

Reason to smile...

MEMBERS OF THE WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL boys basketball team cheer on their teammates during the fourth quarter of last week's West Suburban Gold Conference home game against Proviso East. The Warriors edged the visiting Pirates 96-94 in Villa Park. Willowbrook, which extended its winning streak to 14 games with the victory, trailed Proviso East 77-71 with less than five minutes to play in the game. The Warriors then scored 15 straight points in less than two minutes to take an 86-77 lead with under three minutes to play. The Pirates unleashed a furious rally of their own to take a 94-93 lead with less than one minute remaining. Sophomore Alonzo Verge made two free throws with 37.8 seconds to play to give Willowbrook a 95-94 lead. Senior Kyle Flushing added one free throw with 5.8 seconds to play. The Pirates missed a last-second shot from 3-point range. Verge poured in 41 points for the Warriors. Three nights later, Willowbrook earned a share of the WSGC title by defeating Leyden 67-62 in Villa Park. The Warriors and Morton share the conference title with 9-3 records. This is Willowbrook's first West Suburban Gold Conference championship in boys basketball since the school joined the conference at the beginning of the 1986-87 school year.



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Red-hot Warriors grab a share of the conference title

There was plenty of Warrior pride on display during last week's two boys basketball games at Willowbrook High School.

The red-hot Warriors finished their West Suburban Gold Conference (WSGC) schedule with a pair of home games—a Feb. 17 battle against Proviso East followed by Friday's contest against Leyden. Willowbrook won both games to earn a share of the WSGC title with Morton. Both schools compiled conference records of 9-3.

The Warriors extended their winning streak to 15 games with last week's victories over the Pirates and Eagles. Willowbrook completed the month of December with a 6-6 record. The Warriors haven't lost since, reeling off 15 straight wins to build a 21-6 record. The 21 victories ties a program record for wins in a season. The 1971-72 Willowbrook boys team finished its season with a 21-3 record.

Willowbrook can set a new school record
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The Warriors are pumped up...

Photos by Chris Fox

THE WILLOWBROOK BOYS BASKETBALL program won a share of the West Suburban Gold Conference (WSGC) championship after closing out the conference season with a pair of home victories last week. The above left photo shows (l. to r.) seniors Micah Williams and Andrew Kanelos at the conclusion of the Warriors' 96-94 victory over Proviso East on Feb. 17. The above right photos, showing the Willowbrook student section and the Warriors varsity cheerleaders, are from Friday's conference game against Leyden. Playing their final home game of the season, the Warriors defeated Leyden 67-62 to complete the WSGC season with a 9-3 record. Morton, which earned conference victories over Addison Trail and Proviso East last week, also finished the WSGC season with a 9-3 mark. Friday's victory extended Willowbrook's winning streak to 15 games. The Warriors have not lost since Dec. 27, when they suffered a 64-53 non-conference loss to Leyden in the championship game of Glenbard West's holiday tournament. Willowbrook's conference record stood at 1-3 after a home loss to Downers Grove South on Dec. 16. The Warriors then won their last eight conference games to claim a share of the WSGC title in boys basketball for the first time in school history. Willowbrook joined the WSGC during the 1986-87 school year. The Warriors last won a conference championship in boys basketball 43 years ago, when they won the 1971-72 Des Plaines Valley Conference title.

Villa Park holds 'State of the Village' at Willowbrook on Thursday

Villa Park residents are invited to attend the State of the Village address on Thursday, Feb. 26. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Willowbrook High School, located at 1250 S. Ardmore Ave.

According to a news release issued by the village, "the presentation is an opportunity to review the accomplishments of last year, including ongoing improvements to the Illinois Prairie Path and the launch of a new Village Web site. Included will be an overview of exciting items on this year's agenda, such as continued street improvements and the arrival of a new fire engine."

The event will also include information about current projects in each village department.

Villa Park man arrested on drug and gun charges at vacant business

Police recover cannabis and \$10,000 in cash from refrigerator

By Bonnie MacKay

Information obtained by Villa Park police led to the arrest of a 23-year-old Villa Park man on drug and gun charges.

Villa Park officers received information about activity in the 200 block of East St. Charles Road, where it was reported that people were coming and going from a business which was believed to be vacant.

On Feb. 20 at approximately 8 p.m., officers stopped and spoke to a male subject, identified as Brian Pittman, as he exited the building. Upon speaking with Pittman, officers found he reportedly was in possession of cannabis and \$600 in cash.

When officers checked the vacant business, they located an amount of cannabis, cocaine, heroin and 38 pills of Ecstasy from inside a bathroom in the common area of the multi-unit business building, according to a department press release.

According to Villa Park police Detective Sgt. Dan McCann, officers then learned that Pittman reportedly was residing within one of the units inside the building.

Subsequently, officers obtained a search warrant for the unit. Upon searching the unit

officers recovered approximately 174 grams of cannabis and \$10,000 in cash hidden inside a refrigerator, which McCann said was a small portable one. Officers also recovered a loaded 9mm handgun.

The detective said the unit did not have heat or water and was a vacant storefront in a strip mall.

Brian Pittman was taken into custody without incident, according to McCann, who added that officers are unsure how long the Villa Park man has been residing in the building.

Pittman was charged with two counts of possession of controlled substance, one count of felony possession of cannabis and misdemeanor charges for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of firearm without a valid FOID (Firearm Owners Identification Card) and possession of firearm ammunition without a valid FOID.

"The officer was very observant," the sergeant said, "and took the extra steps necessary to find out what was going on [in the vacant storefront]."

Pittman was transported to the DuPage County Jail, where as of press time, he was being held in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

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

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

For the fair to be successful, participants are needed to represent their career fields. Those who are interested in participating can download a form that's available online at <https://dupage83.net/site/public/files/forms-1987>.

VPJWC is accepting applications for 2015 scholarships through April 15

The Villa Park Junior Women's Club (VPJWC) is sponsoring a scholarship program to benefit female high school seniors who reside in Villa Park. The scholarships promote and reward students' involvement in a variety of community service activities.

This year, the VPJWC is awarding two scholarships—one for \$1,500 and one for \$500. The winners will be chosen based on their applications and recommendations received. These scholarships are not awarded based on financial need.

The VPJWC will accept scholarship applications until April 15. For more information, or to apply online or download an application, visit <http://vpjwc.org/scholarship/>.

Willowbrook...

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for wins in a season when it travels to Hinsdale Central for tonight's regular-season finale. The Warriors will open the IHSAA Class 4A playoffs next week with a March 4 game against either Downers Grove North or West Chicago. A win would propel Willowbrook to the regional championship game on March 6.

Willowbrook's successful season provides a complete turnaround from the 2013-14 campaign. Last season's Warriors suffered through a 2-25 campaign and an 0-12 record in WSGC action.

Sophomore Alonzo Verge, who's in his first season on the varsity team, has been the standout performer for Willowbrook this season. Through 27 games, Verge is scoring an average of 23.4 points per game. Verge poured in 41 points during last week's wild 96-94 victory over Proviso East on Feb. 18. He scored a team-leading 25 points in his team's 67-62 win over Leyden on Friday.

Willowbrook's other standout players include seniors Jake Bruns, Chris Roycroft, Kyle Rushing and Micah Williams, along with junior Kevin Miller. Bruns provided 18 points

in last week's win over Proviso East, while Rushing and Miller added 11 and 10 points, respectively. Williams contributed eight points, while Rushing scored six points. Rushing and Miller each scored 11 points during Friday's victory over Leyden.

"It is monumental," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins of the team's achievement of winning a share of the championship of the WSGC, which featured several strong teams this season. Perkins, a 2004 Willowbrook graduate and standout basketball player, said after Friday's victory that the entire Warrior community is sharing in the team's success.

"I received several e-mails from alumni from the 70s and 80s," said Perkins. "Everybody's been reaching out. They're just so proud of the way the team has been playing. They've been following us through the media and coming to the games. For the whole Willowbrook family, it's a huge moment."

While Perkins is proud of the Warriors' success, he noted that team still has its eyes on a productive post-season.

"For the whole Willowbrook family, [the conference title] is a huge moment," said Perkins. "At the same time, bigger things are in store for us come playoff time."

Police department to hold its quarterly SALT meeting on March 11

The Villa Park Police Department's upcoming quarterly meeting for Seniors And Law Enforcement Together (SALT) will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, at the Willowood Community Center. The center is located at 320 E. Wildwood Ave.

Residents and guests are invited to arrive at

10:30 a.m. to gather and enjoy coffee, pastries and fellowship prior to the presentation.

Villa Park Police Detective William Lyons will give a presentation at the meeting. The Villa Park Senior Concerns Commission will sponsor a lunch for all of the meeting's guests immediately after the presentation.

VPJWC to hold candidates forum at Village Hall on March 11

The Villa Park Junior Women's Club (VPJWC) will conduct a candidates forum on Wednesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. at Villa Park Village Hall, located at 40 S. Ardmore Ave.

Candidates running for seats on the Villa Park Village Board, the District 45 School Board and the Villa Park Library Board have been invited to attend the forum, which will include questions submitted by residents.

Registration for March 21 quarry tours begins Saturday

DuPage County residents will have an opportunity to take a tour of the Elmhurst Quarry Flood Control Facility on Saturday, March 21. The Elmhurst Quarry Tours are co-presented by DuPage County Stormwater Management, the Elmhurst Historical Museum and the Elmhurst Park District.

The tours, which will be led by DuPage County staff, will depart from Elmhurst Historical Museum, located at 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst, via coach bus every 30 minutes from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Each tour will last approximately 2 hours. The cost is \$5 per person. The tour will provide information about how DuPage County Stormwater Management currently operates the facility.

The March 21 event is being presented in observance of National Flood Awareness Week to foster a greater understanding of how the county manages floodwater.

The Elmhurst Quarry Flood Control Facility is an 8,300-acre-foot flood control facility on which construction began in 1993. The reservoir takes advantage of the old Elmhurst Chicago Stone Quarry, located south of North Ave. on Illinois Route 83 in Elmhurst. The two lobes of the quarry are separated by a rock high wall which supports West Ave. There is a "keyway" in the wall which allows

diverted flood water to fill both lobes. The east lobe is the deeper of the two lobes, with an average depth of 200 feet.

When Salt Creek water elevations near Good stage, excess flood water begins spilling into a diversion channel, which conveys the water to a drop shaft. Water then falls down the drop shaft into a 400-foot-long tunnel that carries the water under Route 83 from west to east and into the west lobe of the quarry. The water is then held in the quarry until creek water levels have receded to safe levels. The water is then pumped back to Salt Creek at salt flow rates.

Following the quarry visit, participants may join a guided tour of the Elmhurst Historical Museum's new exhibit, "By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst," and watch a brief film on the quarry's history.

Tour registration is available through the Elmhurst Park District's Web site at www.epd.org starting on Saturday, Feb. 28.

To request accommodations for visitors with disabilities, send an email to EMHAccess@elmhurst.org, or call 630-530-6679 at least three weeks prior to the tour.

For more information about next month's quarry tour, visit www.elmhursthistory.org or call the Elmhurst Historical Museum at 630-833-1457.



Student honored by the VFW...

JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL eighth-grader Isaiah Lewis (above, right) was recognized earlier this month for the essay he wrote for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Competition. Isaiah, who is pictured with Jefferson Principal Raul Gaston, submitted the essay last fall. The theme for the 2014-15 essay competition was "Why I Appreciate America's Veterans." Each of the submissions was judged on a point system in the areas of knowledge, theme and clarity. More than 100,000 middle-school students enter the essay competition each year. "Your paper was very good and well thought-out," stated Villa Park VFW Post 2801 Post Commander Dan Thomas of Isaiah's essay. Isaiah is shown holding the certificate he received for his submission. The certificate designates him as an "Outstanding Young Spokesperson of the Future."

Sports

LOMBARDIAN VILLA PARK REVIEW

Two wins give Warriors a share of the WSGC title

Willowbrook's boys basketball program hasn't given Warrior fans too much to cheer about in recent seasons. That's changed during the 2014-15 campaign, which produced the program's first conference title in more than four decades.

The Warriors needed a pair of home victories over two challenging West Suburban Gold Conference (WSGC) opponents last week to secure a share of the conference title with Morton. It was not easy, but Willowbrook pulled out wins in each game. The Warriors earned a 96-94 win over Proviso East in a back-and-forth thriller on Feb. 17. Three days later, the Warriors closed out the WSGC season with Friday's 67-62 win over Leyden.

This is Willowbrook's first conference title in boys basketball since the school joined the WSGC at the start of the 1986-87 school year. The Warriors last won a conference title in boys basketball in 1971-72, when they captured the Des Plaines Valley Conference championship. The 1971-72 team set a school record for victories in a season with 21. This season's Warriors tied that mark with Friday's win over Leyden.

In addition to locking up a piece of the conference title, last week's wins extended the Warriors' winning streak to 15 games and raised the team's overall record to 21-6. Willowbrook has not lost since it dropped a 64-53 non-conference decision to Leyden in the Dec. 27 title game of Glenbard West's holiday tournament.

Willowbrook and Morton share the 2014-15 WSGC championship with identical 9-3 records. The Warriors and Mustangs split their two head-to-head meetings. Morton earned a 92-70 homecourt win over Willowbrook on Nov. 17. The Warriors avenged that loss with an 80-78 win over the Mustangs in Villa Park on Feb. 6.

Like Willowbrook, Morton closed

out the WSGC season with a pair of wins last week. The Mustangs beat Addison Trail on Feb. 17 before defeating Proviso East on Friday.

"It's amazing," said Willowbrook senior Jake Bruns after Friday's win clinched a share of the conference title. "I can't believe we did it."

Bruns is one of the current Warriors who was a member of last season's team, which suffered through a forgettable 2-25 season. The 2013-14 Warriors had an 0-12 WSGC record and finished the season with 15 straight losses.

"Last year, every day our heads were down," said Bruns. "This year, we're screaming, we're yelling, we're having fun in the locker room. Our confidence is high. We're having fun out there."

"It means a lot to come out here with my brothers and win a conference championship," said senior Kyle Rushing, a three-year varsity player, following Friday's victory. "Not just for us, but for everybody who ever went to Willowbrook, who's going to go to Willowbrook."

Rushing said that he and his teammates believed at the beginning of the season that they could win the conference title.

"It was one of our goals," said Rushing, who referred to a team meeting at the beginning of the season. "We didn't believe it was far-fetched. We just knew that we had to put in the work, and that it wasn't going to be easy."

The Feb. 17 victory over Proviso East definitely was not easy. The Pirates were seeking revenge against the Warriors, who scored a 68-65 victory teams' first meeting of the season on Jan. 24 in Maywood. Proviso East held a 42-37 halftime lead in last week's rematch in Villa Park. The Pirates and Warriors were tied at 61-61 at the end of the third period.

If anyone ever writes a book about

the Warriors' 2014-15 season, he or she could devote an entire chapter to the fourth quarter of last week's game against Proviso East. Willowbrook outscored the Pirates 35-33 in the period to earn the narrow 96-94 victory. Proviso East held a 75-68 lead with 5:45 to play. The Pirates' lead stood at 77-71 with just under five minutes left in the game. The Warriors then scored 15 straight points to take a 86-77 lead with under three minutes to play. Instead of wilting, the Pirates mounted their own furious rally to grab a 94-93 lead with under one minute to play.

Sophomore Alonzo Verge helped the Warriors regain the lead when he made a pair of free throws with 37.8 seconds to play to put Willowbrook ahead 95-94. Verge finished the night with 41 points—22 in the first half and 19 in the second half. He made 13 of 23 shots, including four of 11 attempts from 3-point range. He sank 11 of 12 free throws.

"We tried to keep our energy as high as possible and not let up," said Verge after last week's win over the Pirates. "I have confidence in my teammates, and they have confidence in me. We just try to feed off that."

Rushing made one free throw with 5.8 seconds left to give the Warriors their 96-94 lead. The Pirates missed a 3-point shot at the buzzer.

"Anytime you beat Proviso East, it's sweet," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins after the game. "We knew it was going to be up and down. We knew we could run with them."

Bruns scored 18 points in the victory, which easily set the team's season record for points in a game. The Warriors' next-highest output was their 80-point game against Morton on Feb. 6. Rushing scored 11 points, while junior Kevin Miller and senior Micah Williams scored 10 and eight points, respectively.

Verge scored 25 points in Friday's win over Leyden. The Warriors held

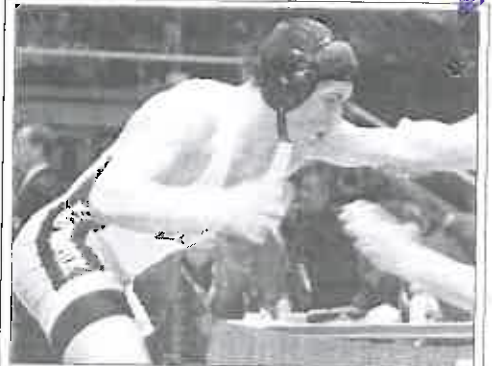
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Driving force...

Photo by Chris Fox

SOPHOMORE ALONZO VERGE (above) of the Willowbrook boys basketball team drives down the court during Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game against Leyden. Verge scored 25 points in the Warriors' 67-62 win. The victory gave Willowbrook its 15th straight win, an overall record of 21-6 and a share of the conference title. Verge poured in 41 points in the Warriors' previous game—a 96-94 conference win over Proviso East on Feb. 17. Verge is averaging more than 23 points per game this season. He's been the team's leading scorer or co-leading scorer in 23 games.



Runner-up Warriors...

Photos by Jim Izzo

TWO WILLOWBROOK WRESTLERS earned runner-up finishes at the IHSA Class 3A individual state meet, which took place from Thursday to Saturday in Champaign. Freshman Jack Jessen (top photo) and junior Matt Rowland (bottom photo) each won three matches in Champaign to advance to the championship match of their respective weight divisions. Jessen advanced to the 170-pound final, while Rowland battled into the 152-pound title match. Jessen lost a 5-4 decision to Marmion junior Riley DeMoss in Saturday's finals, while Rowland dropped a 9-3 decision to junior Walter White of Oak Park/River Forest. Jessen completed the season with an overall record of 49-3. Rowland, who advanced to the quarterfinals of last season's individual state meet as a sophomore, finished the 2014-15 season with a 47-3 record. Rowland's three losses all came against White in successive weeks in the finals of the Leyden Regional, the Glenbard North Sectional and the state meet. White finished the season with a perfect 36-0 record.



The 1963-64 Rams' Elite Eight team ...

THE 1963-64 GLENBARD EAST BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM was recognized before Friday's Upstate Elite Conference boys game between Glenbard East and East Aurora in Lombard. The 1963-64 Rams earned six post-season victories to advance to the Elite Eight—the state quarterfinals—which at the time were played at Assembly Hall at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Glenbard East lost to eventual state champion Pekin in the quarterfinal round. According to the 1963-64 Glenbard East yearbook, the Rams' post-season run 51 years ago included regional victories over Lake Park, Willowbrook and West Leyden. Glenbard East edged Willowbrook 65-64 in a regional semifinal game and beat West Leyden 60-57 in the regional final. The Rams then posted sectional victories over Naperville and Elgin before defeating Bradley 42-37 in a super-sectional championship game. According to the yearbook, the team finished the season with an overall record of 24-7. Members of the team (pictured left to right) are: (front row) Gary Wilhite, Tim Weiss, John Kerzan and Bob Hager; (back row) Dan Stewart, Tena Haraldson (a 1963-64 Glenbard East cheerleader), Ken Parker and Mike Fleming. The Glenbard East alumni watched the current Rams defeat East Aurora 54-52.

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Elmhurst files suit to reclaim sales tax rebate

Seeks over \$140,000 from Lucky Motors, which relocated to Villa Park

By Dee Longfellow
For The Independent

VILLA PARK — The Independent has learned that on Feb. 11, the City of Elmhurst filed a lawsuit against Lucky Motors, Inc., claiming the auto dealership violated terms of its 2010 sales tax rebate agreement.

The 10-year deal with Lucky Motors, Inc., provided the dealership with a 50 percent rebate of sales taxes the City received from sales of used vehicles either over the Internet or at its Elmhurst location at 817 N. Church Rd. The rebate agreement was capped at a maximum of \$50,000 per year or a total payout of \$500,000 over the 10-year agreement.

The City of Elmhurst commonly uses sales tax rebate agreements as an incentive for economic development and has entered into similar agreements with other locally-based auto dealers, which have proven successful to the dealership as well as the City. The deal with Lucky Motors included a recoupment provision, which requires full or partial return of any of the rebate payments if the company relocates its operations to a location outside of the City during the term of

the agreement. The provision called for 100% repayment of rebates if the business relocates before five years.

In September of 2014, Elm-

hurst officials observed that Lucky Motors had relocated its business to Villa Park. City Attorney Don Storino sent a letter to Lucky Motors in

October requesting the business repay the full \$144,635 in rebates or face further action. Despite continued attempts to resolve the matter through fur-

ther communications, Elmhurst has not received payment from Lucky Motors, and is filing suit to reclaim what is provided for in the 2010 agreement.



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Hot Rodders of tomorrow

Pictured are the Willowbrook students who competed in the Hot Rodders of Tomorrow Engine Challenge, which took place on Feb. 14 and 15. They are (from left) senior Austin Denz, junior Vince Ayala, senior Rob Letson, senior Brian Kraabel, senior Josh Bay and junior James Moore. With them is Villa Park resident Bill Reeves, who serves as a consultant to the Willowbrook team. The students competed against other high schools to see who could rebuild a car engine the fastest. They had a chance to win scholarship money and advance to a national competition.

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Superintendent's Student Leadership Team provides youth insight

ADDISON/VILLA PARK — On Feb. 13, about 25 students from Addison Trail and Willowbrook attended a Superintendent's Student Leadership Team meeting.

During that meeting, the students spoke with District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton, Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka and Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause about what is going well in the district and what could be improved from their perspective. They also reviewed the calendar for the 2015-16 school year with the administrators.

Later in the meeting, Willow-

brook Social Worker Erik Engel led the students in an exercise to think about how District 88 student leaders could partner with the elementary school districts that feed into the District's high schools. The students discussed with the administrators some ways they could mentor the younger students on topics such as substance abuse and healthy relationships.

Helton meets with the Superintendent's Student Leadership Team throughout the school year to gather feedback from the students and to hear firsthand how they feel about District 88.



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Addison Trail senior Stephanie Diaz (second from right) speaks with her peers during the District 88 Superintendent's Student Leadership Team meeting on Feb. 13. The event offered administrators a rare chance to learn how the youth really feel about their school and the District.

District 88 takes part in African-American History Month

ADDISON/VILLA PARK — Throughout the month of February, Addison Trail and Willowbrook students and staff have been recognizing African-American History Month through various events and learning opportunities.

For example, District 88 students, staff and administrators were able to enjoy a viewing of the movie "Selma" as part of African-American History Month. Several local officials and legislators joined the group for that viewing including Addison Police Department

Director of Police Timothy "Bill" Hayden, Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra, State Rep. Deb Conroy (D-46th District) and State Rep. Kathy Willis (D-77th District), and District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton.

At Addison Trail, a PowerPoint presentation that shares the history, accomplishments and contributions of African-Americans is being displayed throughout the month. At Willowbrook, information about the history, accomplishments and contributions of African-

Americans is being shared with students and staff during Monday announcements throughout February.

Students from both high schools will participate in the Black Student Leadership Conference on Feb. 24 at College of DuPage to learn leadership skills and to learn about the college admission process and pursuing a career. In addition, Addison Trail students will attend the Black Women's Expo from March 27-29 at McCormick Place in Chicago.

From Feb. 9-13, Willow-

brook held Spirit Week to celebrate African-American History Month.

Both schools designed T-shirts to promote African-American History Month.

DuPage County praised for obesity prevention efforts

DU PAGE COUNTY — The FORWARD initiative, a program of the DuPage County Health Department, is one of only 11 counties and cities nationwide to be highlighted for its obesity prevention accomplishments on the Rob-

ert Wood Johnson Foundation (RJWF) website.

Launched in 2009, FORWARD has been the key driver of the County's efforts to create healthier communities and has

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Four Willowbrook students compete in State competitions

VILLA PARK — On Feb. 18, Willowbrook hosted a State sendoff celebration for freshman Jack Jessen and junior Matt Rowland, who competed in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Boys Wrestling State Tournament, held Feb. 19 to 21 in Champaign. Jessen was to compete in the 170-pound division, and Rowland in the 152-pound division.

Another send-off was held on Feb. 20 for senior Alex Lapinski, who was to compete in a Humorous Interpretation event at the IHSA Individual Events State Tournament, held Feb. 20 and 21 at the Peoria Civic Center.

Senior Tamara Mendez competed in the IHSA Girls Gymnastics State Meet, also held Feb. 20 and 21 at Palatine High School. She competed in the all-around, vault, bars and beam events.



Junior Matt Rowland (left) and freshman Jack Jessen were to participate in the IHSA Boys Wrestling State Tournament.



Senior Alex Lapinski was scheduled to take part in the IHSA Individual Events State Tournament held in Peoria last weekend.



Senior Tamara Mendez was to compete in the IHSA Girls Gymnastics State Meet at Palatine High School Feb. 20-21.



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Rusnak named National Merit finalist

Pictured is Willowbrook senior Tyler Rusnak, who has been named as a finalist in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program. He is a member of Willowbrook's DECA Team, Math Team, National Honor Society, Civitas (the school's social studies honor society), Scholastic Bowl, Key Club and Gay-Straight Alliance. Tyler plans to study botany at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Carleton College or The University of Chicago.

News from VFW Post 2801

Dates to remember

• **March 8** – Post 80th Anniversary – 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Celebrate the Post's 80th Anniversary this year. Kick-off Bash is Sunday March 8th, with a chicken and pasta dinner, 11:30 – 4 p.m. Come early and enjoy coffee and pastries 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. The Thom Mac Band will be perform from 1-3 p.m.

Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 at the door.

Menu includes fried chicken, mostaccioli, mashed potatoes & gravy, salad, coffee and tea.

(And coffee and pastries for the early birds!)

• **March 10, 10 a.m.** Technology Classes begin again, presented by SpeedTex of Villa Park. These classes, held on the second Tuesday of every month, are for the not-so-tech-savvy folks who are new to smart phones, tablets, laptops, etc. Classes are limited to ten persons, so register early.

Topic for March 10 – Facebook: setting up, navigating, security, updating info, photos, etc.

Fee: \$12 per student (spouses \$6).

To registration, call 630-501-0418 or via e-mail to: customerservice@speedtex.us

• **March 21** – Post/Scouts Mostaccioli Dinner – 5-8 p.m.

All-you-can-eat pasta dinner hosted by Post Troop 242 Boy Scouts. Tickets include salad, garlic bread, meatballs and/or sausage, juice, coffee and

baked goods. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 Seniors & Children 4-12

• **March 22** – Sunday Breakfast from 8:30-12 noon

Menu includes: biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, sausages, pancakes, french toast, pastries, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Tickets are \$7/adults, \$4 / kids 5-11.

• **April 12** – Ladies Spring & Summer Fashion Show, beginning at 12 noon.

Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of Villa Park VFW

For tickets and information, call Jan Bakes 630-217-2147.

Proceeds support the VFW's Cancer Aid & Research Program. The program will feature jewelry, shoes, accessories, fashions for every woman including spring and summer arrivals, presented by The Dress Barn of Bloomingdale.

More dates to remember:

• **Feb 26** – Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 p.m.

• **March 8** – 80th Anniversary Dinner 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

• **March 9** – Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 p.m.

• **March 16** – Post meeting 7:30 p.m.

• **March 21** – Scouts/Post Spaghetti Dinner 5-8 p.m.

• **March 22** – Post monthly Breakfast 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon

• **March 26** – Rock-N-Wings 5-8 p.m.

• **March 26** – Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Activities Reminder

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Menu includes: fried shrimp, Fish/Shrimp combos, beef/sausage sandwiches, combos, hot dogs

Villa Park Chamber to host scholarship fundraiser for WBHS

VILLA PARK — On March 5 beginning at 8 a.m., the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce will host a breakfast at Willowbrook High School with proceeds to the chamber's Scholarship Fund for WBHS students. Tickets are \$25 a person. There will an optional tour of the high school beginning at 9 a.m. for anyone interested.

Musical entertainment will be provided by WBHS students and breakfast will be prepared and served by The Brook Catering Co., which is comprised of WBHS students enrolled in culinary classes at the school.

To register for this Scholarship Fundraiser, go to dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2072

SPORTS

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Addison Trail boys basketball team gettig ready for home stretch

Blazers earn No. 9 seed at East Aurora sectional

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys basketball team was rewarded for its improvement this season.

The Blazers earned a Top 10 seed in the upcoming Class 4A East Aurora sectional. Addison Trail is the No. 9 seed in the 22-team field.

In recent action, Addison

Trail dropped a pair of West Suburban Conference Gold Division games to Proviso East. The Blazers lost 68-66 on the road (a makeup game due to weather) and 69-60 at home.

"It was two different games in a sense," said Addison Trail coach Brendan Lyons. "In the one game we were down by 20 at halftime after playing the worst half of basketball of the season and then we had a great third quarter and came back and cut it to five, but we didn't have enough left to finish it off. In the other game, it was tied with 30 second left and we

gave up an offensive rebound put-back with four seconds left and that was the difference. We played well for the most part in both games. But against a team like Proviso that is very aggressive defensively with pressing from baseline to baseline you have to take care of the basketball and rebound and have a great tempo. We didn't get to that point in both games. We had too many turnovers and we gave up too many offensive rebounds."

Jaavion Bradley led Addison Trail in one of the Proviso games with 23 points. Taylor

White was the Blazers' leading scorer in the other game with 18 points.

"We're getting good contributions collectively as a group," said Lyons. "When we are playing well we get really good team efforts. We continue to play solidly."

Lyons also lauded the play of Dante Frontier and sophomore Jack Kalbas.

"Donte had two solid games against Proviso," said Lyons. "Jack played well and gave us a lot of good energy."

The two losses put Addison Trail at 14-8 overall.

"I like this group," said Lyons. "The big thing is we need to get back to playing better defense in the half court. We've played a lot of close games early in the year that we won with good defense. The differences in our wins and losses have not been by wide margins. The guys understand we have to do that. It's just a question of going back to that and getting a couple of breaks to go our way."

Addison Trail played its West Suburban Conference cross-over game earlier this week.

Willowbrook's Rowland and Jessen finish second at state wrestling

Fenton's Alfaro fourth; Addison Trail's Jastrzebski strong at state bowling finals

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook wrestling program's long list of accomplishments over the years just got a little larger.

Willowbrook junior Matt Rowland and freshman teammate Jack Jessen each took second in their respective weight classes at the recent Class 3A state finals in Champaign.

Rowland, wrestling in the 152-pound division, won his first match 9-4 over Hinsdale Central's Juwan Edmond and then scored a 6-1 victory over Wheeling's Munkhtulga Zuunbayan. In the semifinals Rowland was a 5-0 winner over Alton's Nicholas DeLoach.

In the finals, Rowland dropped a 9-3 decision to familiar foe Walter White Jr., of Oak Park-River Forest.

Rowland finished the season with a 50-4 record.

At 170 pounds, Jessen won his first match via fall in 2:58 over Highland Park's John Ciancio. He then scored an 8-3 win over Sandburg's Brian Krawowski. In the semifinals, Jessen downed

Belleville East's Matthew Striegel 7-4.

Jessen then dropped a 5-4 match to Marmion's Riley DeMoss in the 170-pound state championship match.

Jessen finished the year 52-4.

Addison Trail wrestling

Addison Trail senior Anthony Metallo went 1-2 at the Class 3A state wrestling finals in Champaign.

Wrestling in the 145-pound division, Metallo opened with a pinfall win in 5:05 over Marmion's Michael Callahan. He then lost 7-3 to Crystal Lake South's Eric Barone. In the consolation bracket, Metallo dropped a match by fall in 5:59 to Yorkville's Brody Sharp.

Metallo finished the season 38-10.

Fenton wrestling

Fenton senior Juan Alfaro placed fourth at 170 pounds at the recent Class 2A state wrestling finals in Champaign.

Alfaro started off with a 6-3 win over Champaign Central's Trystan Schoonover. He then pinned Lemont's John Polk in 5:38.

Alfaro then lost 13-2 to Troy Triad's Cole Witzig in the semifinals.

Alfaro came back to score a 5-4 win over Geneseo's Cole Hunzeker in the consolation bracket and then lost via pinfall in the third-place match to Oak Forest's Patrick Kristin.

Senior Antoine Bess wrestled at 120

pounds and lost via fall in 1:56 to Washington's Elijah Oliver in his first match and then lost via major decision to Oak Forest's Alan Durham. Bess finished the year 32-11.

Willowbrook girls gymnastics

Willowbrook senior Tamara Mendez competed in two individual events and the all-around competition at the recent IHSA state gymnastics finals at Palatine High School.

Mendez placed 33rd on beam with a score of 7.825 and took 34th on the vault with a 9.200.

In the all-around competition, Mendez was 32nd with a score of 33.425. She earned a 9.200 on vault, a 9.125 on beam, a 7.8250 on beam and a 7.2750 on floor exercise.

Addison Trail girls bowling

Addison Trail senior Amanda Jastrzebski finished 44th at the IHSA state girls bowling finals at Cherry Bowl Lanes outside of Rockford.

Jastrzebski found herself tied for 41st place after the first day of competition. She rolled a 1,242 series that included a 661 effort (203, 245 and 213 games) and a 581 (203, 206 and 172 games).

On the final day, she rolled games of 182, 178 and 194 for a 554 and then came back in the final session with games of 224, 223 and 214 for a 661.

Jastrzebski finished with a total score of 2,457 and averaged nearly 205 pins a game for the tournament.

Willowbrook girls basketball

The Willowbrook girls basketball team lost a 51-35 decision to Hoffman Estates in Class 4A regional play recently.

Hoffman Estates led 15-11 after the first quarter and 26-18 at halftime.

Michala Giammarrino led the Warriors in scoring with 10 points (1 three-pointer). Sam Schmidt had six points and nine rebounds, while Breonna Brown added six points. Sidney Planz had five points, Kalya Konrath had seven rebounds and Cheyenne Brunig had two steals.

Addison Trail girls basketball

The Addison Trail girls basketball team dropped a 49-28 decision to Elk Grove at the Class 4A Addison Trail regional.

Addison Trail's Kelly Delawder advanced to the sectional portion of the Class 4A state 3-pointing shooting contest.

Fenton girls basketball

The Fenton girls basketball team lost 40-26 to Glenbard North in quarterfinal action of the Class 4A St. Charles North regional.

Addison Trail's O'Neill 12th on beam at state gymnastics

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Addison Trail sophomore girls gymnast Kennedy O'Neill finished her season with a bang.

O'Neill earned a state medal on beam by placing 12th in the event at the IHSA state finals at Palatine High School.

O'Neill finished with a score of 7.90 on beam on the final day of competition. She advanced

to the finals after tying for 10th place with a 9.075 in the preliminary round.

O'Neill also placed 27th on bars with an 8.80 and took 24th in the all-around competition with a 36.00 score. In the all-around she scored 9.275 on vault, 8.800 on bars, 9.075 on beam and 8.850 on floor exercise (total average score of 9.00).

"With beam this year I've mostly stayed clean and stayed on the beam," said O'Neill earlier last week. "I've made sure that I have good form and good presentation and show everything off on beam."

O'Neill added that she increased her skill level on the bars. "I worked hard over the summer and increased my skill difficulty," she said. "That has

paid off a lot this year. I do some things that not a lot of people do. It was weird at first learning it, but once I got it and mastered the skill it wasn't hard at all. A lot of times people will gasp when they watch because they aren't used to it. It's an eye-opener and not a lot of people are used to it."

O'Neill has been competing in gymnastics for the better

part of a decade, starting off in a park district program.

"My parents put me in there," she explained. "I tried every other sport and gymnastics is what stuck with me."

O'Neill did club gymnastics up until she entered Addison Trail.

"I just decided to do high

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Staying focused

Fenton senior Antoine Bess ends season at state tournament

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Fenton senior wrestler Antoine Bess said a focused mind can lead to big things in the sport.

"You have to keep your mind focused and that's something I've improved on a lot," he said. "It's a really huge part of wrestling. Wrestling is a great sport where anybody can be good. It doesn't matter how big or fast you are, as long as you have that successful mentality. You must

have the proper mindset."

Confidence also plays a big role.

"That's part of it too," he said. "I feel like every match I've had I've gained more confidence regardless if I won or lost."

Bess has combined the mental side with an improved technical game this season. That helped land him a spot in the Class 2A state finals tournament this past weekend in Champaign.

Bess also takes pride in the level of his conditioning on the mat.

"My conditioning is probably the best thing I have," he said. "Because of my conditioning I can wrestle for a long time. Wrestling is a very taxing sport. I feel like I can go on forever out there. You can't get gassed out there."

Bess started wrestling in high school. He wrestled his first year at Elk Grove High School.

"One of my friends bet me I couldn't do it (wrestle)," he said. "I had to prove him wrong. He said I wasn't cut out for it. I ended up doing well with it."

Bess would like to wrestle in college and would like to study exercise science/kinesiology.

Getting to the state tournament was a crowning achievement for Bess.

"Not making it last year was heart-breaking. I lost in the sectionals," he said. "I was downtrodden the whole summer. It motivated me for this year. Getting there means a lot to me. It's something I've worked on for the past four years. This makes up for last year. This means so much to me and to the Fenton program."

Addison Trail's Metallo finishes strong

Senior wrestler competes in Class 3A state finals

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Addison Trail senior wrestler Anthony Metallo saved the best for last.

Metallo wrapped up his high school wrestling career this past weekend in Champaign with his first appearance in the Class 3A state finals.

"Making it down there

means a lot," he said earlier last week. "I've been working every year trying to make it and have come up short before. I finally did it."

Metallo, who was 36-6 heading into the tournament with 23 pinfall wins, said he's noticed an overall uptick in all parts of his wrestling game.

"Pretty much everything has improved," he said. "I have more of a mental focus. The mental approach to wrestling is very important. You can be physical and have it all there,

but once you start doubting yourself, that takes away from everything. I try and go out there and do whatever it takes. I'm very determined. I go out there every time and wrestle like it's my last match."

Metallo cited his performance in the Class 3A sectional several weeks ago as one of his favorite achievements.

"In the sectional tournament I pinned three kids in a row to make it to state," he said.

Metallo has been wrestling

since he was six or seven years old. He had been playing in the Addison Cowboys football program when he noticed a flier for wrestling.

"I said I'd try it. Why not?" he said. "I fell in love with the sport. I love the individual part of it. You don't have to worry about anybody else out there but yourself. When you beat someone one-on-one it feels great because you did it."

Metallo, who also played four years of football at Addi-

son Trail, said he would like to play football in college and is looking into the University of Wisconsin-Platteville as a possible destination.

Metallo added the experiences he had in football and wrestling at Addison Trail will stick with him for many years to come.

"Our school has the greatest coaches," he said. "They have taught me so many different things. I've learned so many different life lessons through my years here."

Immediate impact

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Willowbrook freshman Jack Jessen was a known commodity on the wrestling circuit before he ever stepped foot onto a high school mat.

Jessen has enjoyed tremendous success at the youth national level (earning four national titles) and continued that into his first high school

season where he qualified for the Class 3A state finals tournament at 170 pounds.

"I've gotten better at learning moves and getting smoother with my shots," he said earlier last week. "I work hard at escaping. I feel I can get away from anyone. I believe in myself."

Jessen said he's most comfortable when he's wrestling on his feet. "I do a lot of hand

fighting and go for a lot of shots. I have a lot of offense," he said. "I feel very comfortable on my feet. I like being on offense on my feet."

Wrestling is nothing new for Jessen, who has been involved with the sport since he was five in the Villa Park Young Warriors program.

"I love the competitiveness of everything," he said. "It's you and the other guy on the mat. It's a good combat sport that I've fallen in love with for years."

Jessen downplayed the earlier success he's had or any notion of what might be around the corner for him.

"I'm still trying to realize my potential," he said. "The experience I've had has helped me tremendously with my technique and my mental game. I've become stronger because of it and I'm calmer. I go out there and I do my thing. I'm not distracted by the stage I'm on or the crowd. I don't see it as pressure. I'm only a freshman. I'm just trying to make something happen."

Jessen said wrestling kids

three grade levels higher doesn't bother him. "I don't see age," he said. "You see kids getting bumped up all the time in age divisions. I've been wrestling older guys for a while."

Jessen said his rise to success could not have happened without the support he's received.

"I have received a lot of support and there is a big family

environment around here," he said. "That also has been a big help."

Jessen was excited that he attained one of his major goals.

"My goal was to get downstate this year," he said. "Anything I do down there is icing on the cake. Looking back I could have never imagined myself being in this spot. And I still have three more years to improve."

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school gymnastics," she said. "There was a lot less stress involved and it gave me time to do other things such as track (O'Neill competed in the 100, 200, triple jump and long jump last year as a freshman) and dance."

O'Neill also is a standout in the classroom where she has a 4.5 grade-point average. She doesn't mind the busy schedule she has between academics and extra curricular activities.

"Club gymnastics taught me how to manage my time," she said. "I'm very good at doing

that. I plan everything out so I can make time for everything."

O'Neill noted having the experience of being in the state meet as a freshman has helped as well.

"It gives me more confidence," she said. "Going in I know what to expect. Last year I had no idea what to expect. I'm very happy with what has happened. My goal was to make it downstate all four years. To qualify this year, I was so excited. It shows the hard work is paying off and that is very exciting."

Willowbrook freshman Jack Jessen has quickly made a name for himself in high school wrestling

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PLAYOFF PREVIEW



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Addison Trail's Nicholas Conrad (left) drives across the court Feb. 20 in a road game at Hinsdale South. The Blazers are looking to recapture some of their early season success when they start postseason play Tuesday.

AT, TC, York boys hoping for playoff hoops success

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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The road to the state finals for Class 3A and 4A boys basketball teams starts with regional tournament games beginning Monday. Here's the outlook for Addison Trail, Timothy Christian and York.

Addison Trail

Class: 4A
Regional: Proviso West
Sectional: East Aurora
Seed: No. 9

First game: 7 p.m. Tuesday vs. No. 8 Metea Valley

Outlook: The Blazers got off to a hot start this season, winning 10 of the first 11 games, but have struggled since. AT lost seven of its final eight West Suburban Gold games to finish 4-8 in the league.

Seniors Taylor White and Matt Gontarek have been key for the Blazers this season, but younger players such as sophomore Jack Kalbas and juniors Nick Conrad and Eric Grygo also have contributed to a balanced team.

AT earned the No. 9 seed, which

is the program's best since 2001. The Blazers open against Metea Valley, which enters the postseason with an eight-game winning streak. The winner likely faces top sectional seed Lyons Township, which won the West Suburban Silver, in the regional final March 6.

Timothy Christian

Class: 3A
Regional: Timothy Christian
Sectional: Westinghouse
Seed: No. 11

First game: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday vs. No. 6 Westinghouse

Outlook: The Trojans shared the Metro Suburban East title to win the program's first conference title since the 2008-09 season when they won the Private School League in its final year of existence.

Timothy heads into the postseason having won six of its final seven games. Robert McGivney, a 6-foot-6 senior, has stepped up as a key player on the interior while guards Riley Chapman and Ben Lodewyk have set the tempo for the team.

The Trojans open the postseason against Chicago public school West-

inghouse, which is the No. 6 seed in the Class 3A sectional. The winner likely faces No. 3 North Lawndale Charter.

York

Class: 4A
Regional: Glenbard West
Sectional: East Aurora
Seed: No. 7

First game: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday vs. No. 10 Naperville Central

Outlook: The Dukes have been led by senior guard Jayvon Thomas, whose ability to score has been crucial for York this season. The supporting cast has given York some bright spots as well, even if this regular season hasn't matched the last few years.

The guard-heavy team lacks size and Naperville Central, which is York's first playoff opponent, has some size. Junior Harrison Hallstrom is one of the Redhawks top players and is 6-foot-7. York has topped some taller teams this season, including Hinsdale South, which features 6-foot-11 Barret Benson, but it does alter the matchup.

The winner of that game likely takes on No. 2 seed Benet, which beat York 39-31 Dec. 13, in the regional final March 6.

IC Catholic girls back to state finals for second time

By DAN SANTAROMITA
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RIVER FOREST - It took more than 30 years for IC Catholic to get to state in girls basketball for the first time.

The second time will now come just a year later.

The Knights beat Seton Academy 42-29 in a Class 2A supersectional at Concordia University on Monday to advance to the state semifinals for the second time in as many seasons. IC will play Breese Central at 8:15 p.m. today at Redbird Arena in Normal.

"Going down there last year was such a goal for us and to come back this year, it's incredible," forward Anjella Farmer said. "We just wanted to win and at the end of the day we showed who wanted it more."

Last year in the supersectional the Knights also knocked off Seton Academy, 40-38.

The Sting (21-7) scored the first four points of the game, but the Knights quickly responded with a 14-0 run. IC (20-11) led the rest of the game. The Knights limited Seton to 9-for-37 shooting (24.3 percent).

The Knights returned just two starters, Erin Maloney and Chiara Gaudio, from last year's team, which took fourth in Class 2A. Maloney was recently honored as honorable mention IHSA Academic All-State.

This season, depth and chemistry have been keys to the team's success.

"We're such a family," Farmer said. "We blend together so well. We love each other and we fight for each other."

Coach Aubree Lawrence-Schuett tried to distance comparisons to last year's team and last year's match up with Seton Academy.

"We're a different group this year as compared to last year," Lawrence-Schuett said. "I feel like this year player-for-player we've got a little more depth. Claire Gibler, our freshman, gives us that."

Gaudio led IC with 13 points. Gibler had 11 points and five rebounds and Farmer added nine points.

IC enters the state semifinals with 11 losses, which is more than any of the other three teams in the final four. However, the Knights' schedule in the Metro Suburban West was loaded with bigger schools, a fact that could make a difference downstate.

"Our conference schedule was pretty tough," Lawrence-Schuett said. "We played some really good teams. We only played one 2A school in the regular season. It's a super competitive schedule. It was tough along the way."

Twilight racing part of 2015 Elmhurst Cycling Classic

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

ELMHURST – Racing after dark will be the newest exciting change to the Superior Ambulance Elmhurst Cycling Classic on July 24.

This year, the Elmhurst Cycling Classic, which will be around Elmhurst College and at Wilder Park and is part of the Intelligentsia Cycling Series, will feature twilight criterium racing – high speed racing after work and after dark.

“Introducing twilight racing to the Elmhurst Cycling Classic is going to

“Introducing twilight racing to the Elmhurst Cycling Classic is going to increase the excitement factor.”

Tim Radcliff
Race director

increase the excitement factor,” race director Tim Radcliff said. “Not only will four of the fastest races occur after 5 p.m., the professional men will

Know more

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actually be racing the course under the stars. ... Elmhurst is unique in that it has all the right ingredients for successful twilight racing.”

The event in downtown Elmhurst

features spectator parking at York High School and in downtown parking garages, easy access to food vendors and plenty of spectator room at the finish line near Wilder Mansion.

The Elmhurst Cycling Classic is the primary fundraiser of the DuPage Cycling Foundation, a nonprofit organization that raises funds for community nonprofits primarily in greater DuPage County. Proceeds from the Elmhurst Cycling Classic are distributed to area charities. The event has succeeded in donating more than \$21,000 in its first two years.

Elmhurst Chiefs PeeWee Green wins league title



Photo provided

The Elmhurst Chiefs PeeWee Green team captures the 2014-15 Northwest Hockey League white division with a 9-2-1 record that included four shutout wins. The squad also won the title at the 2015 Chicago Presidents Cup Tournament by defeating the Soo Sal Dan Bombers from Ontario, Canada, 3-1 in the final. Team members include: Blake Becker, Aaron Berman, Charles Bianchi, Ryan Brown, Mikey Cook, Will Fallon, Murphy McFarlane, Evan O'Donnell, Emmett Paschen, Tommy Pedote, Mark Schneider, Andrew Sheehan, Frank Temple, Spencer Wheatland, Nico Wilkens, and Tyler Zochalski.

PREP ROUNDUP

IC boys to play for regional title

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

IC Catholic's boys basketball team advanced to a Class 2A regional final at Lisle High School by winning two regional games earlier this week. IC Catholic beat Westmont 52-34 Monday with 12 points from Troy Burrows and 11 from Will Lyles.

Burrows scored 21 points in Tuesday's 54-46 semifinal victory against Aurora Christian. Austin Reed added 10 points.

IC will play St. Edward in the regional final. It will be the fourth meeting between the two teams this season and the Knights lost the previous three.

BOYS BASKETBALL Addison Trail

Hinsdale South beat the Blazers 48-33 in the West Suburban Gold finale Feb. 20. AT finished 4-8 in the Gold. The Blazers bounced back with a 45-34 win against Lane Tech the next day. AT finished the regular season Wednesday at Glenbard West, losing 60-42.

Timothy Christian

The Trojans went to Chicago Christian on Feb. 20 to take on the fellow conference-leading Knights and left Palos Heights with a 43-35 win. Robert McGivney led TC with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Timothy sealed its share of the Metro Suburban East by beating Ridgeview 57-50 Tuesday. TC finished 10-3 in the MSC East, tying atop the league with Illiana Christian.

GIRLS BASKETBALL York

Bartlett ended the Dukes' season in a regional final Feb. 19. The Hawks beat York 50-40. Jessica Bianchi scored 16 points in the loss.

WRESTLING

York

Neither Michael Ordenez (138 pounds) nor Tommy Helton (285) won a match at the Class 3A state tournament. Ordenez lost his only match and didn't get to compete in the wrestlebacks. Helton went 0-2.

IC Catholic

Freshman Joey Bianchini went 2-2 in the Class 1A state tournament at 106 pounds. Bianchini won his first-round match before being pinned in the quarterfinals and won one more match in the wrestlebacks.

Addison Trail

Anthony Metallo won his first-round match at 145 pounds in the Class 3A state tournament, but lost his next two.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Addison Trail

Kennedy O'Neill advanced to Saturday's event finals at the state gymnastics meet. She took 12th on the balance beam. She also tied for 24th in the all-around and tied for 27th on the uneven bars in the preliminaries.

BOYS SWIMMING

York

Peter Barabolak placed second at the York sectional to advance to state in diving. He is York's only state qualifier.

GIRLS BOWLING

York

The Dukes placed 21st at the state tournament. Hannah Schwarz was York's top bowler, tying for 39th individually. Schwarz posted an average score of 206.2 at the tournament.

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