column after 5-game skid

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

IC Catholic's boys basketball team beat St. Laurence 58-55 on Tuesday to snap a five-game losing streak. Troy Burrows led the way with 21 points, Will Lyles added 18 and Austin Reed scored 10 points.

The Knights are back on the court tonight against cross-town foe Timothy Christian. Tip off is scheduled to 7:30 p.m. at TC.

WRESTLING

Addison Trail

Jaime Valdez won the title at 126 pounds at the Batavia Tournament on Saturday. He was one of five Blazers to place inside the top four. AT was sixth out of 19 teams overall.

Anthony Metallo (145 pounds) and Karim Fuentes (285) were runners-up. Mike Huynh was third at 113 and Eddie Valdez was fourth at 120.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

York

Hinsdale Central beat the Dukes 134.65-120.5 in a dual meet on Wednesday.

Addison Trail

The Blazers scored 133.25 points at the Neuqua Valley Invitational on Saturday to place fifth out of eight teams.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

IC Catholic

The Knights picked up wins against Elmwood Park (32-28) on Jan. 16 and Wheaton Academy (49-37) on Tuesday. Freshman Claire Gibler led IC with 16 points and Chiara Gaudio had 11 points against Wheaton Academy.

Timothy Christian

The Trojans played for the first time in 2015 on Tuesday and lost 56-42 against Illiana Christian. Allison Zeilstra had 12 points in the loss for TC.

Addison Trail

The Blazers won for the fourth time this season with a 47-35 victory at Larkin on Tuesday. Nicole Pudlo led AT with 11 points.

BOYS SWIMMING

York

Hinsdale Central beat the Dukes 121-64 in a West Suburban Silver meet on Jan. 16.

BOYS BOWLING

IC Catholic

Andrew Oliver qualified for sectionals individually from the IC Catholic regional Saturday. Oliver bowled a 1,185 series. The host Knights were seventh overall in the team standings.



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