

# 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](http://dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2018)

To see the list of other Willowbrook award winners, visit [dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2019](http://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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## State Rep. Conroy partners with Serenity House

### Efforts to curb heroin use in DuPage County

ADDISON — State Rep. Deb Conroy (D-Villa Park) is continuing her work to combat the rising heroin crisis and raise awareness about the issue in DuPage County with Serenity House, a nonprofit comprehensive treatment facility offering services to those dealing with substance abuse.

"The heroin crisis that has hit DuPage over the past few years has been an unnerving experience for many families in our communities," she said. "It is vital that we continue to educate our children about the magnitude of danger that this horrible drug presents. I am proud to continue working with Serenity House to identify all avenues possible to help prevent the use of heroin in DuPage."

Conroy has worked in conjunction with Serenity House and local stakeholders to produce a video outlining the dangers of heroin addiction. The video features various recovering heroin addicts detailing their experiences with the drug and the profound impact the drug has had upon their lives. The video can be viewed online at [youtube.com/watch?v=fOYZE2Tef5w&feature=youtu.be](http://youtube.com/watch?v=fOYZE2Tef5w&feature=youtu.be)

Moving forward, Conroy and Serenity House are planning on producing another video that details the experiences of parents that have had children suffer from substance abuse and offer parents insights on warning signs that a child may be using.

"It is tough to fathom the grief of parents who have had to watch one of their children suffer and struggle with heroin addiction," she said. "I'm hopeful that we are not only able to raise awareness about the risks of heroin use, but also the services and help that Serenity House may provide for those that are currently struggling with abuse."

Any interested parties that would like to provide testimonials for the video should contact Rep. Conroy district office at (630) 415-3520.

Conroy can also be reached at (630) 415-3520, or [RepDebConroy@gmail.com](mailto:RepDebConroy@gmail.com).



Addison Trail students, pictured here, enjoyed an educational trip to Italy in the spring of 2014. The school is planning another educational tour for the spring of 2016, and an informational meeting will take place on Feb. 18.

courtesy photo

## AT to share information on 2016 trip to Italy for students

ADDISON — Addison Trail freshmen, sophomores and juniors and their parents are invited to attend an informational meeting about an educational trip to Italy in spring 2016.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Feb. 18 in Forum

Room A at Addison Trail and is an opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the trip.

To be eligible to travel to Italy, students must:

Be enrolled in Italian 3 Honors, Italian 4 Honors or Advanced Placement (AP)/col-

lege-level Italian in the 2015-16 school year.

Have at least a 3.0 GPA.  
Have excellent attendance and behavior.

Complete an application and an essay.

Complete an interview in English and Italian.

Students who participate will travel to Rome, Florence, Venice and Triggiano. For details, contact District 88 Assistant Superintendent Jean Barbanente at [dupage88.net](mailto:dupage88.net) or 630-530-3985.



On Jan. 22, Addison Trail hosted an Elective Fair, where students were able to learn about elective courses offered at the school. Above Addison Trail sophomore Nereyda Sandoval learns about Art elective courses from Addison Trail art teacher Tim Hockensmith. See more photos on page 14.

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## ATHS holds annual Course Information Night, Elective Fair

ADDISON — On Jan. 22, Addison Trail hosted its annual Course Information Night to provide incoming and current students and parents/guardians with information about the academics, clubs, activities and sports at the school.

Participants were welcomed by administrators, given a tour of the building and were able to visit booths with information about Addison Trail. About 300 families were represented throughout the event. Addison Trail also invited local Realtors and potential homeowners to attend Course Information Night to provide another opportunity for them to see the school.

Earlier that day, Addison Trail hosted an Elective Fair, where students were able to learn about elective courses offered at the school.



photo by Dee Longfellow

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.

## 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.

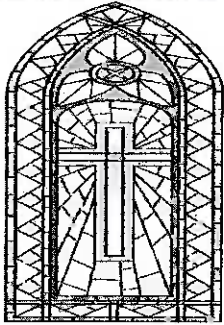
The Foundation hosts and participates in several events throughout the year to raise money to benefit the students of District 88. Money raised has been used to provide financial assistance to students for textbooks, summer camps and Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level exams; to

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](http://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](http://piefoundation.org).



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**Addison Trail hosts Elective Fair**

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Top left: Addison Trail sophomore Nereyda Sandoval (left) learns about Family and Consumer Sciences elective courses from Addison Trail teacher Jennifer Kowalski.

Top right: Addison Trail senior Harmanpreet Singh (left) talks to sophomores Guadalupe Herrera and Erik Medina about Career and Technical Education (CTE) elective courses.

Right: Addison Trail sophomore Rogelio Cruz (left) and junior David Barnhill share information about Guitar elective courses.



On Jan. 22, Addison Trail hosted its annual Course Information Night. Above left: Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka and Assistant Principal Iridia Niewinski (middle) speak with Addison Trail parent Maria Piscopo during the event.

Above right: Addison Trail students promote the Theatre program during Course Information Night. They are (from left) sophomore Olivia Czerepko, sophomore Sevina Topalska, senior Gabriella Morrone, junior Lia Bouzarelos Kopta and junior Heidi Scheleski. Right: Addison Trail cheerleaders perform during the event.



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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 Oweina (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. Oweina 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."

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### Willowbrook inducts Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2015

On Thursday, February 5, Willowbrook High School inducted new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame during a dinner at The Carlisle in Lombard. Pictured are (back row, from left) Amy Krus Stephens (1999 State Champion Badminton Team), Bruce Kelsay (class of 1975), Colin Madison (class of 2007), Rob Scahill (class of 2005); (front row, from left) Erin Belling (class of 1994), Al Loew (coach, 1999 State Champion Badminton Team), Jennifer Goebel Goldstein (class of 2000), Katie Vegter Guimon (1999 State Champion Badminton Team), Val Hornback Magnussen (1999 State Champion Badminton Team) and Chuck Rossetti (recognized from Class of 2014). The entire 1999 State Champion Badminton Team was ceremoniously inducted into the Hall of Fame as well.

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# Oscar Mayer Wienermobile comes to Addison

**AT alumna drives 27,000 miles, sees 21 states in giant hot dog vehicle**

ADDISON — After completing college, a checklist item for many graduates is to travel and see new places.

Addison Trail alumna Alex Longo is living that dream — and she is traveling in style. Since June 2014, Longo has been driving a 27-foot-long Oscar Mayer Wienermobile.

“That’s roughly the size of 60 hotdogs,” she said with a laugh. “Everywhere I go, the hotdog mobile comes with me. If I want to go to a movie or buy toothpaste, that’s the vehicle I take.”

Longo graduated from Addison Trail in 2010 and attended University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she graduated in 2014 with a degree in communications and journalism. It was during her time in Wisconsin when a representative from Kraft Foods came to the campus to recruit students to join a promotional team that would travel the country in the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile for one year.



*courtesy photo*  
District 88 students, staff and administrators get an inside look at the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile on Jan. 23. Addison Trail alumna Alex Longo (class of 2010) has been driving the wienermobile since June. Pictured are (left row, front to back) Transition Program staff member Julie Mahnke, District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton, Faizan Khan, Giovanni Madera, (middle row, front to back) Longo, Cedrick Harris, John Orrico, Miguel Andrade, (right row, front to back) Transition Program staff member Sarah Kozin and Longo’s coworker Joe Zerka.

Only 12 students from throughout the U.S. are selected for that team each year,

Longo said. After two weeks of training at “Hotdog High School,” she hit the road on

the east coast and is now back home touring the Midwest.

“So far, I’ve driven about

27,000 miles and visited 21 states,” she said.

Longo said her first reaction to the position was, “I didn’t graduate from college to hand out hotdogs.” But she quickly realized that’s not what the program is about.

“It’s about promoting the brand and connecting with people,” Longo said. “I’ve had the most amazing experiences meeting new people and hearing about their memories of seeing the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile when they were younger. It’s hard to describe what it’s like to be doing something that makes people happy. We like to say we bring smiles for miles.”

Longo travels with a coworker to parades, fairs, festivals, grocery stores and more. She said her favorite event so far was the Fourth of July parade in Philadelphia. After her time with Kraft Foods, Longo plans to pursue a career in public relations and would like to work for a nonprofit organization or an agency in Chicago.

“My comfort zone has expanded tremendously through this position,” she said. “It’s a tremendous opportunity to grow personally and professionally and it’s an experience I will never forget.”

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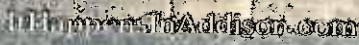
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**Reminder for District 88 stakeholders:**

**Illinois 5Essentials Survey now open**

**ADDISON/VILLA PARK** — The District 88 administration wishes to remind its stakeholders that it's time to offer input by completing the Illinois 5Essentials Survey.

The survey is an opportunity for teachers, parents/guardians and students in grades 6-12 to weigh in on questions related to leadership, collaboration, family involvement, instruction and the school environment. At least 50 percent of students and teachers (and 20 percent of parents/guardians) at each school must fill out the survey to have enough data to generate a school-level report. Responses will be kept confidential and will not be linked to any individual.

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# No medical marijuana dispensary for Villa Park

## Applicant Solace Solutions not on governor's list

By Paul DelGuidice  
For The Villa Park Independent

VILLA PARK — The long wait for patients seeking to legally purchase medical marijuana in Illinois is almost over.

On Monday, Feb. 2, Governor Bruce Rauner's office published a list of approved businesses that applied for

licenses to operate cannabis dispensaries in the state. Just 60 such facilities are authorized under the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act, which has been in effect since the General Assembly passed the law in August 2013. Nearly 1000 applications were submitted by the September 2014 deadline.

The licensees for DuPage County, which was granted three locations under the law, include 3C Compassionate Care Center, which was also granted a license for a dispensary in Will County; Mindful Illinois, LLC based in Niles; and EarthMed LLE.

3C's dispensary will be located in Naperville. The Mindful Illinois dispensary is expected to be located in Addison. No information on EarthMed's dispensary was available at press time.

Not on the 'approved' list was Solace Solutions, which had sought to locate a dispensary in Villa Park should they be awarded a license. Solace Solutions approached the Board of Trustees in September with its plan to open a dispensary on North Addison Rd. The company withdrew their request when it was found that a licensed childcare business operated out of a private home was within 1,000 feet of the proposed dispensary location, which is a violation of the State Act.

Solace Solutions then approached the Board with a plan to locate in an empty office building at 851 N. Villa Ave. The company sought a zoning conditional use for the site, as medical marijuana dispensaries

are only allowed in areas zoned for industrial use in Villa Park. The Board vote ended in a tie, meaning the conditional use was not granted. The Governor's release did not indicate if Solace Solutions, or any other applicant, was denied a license because of such a lack of a locally-approved location.

Additionally, the Governor's list named 18 different sites granted licenses to cultivate medical cannabis in the state, one for each police district where growers had submitted applications.

## Senate approves raising minimum wage

### Illinois families can't afford Rauner's 'baby steps,' one senator says

SPRINGFIELD — Since Jan. 1, nine states have increased their minimum wage and last week, a plan to raise the minimum wage in Illinois to \$9 per hour on July 1 passed the Senate. The legislation would raise the minimum wage incrementally by 50 cents a year until 2019, ultimately leading to a new minimum wage of \$11 per hour.

"We are answering to the will of the people through the passage of this legislation," said Assistant Majority Leader Kimberly A. Lightford (D-Maywood), the sponsor of the newly passed legislation and a strong supporter of raising the minimum wage. "The minimum wage should be a living wage. If you work full-time, you shouldn't have to

rely on government support to put food on your family's table or a roof over your head."

Illinois' current minimum wage is \$8.25 per hour. A single parent working a full-time minimum wage job qualifies for Food Stamps, Medicaid and, often, housing assistance. In addition, many minimum-wage workers are forced to work several part-time jobs to make ends meet.

On Wednesday, Gov. Bruce Rauner proposed raising Illinois' minimum wage to \$10 over the next seven years. Lightford claims that's "not good enough."

"Illinois families are struggling now," she said. "They can't afford Gov. Rauner's baby-step plan. I understand that some small businesses are struggling, too, which is why my plan does have a reasonable phase-in process."

The legislation also institutes a tax credit for businesses with fewer than 50 employees that gives them three years to adjust to the higher wage.

Adjusting for inflation since the minimum wage was instituted in 1968 at \$1.60 per hour, the wage today should stand at more than \$10 per hour, some legislators say. Raising the minimum wage to \$11 per hour could increase annual wages to as much as \$22,880 per in 2019.

"Though it would still be a struggle, this wage would lift many families out of poverty and end their reliance on state and federal aid," said Lightford.

The legislation, Senate Bill 11 now goes to the House for consideration.



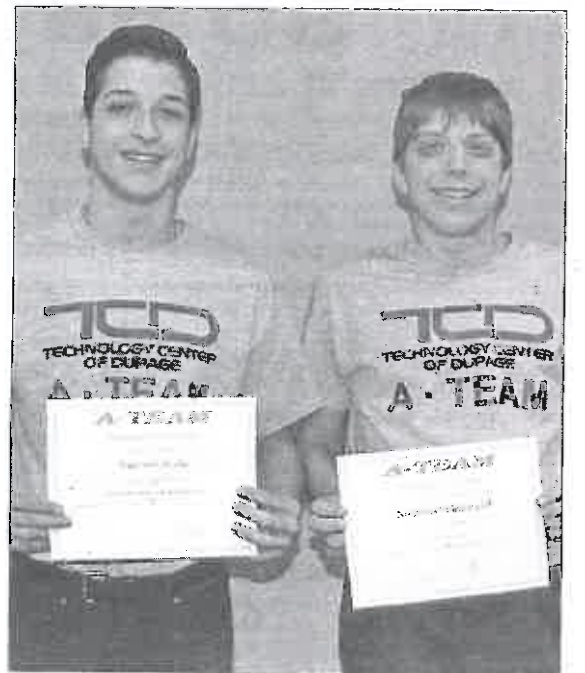
(From left) Willowbrook seniors Kristen Freke, Lluvia Perez and Tzirintzy Espinoza are named to Technology Center of DuPage's A-Team during a ceremony on Feb. 6.

## WBHS students form 'A' Team at TCD

VILLA PARK — Six Willowbrook students have been named to Technology Center of DuPage's (TCD) A-Team for the first semester of the 2014-15 school year.

To be selected for the A-Team, students must receive an "A" grade in their respective programs at TCD. This recognition represents the many hours of work by the students, their families and the staff at Willowbrook and TCD.

Recipients from Willowbrook are senior Tzirintzy Espinoza, senior Kristen Freke, senior Lluvia Perez, junior Vincent Ayala, senior Michelle Jelinek and junior Nicholas Schmiegelt. They were recognized during a ceremony in their honor on Feb. 6 at TCD.



Right: Willowbrook juniors Vincent Ayala (left) and Nicholas Schmiegelt are named to Technology Center of DuPage's A-Team during a ceremony on Feb. 6.

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ogy fields or other occupations in emerging fields.

Applications are available at the DuPage County Department of Community Services Office, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, or online at dupageco.org/CSBG/. Completed applications and support documents must be received by 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2015.

For more information, call (630) 407-6500, or call the toll free number at 800-942-9412. TTY access is available at (630) 407-6502.

# SPORTS

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## Fenton wrestling team advances 13 to sectionals

### Willowbrook's Mendez qualifies for gymnastics sectionals

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Fenton wrestling team advanced 13 out of a possible 14 wrestlers to the Class 2A sectional level.

The Bison did so after placing second at their own Class 2A Fenton regional. Fenton finished second in the team standings with 217.5 points. Montini won the regional title with 264.5 points.

Senior Joseph Oweina won the 160-pound regional title with a 9-3 victory. Senior Juan Alfaro won the 170-pound title after a 20-5 technical fall win.

Senior Corey Muniz took second at 106. Antoine Bess was second at 120, while sophomore Ryan Mencini was second at 125. Senior Oscar Ledezma was second at 138. Senior Grayson Kaspar was second at 152, while senior Rodrigo Castaneda was second at 220.

Junior Manny Morales finished third at 113. Sophomore Angel Nava was third at 132. Sophomore Ivan Rodriguez was third at 182 and freshman Isaiah Brock was third at 285. Junior Ivan Arzeta was fourth at 145.

### Willowbrook wrestling

Willowbrook freshman wrestler Jack Jessen advanced to sectional action after winning the 170-pound title at the Class 3A Leyden regional.

Jessen improved to 43-2 with the win. Fellow standout Matt Rowland took second at 152 pounds after suffering his first loss of the season in the champi-

onship match. Rowland dropped a 6-4 decision to unbeaten Oak Park-River Forest junior Isaiah White (29-0). Rowland sports 41-1 record heading into the sectional.

Willowbrook took fifth as a team at Leyden with 86 points. Christian Chavez was second at 220 pounds and earned a sectional berth. Senior Andrew Verr took third at 106 pounds and advanced to sectionals. Senior Alex Rego moved on after taking fourth at 120. Joe Palumbo took fourth at 160.

### Addison Trail wrestling

The Addison Trail wrestling team took fourth at the recent Class 3A Leyden regional.

Addison Trail's Mike Huynh advanced to sectionals after placing second at 113 pounds. Senior Anthony Metallo also earned a sectional bid after taking second at 145.

Jaime Valdez took third at 126 pounds and qualified, while Eddie Valdez also took third at 220 pounds.

Larry Thomas advanced after taking fourth at 182 pounds, as did Eric Gilliam at 195 pounds (fourth place). Karim Fuentes placed fourth at 285 pounds and moved on as well.

### Fenton girls bowling

The Fenton girls bowling team qualified for sectionals after placing fourth at the recent Hinsdale South regional.

The Bison finished with a total pinfall of 5050.

Senior Kelly Blecke had a 1,077 series. Senior Madison Martin added a 1,053 series. Senior Beth Janovsky had a 1,033 series. Senior Chelsey Anaya

posted a 991 series and senior Morgan Martin had an 896 series.

Fenton competes in the Hinsdale South sectional Saturday.

### Addison Trail girls bowling

The Addison Trail bowling team advanced two competitors out of the Hinsdale South regional.

Sophomore Molly Schmelter, who rolled the highest single game in the West Suburban Conference this season, qualified for sectionals after posting a 1,085 series.

Senior Amanda Jastrzebski, who finished fourth in the WSC in average, also advanced after recording a 1,053 series.

The Blazers finished 10th as a team in the regional with a 4,474 series.

### Addison Trail girls gymnastics

Addison Trail sophomore Kennedy O'Neill had a productive outing at the recent Geneva regional.

O'Neill advanced to sectionals on vault, bars and floor exercise and also earned a sectional berth in the all-around competition.

O'Neill took fifth on vault with an 8.95. She tied for fourth on bars at 8.80 and tied for third on floor with a 9.00. She finished third overall in the all-around scoring at 35.375.

Addison Trail placed third as a team at Geneva with a 127.200.

In earlier action, Addison Trail went into the West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet after Casey Boksha (top score on beam and floor) was injured in practice and was ruled out for the rest of the season.

"The girls that competed did very

well despite not having our full team," coach Brandi Kisse said. "They did a great job of staying focused and kept their spirits up even though they were missing a teammate."

O'Neill finished in the Top 5 on bars, floor and all-around. Jessica Rosal, Sydney Zaprzal and Terra Garcia also placed in individual events.

Addison Trail finished third in the conference standings.

### Willowbrook girls gymnastics

Willowbrook senior girls gymnast Tamara Mendez advanced to sectionals after placing fifth in the all-around competition at the York regional. Mendez finished with a 34,500 score.

Willowbrook placed third as a team in the regional with a 127.725.

### Willowbrook girls bowling

The Willowbrook girls bowling team placed ninth at the recent Hinsdale South regional with a 4,654 score.

### Fenton cheerleading

The Fenton competitive cheerleading team placed 24th at the recent IHSA state finals in Bloomington. Fenton was part of the medium team division.

### Fenton girls gymnastics

The Fenton girls gymnastics team placed fourth at the recent Hersey regional with a 109.900 score.

### Willowbrook girls basketball

The Willowbrook girls basketball team scored a recent 51-45 overtime win against Morton in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action.

## IC Catholic Prep basketball teams raise \$6,000 for American Cancer Society

### Coaches vs. Cancer day once again a major hit

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

IC Catholic Prep's recent Coaches vs. Cancer event was another rousing success.

The day-long initiative that centered around all IC boys and girls basketball teams facing off against Chicago Christian raised close \$6,000 for the fight against cancer. All proceeds from the event go to the American Cancer Society to help raise awareness about cancer and to support the ongoing research for a cure.

"It seems like every year the

"The continued support for Kevin and for this cause is what brings people together."

— Athletic Director Tom Schergen

dollar amount goes up," IC Athletic Director Tom Schergen said. "It gets bigger and bigger and that's because of the growing popularity of the event."

IC's freshmen, sophomore and varsity teams for both genders played visiting Chicago Christian with games played in the morning, afternoon and evening at IC.

"It brings the whole basketball community together," said Schergen. "These also are people who are very vested in the cause. Our parent group here does the majority of the work for this and they continue to do a great job."

The event is a remembrance for IC parent Kevin Radoha and all those who are fighting or have courageously fought cancer.

"The continued support for Kevin and for this cause is what brings people together," said Schergen.

Schergen said crowds continue to be strong for the event, particularly with the evening session, which features a finale of the girls' and boys' varsity teams playing.

"We had big crowds again,

especially for the girls/boys doubleheader," he said. "There was a pretty full house for both games."

Games this year started at 9:30 a.m. and ran up until a break at 5:15 p.m. for mass. After mass, the varsity twinbill took place.

"Without a doubt this is one of the days I always circle on the calendar," Schergen said. "You get to see your community in action and you see everybody bond together for a common cause. It's a neat day to watch everybody in action and see their passion and the work they put in for that passion."

Special T-shirts were again sold for the event and IC's varsity teams donned special royal blue uniforms. Other activities included halftime cake walks,

a silent auction and a split-the-pot promotion.

"Our theme this year was 'Slam Dunk Cancer with the Knights,'" Schergen said.

Schergen added the opposing team plays a big part in the success of the event.

"You want to pick a school that embraces the idea," he said. "We've had Timothy Christian here before and the crowds were even bigger. But the schedule plays a huge part in it with putting together a lineup where all levels of boys and girls are playing."

IC teams swept all six games from Chicago Christian.

Schergen said the 2016 event fight now is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 16 with all six games against Elgin St. Edward.

# Willowbrook speech team shines at Showcase

## Performs at regional competition

ADDISON — On Feb. 3, 13 Willowbrook speech students performed at the annual Regional Showcase, which featured events that would allow them to compete in the Regional contest and eventually, qualify for Sectionals and State.

Willowbrook's Regional event was scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 7 at Downers Grove North High School. Following is a list of the students slated to perform:

Senior Laura Smith (four-year Speech Team member) and senior Andrew Ramos in Dramatic Duet Acting

Senior Laura Smith in Dramatic Interpretation

Junior Keith Ziss in Extemporaneous Speaking

Senior Jack Corkery (four-year Speech Team member) and freshman Genevieve Corkery in Humorous Duet Acting

Senior Jack Corkery in Original Comedy

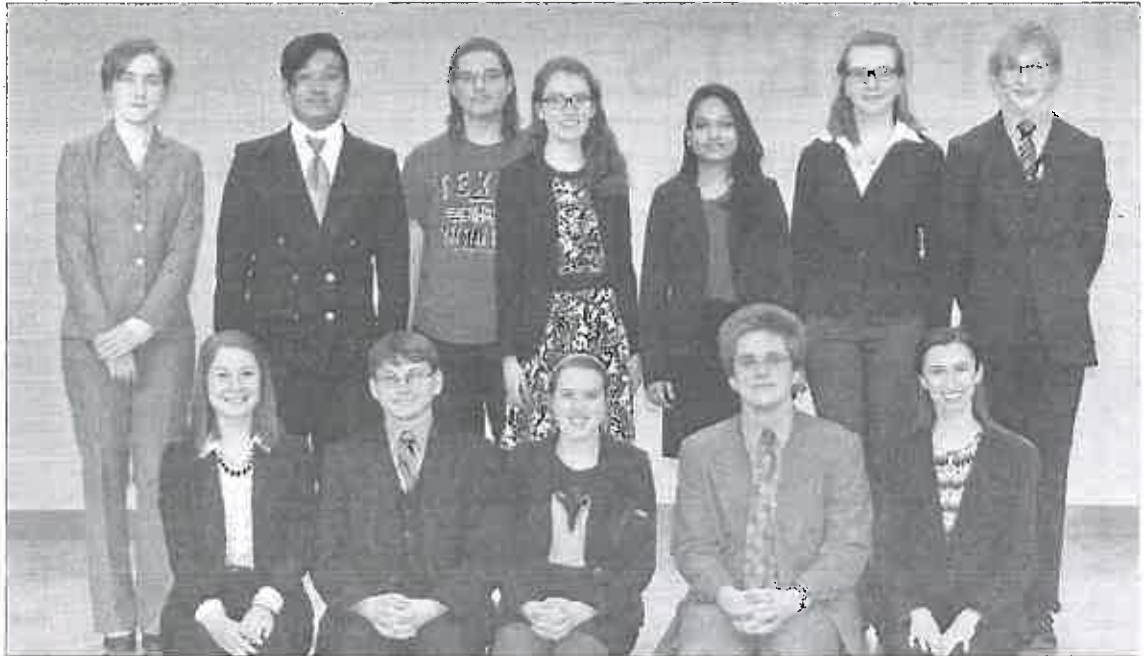
Senior Alex Lapinski (four-year Speech Team member) in Humorous Interpretation and Radio

Sophomore Hannah Neher in Impromptu Speaking

Junior Galen Bergsten in Informative Speaking

Junior Rachel Bonarek in Oratorical Declamation

Junior Zaakirah Mujid in



courtesy photo

Pictured are Willowbrook students who performed during the school's annual Regional Showcase on Feb. 3. The showcase featured the Speech Team events that competed in the Regional contest last weekend. The students are (back row, from left) freshman Genevieve Corkery, senior Andrew Ramos, junior Keith Ziss, senior Erin Sulla, junior Zaakirah Mujid, sophomore Hannah Neher, junior Galen Bergsten, (front row, from left) junior Mariana Martens, senior Alex Lapinski, senior Allison Mahal, senior Jack Corkery and junior Rachel Bonarek. Not pictured is senior Laura Smith.

Original Oratory

Junior Mariana Martens in Poetry

Senior Erin Sulla in Prose

Senior Allison Mahal in Special Occasion Speaking

"The Regional Showcase is an opportunity for our students to practice performing their event in front of an audience in a low-

pressure environment," said Brett Blair, Willowbrook Speech Team Head Coach and English Department Chair. "It also allows our administration, staff,

parents/guardians and community members to see firsthand the time and effort these students have given to their performances."

## VILLA PARK COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12, 13 and 14

Willowbrook drama invites you to step back in time with its winter play, "Little Women," to be performed in the school's White Auditorium. Curtain times are 7 p.m. all three evenings. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, \$3 with an Activity Pass and are free with a District 88 Senior Gold Card. Info: 630-782-2855.

### Thursday, Feb. 12 VPRD public meeting - Older adult, senior programs

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Community Rec Building, 320 E. Wildwood, VPRD will continue its public discussions about its Master Plan for the future direction of parks, facilities and programming. Free and open to the public. Come out and let your voice be heard! This meeting will cover older adults and senior programs.

### 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

and Rec Department 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.

### Monday, Feb. 16 Spend day-off school at Iowa Center

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Parks and Recreation is offering a special activity for the upcoming day off of school. School's out on Feb. 16, so plan ahead and sign up kids ages 5-12 for a day of fun playing life-sized versions of KerPlunk, Jenga, Tic-Tac Toe, Battleship and more. Fee: \$12. To register or for more info: 630-834-8525.

### Tuesday, Feb. 17 VPRD public meeting - swimming pools

From 7-9 p.m. at the Iowa

Community Center, 338 No. Iowa, VPRD will continue its public discussions about its Master Plan for the future direction of parks, facilities and programming. Free and open to the public. Come out and let your voice be heard! This meeting will cover swimming pools.

### Saturday, Feb. 21 VPRD public meeting - facilities, programs

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Iowa Community Center, 338 N. Iowa, VPRD will continue its public discussions about its Master Plan for the future direction of parks, facilities and programming. Free and open to the public. Come out and let your voice be heard! This meeting will cover facilities and programs.

### VPRD's Community Dance Party

From 3-5 p.m., the Villa Park Recreation Department is holding a free Community Dance Party for the whole family at the Iowa Community Center. Enjoy music, dancing, games and entertainment with DJ Coach Josh. Play games like

bags, Life-Sized Kerplunk and enjoy performances by children in the All Star Sports Boys Hip Hop class. Pizza, popcorn and pop provided. No registration needed, just drop in for the fun. The Community Dance Party is co-sponsored by Michael Anthony's Pizza.

### Wednesday, Feb. 25 VPRD public meeting - parks and playgrounds

From 7-9 p.m. at the Community Rec Building, 320 E. Wildwood, VPRD will continue its public discussions about its Master Plan for the future direction of parks, facilities and programming. Free and open to the public. Come out and let your voice be heard! This meeting will cover parks and playgrounds.

### Thursday, Feb. 26 VFW hosts Rock N' Wings

The Villa Park VFW Post 2801, located at 39 E. St. Charles Road, will host Rock N' Wings from 5:30-8 p.m. Come out for chicken wings and rock music provided by local youth. Info: 630-834-8191.

### Saturday, Feb. 28 Elmhurst Choral Union performance

The Elmhurst Choral Union will be performing "Medley of Melodies" at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 232 S. York, Elmhurst. Free-will donations will be taken, and tickets are not required for this musical evening of giving back to the community. For more information, or for audio and video clips, visit [elmhurstchoralunion.org](http://elmhurstchoralunion.org).

### Sunday, March 8 VFW celebrates 80th anniversary

The Villa Park VFW Post 2801 will celebrate its 80th anniversary with a Kick-off Bash featuring a chicken and pasta dinner served from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come earlier for coffee and pastries if you desire. Advanced tickets are \$9; tickets at the door are \$10. Info: 630-834-8191.

Clubs and organizations are welcome to send entries for this column to: [QuestPublishing@aol.com](mailto:QuestPublishing@aol.com). Please include a phone number or e-mail address to contact for information.

## Addison Trail bowler Jastrzebski finishes fourth in conference

### Schmelter bowls conference-high 275 game

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail girls bowling team recently wrapped up regular-season play in the West Suburban Conference head pin tournament.

Addison Trail senior Amanda Jastrzebski finished fifth in the tournament and ended the season as the fourth-ranked bowler in the WSC.

"Amanda did awesome," said Addison Trail coach Paul Parpet Sr. "Our conference is very strong in girls bowling with teams like York and Hinsdale Central and Downers Grove South."

York won the head pin tournament. Hinsdale Central and Downers Grove South followed. Addison Trail finished sixth.

"We had some close matches in the conference this year," said Parpet Sr. "Us and Hinsdale South, Leyden and Willowbrook all were packed together."

Sophomore Molly Schmelter also turned in another key highlight this season when she rolled

a 275 game against Hinsdale Central. That 275 ranked as the highest single-game total in the conference this season.

"Molly had nine strikes in a row to start," said Parpet Sr. "In the first three games of the Leyden invitational she had a 660. She has a chance."

Parpet Sr. has been pleased with the season-long development of his squad.

"The girls got better," he said. "We improved our average by 20 pins."

The Blazers also recently competed in the Minooka invitational at Channahan Lanes.

"There were 16 teams and a lot of them were very good," said Parpet Sr. "It's an awesome tournament and I thought our girls did a great job. They had a great day."

## Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming team gearing up for postseason

### Diver Rivera stands out in recent meet against Downers Grove South

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

As the Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming team prepares for the upcoming IHSA postseason, coach Neil Wahlgren has seen some definite positives in recent times.

Willowbrook's Jake Roucka

recently earned a personal best in the breaststroke at a West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet against Downers Grove South. Addison Trail's Saul Rivera, a senior, also had a stellar diving performance in the Downers Grove South competition.

"Saul was a huge standout,"

said Wahlgren. "That was his best meet. He did a very good job and hit all his dives correctly. That was awesome to see. I think Saul is going to do very well for us."

Wahlgren, who noted the team had numerous strong seeds at this past weekend's conference meet, said there has been competition recently to fill out the rosters for both the conference meet and next Saturday's sectional meet.

"Against Downers Grove South we had four freshmen fighting for spots in the 500 free and the 200 free," he said. "It was nice to see that competition for positions. They wanted spots for conference and sectionals."

Wahlgren said Addison Trail freshmen Mikey Strycharz and Jacob Grygo were standouts

in the 500 against Downers Grove South.

The coach also noted he planned on moving several younger swimmers down to the frosh-soph level for conference.

"That will give them more opportunities and give them a full meet of four events," said Wahlgren.

Addison Trail-Willowbrook had a pair of relays seeded high in conference (the frosh-soph 400 was first and the varsity 400 was second), while Willowbrook's Ehtna Wallace was ranked second in the 50 and 100.

Addison Trail-Willowbrook will compete in the York sectional on Saturday, Feb. 21.

"Hopefully we'll be swimming well heading into sectionals," said Wahlgren. "We

feel good right now. The guys want to finish the season strong."

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### LEGAL NOTICE/PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. the Community Development Commission of the Village of Bensenville, DuPage and Cook Counties, will hold a Public Hearing to review case No. 2015 - 06 to consider a request to grant a Variance to allow the construction of a garage to reduce the required interior side yard setback from 3 feet to 1 foot, Municipal Code Sections 10 - 14 - 13 and 10 - 5E-4, located at 581 Marshall Road, Bensenville, Illinois in an existing RS-5 High Density Single Family District. The Public Hearing will be held in the Village Board Room at Village Hall, 12 S. Center Street, Bensenville, Illinois.

The Legal Description is as follows:  
LOT 1 IN O'HARE METROPOLITAN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT UNIT 4, A RESUBDIVISION OF PART OF LOT 3 IN HENRY D. FRANZEN'S DIVISION OF LAND IN SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SAID O'HARE METROPOLITAN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT UNIT 4, RECORDED OCTOBER 4, 1972 AS DOCUMENT R72-60678, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

The common address is 581 Marshall Road.

Dale and Diane Burda of 581 Marshall Road, Bensenville, Illinois 60106 are the owners and the applicants for the subject property for this CDC Case No. 2015 - 06 and Public Hearing.

The petition may be examined by any interested parties, Monday through Friday, during normal business hours in the office of the Community and Economic Development Department at the Village Hall, 12 S. Center St., Bensenville, Illinois.

Any individual with a disability requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in any public meeting held under the authority of the Village of Bensenville should contact the Village Clerk, Village of Bensenville, 12 S. Center St., Bensenville, Illinois 60106, (630) 766-8200, at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting.

All interested parties may attend and will be heard at the public hearing. Written comments will be accepted by the Community and Economic Development Department through March 2, 2015, until 5 P.M. Office of the Village Clerk Village of Bensenville

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# AT girls basketball team to host 'Blazer Shooting Skills Camp'

ADDISON — On Monday, Feb. 23 from 6-9 p.m., the Addison Trail Girls Basketball Team will host its first-ever Blazer Shooting Skills Camp for girls in grades 3-8. Early-bird registration (deadline of Feb. 16) is \$20 a camper or \$35 for two members of the same family. Onsite registration is \$30 a camper or \$50 for two members of the same family. Participants will receive a Blazer Basketball Camp T-shirt as part of the registration fee, and proceeds benefit the Addison Trail Basketball Program.

The camp will feature instruction from the Addison Trail Girls Basketball coaching staff. Participants will learn and improve on a variety of shooting and ball-handling skills and will receive a personalized shooting and ball-handling evaluation sheet to help guide future skill development. To register, go to [dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2053](http://dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2053). For questions or more information, contact Addison Trail Girls Basketball Head Coach Rob Schader at [rschader@dupage88.net](mailto:rschader@dupage88.net) or 630-628-3328.

# The Don of A New Day in Sports

By Don Figarelli, Columnist

## Go to a high school basketball game



DON FIGARELLI

I haven't been to a high school basketball game lately, but I plan to go to more after watching the Addison Trail Blazers and the Willowbrook Warriors play one of the most exciting games I have ever seen. The final score was 76-73, with Willowbrook on top. The lead changed five times in the last five minutes of the fourth quarter. With the game

ended at the end of regulation, the Blazers had a four-point lead, but Alonzo Verge Jr. scored six of Willowbrook's nine points, which led them to victory. Overall, he scored an amazing 44 points. Both schools should be proud of the way they played.

- \*Tip #1: Attend or keep up on all high school sports.
- \*Tip #2: Never give up until the game is over
- \*Tip #3: Improve your bowling skills by going to Fox Bowl in Wheaton and watch Mike Nape or go to Stardust Bowl in Addison and watch The Don of Sports team on Thursday nights.

For ideas or feedback on this column, please write to [QuestPublishing@aol.com](mailto:QuestPublishing@aol.com) and put "Don of Sports" in the subject line.

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## IC Catholic Prep girls lose to Glenbard South 46-30 on Senior Night

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Addison native and winner of this season of "The Biggest Loser" Toma Dobrosavljevic works out Wednesday at Planet Fitness in Bloomingdale.

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# 'Nothing I can't do'

## Addison native looks to future after winning 'The Biggest Loser'

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**ADDISON** – Mission accomplished. That's how Addison native Toma Dobrosavljevic feels about losing 171 pounds and winning season 16 of NBC's "The Biggest Loser."

"I fulfilled a promise I made to my dad, and I know he'd be proud of me and happy for me," he said.

Dobrosavljevic, 33, was crowned the winner of the weight-loss reality show in January. He said his inspiration to lose the weight was the promise he made to his father, who died from multiple myeloma in March 2005, just a few months after he was diagnosed.

"Before my father died, he asked me to finish graduate school, to take care of my mom and to do whatever it took to get and stay healthy," Dobrosavljevic said.

Dobrosavljevic's weight wasn't always a problem for him. He stayed in shape by playing soccer and other sports at Addison Trail High School. But things changed once he started college at DeVry University, and his weight ballooned to 275 pounds, he said.

"I wasn't active, I wasn't playing sports anymore and I ate poorly," Dobrosavljevic said.

His weight fluctuated during the next nine years, and in January 2014, his weight hit 377 pounds. He said his "aha" moment came when he went to buy a life insurance policy.

"The agent told me I was five pounds away from being uninsurable," Dobrosavljevic said. "I realized I was miserable and told myself I didn't want to go another year disappointing my dad. I wanted to be healthy and happy."

That agent suggested he audition for "The Biggest Loser" during the show's casting call in Itasca in January 2014. On a whim, Dobrosavljevic decided to stop by and said he was shocked when he was chosen.

Dobrosavljevic left for California in July. Nutritionists educated the contestants on healthy eating and cooking, but they prepared their own meals, he said. The group worked out for three to four hours a day in the beginning of the show but increased to eight hours near the end.

"We exercised, ate well, bonded with the other castmates," Dobrosavl-



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**Toma Dobrosavljevic, who grew up in Addison, exercises Wednesday at the Bloomingdale Planet Fitness after being named this season's winner of "The Biggest Loser" on NBC.**

jevic said. "We became a close group and felt like family."

There were plenty of doctors and trainers on site, and they would make adjustments if a contestant got injured, he said.

"I never felt like I was in harm's way whatsoever," Dobrosavljevic said. "Doctors would restrict the exercises if we got hurt and the trainers could always modify."

Dobrosavljevic said he was impressed by how "kind and generous" everyone was who worked on the show.

"This is the most realistic reality show on TV," he said. "Even the executive producers tell you how proud they are of you. There was no cattiness, and everyone seemed caring and genuine."

Although it was hard for him to be away from friends and family, he "never once thought of giving up or going home," Dobrosavljevic said.

"I feel honored and blessed that I had this opportunity," he said. "It's very gratifying and humbling. I just want to help and inspire other people."

Dobrosavljevic said he felt his dad's presence throughout his experience, and that helped him through the grueling process.

"He was there guiding me, inspiring me, pushing me. He was looking

out for me. Everything throughout this journey happened for a reason," he said.

Marija Mihajlovic, Dobrosavljevic's sister, said their family is "extremely proud" of him, and it was exciting and emotional for her to watch him every week.

"It was great for us to see him transform physically and emotionally," she said. "He was trying to fulfill the promise to our dad, and he carried that guilt around for a long time. I think it was hard for him to move on after our dad's death."

Jamie McGowan, Dobrosavljevic's girlfriend, said he seems much more peaceful since he's been back.

"He let go of a lot of his guilt," she said. "He's less fearful. He's smiling more, he's laughing more. He knows it's OK to be happy and that his dad would want him to be happy. He's honoring his dad's legacy."

Dobrosavljevic now is looking ahead to the future, whereas before, he wasn't too sure he even had one.

"I had a hard time believing in myself after my dad died," he said. "But seeing how far I've come, how much I've accomplished, there's nothing I can't do. I'm happy again. I'm dreaming again."

PREP ROUNDUP

# Thomas leads York boys past Glenbard West

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Jayvon Thomas scored 19 points to help lift York's boys basketball team to a 37-34 West Suburban Silver win at Glenbard West on Saturday.

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**IC Catholic**

After losing 92-43 against Riverside Brookfield on Feb. 6, the Knights recovered with a 58-47 win at Fenton on Tuesday. Troy Burrows and Will Lyles scored 15 points each for IC in the win and Jordan Rowell added 10 points.

**Timothy Christian**

The Trojans beat Guerin 61-30 Feb. 6 behind 19 points from Riley Chapman, 18 points from Robert McGivney and 11 points and 10 rebounds from Ben Lodewyk.

On Tuesday Joe Bishop led TC with 13 points in a 46-36 win against Elmwood Park. TC is tied for the lead in the Metro Suburban East with a 7-2 conference record.

**Addison Trail**

The Blazers have lost three straight conference games. Two very close losses in the past seven days extended the streak. AT lost to Leyden 51-48 in overtime Feb. 6 and 68-66 at Proviso East on Tuesday.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**IC Catholic**

The Knights opened the Class 2A playoffs by rolling past Westminster Christian 71-28 in a regional semifinal Wednesday. They played in the regional final Thursday.

**Timothy Christian**

Wheaton Academy topped the Trojans 47-33 in a Metro Suburban crossover game Wednesday.

**WRESTLING**  
**York**

Steve Berg (195 pounds), Tom Helton (285) and Mike Ordenez (138) all advanced from the Leyden regional to compete in the Glenbard North sectional tournament, which starts today.

**Addison Trail**

Michael Huynh (113 pounds), Jaime Valdez (126), Anthony Metallo (145) and Eduardo Valdez (220) moved on to the

Glenbard North sectional by placing inside the top three at the Leyden regional.

**IC Catholic**

Joey Bianchini (106 pounds) and Brendan O'Brien (145) won regional titles at the Class 1A Lisle regional. Pat Guinan (152) and Max Eichhorn (170) also advanced.

**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**

**Addison Trail**

Kennedy O'Neill tied for fifth on the uneven bars (9.20) at the Glenbard North sectional to automatically qualify for state in the event.

**BOYS SWIMMING**

**York**

The Dukes placed sixth at the West Suburban Silver meet. Jack Fiorini had the top individual finish for York, placing fifth in the 500-yard freestyle.

**Addison Trail/Willowbrook co-op**

Ethan Wallace was second in the 100-yard freestyle and third in the 50-yard freestyle at the West Suburban Gold meet Saturday. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Zachary Thompson, Nick Obrzut, Joshua Kwak and Wallace placed second. The co-op team placed third overall.

**GIRLS BOWLING**

**York**

The Dukes won the Hinsdale South regional with a team score of 5,678. York won by nine pins ahead of Lake Park.

Seniors Jessica Jensen, Ashley Newman, Katelyn Thurnall, Hannah Schwarz and junior Emma Baubly each bowled series of more than 1,000.

**Addison Trail**

Molly Schmelter and Amanda Jastrzebski advanced individually out of the Hinsdale South regional.

**COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING**

**York**

The Dukes took 11th in the large team division of the state cheerleading meet. York was .06 points from cracking the top 10 and advancing to the finals.

**Timothy Christian**

The Trojans placed 25th in the medium team division of the state cheerleading competition.

PLAYOFF PREVIEW

# Addison Trail, Timothy Christian and York set for postseason tipoff

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While IC Catholic has started its playoff run in Class 2A, the other two Elmhurst schools, Timothy Christian and York, and Addison Trail kick off the postseason next week. The Blazers and Trojans start Monday while York's regional play starts Tuesday in a semifinal. Here's the outlook for those three teams:

**Addison Trail**

**Class:** 4A

**Regional:** Addison Trail

**Sectional:** Geneva

**Seed:** No. 20

**First game:** 7 p.m. Monday vs. No. 16 Elk Grove

**Outlook:** The Blazers finished 1-11 in the West Suburban Gold and received the No. 20 seed out of 21 teams in the Geneva sectional.

Addison Trail does host its regional. AT opens against Elk Grove, which went 0-10 in the Mid Suburban League East, and the winner faces top sectional seed Conant.

**Timothy Christian**

**Class:** 3A

**Regional:** Nazareth

**Sectional:** Orr

**Seed:** No. 14

**First game:** 6 p.m. Monday vs. No. 19 Rowe-Clark Math & Science Academy

**Outlook:** The Trojans enter the postseason with a winning record thanks to senior post players Kaitlyn Gehrke and Juliana Stremler and the emergence of sophomore guard Allison Zeilstra. Timothy has shown big improvement from its five-win season last year, but still plays in a regional quarterfinal.

Timothy opens against Rowe-

Clark Math & Science Academy. A win would pit the Trojans against No. 3-seed North Lawndale, which won a Class 4A regional last year.

"It has been a big turnaround for us and the biggest reason is due to my girls believing," coach Michele Strube said. "Kaitlyn has been a power inside all season, she has had 15 double-doubles. ... A big key to this success is our guards. Senior Maty Huisman has become a leader and a workhorse on the court. ... Her defense and rebounding has been big and Allison Zeilstra is the heart of everything we do."

**York**

**Class:** 4A

**Regional:** Wheaton North

**Sectional:** Geneva

**Seed:** No. 3

**First game:** 6 p.m. Tuesday vs. No. 15 Willowbrook or No. 18 Hoffman Estates

**Outlook:** The Dukes finished 9-3 in the West Suburban Silver, tying for second, and also won the holiday tournament at Oswego East. As a result, York earned a No. 3 playoff seed, its best since the 2002-03 season.

York typically starts four seniors, Jessica Bianchi, Sarah Milkowski, Jamie Kovatchis and Alyssa Kovatchis, and the team's experience has played a big role in its success. The Dukes are in search of a first regional title since 2009.

Willowbrook and Hoffman Estates will play a regional quarterfinal Monday and the winner will face York the next day. The Dukes played Willowbrook in a West Suburban Conference crossover Wednesday, which was the regular season finale, and won 42-19.

No. 6-seed Bartlett and No. 11 Wheaton North are in the other semifinal.

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