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Henry announces Real Estate Tax Deferral Program

County Treasurer's program helps seniors meet property tax obligations

WHEATON — Last week, DuPage County Treasurer Gwen Henry announced that the application period for the Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program. The Program allows qualifying seniors, aged 65 years and older, to defer up to \$5,000 of their property taxes until the time they sell their home.

"To qualify, the applicant's household income cannot exceed \$55,000," said DuPage County Treasurer Gwen Henry. "Additionally, the property must be used exclusively for residential purposes. The

deferral is treated as a loan and accrues at 6% (percent) simple interest until paid."

Unfortunately, many seniors are unaware of this worthwhile program.

"To increase awareness, our office is once again working with local churches and other organizations to help inform seniors about the existence of the Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program," she said.

Henry said that application forms were automatically mailed to last year's participants on Friday, January 9, 2015.

For a copy of the application, visit dupageco.org/treasurer or call 630-407-5900. The application period closes March 2, 2015.

County launches Year of Service initiative

'Serve DuPage 2015' launches on MLK Day

WHEATON — Serve DuPage 2015, a year-long outreach campaign to promote volunteerism and civic engagement throughout DuPage County, will launch on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, Monday, Jan. 19.

Serve DuPage 2015 brings a local focus to the State of

Illinois'. "2015: The Year of the Volunteer" initiative, which was created to recognize and encourage volunteer service throughout the state. Each month during 2015, the DuPage campaign will focus on volunteer service in specific areas, including the arts, literacy, public safety, food insecurity, employment and veterans' needs. Volunteer testimonials, photos, blogs and opportunities

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Addison Trail junior Cab Callaway and senior Julia Dziabis rehearse a scene from Addison Trail's upcoming winter musical, "Beauty and the Beast." Callaway plays Gaston, and Dziabis plays Belle. The show will take place on Feb. 5, 6 and 7 at Addison Trail. Full story and another photo inside this issue.

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ACCI announces officers, Board members, Ambassadors for 2015

ADDISON — On Thursday, January 15, at Alta Villa Banquets Mayor Richard Veenstra offered his "State of the Village" address at the Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers. The new Board of Directors includes:

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Addison Trail seniors Jerold Macaya and Julia Dziabis rehearse a scene from Addison Trail's upcoming winter musical, "Beauty and the Beast." Macaya plays Beast, and Dziabis plays Belle. The show will take place on Feb. 5, 6 and 7 at Addison Trail.

ATHS to present 'Beauty & The Beast'

Musical performance opens Feb. 5

ADDISON — The magic of Disney will fill the stage at Addison Trail when the school presents its winter musical, "Beauty and the Beast," on Feb. 5, 6 and 7.

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

Director Anna Jakubka said she's excited to present a Disney show at Addison Trail.

"One of the many reasons I wanted to do 'Beauty and the Beast' is I actually worked on this show 10 years ago — it was my first high school production," she said. "It's a magical story about someone who doesn't fit in finding love, and who doesn't want that reassurance?"

Jakubka added the performers know there's a lot of work involved to get ready for the musical.

"This is a massive show," she said. "The costumes are unique, the set is large and the characters are known by everyone, so we have expectations to live up to!"

But junior Cab Callaway, who plays Gaston (a vain hunter who vies for Belle's hand in marriage), said the actors are putting in the effort to ensure it will be a great show.

"The most rewarding aspect is seeing all that hard work pay off and watching the rehearsals go from the very beginning to the finished product," he said.

Callaway is a newcomer to the stage at Addison Trail, and he was thrilled to get a lead role in the winter musical. This also will be the first Addison Trail Theatre performance for senior Julia Dziabis, who plays Belle.

"I've learned so much from joining theatre," Julia said. "It has been a great experience."

She added she hopes the audience enjoys the show and takes away the lesson of the musical.

"From Belle's perspective, she learns that if you view the world with an open mind, you can see the beauty in any situation," she said.

Portraying the character of Beast is senior Jerold Macaya, who said he loves the challenge of playing a "flawed" character who learns a valuable lesson through life experiences.

"I love the journey that goes along with the process of putting a show together," Jerold said of why he participates in theatre. "This musical is a Disney show, so I hope the audience members have a good time and leave with the main theme of the story — that love comes from the inside."

"Beauty and the Beast"

When: 7 p.m. Feb. 5, 6 and 7 (also a 2 p.m. performance on Feb. 7)

Where: Addison Trail, 213 N. Lombard Road in Addison

Tickets: Tickets cost \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and children ages 3 to 12, \$3 with an Activity Pass and are free with a District 88 Senior Gold Card. To buy tickets, call 630-628-3365, or e-mail at theatre88@gmail.com.

Special events: The characters of "Beauty and Beast" invite you to be their guest from 9 to 11 a.m. on Jan. 31. Advance tickets are \$5 each, children 2 and younger are free, and can be purchased at tinyurl.com/kr75fxs. Tickets are \$7 at the door.

The Addison Trail Teacher-Parent Organization (TPO) will hold a Spaghetti Dinner from 4 to 6:15 p.m. on Feb. 7. Tickets are \$6 for adults and students, \$3 for senior citizens and children ages 3 to 10; and children younger than 3 eat free. Raffle tickets also will be sold to win prizes. Proceeds will benefit Addison Trail students.



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AT students showcase cooking talents for staff members

On Jan. 9, about 12 Addison Trail and District 88 staff members and administrators enjoyed a lunch prepared by Addison Trail students enrolled in the school's Hotel, Restaurant and Travel Management class. Addison Trail senior Daniel Baeza checks the pork cutlets to make sure they're ready during the luncheon. See more photos on page 20.

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 Wilbrook.

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-reg-

ister 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 boutonnières 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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(Top): Addison Trail students prepare lunch for staff members as part of their final exam.
(Left): Addison Trail and District 88 staff members enjoy the luncheon. Pictured are (from left) Addison Trail Business Education staff members Caryn Scimeca, Mike Maaske and Jeff Laschinski; District 88 Chief Financial Officer Ed Hoster; Addison Trail Assistant Principal Iridia Niewinski; District 88 Assistant Superintendent Jean Barbanente; Addison Trail Assistant Principal Mike Bolden; and Addison Trail Director of Deans Kim Eger.

Students serve lunch to staff, administrators

ADDISON — On Jan. 9, about 12 Addison Trail and District 88 staff members and administrators enjoyed a lunch prepared by Addison Trail students.

The students are enrolled in Addison Trail's Hotel, Restaurant and Travel Management class and prepared the meal as part of their final exam. The students made vegetable soup, salad, focaccia bread, pork cutlets, pesto pasta, shortbread cookies and chocolate mousse dessert.

"This luncheon is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the talents of our students," said Joe Mahoney and Amy Murphy, staff members who teach the Hotel, Restaurant and Travel Management class. "They've been working hard all semester, and this event is a great culmination of their efforts."

ADDISON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 29

Five Star Expo kick-off event

From 5-7 p.m., members of the Addison Chamber of Commerce & Industry are invited to the 2015 Five-Star Business & Health Expo "After Hours" kick-off event. It will take place at Medinah Shrine Center, 550 Shriners Drive, Addison. Admission is free but reservations are requested. Appetizers will be served, compliments of Catering With Elegance. There will be a cash bar available. Please RSVP by Jan. 26. Info: 630-543-4300 or send an e-mail to: addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net.

Friday, Jan. 30

Addison Chamber Netweaving event

The Addison Chamber of Commerce and Industry is sponsoring another Netweaving event from 7:30-9 a.m. at Panera Bread, Lake Street and Addison Road. Netweaving is a different type of networking where the shift in focus goes from "what's in it for me" to "what's in it for you." Netweaving is open to all business people from Addison and the surrounding communities, whether or not they are ACCI members. Info: call the ACCI office at 630-543-4300 or email addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net

Saturday, Jan. 31

AT's special performance of Beauty and the Beast

From 9 to 11 a.m., Addison Trail will hold a special performance of its musical, *Beauty*

and the Beast Advance in the auditorium at the high school. Tickets to this production are \$5 each and can be purchased at tinyurl.com/kr75fxs. Tickets are \$7 at the door. Children 2 and younger are free.

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.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Feb. 5, 6 and 7

ATHS to perform "Beauty and the Beast"

The Addison Trail drama department will perform the musical "Beauty and the Beast" in the auditorium. Curtain times are 7 p.m. each evening; there will also be a 2 p.m. performance on Sunday, Feb. 7.) Tickets are \$7/adults, \$5/ students and children 3-12; \$3/ with Activity Pass; free with Senior Gold Card. For tickets, call 630-628-3365 or e-mail at theatre88@gmail.com

Sunday, Feb. 8 Bowl-A-Rama or Lutherbrook

The 28th annual Bowl-A-Rama for Lutherbrook will take place at Stardust Bowl, 37 E. Lorraine St. Times are

12:30-2:30 p.m. or 3-5 p.m. To register, visit icfs.org/bowlarama.

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...

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 www.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.

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Addison Trail students attend theatre festival

ADDISON — From Jan. 8 to 10, Addison Trail students competed in the 2015 Illinois High School Theatre Festival.

Addison Trail took 1st place in the Tech Olympics competition, which involves students competing in several events such as knot tying, focusing a light, setting up a sound system, building a theatre flat and more. Students who competed are junior Michael Kroll, junior Jesus Thomas Bonilla, junior Courtney Cechini, junior Jacob Bartkiewicz, sophomore Rebecca Robles, junior Michael Grojec, senior Dakota Noel and senior Emma Schmitt.

Produced by the Illinois Theatre Association, the Illinois High School Theatre Festival is the largest and oldest non-competitive high school theatre festival in the world, according to illinoistheatrefest.org.

More than 4,000 students, teachers, university representatives, exhibitors and volunteers come together to put on more than 25 different high school productions and about 150 workshops. This year's event took place at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



Pictured are members of the Addison Trail Theatre group, which won 1st place in the Tech Olympics competition during the 2015 Illinois High School Theatre Festival at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Pictured are (from left) Addison Trail Theatre Sponsor Alex Holod, junior Michael Kroll, junior Jesus Thomas Bonilla, junior Courtney Cechini, junior Jacob Bartkiewicz, sophomore Rebecca Robles, junior Michael Grojec, senior Dakota Noel, senior Emma Schmitt and Addison Trail Theatre Sponsor Anna Jakubka.

Addison Center for the Arts announces new executive director

Rhonda Davis takes reins as of Jan. 5

ADDISON — The Addison Center for the Arts recently announced the hiring of its new executive director Rhonda Davis, who joined the organization officially on January 5, 2015.

Davis comes to the table with almost 20 years of lead-



RHONDA DAVIS

ership experience as website producer and project manager for the west coast headquarters of Mattel®, DIRECTV® and City of Hope®.

"I landed in California at the height of the dot-com [boom], weathered the waters ... and now I'm eagerly awaiting the challenge of taking on ACA's artistic philanthropic programs," she said. "At Mattel, I was brought in to head up their International Barbie division."

As International producer, Davis, along with a small select crew, translated and localized the domestic barbie.com website for nine of Mattel's international Barbie affiliates.

"The schedule was very aggressive—we launched all nine websites within one year," she said. "Children all over the world now have very similar inspirational user experiences while playing with their favorite Barbie friends online."

While at DIRECTV, her key accounts were the premium channels, HBO and Showtime. Their original series premiere, including The Sopranos, Dexter, Six Feet Under, Weeds and The Tudors, were the impetus for the 'Age of the TV Anti-hero,' which still exists today.

"I worked closely with the network's marketing manag-

ers," Davis said. "We collaborated to promote the shows online with small-format videos, encore episodes and branded content to coincide with their offline campaigns."

As senior web specialist for City of Hope (COH), Davis helped strengthen its brand by strategizing marketing campaigns and fundraisers directed at various industry sectors. She also helped raise awareness and generate revenue for COH's award-winning National Medical Center, located in Duarte, Calif.

"My key account was Walk for Hope, a national series of live and virtual fundraising walks that benefit the women's cancer research, treatment and educational programs at City of Hope," Davis said. "I was heavily involved in the arts industry in Los Angeles and have written reviews for several gallery openings for the popular website blog, laartparty.com."

A graduate of Columbia College in Chicago, Davis is excited to get back to her roots—Chicago art and culture. With her USC Internet Development and Information Technology Certificates, her CSULB Teaching Credential along with her latest acquisition, a UCLA Extension Marketing Certificate, Davis brings the California sunny spirit to Chicago-area arts.

The Addison Center for the Arts is very excited that Rhonda Davis has accepted the position and looks forward to working with her.

• SERVICE

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will be shared via social media at one hashtag - #GivingDuPage - and promoted through news stories and community events.

Serve DuPage 2015 is a result of a coalition led by the DuPage Regional Office of Education, the DuPage County Board and Giving DuPage, in partnership with local leaders and the community at large. Participants will include the DuPage nonprofit community; school districts and institutions of higher learning; municipalities; countywide elected officials; and the faith and business communities.

Regional Superintendent Dr. Darlene Ruscitti, who serves on the state-wide committee for the Year of the Volunteer, said the initiative is an ideal fit for DuPage County which already has an active volunteer base.

"County residents have a longstanding reputation of volunteering and civic engagement," she said. "Serve DuPage 2015 will recognize current volunteers in action, while

inspiring new volunteers to step up and get involved in their communities."

Volunteers can connect with service opportunities through the Giving DuPage website at givingdupage.org, where visitors can search by cause, location, organization or keywords, according to Giving DuPage Board President Paul Feith.

"At any given time, Giving DuPage features more than 130 available local volunteer opportunities, with nearly 290 volunteer referrals to local nonprofit organizations since last September," he said. "Our goal with Serve DuPage 2015 is to generate more than a thousand volunteer referrals to local agencies this year."

To learn more about Serve DuPage 2015 and access the Community Partner Toolkit that provides more information about how to get involved with the initiative, visit givingdupage.org/servedupage2015. Follow Serve DuPage 2015 on social media and share volunteer stories at #GivingDuPage.

SPORTS

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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, heavy-weight 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 Con-

ference-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 Addi-

son 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 Rensing 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 Giammarino 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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Student art show...

DISTRICT 45 will hold its second annual art show on Friday, April 10, in the common area and auditorium of Willowbrook High School. The deadline for district students to submit their artwork for the show is Friday, Feb. 6. Submission forms are available in the offices of all eight District 45 schools and on the district's Web site at www.d45.org. The District 45 PTA Council is sponsoring the art show. The contest is open to all district students, who can submit two pieces of artwork per category. The three categories are: Visual Art (drawing, painting, collage), Photography and Sculpture. All artwork must be the student's original work. The picture on the right from last year's inaugural event shows (left to right) Paulina Jimenez, Wendee Goles and Tracy Vroman. The three ladies teamed up to offer last year's event. Vroman, who is a member of the District 45 Board of Education, is the chair of the District 45 PTA Council Arts Committee. She draws on the expertise of local artists Jimenez and Goles to execute the art show. For more information about the art show, contact Vroman at 630-279-3514, or at d45studentartshow@yahoo.com.



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Responders rescue dog from Villa Park apartment fire

Villa Park's fire and police departments responded to a fire Saturday night at an apartment located above a business on St. Charles Road. The responders helped to rescue a 12-year-old dog from the fire.

According to Villa Park Fire Chief Ron Rakosnik, the call of heavy smoke above DuPage Rent-All, located at 230 W. St. Charles Road, came in at 7:06 p.m. Firefighters reached the scene within three minutes.

"It was basically a kitchen fire," said Rakosnik. "We're not sure exactly what happened, but it originated near a stove in a second-floor apartment."

Jeff Adams, who owns the apartment,

reportedly exited the building and told responders that his dog, Sable, was still inside. According to Villa Park Police Detective Sgt. Dan McCann, Villa Park firefighter/paramedic Steven Lyons, located Sable in a hallway and found the dog to be completely unresponsive.

Lyons reportedly handed Sable off to Villa Park Police Officer Anthony Blake, who brought the dog outside to an Elmhurst Fire Department paramedic, who assisted in resuscitating Sable. The paramedic reportedly used a special mask designed for dogs.

According to McCann, Adams was treated for smoke inhalation at the scene and did not require further treatment. McCann added that

Adams took Sable to the veterinarian, who related that Sable was fine and would make a full recovery.

Rakosnik said the fire spread from the stove area to some kitchen cabinets. The chief said firefighters quickly attacked the fire and prevented it from spreading to the building's

attic and roof. He said the fire caused damage estimated between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

In addition to the Elmhurst Fire Department, the Lombard Fire Department and the fire protection districts from Addison and York Center provided assistance in responding to the fire.



Award-winning artist...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL senior Billie Fuller (above) is pictured with the award-winning artwork she submitted to Elmhurst College's 16th Annual High School Art Exhibition. Fuller won a special award for her piece in the exhibition's mixed media category, entitled "Mood Music." The award includes a \$2,000 scholarship if Fuller attends Elmhurst College. The artwork from the exhibition was displayed from Jan. 9-21 in the Founders Lounge of the Frick Center at Elmhurst College. The exhibition included hundreds of paintings, prints, sculptures, videos, computer art and works in other media that was created by students from 10 local high schools.



Happy ending...

JEFF ADAMS and his 12-year-old dog, Sable, survived Saturday night's fire at an apartment above a Villa Park business. Adams, who owns the apartment above DuPage Rent-All at 230 W. St. Charles, reported the fire shortly after 7 p.m. A Villa Park firefighter reportedly located Sable inside the second-floor apartment. The dog was reportedly unresponsive, but an Elmhurst paramedic on the scene used a mask specially designed for dogs to help resuscitate Sable. Adams took the dog to the veterinarian, who reported that Sable would make a full recovery.

Jury finds Villa Park man guilty in 2012 fatal fire in Lombard home

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert B. Berlin announced Tuesday, Jan. 20, that a jury had found Todd Mandoline, 26, of Villa Park, guilty of first-degree murder in a 2012 arson that claimed the life of 24-year-old Paula Morgan of Lombard.

The jury returned its verdict after approximately one-and-one-half hours of deliberations following a five-day-long trial in front of Judge John Kinsella. In addition, the jury also found Mandoline guilty of aggravated arson, a Class X felony.

On July 21, 2012, Mandoline attended a birthday party Morgan held for herself at the home she shared with her son and mother, located at 1028 S. Ahrens, Lombard.

At some point during the party, Mandoline was asked to leave, which he did. In the early morning hours of July 22, however, Mandoline returned to the home and set fire to Morgan's mother's car, which was located in the driveway. The fire spread to the home and ultimately claimed Morgan's life.

The fire also severely injured Jason Cassidy, an acquaintance of Morgan's who was at the party. On July 25, 2012, Mandoline appeared in bond court, where he was ordered to be held without bond for the murder. He has remained in custody at the DuPage County Jail since that time.

"Today the jury found that the day before her 25th birthday, Paula Morgan lost her life in a fire set by Todd Mandoline," Berlin said. "Paula died a horrific death because of the outrageous behavior of Todd Mandoline. Her death also left a young boy without his mother to love, care for and protect him. In addition, the fire set by Mr. Mandoline not only left Jason Cassidy fighting for his life as a result of the injuries he sustained in the blaze, but also

left him with physical and emotional scars he will carry with him for the rest of his life. I would like to thank the Lombard police for their efforts and fine work on this very sad case. I would also like to thank the Lombard Fire Department, the DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force, the DuPage County Sheriff's Office and the DuPage County Arson Task Force for their assistance and cooperation. Lastly, I would like to thank assistant state's attorneys David Bayer, Jae Kwon and Robert Willis for their efforts in holding Todd Mandoline responsible for the murder of Paula Morgan."

Mandoline's next court appearance is scheduled for Feb. 20 for filing of post-trial motions. He faces a maximum of up to natural life in the Illinois Department of Corrections.



TODD MANDOLINE

Village board meeting includes updates on salt, snow and trees

The Village of Villa Park recently purchased 4,600 gallons of BEET HEET concentrate, a pre-wetting agent applied to rock salt before the salt is spread on village roads. According to information provided by the village, BEET HEET is expected to save the village an estimated \$15,000 to \$20,000 in salting costs this winter.

According to Rich Salerno, the village's superintendent of streets and forestry, BEET HEET is a friendlier alternative to calcium chloride. The village used to use calcium chloride to pre-treat road salt before it was distributed on the pavement. Salerno stated during Monday night's village board meeting that BEET HEET is less corrosive to roads and equipment than calcium chloride. Salerno also noted that BEET HEET is 99 percent biodegradable and approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. He said the substance will help the village reduce its salt usage by at least 10 percent.

Salerno said that road salt is costing the village \$110.79 per ton this year, more than twice as much as the price the village paid last year (\$51.69 per ton). The village purchases salt through the State of Illinois Department of Central Management Services.

"A lot of agencies ran out of salt last year," said Salerno after Monday's meeting. "That drove the price of salt way up this year."

The village used more than 800 tons of road salt, nearly depleting its supply, during the harsh winter of 2013-14. In the spring of 2014, the village committed to buying 2,000 tons of salt. Salerno said the bids (with the price of \$110.79 per ton) came back in the fall of 2014.

Salerno said the village does not have to take delivery of all 2,000 tons of road salt at one time. He said during Monday's meeting that the village has used about 160 tons of salt during the winter of 2014-15. He said the village received about 15 inches this winter. Last year at this time, about 45 inches of snow had fallen in Villa Park during the winter of 2013-14.

Salerno also spoke about the village's ongoing tree removal process. He said that last year, village staff identified 745 trees on village property that needed to be removed. Most of those were diseased trees affected by emerald ash borer, stated Salerno. About 600

of those trees have been removed by village staff and private contractors, he said. Salerno expects that when village staff survey the village in the spring, they will see that several more trees will have declined to the point where they need to be removed. Salerno said he anticipates there will be a total of about 200 trees that need to be removed in 2015. According to Salerno, the cost of removing trees last year was about \$420 per tree. He also said that staff had ground about 280 of 700 tree stumps that were identified on village property last year.

Salerno said village staff will continue to plant new trees in 2015 to replace the diseased trees, but that the village cannot replenish trees at the rate it's removing them.

The village board voted unanimously during Monday's meeting to approve the purchase of a 2015 Morbark M18R brush chipper for about \$80,000. Salerno said he expects the village to take delivery of the chipper around the middle of March. The village's current brush chipper is 17 years old and reportedly nearing the end of its useful life.

Village encourages support of Kiwanis Club's Eliminate project

The Village of Villa Park has 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://kiwanisclubofvillapark.com> and click on the "Donate to Eliminate" link.

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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Holiday decorating award winners...

THE VILLA PARK COMMUNITY PRIDE COMMISSION presented its annual holiday decorating awards at Monday night's Villa Park Village Board meeting. The commission has presented the holiday decorating awards for several years to recognize residents' efforts in decorating their property during each holiday season. This year's winners include the Buscemi, Gervais and Montoya families. The above photo shows (left to right) Mary and Gary Buscemi, Alan and Doreen Gervais, Johanna Montoya and (far right) Ramiro Montoya.



Feb. 8 is Scout Day in Villa Park...

VILLA PARK VILLAGE PRESIDENT Deborah Bullwinkel proclaimed Sunday, Feb. 8, as Scout Day in Villa Park. Bullwinkel read the proclamation during Monday night's village board meeting. Feb. 8 is National Boy Scouts Day. According to the proclamation read by Bullwinkel, the Boy Scouts of America were founded on Feb. 8, 2010. Members of Cub Scout Pack 122 of Villa Park attended the board meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bullwinkel noted that Pack 122 was organized in 1957. The pack is currently working on a paper conservation project. The photo on the right includes Bullwinkel (center, holding proclamation), as well as village trustees Albert Bulthuis (far left), Robert Taglia (second from left) and Robert Wagner (far right). Also pictured are village attorney Kathleen Field Orr (third from left), Villa Park Public Works Director Vydas Juskalis (front row, third from right) and Villa Park Village Clerk Hosanna Korynecky (front row, second from right). Pack 122 members who attended the meeting included Eddy PazCaballero, Michael Swastek, Hudson DeLeRosa, Hayden Meeker, Ronan Dvorak, Nicholas Denault, Danny Rorke, Cub Master Tom Swastek, membership chair Rosa PazCaballero and outing coordinator Amy Denault.

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Surging Warriors win two thrillers in two days

Willowbrook's boys basketball team stretched its winning streak to eight games with a pair of exciting West Suburban Gold Conference road victories. The Warriors picked up their seventh straight win on Friday, when they edged Leyden 57-55 in overtime. Less than 24 hours later, Willowbrook beat Proviso East 68-65 in Maywood.

The Warriors won both weekend games with last-second shots that unlocked what had been tie scores. Senior Kyle Rushing's offensive rebound and basket in the closing seconds of the overtime period provided the winning points against Leyden. Sophomore Alonzo Verge buried a 3-point shot with about two seconds left in Saturday's battle against Proviso East.

Willowbrook improved its overall season record to 14-6 with Saturday's victory, a win that gave the team a perfect 8-0 record during the month of January. The Warriors have not lost since Dec. 27, when they closed out Glenbard West's holiday tournament with a 64-53 loss to Leyden. Willowbrook began the new year with a 77-34 victory over Argo on Jan. 10. Three days later, the Warriors beat West Chicago 63-53. Willowbrook then won four straight games at Sterling High School's Martin Luther King tournament.

"It feels great," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins shortly after Saturday's win. "We're a young team, and we had to learn how to win. I knew we were going to get better with experience."

Perkins and the Warriors suffered through a 2-25 season during the 2013-14 campaign. While this season has generated much more success, it hasn't been without some low points. The Warriors had chances to win a couple of home conference games in December (against Hinsdale South and Downers Grove South), but fourth-quarter problems led to losses in both games.

Verge poured in 35 points in the victory at Proviso East by making 12 of 26 shots, including three of 10 attempts from 3-point range, and eight of 17 free throws. He also

grabbed a team-leading nine rebounds. Senior Jake Bruns added 12 points, while senior Kyle Rushing contributed 11 points and seven rebounds. Seniors Chris Roycroft and Micah Williams both scored four points.

"My teammates trusted in me," said Verge in describing Saturday's game-winning shot, which came moments after Proviso East connected on a 3-point attempt to tie the score at 65-65. "I dribbled downcourt, went to the left, took a step back and made the shot."

Verge's shot went through the hoop with about two seconds to play. The Pirates heaved a desperation shot at the buzzer that was well offline.

"It just gives our team more confidence," said Verge when asked how the recent success will benefit the Warriors. "We can beat any team we play against as long as we play as hard as we can."

Verge scored 25 points in Friday's win at Leyden by making 11 of 27 shots, including two of nine tries from beyond the 3-point arc. He made one of four free-throw attempts for the Warriors, who held a 20-19 halftime lead and a 36-32 edge after three quarters. Rushing, who scored the game-winning basket at the end of the overtime period, tallied 12 points and a team-leading 13 rebounds. Roycroft added six points and 11 rebounds. Williams scored six points.

"I just positioned myself to get the rebound," said Rushing of his inside shot that broke a 55-55 tie in the final seconds of Friday's overtime period against Leyden.

Rushing added that he and his teammates were energized by playing in front of Proviso East's passionate fans on Saturday.

"Those weren't our fans, but it felt great to have a lot of people in the gym with us."

Rushing said the Warriors' hot streak is a result of hard work and productive practices.

"We go over a lot of situational things in practice," stated Rushing. "We make it harder in the practices so it's easier in the games."

The Warriors will try to run their

winning streak to nine games this Friday, when they will travel to Addison Trail for a conference game. Willowbrook will play another conference road game on Saturday. The Warriors will face Hinsdale South. The Homets beat Willowbrook 57-50 on Dec. 12 in Villa Park.

Glenbard East

The Rams earned a 52-49 win over Plainfield East in Saturday's game at the annual When Sides Collide event in Lombard. Playing on their home court in the second of the event's three games on Saturday, the Rams built a 32-23 halftime lead over the Bengals. The two teams were tied at 37-37 by the end of the third quarter. Plainfield East tied the score more than once during the fourth quarter but never took the lead in the final eight minutes.

The game was tied at 43-43 with about three minutes to play. Junior Zach Walsh sank two free throws to give the Rams a 45-43 lead. An offensive rebound and basket by junior Patrick Peterkin raised the lead to 47-43 with 2:35 to play. Walsh's reverse layup gave the Rams a 49-45 lead with about two minutes remaining. Junior Terrance Lakes made one free throw with about 40 seconds to play for a 50-47 lead. The Bengals then scored with about 20 seconds remaining, but sophomore Michael Finley made one free throw with 16 seconds on the clock to give the Rams a 51-49 lead. Senior Bryce Roberts added one free throw with two seconds to play.

Finley scored 17 points to lead Glenbard East's scoring attack. Finley made a pair of 3-point shots late in the second quarter to help Glenbard East to its nine-point halftime lead. Finley made seven of 11 free-throw attempts in the game, including two of four foul shots during the fourth quarter.

Peterkin scored 12 points for the Rams. Walsh scored seven points, four of which came during the fourth period. Lakes and senior Justin Gilford added six and five points,



Clutch performer...

File photo by Chris Fox

SOPHOMORE ALONZO VERGE (above) has helped Willowbrook's boys basketball team to a 14-6 record. The Warriors closed out the month of December with a 6-6 record. They've since won eight straight games, including a pair of West Suburban Conference road victories. Willowbrook beat Leyden 57-55 in overtime on Friday. The Warriors beat Proviso East 68-65 on Saturday. Verge scored 25 points in Friday's win. He scored 35 points and hit a game-winning 3-point shot in the closing seconds of Saturday's victory. Through 20 games, Verge is scoring more than 21 points per game.

respectively.

"We've kind of had a roller coaster year," said Glenbard East coach Scott Miller after the game. "Our defense has been really good all year, and it was good today."

The Rams' Upstate Bight Valley Conference record fell to 5-4 after Friday's 56-50 loss at Bartlett.

Glenbard East trailed by 10 points with less than two minutes to play, but Walsh, Gilford and Finley made 3-point shots to help the Rams cut Bartlett's lead to one point. The Hawks scored five straight points to close out the game.

Finley and Walsh each scored 16 points for the Rams.



Super sophomore...

Photo by Chris Fox

GLENBARD EAST SOPHOMORE Michael Finley (above) launches and makes a 3-point shot late in the second quarter of Saturday's boys basketball game against Plainfield East. Finley scored a team-leading 17 points to help the Rams to a 52-49 victory over the Bengals in Lombard at the annual When Sides Collide event, which featured two other games. The victory gave the Rams an overall season record of 11-11.



Jackson seventh-graders win tournament title...

JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL'S seventh-grade boys basketball team won the championship at a recent tournament at Jay Stream Middle School in Carol Stream. The Jaguars opened the event with a 54-48 overtime victory over Monroe Middle School of Wheaton. Jackson earned another overtime win in its next game—a 45-44 triumph over the host team from Jay Stream. Jackson trailed its opponents in the closing seconds of regulation in each game, but Jackson's Sam Tumilty made 3-point shots at the end of the fourth quarter to send each game into overtime. Jackson beat Stratford Middle School of Bloomingdale 36-27 in the championship game behind 14 points from Jalen Flowers and 12 points from Tumilty. The three victories at the tournament gave the Jackson seventh-graders an overall season record of 10-2. The members of the team (pictured left to right) are: Sam Tumilty, Sam Glass, Dax Meyer, Alessio Battaglia, Jeremiah Robinson, Kevin Fitzgerald, Jheloni Willis (holding trophy), Jason May, Jalen Flowers, Dennis Harris, Berk Karmazov and Coach Eric Willis. Not pictured is team manager A.J. Havenga.



Productive Warrior...

File photo

SENIOR KYLE RUSHING (above) of the Willowbrook boys basketball team turned in two solid performances during a pair of recent West Suburban Gold Conference road victories. Rushing contributed 12 points and 13 rebounds in Friday's 57-55 overtime win at Leyden. The teams were tied at 55-55 in the closing seconds of the overtime period when Rushing grabbed an offensive rebound and scored the winning basket. Rushing provided 11 points and seven rebounds in Saturday's 68-65 win at Proviso East. That victory gave Willowbrook an eight-game winning streak, an overall record of 14-6 and a conference mark of 3-3.



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Best score of the season...

Photos by Chris Fox

THE GLENBARD EAST GIRLS GYMNASTICS team competed in its final home meet of the season on Jan. 21. The Rams welcomed Neuqua Valley and the team from School District U-46, which includes South Elgin High School. Neuqua Valley posted an overall team score of 134.1. Glenbard East finished the meet with a team score of 129.4, while the U-46 lineup delivered a score of 127.2. "That is our best score of the season," stated Glenbard East coach Jessica Bugajsky of the Rams' score of 129.4 at the meet. "The girls have been working hard on their skills and putting them into their routines to help improve their scores." Sophomore Veronika Srey (above, left) was Glenbard East's leading scorer in all four events. Srey earned scores of 9.3 on the vault, 8.5 on the uneven bars, 8.4 on the balance beam and 8.6 in floor exercises. The above photo shows Srey during her floor exercises routine. Senior Olivia Carone (above, right), who took part in her final home meet as a Ram, earned scores of 8.6 on the vault, 7.5 on the uneven bars, 7.35 on the balance beam and 7.8 in floor exercises. The photo shows Carone on the balance beam, with Bugajsky watching (lower right). Freshman Krasimira Ganeva delivered scores of 8.65 on the vault, 8.05 on the bars, 7.75 on the beam and 8.4 in floor exercises. Senior Hunter Easterday turned in her top score of the meet (8.15) on the vault. Sophomore Briana Finn scored an 8.0 on the vault, while senior Jackie Musial earned a 7.85 on the uneven bars. The Rams will compete in the Upstate Eight Conference Meet on Thursday in Geneva. They will participate in an IHSA regional at Glenbard West High School on Monday.

Rams complete season sweep of West Aurora before losing to Neuqua Valley

Glenbard East's girls basketball team completed a season sweep of Upstate Eight Valley Conference rival West Aurora following Friday's 46-39 win in Aurora. The Rams earned a 40-24 win over the Blackhawks in the teams' first meeting of the season on Dec. 12.

Junior Briana Solid scored 13 points for the Rams in Friday's win.

Senior Allison Hansen and junior Brittany Paganova both scored nine points. Junior Ashley Brown added seven points, while senior Chelsey Losacco and junior Amanda Chlebik scored four points each for the Rams, who held a 25-11 halftime lead.

The Rams fell to 11-13 overall and 3-7 in conference play after their next game — a 38-17 loss to Neuqua

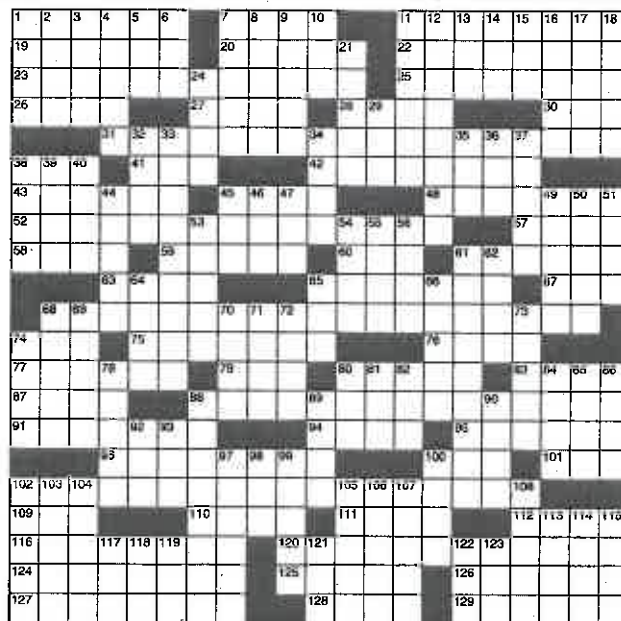
Valley on Saturday afternoon in Lombard. The visiting Wildcats led the Rams 18-9 at halftime and 29-9 after three quarters.

Glenbard East won one of four games at De Kalb High School's Martin Luther King tournament. Paganova scored 22 points in the win — a 57-47 victory over De Kalb on Jan. 19.

Super Crossword

SIX FROM THE FAB FOUR

- ACROSS**
- 1 Approach intrusively
 - 7 Lamentor's sound
 - 11 Process of going bad
 - 19 Altaz with heel, as a patch
 - 20 Heart sections
 - 22 When shows are broadcast
 - 23 Butler or maid
 - 25 Fish also called a largemouth
 - 26 Mop
 - 27 At that point
 - 28 CNN anchor
 - 30 China's Mao
 - 31 1960s reform movement in China
 - 36 "Did the Science Kid" network
 - 41 Tracker, maker, once
 - 42 Convert to the Korean religion
 - 43 Chevy model
 - 45 Suffix with towel
 - 48 Korean, Thai or Chinese
 - 52 Precipitating heavily
 - 57 Big Apple sch.
 - 58 Off-white
 - 59 March
 - 60 Cease
 - 61 Lives (in)
 - 63 It lures fish
 - 65 Loss of memory
 - 67 Poised (for)
 - 68 "Stop thinking of me as so naive"
 - 74 "... recall ..."
 - 75 Headlined
 - 76 Dying words
 - 77 Inflicts upon
 - 78 Horshu sash
 - 80 Small piece
 - 83 Ad biz prize
 - 87 Collaborator
 - 88 Person in the third decade of life
 - 91 Franc's scramble
 - 94 Contact copy
 - 95 Hitchcock classic
 - 96 Light blue avenue in Motopolis
 - 100 Nest — pin
 - 101 Announcer
 - 102 American flier with scarlet patches
 - 109 Special time
 - 110 Tabula —
 - 111 Postal letters
 - 112 Get in return
 - 116 Person getting
 - 120 What the last words of 23-31, 52-68-88- and 102-124 Unusual
 - 125 1983 Smisland film
 - 126 Holy rings
 - 127 Property of a magnet
 - 128 Solar output
 - 129 Fully ready
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Balls out, e.g.
 - 2 Bag loudly
 - 3 Unconscious state
 - 4 Final non-A.D. year
 - 5 "Mayday"
 - 6 Blast source
 - 7 — Picchu (Peruvian site of Incan ruins)
 - 8 Alternative
 - 9 Game
 - 10 Zip
 - 11 Mouth liquid
 - 12 Billy Joel hit
 - 13 Planet Mork come from
 - 14 Suffix with social
 - 15 Ad —
 - 16 Rare violin
 - 17 Undercoat for painting on wood
 - 18 West German city
 - 21 People who mimic
 - 24 "What's — yes"
 - 29 Brother or aunt: Abbr.
 - 32 Tangelo trademark
 - 33 This one's body toward
 - 34 Bank claim
 - 35 Fleur-de —
 - 36 Israeli arm
 - 37 Poke fun at
 - 38 Conduit
 - 39 Coll. hotshot
 - 40 Motivate
 - 44 Island near Venezuela
 - 45 College Web site suffix
 - 46 Sel — (sharp fights)
 - 47 Old United rival
 - 49 Oklahoma oil city
 - 50 Mosaic work
 - 51 Certain skin bulge
 - 53 "You — see this"
 - 54 — Martin (cognac)
 - 55 British queen
 - 56 "Beware the — of March"
 - 61 Cokie Zaro alternative on wood
 - 62 Witch's blemish
 - 64 Secy., e.g.
 - 65 Moreover
 - 66 Vapor
 - 68 Land in water, in Italy
 - 69 Use, as a tool
 - 70 Sweat of one's —
 - 71 "Kill — killed"
 - 72 Hold in check
 - 73 Small state ruled by a sovereign
 - 74 Eve's man
 - 76 Actor Max von —
 - 80 Rocker Barrett
 - 81 CBS drama
 - 82 Turn rancid
 - 84 Pet parasites
 - 85 With a sharp picture, for short
 - 86 Hymn start
 - 88 Epithet for Alexander
 - 89 Be a radnik
 - 90 Alas! I, e.g.
 - 92 Jackie's hubby #2
 - 93 Offense
 - 97 Almost
 - 98 Stepl. plays
 - 99 Cry like —
 - 100 Amply skilled
 - 102 Raridown
 - 103 Bards' Muse
 - 104 Singer Hall
 - 105 Oven maker
 - 106 Sotiful
 - 107 Passes idly, as time
 - 108 Drily funny
 - 113 Slaughter of baseball
 - 114 James with a Pulitzer
 - 115 Discreet cell
 - 117 MPO monitor
 - 118 Chaplin's tie
 - 119 — 5 flick
 - 121 Always, poetically
 - 122 Oikos group
 - 124 Na Na
 - 123 "Tonka" star Mineo



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District 88 students win at high school art exhibition

AT's Cheyenne Lam, WB's Billie Fuller win \$2,000 scholarships

ELMHURST — The results are in from Elmhurst College's 16th Annual High School Art Exhibition, and Addison Trail and Willowbrook students were recognized for their talent and artwork.

The exhibit was displayed

from Jan. 9 to 21 at Elmhurst College (in the Founders Lounge of the Frick Center). Showcased were hundreds of paintings, prints, sculptures, videos and computer art, as well as works in other media, created by students from 10 local high schools.

Addison Trail senior Cheyenne Lam won a Special Award for her piece entitled "Overload." She will receive a \$2,000 scholarship, if she

attends Elmhurst College. AT junior Ruben Sanchez Argomaniz entered a piece entitled "Surreal Portrait," which won a Judge's Choice award (gold ribbon). Angelene Ori, a junior at Addison Trail, won an Excellence award (blue ribbon) for her piece called "Maria."

Willowbrook senior Billie Fuller won a Special Award, which involves a \$2,000 scholarship, if she attends Elmhurst College. Billie's piece was known as "Mood Music." Also a senior at WBHS, Liana Pavese won an Excellence award (blue ribbon) for her

work entitled "Good Fortune."

To see the list of other Addison Trail award winners, go to dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2018

To see the list of other Willowbrook award winners, visit dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2019



Willowbrook senior Liana Pavese stands by her award-winning artwork that she submitted to Elmhurst College's 16th Annual High School Art Exhibition. Pavese won an Excellence award (a blue ribbon) for her piece entitled "Good Fortune."



Willowbrook senior Billie Fuller poses by her award-winning artwork that she submitted to Elmhurst College's 16th Annual High School Art Exhibition. Fuller won a Special Award for her piece (entitled "Mood Music"), which involves a \$2,000 scholarship, if she attends Elmhurst College.

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Renowned racecar driver Danica Patrick says hello to an animal who provides therapy to some of the patients at either Elmhurst or Edward Hospital. Patrick was in town to kick-off Elmhurst-Edward Healthcare's new "Healthy Driven" campaign, which promotes awareness and wise decisions regarding health, nutrition and fitness.

photo by Dee Longfellow

Creating a foundation for the students of District 88

Two fundraising events planned in March

VILLA PARK/ADDISON — The mission of the administration at District 88 is to work for the continuous improvement of student achievement. Supporting that mission along with them is the Partnership for Inspired Education (PIE) Foundation.

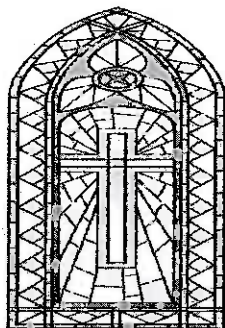
The Foundation hosts and participates in several events throughout the year to raise money to benefit the students of District 88. Money raised has been used to provide financial assistance to students for textbooks, summer camps and Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level exams; to

support students traveling to visit colleges; to provide mini-grants for staff to develop instructional opportunities to benefit students; to enhance technology and Internet access for students and more.

The Foundation is hosting two events coming in March:

On March 7, the Dennis Doyle 3-on-3 Classic District 88 Foundation Basketball Tournament will be held. For details or to register, visit dupage88.net/foundation.

The foundation also will participate in the annual PIE Foundation fundraiser on March 15 at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. For details or to buy tickets, visit piefoundation.org.



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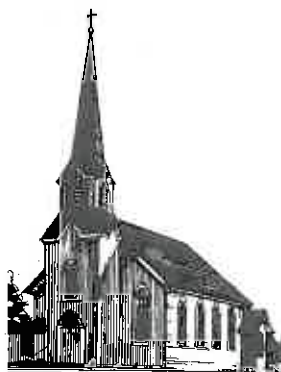
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Addison Trail boys basketball team scores key win against Morton

White, Bradley, Kalbas hit in double figures for Blazers

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys basketball team came away with a quality win recently.

The Blazers notched a 55-52 victory over Morton in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play.

"We played a great game against a really good team," said Addison Trail coach Brendan Lyons. "At the time that put us into a tie for first place in the conference."

Taylor White led the Blazers with 18 points. Jaavion Bradley added 11 points, while sophomore Jack Kalbas came off the bench to score 10 points.

"We defended really well," said Lyons. "They have a lot of firepower. To keep them to 52 points is really good on our end. We did a good job on their perimeter players. Their good center scored 25 of their 52 points. We did a good enough job against everybody else and that kept us in the game to where we had the lead pretty much the whole game."

Lyons liked how his team responded in pressure situations down the stretch. "Morton took two leads and we responded both times," said Lyons.

Lyons lauded Bradley's contributions in the waning moments of the game. He shot 4-for-4 from the free-throw line in the last minute.

"His free-throw shooting was huge," said Lyons. "They got the ball and we blocked a three-quarters-court desperation shot to end it."

Addison Trail also dropped a recent 60-51 WSC Gold game to Hinsdale South. The loss put the Blazers at 12-4 overall and 3-2 in WSC Gold play.

"Ultimately we didn't have an answer for their big 6-11 guy. He scored 36 of their 60," said Lyons. "We didn't play bad, but we didn't play a great game. That guy scored on us a variety of ways."

Addison Trail led 42-39 heading into the fourth quarter.

"But we only scored nine points in the fourth quarter," he said. "We couldn't get the stops when we needed to and we couldn't convert. We knew this would be a tough game. The 6-11 kid is really good. I thought we could do a decent enough job on him and then hold everybody else down. That wasn't the case."

White led the Blazers in scoring with 14 points. Bradley added 10 points.

Addison Trail is in the midst of a busy week. The Blazers played Downers Grove South in another WSC Gold game Tuesday. Addison Trail hosts District 88 neighbor Willowbrook for Pack the Place Friday and then hosts Chicago Lakeview in a non-conference game Saturday.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing how our guys respond to the Hinsdale South loss," said Lyons. "They have been consistent with their effort and have kept their composure and have made plays this year. We can't let one loss ruin all that. We know there are no easy games left. We have three big games this week. If we could get all three that would be great for conference and great for sectional seeding. We'll take them one at a time."

Hori and Bush leading the way for Fenton boys swimming team

Bison wrestlers go 3-1 during recent stretch of matches

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

While numbers and experience haven't been on the side of the Fenton boys swimming team, that doesn't mean progress isn't being made.

"Our team is extremely small and inexperienced for the most part, however many of our swimmers have been working diligently to improve on

their newfound skills," Fenton coach Caroline Dukich said. "As a team we need to build up our numbers and skill set in order to be competitive with much larger and experienced teams. Our outlook is to push through the season and look for swimmers to improve upon their times up until sectionals."

Dukich said Kohki Hori, the team's one senior, has been a standout in the backstroke, while captain Cole Bush brings a well-rounded swimming presence to the team.

Fenton wrestling

The Fenton wrestling team

went 3-1 during a recent four-match stretch.

The Bison defeated Aurora Central Catholic 72-6 in Metro Suburban Conference action and then scored wins over Oswego East and Wheaton St. Francis in a quad. Fenton lost to Glenbard West in the quad.

Antoine Bess (126) and Grayson Kaspar (152) won all four of their matches during that span. Corey Muniz (106), Manny Morales (113), Nathaniel Miller (120), Oscar Ledezma (145), Joe Owaina (160) and Rodrigo Castaneda (220) won three matches each, while Dylan Butts (170), Angel Nava (138) and Ivan Rodriguez (182) each won two matches.

Through late last week, Bess was 23-4, while Juan Alfaro was 22-4 and Muniz was 22-5. Kaspar also had a 22-5 record, while Ledezma was 19-3. Owaina sported a 19-8 record. Morales was 14-8, while Nava was 16-12. Castaneda was 12-9, while Butts was 11-4.

Fenton also participated in its annual Day On service event at Benedictine University in Lisle. Bison wrestlers competed tasks such as writing letters to military troops, making Build-A-Bears and blankets for children at a Ronald McDonald House, and making bird feeders for local elderly residents.

Fenton girls bowling

The Fenton girls bowling

team recently placed seventh at the Hinsdale South Ed Puck invitational tournament. Fenton finished with a pin count of 5,673 for six games (2,803 and 2,870).

Madison Martin led the Bison. She placed ninth individually with a 1,058 series, which included games of 170, 201, 176, 171, 170 and 170.

Kelly Blecke had a 1,043 series (499-544) and had high games of 184, 186 and 187. Beth Janovsky had a 979 series (high games of 194 and 183). Morgan Martin had a 915 series (167 high game). Chelsey Anaya had a 166 high game, while Mary Boone had a 165 high game.

IC's Burrows hits game-winning 3-pointer

Key shot helps Knights score non-conference win over St. Laurence

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

IC Catholic Prep junior Troy Burrows was more concerned with other factors than his recent game-winning 3-point shot against St. Laurence.

"We were on a five-game losing streak and we needed the win," said Burrows.

Burrows hit the game-winner to give IC a 58-55 non-confer-

ence win over St. Laurence.

"It was really cool," Burrows admitted. "It was good that we broke the losing streak and it was all the better to do it in an exciting way."

Burrows lauded teammate Austin Reed for helping him get the open shot for the game-winner.

"I want to thank Austin for the pass," he said. "The play was drawn up for Austin to get the ball inbounded to him. I was trailing the play. He saw me out of the corner of his eye and threw me a good pass and I was confident with my shot. I had confidence the whole night. I let it fly and was fortunate to

have it go in. We really needed that win. I wanted to do what I could to win. We let the chips fall where they fall and we got the win."


Burrows hit the game-winner with 0.3 seconds left to play. "They inbounded the ball and that was it," he said.

Burrows had 21 points in the win.

"I think I had eight points in the first quarter," he said. "That helped open things up for everybody else. They started keying on me and that opened driving lanes for others."

This wasn't the first time

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(Johan Widmann cont'd) donate. Now came the question of who should receive all the loot he had collected. Johan's extended family lives in Guatemala. He visits there annually with his immediate family and is all too familiar with the extent of the poverty there. He felt that there was no better place to donate his goods, then to the children in Guatemala. Today, Johan's simple but extraordinary idea has blossomed into a full-fledged organization that he now calls, "Goals4All". It has been in existence for almost six years now and every year, a different school in Guatemala is chosen to receive all of the equipment Johan gathers throughout the year. If Goals4All isn't reason enough to recognize this fine fellow, you can add exceptional student, athlete, and accomplished pianist to the mix. I marvel at Johan's humility, upstanding character and talent and am so proud to honor him."

Downers Grove South High School

Crystal Panganiban

Academic Achievements: High Honor Roll for the past 6 Semester; Currently has a 4.17 GPA; Social Studies Department Recognition; World Languages Department Recognition; English Department Recognition; Scholastic Art Gold Key Award; Scholastic Art Silver Key Award

School Activities: Peer Leaders; Mustang Way Student Leaders; OnKore (Hip-Hop Dance Club)

-Student Leader for 2 Years; Women's Empowerment/C.H.A.N.G.E. -Student Leader for 2 Years; Cultures In Alliance; Photo Club -President/Co-Vice for 2 Years; President's Council/West Suburban Conference Leader; Student Activities and Athletics Leadership Team (SAALT); P.E. Leade; Fine Arts Jewelry Aide; Fine Arts Photography Aide; Multi-Needs Aide; World Languages Spanish Aide

Community Service: Noah's Hope 5K Run; The Polar Express in Downtown Downers Grove; Service projects/community service events with church youth group; Volunteer at the West Suburban Food Pantry; School aid during my lunch and free periods

Nominated by Tiffany Rojszyk, School Counselor: "Diligent, motivated and personable, Crystal is truly one of a kind! She is the type of person that after your first interaction with her, you know you just met someone that stands out amongst her peers. Her passionate and approachable nature is rare and I have been privileged to be able to work with her as her school counselor. Crystal has certainly made her mark at DGS and we have been so lucky to have her be a part of so many programs. She really stands out as a leader in every opportunity she pursues. Crystal will be a future asset to teachers, students and community members and she will be greatly missed at DGS!"



Addison Trail High School

Jennyfer Puebla

Nominated by Dani Brink, Director of Community Relations: "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."

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," Olson said. "She became a beacon within the class



St. Francis

Teresa Foral

Academic Achievements: Honor Roll; Spanish National Honor Society; Student of the Month for Religion and English; IMEA Solo and and Ensemble Contest Perfect Score; IMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest Best in Room

School Activities: First Trombone for Jazz Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Music Ensemble, Marching Band, Pep Band; JV Soccer; Set Crew for Theater; Crew or Pit Band for Theater Productions; Usher and Lector for school liturgical services

Community Service: Vacation Bible School instructor for Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church; Seasoned Smiles Counselor; Altar Server; Baked cookies for PADS/Hesed House; Soccer Referee

Nominated by Trudy Rigny, Director of Guidance: "Tessa is an exceptional student and an accomplished musician. She is a great analytical thinker and problem solver. Highly perceptive and insightful, she can see trends and connections other students miss. A terrific class leader and participant, she is constantly engaged and thinks well on her feet. Tessa also possesses a great moral compass. She shows compassion to all and will help any student who needs it. She wants everyone to be successful. Tessa has a passion for music and has proven to be a stellar performer in our band program. She is also a person of faith who is very active in her church. Teresa is truly a wonderful young woman and the perfect candidate for Suburban Life Scholars."



Wheaton Academy

Christopher Wagner

Academic Achievements: Honor Roll; Citizenship Award

School Activities: Project LEAD; Student Council; Furnace Company (Improv and Dance Team); Theater; Basketball; Teachers' Aide

Community Service: Puente Del Pueblo (local church ministry); Community Fine Arts Camp; Project Least (global needs awareness); Active church involvement and outreach

Nominated by Dan Crabtree, College Counselor: "Christopher is an active, inquisitive, highly engaged student in a strong college prep curriculum. The things that stand out most, however, are his energy, leadership, school spirit, integrity, humility, and a genuine heart to serve others. It is indeed a pleasure to nominate Christopher for Suburban Life Scholars."



(Jennyfer Puebla cont'd) room, challenged norms, debated issues at a high level of thoughtfulness and grew into a mature young lady."

"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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New players emerge as standouts each basketball season, from underclassmen getting their first taste of varsity ball to juniors and seniors making the most of increased playing time. Here is a list of some of the most impressive newcomers and improved returners on area girls basketball teams.

Megan Backman

School: York
Class: Junior
Position: Guard
Impact: York has a very senior-laden squad, but Backman has made a significant impact as a junior. The sharp-shooting guard is third on the team in scoring at eight points per game. Backman leads the team with 41 3-pointers made, shooting 39 percent from beyond the arc.

Anjella Farmer

School: IC Catholic
Class: Junior
Position: Forward
Impact: The Knights lost the top three scorers from last year's state-qualifying team so someone needed to fill those shoes. Farmer has done so, leading IC in scoring at 10.8 points per game while also pulling in 5.1 rebounds per game.

Brittany Paganucci

School: Glenbard East
Class: Junior



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Montini's Tiara Wallace drives toward the basket Nov. 20, 2014, in a game against Stagg. Wallace has cracked the starting lineup for the Broncos and is among the team's leading scorers.

Position: Guard

Impact: Paganucci has starred on the soccer field at Glenbard East for the past two years, but is making her mark on the basketball court this season as well. As an athletic guard, Paganucci has contributed to the Rams' winning record this season as a first-time starter.

Tiara Wallace

School: Montini
Class: Junior
Position: Guard

Impact: After seeing limited minutes during her first two years at Montini, Wallace is now seeing a bigger role for the Broncos. She has broken into the starting lineup and is among the team's leading scorers, contributing to one of the best teams in the state.

Josie Zabran

School: Willowbrook
Class: Junior
Position: Forward

Impact: Zabran joined Willowbrook's varsity team late last season as a sophomore and made a big impact right away, so her strong play this winter is no surprise. Still, the junior is leading the team in scoring thanks to her ability to get in good positions around the basket and finish consistently.

Allison Zeilstra

School: Timothy Christian
Class: Sophomore
Position: Guard

Impact: The Trojans are built around tall interior players Kaitlyn Gehrke and Juliana Stremmler, but guards like Zeilstra are responsible for giving the post players the ball in good situations. Not only has Zeilstra been able to do that, but she also has added some scoring for the Trojans in her first year on varsity.

Addison native claims title for figure skating

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GREENSBORO, N.C. - Addison native Alexa Scimeca and her partner Christopher Knierim won the pairs competition at the 2015 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships on Saturday.

Scimeca and Knierim are first-time national champions, and their win Saturday qualifies them for the worlds, which will take place in Shanghai, China, in March. At the Scimeca nationals, which took place at the Greensboro Coliseum in Greensboro, N.C., Scimeca and Knierim posted the best score in the short program and in the free skate.

The pair earned a score of 74.01 points in the short program on Thursday, which set an event record under the current scoring system which was put in place in 2004. They followed up with a score of 136.48 in Saturday's free skate, which was also the best score of the day and set another personal best score. Scimeca and Knierim, who got engaged in April of 2014, finished more than 10 points ahead of the second place team of Haven Denney and Brandon Frazier. In 2013, Scimeca and Knierim placed second at nationals, but were fourth last year in an Olympic-qualifying year.



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