

## OBITUARIES

### Shirley Ann Murphy, 86

Shirley Ann Murphy, nee Biggie, formerly of Villa Park, passed away in Carol Stream on March 19, 2015, at the age of 86. Beloved wife of the late Donald E.; loving mother of Kathleen (Guy) Lieberman

and Christine Murphy (Scott Newton); dear grandmother of Louis (Danni) Segreti, Michael (Kelly) Segreti; great grandmother of Jade, Ellie, Lysie and Ariana, sister of James (Mary) Biggie, the late Beth (Bruce) Scidmore and Jean (John) Moore; aunt and great aunt of many. Visitation will be held Friday March 27, 2015, from 3 to 8 p.m. at Steuerle Funeral Home 350 S. Ardmore

Ave, Villa Park. Funeral services will take place on Saturday March 28, 2015. In state 9 a.m. until Mass time of 10 a.m. at St. Alexander Church, 300 S. Cornell, Villa Park. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

### Raymond G. Boston, 84

Raymond G. Boston, formerly of Addison, passed away on March 18, 2015, at the age of 84. Beloved husband of the late Mary Ella, loving father of Dale (Karen), Danny (Masha), Debbie (Ed) Piotrowicz, Dana (John) Cobos, David (Hope), Renee Erregragui, Tony Lullo, Vanessa (Rocky) Pascente,

grandfather and great grandfather of many. Funeral services were held on Friday March 20, 2015, at Steuerle Funeral Home, 350 S. Ardmore Ave, Villa Park. Interment Queen of Heaven. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

## PIE Foundation holds annual fundraiser

**ADDISON/VILLA PARK** — The District 88 Foundation is a member of the Partnership for Inspired Education (PIE) Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that serves public school students in District 88, Addison Elementary School District 4, School District 45 and Salt Creek School District 48.

On March 15, the PIE Foundation hosted its annual show/dinner/silent auction event at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. During that event, 300 people enjoyed a performance of "West Side Story," a dinner and a silent auction.

"As I looked around the room, I was overwhelmed to see how much our stakeholders are willing to give to better our school districts," said Donna Craft Cain, who is president of the PIE Foundation, as well as the Dist. 88 School Board. "The evening raised funds for the PIE Foundation, which that will benefit students in [all local] school districts."

For more information about the foundations, visit [dupage88.net/foundation](http://dupage88.net/foundation).



PIE Foundation Auction Committee member and District 88 parent Elaine Ebeling (left) and District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink enjoy the event.



(Top left): (From left) School District 45 Superintendent Anthony Palmisano, Salt Creek School District 48 Superintendent John Correll, Addison Elementary School District 4 Superintendent John Langton, State Sen. Tom Cullerton (D, District 23), State Rep. Kathy Willis (D, District 77), Mayor of the Village of Addison Rich Veenstra and District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton enjoy the fundraiser. (Middle): PIE Foundation President and District 88 Board of Education President Donna Craft Cain informs the audience about a shamrock necklace raffle. (Right): Helton greets the crowd.

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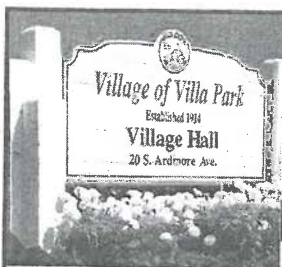
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## Conroy, Veenstra visit local manufacturing training facility

ADDISON — State Rep. Deb Conroy (D-Villa Park) toured the Symbol Training Institute with Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra last week.

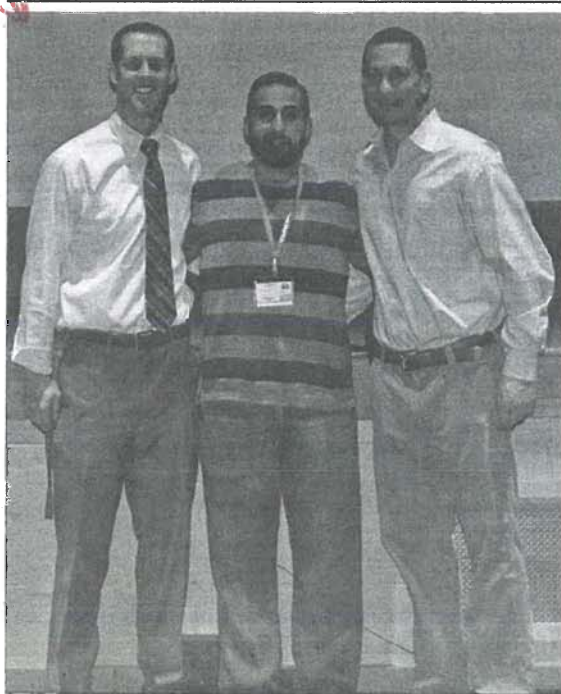
Established in 2005, Symbol Inc.'s Addison facility was created as a means to meet the demand for a skills training pipeline for the manufacturing industry. Recently, Symbol Inc.'s Addison facility earned accreditation from the National Institute for Metalworking Skills, the Addison location is the second NIMS accredited location.

"The manufacturing facilities in our area often tell me that they have open jobs, however, they cannot find qualified candidates with proper training," Conroy said. "Facilities like Symbol help fill that gap and can connect manufacturing facilities with individuals who have the training necessary to begin a prosperous and rewarding career in manufacturing."



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State Rep. Deb Conroy and Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra (right) examine one of the state-of-the-art computer numerical control machines, made by Symbol, Inc. Symbol Training Institute is an advanced manufacturing school that teaches students the skills to successfully begin a career in computer numerical control manufacturing.



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## Biggest Loser pays return visit to ATHS

Addison Trail alumnus Toma Dobrosavljevic (class of 1999) (right) chats with Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka (left) and Addison Trail Physical Education Department Chair Rob Schader. Dobrosavljevic speaks with students about winning this season of "The Biggest Loser" (NBC's competitive weight-loss TV show). Dobrosavljevic visited Addison Trail on March 16 as part of the school's Physical Education/Lettermen Club Week.

## Village Board meetings move to 7 p.m. beginning in May

ADDISON — At the Addison Village Board meeting of March 16, 2015, a change in the start time of the Village Board meeting was approved. This is a change to the Public Meeting Notice that was issued earlier this year. The new verbiage is as follows:

"Pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 10/2.02, notice is hereby given that the Regular Village Board Meetings of the Mayor & Board of Trustees of the Village of Addison will begin at 7 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month beginning with the first Monday of May, 2015 at the Addison Village Hall, 1 Friendship Plaza, Addison, Illinois."

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Addison Village Hall.

## Women's Club members to go back in time

ADDISON — Kathy McDermott and Pat Tinman, Women's Club of Addison members, are taking a mental stroll through ages past while arranging centerpieces for their upcoming fundraising event.

The Addison "Antique Roadshow" with John Leonard, professional antique dealer and local expert, will be held on Thursday, April 9 starting with a cash bar at 6 p.m. Members and guests will enjoy dinner at Venuti's on Lake Street at 7 p.m., appraisal of selected

antique pieces by John Leonard, and opportunities for various raffle prizes. Tickets are \$55 per person. For tickets or more information, contact Cindy at 630-628-6036.

A major fundraiser for the Women's Club of Addison, the Addison "Antique Roadshow" is an opportunity to enjoy friends, a great meal and a worthy cause. Over the past 16 years, the Club has given more than \$160,000 to numerous local charities and college scholarships.



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Kathy McDermott (left) and Pat Tinman work on the centerpieces for the upcoming fundraiser to be held on Thursday, April 9 at Venuti's, when the Addison Women's Club hosts "Antique Roadshow." John Leonard, professional antique dealer and local expert, will be the Club's special guest.

## AT alum talks about eating disorders

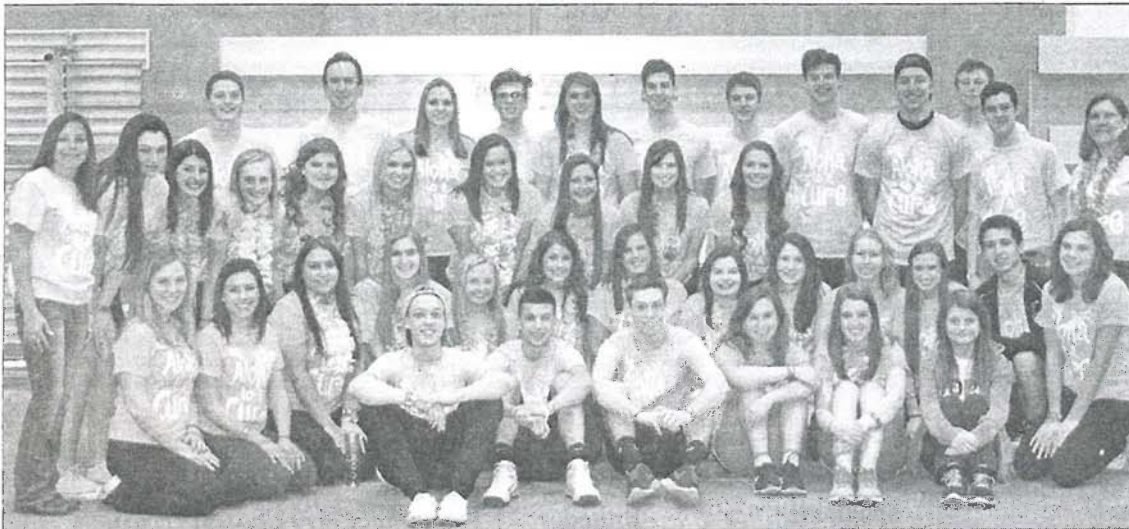
ADDISON — On March 20, Addison Trail alumna Julia Rowley (class of 2014) spoke to students about her struggle with an eating disorder, as part of Physical Education/Lettermen Club Week. She discussed the importance of self-acceptance and offered tips on how to overcome obstacles in life. She shared her personal experiences and challenges and told each student to strive to find happiness.



JULIA ROWLEY

Physical Education Department Chair Rob Schader said Physical Education/Lettermen Club Week provides students with information about how to maintain a healthy lifestyle, promotes school spirit and raises money for a cause. This year, the 41-year-old tradition raised nearly \$500 for the American Heart Association.





## Relay team now in its 4th year

Pictured at left is the team "Making H15tory," comprised of class of 2015 students, now in its fourth year of participation in the Relay For Life of District 88 All Youth. This year, there were 42 members on the team. The team has raised the most money of any team all four years, including \$7,700 this year. See story on page 9.

## POLICE REPORTS

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

### Addison March 17

Nicholas T. Ruffino, 37, of Addison, was arrested in the 1500 block of Holtz Avenue at around 7:03 p.m. Police said Ruffino had a failure to appear warrant out of the Kendall County Sheriff's Department.

### March 15

Henry J. Aulert II, 23, of Bloomingdale, was arrested in

the 1000 block of N. Rohlwing Road at around 5:03 a.m. Police said officers responded to a parked vehicle with its engine running and doors open. Aulert was charged with DUI, having an unattended vehicle and no insurance.

Caroline L. Reeder, 41, of South Elgin, was arrested in the 1000 block of N. Rohlwing Road at around 5:49 p.m. and charged with retail theft. Police said Reeder took merchandise from a local store without paying.

### March 14

Tania Bravo, 20, of Addison, was arrested in the 600 block of Briar Hill Lane at around 2:29 a.m. and charged

with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Mayra Segura, 31, of Wood Dale, was arrested near Addison and Fullerton at around 9 p.m. and charged with DUI, illegal transportation of open alcohol and improper lane usage.

### March 13

Estevan Ruiz, 25, of Streamwood, was arrested in the 1000 block of N. Rohlwing Road at around 7:41 p.m. and charged with retail theft. Police said Ruiz took merchandise from a local store without paying.

Michael J. Stubitsch, 31, of Aurora, was arrested in the 2200 block of W. Lake St. at around 9:43 p.m. for a warrant

service. Police said Stubitsch had a failure to appear warrant out of the Kane County Sheriff's Department.

### March 12

David L. Carroll Jr., 20, and Bernardo E. Vences, 25, both of Addison, were arrested near Ruga and Church at around 5:04 p.m. Both were charged with residential burglary.

### Villa Park March 14

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of N. Villa. Between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m., police said an unknown suspect took a victim's iPhone that was accidentally left on a bench at The Odeum.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of S. Route 83 at around 11:50 a.m. Police said an unknown suspect took a wallet from a victim's purse while shopping at a local store.

### March 13

Devonta Copeland, 21, of Chicago, was arrested at a local store at around 8:19 p.m. and charged with retail theft.

Rosemary L. Scott, 62, of Westmont, and Rosemary Scott, 40, of Villa Park, were arrested at a local store at around 7:35 p.m. Both were charged with retail theft.

### March 12

Brandi Stokes, 19, of Chicago, was arrested in the 700 block of W. North Ave. at around 9:29 p.m. Feb. 21 and charged with two counts of battery. The original arrest warrant was issued March 12.

Kecelyn Sydnor, 18, of Elmhurst, was arrested at a food store in the 1-100 block of E. St. Charles Road at around 7:14 p.m. and charge with retail theft and unlawful possession of alcohol by a minor.

A 34-year-old Villa Park man was arrested in the 900

block of W. North Ave. at around 12:24 a.m. and charged with two counts of domestic battery.

Criminal damage to property was reported in the 400 block of N. Beverly at around 2:53 p.m. Police said an unknown suspect broke the basement window at a residence and threw garbage and clothing in various rooms.

### March 10

Ryan Chuttkie, 27, of Lombard, was arrested near Villa and Vermont at around 8:14 p.m. and charged with DUI and speeding.

### March 9

Isaiah Hatcher, 19, and Devin Starks, 19, both of Villa Park, were arrested near Ardmore and Jackson at around 3:02 p.m. Hatcher and Starks both were charged with unlawful possession of cannabis and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Martin McDermott, 26, of Villa Park, was arrested at a local store at around 5:35 p.m. and charged with retail theft.


Martuan Mullin, 21, of Bellwood, was arrested at a local store at around 9:37 p.m. and charged with retail theft and unlawful possession of cannabis.

Thomas Valenti 30, of Villa Park, was arrested in the 800 block of S. Harvard at around 8:06 a.m. and charged with unlawful production of cannabis and having sativa plants.

### March 8

Jose Delgado, 32, of Elmhurst, was arrested at a restaurant/bar the 100 block of E. North Ave. at around 12:11 a.m. and charged with obstructing a police officer.

Cameron Ford, 21, of Chicago, was arrested at a local store at around 1:28 p.m. and charged with retail theft.



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# To friend, or unfriend: That is the question on Facebook

Facebook, one of the pillars of social media, celebrated its 11th anniversary last month.

Facebook was co-founded in 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg, who's now filthy rich Mark Zuckerberg—he's in the top 20 of the richest people on the face of the Earth, with a net worth of more than \$32 billion—while a student at Harvard. FB recently surpassed 1.32 billion monthly active users, 945 million mobile users and 757 million daily users.

Hate to say it, but I fit into each category: active user, mobile user (Kindle user, too) and daily user.

According to my Facebook profile timeline, I signed up sometime in 2008. I've found Facebook over the years to be both a godsend and a pain, as well as a source of amusement—for example, single women who declare they're in a relationship, only to dump their beau a few weeks later and lament about how much of a jerk he is.

It's certainly a convenient way to keep in touch with friends and family, help you to remember birthdays (a feature that has bailed me out more than once) and open up opportunities for friendships around the globe. Over the past two or three years, for example, I've received 'friend' requests from a handful of men and women who live in Italy and have my last name (which rhymes with linguini, tortellini and fettuccine, if you haven't noticed).

There are a certain percent-



age of Facebook users who could be labeled addicts. So advanced is their addiction, it seems, that they're compelled to provide a blow-by-blow account of their everyday lives in five-minute increments. If you fall into this category, allow me to offer a bit of unsolicited advice: Many of your Facebook friends really don't care how many reps you did at the health club today or that you just took Rover for a walk.

Engaging in discourse about politics and sports can produce some lively exchanges. Sports-wise, one of the most enjoyable aspects of Facebook for me is to debate my giddy Cub-fan friends or attempt—often with little success—to keep them grounded in reality. Most of my Cub acquaintances on Facebook are good sports and can take me needling them about billy-goat curses, Steve Bartman and that dopey "Go Cubs Go" tune. Some, on the other hand, react as if you're insulting a family member if you dare say anything derogatory about the Cubs.

Every so often, I vow to go through my Friends list—now

up to more than 500 people—and "unfriend" dozens of folks from it with whom I don't correspond or keep in touch, anyway ... or unfriend those who make me wonder how we became FB friends in the first place. But I only end up unfriending a few, mainly because I'm afraid Facebook karma (if there is such a thing) will catch up with me—i.e., I'll run into them in person at some point, and they'll call me to the

carpet for unfriending them.

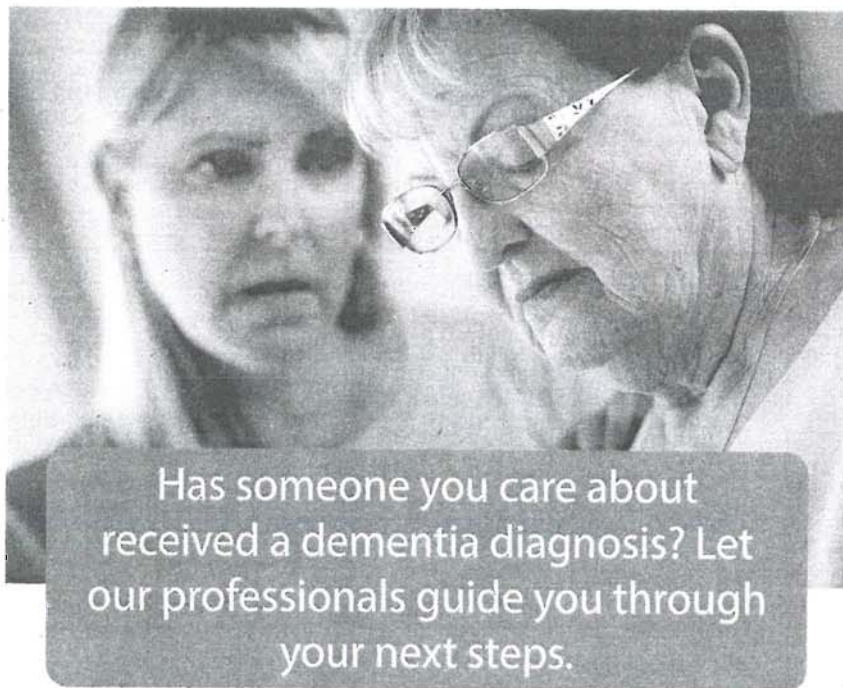
Sometimes I wonder if Facebook will go the way of Myspace—once the largest social networking site until FB overtook it 2008—and be replaced by an existing social site that hasn't risen to prominence just yet, or a site that hasn't been developed.

Until then, I'll continue to goad Cub fans, ignore any and all invites to play Candy Crush Saga, roll my eyes when

friends boast (oops ... I meant to say post) about their kids and grandkids—yes, your little darling is smarter and cuter than any other kid on the planet, and is an athletic or musical prodigy—and welcome the spring season so that there will be fewer posts from friends in warmer climates, rubbing it in about how terrific the weather is where they live.

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The five workshops will take place at Willowbrook and are free to the public. Each night will focus on a new topic of planning for a student's successful transition from high school to adult life. All five workshops are designed to be individual trainings, and participants may register for one or for all of the workshops in the series.

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## District 88 raises more than \$60,000 for the American Cancer Society

VILLA PARK  
— On March 14, nearly 400 District 88 students, staff and community members filled the field house at Willowbrook to raise money for the American Cancer Society during the Relay For Life of District 88 All Youth.



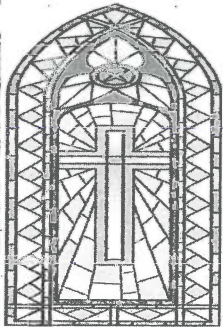
(Top left): During the event, freelance artist Whitney Kuster made caricatures of Relay For Life participants. Pictured is Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause with his caricature.

(Top middle): Cancer survivors walk the first lap.

(Top right): Willowbrook senior Lianne Abellar greets the crowd. Abellar was diagnosed with kidney cancer at 4 years old and shared her story of battling cancer.

(Right): Addison Trail sophomore Alyssa Pham dances with her peers.

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# IT staff takes on students in annual volleyball match

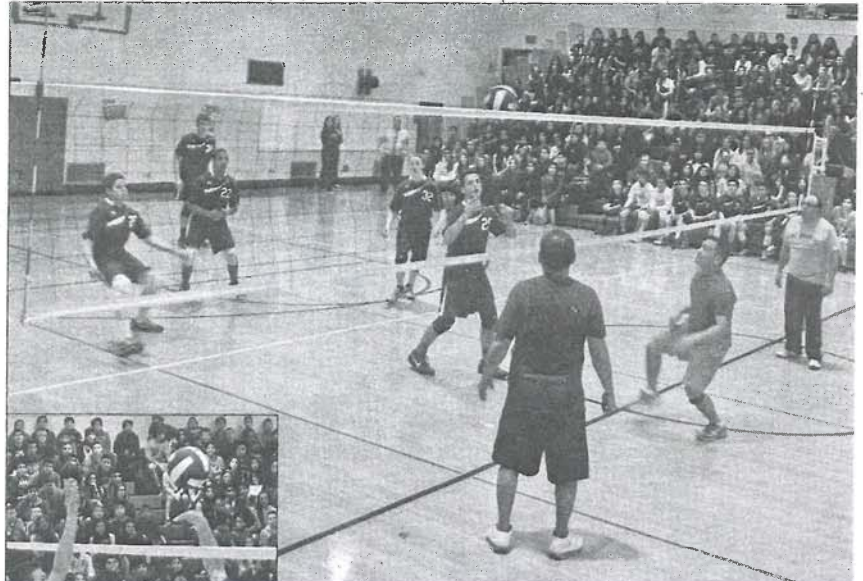
**A**t Indian Trail Junior High, students enjoyed the annual staff vs. student volleyball competition on Friday, March 20. In the first game, the 8th grade boys played against the staff team with the boys' team winning 25-18.

The second game pitted the 8th grade girls team against the female staff members, with the girls team winning 25-22. The final game of the day was all students, with the 8th grade girls taking on the 8th grade boys team. The girls were competitive, but boys' team won the contest 25-17.



Above: Bucky cheers on Addison Trail staff member Kyle Padera in the push-up contest.

Right: Addison Trail senior Evi Mertiri competes in the Hula-Hoop contest.



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## Addison Trail celebrates annual Physical Education/Lettermen Club Week

**ADDISON** — AT Physical Education Department Chair Rob Schader help kick-off Physical Education Lettermen Club Week, which provides students at Addison Trail with information about how to maintain a healthy lifestyle, pro-

motes school spirit and raises money for a cause. This year, the 41-year-old tradition raised nearly \$500 for the American Heart Association through a penny war and other activities.

Among the events and activities that took place were the annual Superstars Assembly, where classes and staff go head to head in a variety of competitions; a presentation by Addison Trail

alumnus Toma Dobrosavljevic, who appeared on television show, "The Biggest Loser;" and, a discussion with Julia Rowley, an AT alumna who overcame an eating disorder.



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On March 20, Addison Trail hosted its annual Superstars Assembly, where classes and staff face off in a variety of competitions. Left: Members of the senior class show their Blazer Pride. Right: Addison Trail freshman Nicolette Scorza competes in the obstacle course contest.





# SPORTS

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## Addison Trail boys track team making strides

**Blazers return a pair of all-conference performers in Bradley and Granados**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

If recent results from the indoor season are any indication, the Addison Trail boys track team is in for an exciting year.

The Blazers won their own Addison Trail indoor triangular meet last month and also took second at the recent Morton Invitational. On the individual front, Jaavion Bradley set a school record with his 6-5 winning leap in the high jump at Morton. Marco Flores set an indoor freshman school record in the 1,600 run.

Bradley, a senior, returns after an all-conference season in the high jump last

year. Seniors Albino Lucero (400), Donovan Granados (300 hurdles) and Taylor White (high jump, relays), junior Rayan Baig (relays) and sophomore Demetrio Cervantes (1,600) are back as well. Granados was all-conference in the hurdles last year.

Flores and sophomore Jordyn Carr-Jones (hurdles and long jump) are key newcomers to the team.

"We have very good numbers and that will allow us to be competitive in every event," said Addison Trail coach Bruce Kelsay. "We also will be running some underclassmen at the varsity level because they are that good."

Addison Trail is the two-time defending conference champion in the 3200 relay.

"Our distance runners will continue to be very strong," said Kelsay. "Our

jumpers look very good so far this year. Jaavion already has jumped the state-qualifying mark of 6-5 in the high jump. We look improved in the sprints. We have more depth and young fast kids there."

Kelsay has been impressed with what Carr-Jones and Flores have done thus far indoors. "Jordyn is new to track but already has earned a spot at the varsity level in hurdles and jumps. He's an excellent natural athlete," he said. "Marco already has won a varsity 1,600 race and a 600 race. He's a very natural runner."

The coach added Lucero, Baig and Granados have a big goal in mind. "Albino, Donovan and Rayan are the hardest-working kids we have seen in a long time," said Kelsay. "Their goal is to get downstate."

Kelsay added the high work ethic permeates throughout the roster.

"This is a very close group of kids. They are highly motivated to work hard in practice and perform at their highest level," he said.

Kelsay said the West Suburban Conference Gold Division, is again loaded with talented teams.

"Downers Grove South, Hinsdale South and Morton will be top contenders," he said. "They also all have more than 100 athletes on their teams and Morton has more than 150. We look to be in the middle of the pack in terms of team scorers, but do very well in several specific events. This is a very fun team to coach since they work so hard. They are establishing high expectations for the outdoor season."

## Fenton girls track team returns key contributors

**Multi-event standout Burris aims for further success**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Fenton girls track team has some elite talent returning.

The Bison return three all-conference athletes from last year's squad, including their top two point scorers.

Back is junior Emmy Burris, a two-time conference champion in the long jump, 100 and 200. She also has a conference medal in the indoor long jump. She was third in the sectional last year in the long jump and fourth in the 100.

Also back is Haily Stillabower who was third in the 100 at the sectional a year ago. "She is still a burner," said Bison coach Frank Kekstadt. "She's looking real good and she also does the high jump."

Val Andrews is back and is the team's top high-jumper. She was an all-conference performer in that event last year.

"This is the second year in a row that we have a good core returning, including our top two scorers," said Kekstadt. "It's nice to have three all-conference athletes back."

Freshmen Cassidy Kelly and

Sarah Mason are making immediate impacts. Kekstadt said Kelly is turning into the team's top 400 runner, while Mason is one of the group's top sprinters.

"We have a lot of hope with our freshmen," said Kekstadt.

Fenton also is brimming with athletes this season.

"This is the biggest team we've had. We have 75 girls on the depth chart," the coach said. "We have all the events filled, which is very exciting. We're still trying to work out who will be where, but having that kind of depth is a strength. The numbers give us balance. We'll be a well-balanced team this year. We'll probably score our most points in the jumps and hurdles because of the talent levels there. But I expect we will score in the throws. We have a lot of seniors throwing. I expect our relays to be in the Top 3 out of the seven schools in our division of the conference."

Kekstadt lauded the off-season work of Marisol Garcia in particular. "She had a great winter workout," he said. "She's a very hard-working girl who has great character. She's put in a lot of work and will be our best distance runner this year."

The coach also has been pleased with the high level of character shown thus far. "No.

1, these are all great kids," he said. "What we're trying to instill in the kids is to compete against yourself and no one else. We're promoting leadership. When they are done with their four years with Fenton track, they are going to be leaders in whatever they pursue. They will become even better people. We have a lot of great upperclass leaders who bring true value to the program. With a roster of 75, I have to count on these leaders. They have all stepped up and done that. These seniors, I'm already going to miss them when they aren't here next year. This is going to be a special year without a doubt."

Kekstadt said competition will be high within the Metro Suburban Conference.

"There are a lot of great programs with good coaches," he said. "There were some good cross country teams and that will carry over into the track season. Without a doubt Glenbard South will be the team to beat. From Day 1 in our conference they have been conference champions. We're better this year. We have great numbers. We have great assistant coaches and a very supportive athletic director. We're looking forward to a good season."

## Willowbrook baseball team picks up two early wins

**Warriors beat Naperville North, Glenbard South each in eight innings**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Willowbrook baseball team enjoyed some early-season excitement recently.

The Warriors won a pair of games in eight innings against Naperville North and Glenbard South.

In a 6-5 eight-inning win over Naperville North in non-conference action, Mark Molitor's key single in the bottom of the eighth helped give Willowbrook the win. Luke Schuemer went on to score the game-winning run on an outfield error.

Willowbrook had eight hits in the win. Trey Jones was 2-for-3 with a double and three RBI. Schuemer was 1-for-4 with an RBI.

Cameron Zunkel was the winning pitcher in relief. He pitched the final two innings. Joe Strem started and struck out three in five innings.

Willowbrook also recorded

an 8-5 non-conference win over Glenbard South in eight innings.

Willowbrook scored three runs in the eighth inning to notch the win. The Warriors had 14 hits.

Jones was 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI. Schuemer was 3-for-5 with two stolen bases and two RBI. Kyle Ferguson went 3-for-5 with a double and three runs scored. John Halloran was 2-for-3 with two runs scored, a home run and an RBI. Mike Petrucci also had a double.

Petrucci pitched the first seven innings and struck out four. Matt Garbacz pitched the eighth inning to pick up the win.

In earlier action, the Warriors opened up the season with a 6-3 non-conference loss against Montini.

Willowbrook had four hits in the game. Montini scored five runs in the third inning.

Cameron Murer was 1-for-1 with a double and an RBI. Dom McDonnell had an RBI, while Matt Pizur added a double. Zunkel was the losing pitcher. He struck out three in 3 2/3 innings.



# Fenton softball team stocked with pitching

**Bison return nine players from last year's 19-win team**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

In baseball and softball it never hurts to have a little pitching.

In the case of the Fenton softball team, make that a lot of pitching.

The Bison return nine players, including four that pitched from a 2014 team that went 19-18 overall and 3-9 in conference play. Fenton advanced to a Class 3A regional final last year.

Returning for the Bison are senior Dana Fritz (P-OF), juniors Diana Pikul (3B), Ellie Gonzales (SS-2B), Jill Mrugacz (OF), Courtney Susmarski (C-1B),

Alex Stoklosa (C-OF) and Jocelyn Souvannasy (2B), along with sophomores Jenna Geraci (P-1B) and Ellie Wassmann (SS-OF).

Fenton will have to make up for three graduated players that batted between .426 and .510 last season.

"However, we return all four girls who pitched last season and will need to rely on their pitching and what is hoped to be a much-improved defense to keep us in games until the offense gets rolling. Our pitchers are ready to show improvement," said Fenton coach Dave Mello. "We have a good mix of power hitters and girls who can play small ball and we have a handful of girls that can steal bases."

Mello also said better defense is a must if the team wants to continue to

make strides.

"The defense has to be better this season," he said. "The last two seasons we have really had trouble with errors and that has cost us games. We are working on improving greatly on defense."

Mello said playing team softball will be a major talking point this season.

"There are four new additions to the roster and all 13 girls will be counted on to contribute when they are given the opportunity," he said. "We are trying to stress the importance of team this season. We have told them we need to have all 13 girls pulling on the same side of the rope in order for us to be successful."

Fenton is part of the new Metro Suburban Conference West Division.

"We will face new challenges in the

expanded conference," said Mello. "Not only will we face state power Glenbard South and returning conference member Riverside-Brookfield, but we will now face Aurora Central Catholic, IC Catholic Prep, St. Edward and Wheaton Academy. We are looking forward to competing with everyone on our schedule this season. As always we will go out there and give it our best shot. All the teams in our division are very good, but Glenbard South is the clear favorite until someone knocks them off. That team is the ultimate model of consistency."

Fenton faces Leyden Thursday at the Bandits stadium in Rosemont. Fenton is back there Friday as part of the Friday Night Lights event against Montini.

## Addison Trail girls soccer team to be challenged early

**Blazers looking to take the next step forward**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail girls soccer team will know where it stands rather quickly.

After dropping a non-conference decision to Tinley Park to open the season, the Blazers went right into the Windy City Ram Classic 32-team tournament.

"That's 32 teams and it's a very competitive field," said Addison Trail coach Sergio Nunez. "How we do in that tournament can determine how we finish and progress as a team. We're playing some tough competition."

Addison Trail is coming off a 2014 season where it went 6-7-6. Headlining the list of returnees for Addison Trail are seniors Mayra Sarabia and Jessica Garay, along with junior Petra Kyriakopoulos.

Nunez said his squad has been hard at work on finishing plays, a problem that has plagued it in the past.

"We struggle with finishing," he said. "Our primary goal is to get on the scoreboard."

One major positive for the team is its defense. "We are very strong defensively," said Nunez. "But when we start trailing other teams, our defense starts to crack a little. Our defense is good, but it can't play the entire game. If we can put the ball in the net early that will elevate things to

the next level and will keep the momentum going. In the past we've been playing catch-up as opposed to the other team playing catch-up against us. Ultimately we have to finish and do our job and put the ball in the net."

Nunez noted his squad had opportunities in the opener against Tinley Park.

"We had a total of nine shots, so we had some opportunities," he said. "Nothing was getting in. We are getting the opportunities. Now we need to capitalize on those changes and make them count."

Nunez likes the team's work ethic. "We are seeing improvement with some of the returning girls and some of the girls who were on the JV last year," he said. "They have worked

hard over the summer and have continued to play the sport. This group is meshing together and we are getting the chemistry going. This is a very nice group of girls. They listen and they want to improve. They are a smart group of girls. A lot of them are juggling jobs and other clubs and academics with soccer. They are learning life lessons."

Nunez is looking forward to what the season brings.

"Now we go up," he said. "I can see the girls are hungry. They want to improve and they want to work as a team. We want to be contenders. We want to be a team other schools look at and know they will be challenged by us. We want to be the team that is a force to be reckoned with."

## Willowbrook boys track team looking to continue momentum

**Warriors won WSC Gold outdoor title in 2014**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Willowbrook boys track team had a memorable 2014 season.

The Warriors placed second in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division indoor meet and then won the WSC Gold outdoor championship.

Willowbrook returns a number of key performers from that team, including the likes of seniors Jimmy Funteas Jr. (distance), Donnie Hawkins (sprints, hurdles) and Tyler Olson (throws), juniors Josan Murphy (sprints, relays), Elijah Rochel (throws), Marco Martinez (distance) and Noah Nagle (jumps), as well as sophomore Casey King (distance).

"This is a hard-working team looking to repeat last year's championship performance," said Willowbrook coach TJ Artman. "We're a well-rounded team that will compete hard in most events."

Artman said Funteas Jr. and Hawkins are poised to take the next steps forward. "Jimmy and Donnie are both seniors looking to have state performances," he said.

Artman said the team is focused on meeting goals throughout the season.

"We'll continue to set small goals on the way to the championship and state goals," he said. "This is a solid group of athletes who love track and field."



Photo provided

## Fenton Special Olympics Basketball Team wins State Championship

The Fenton Special Olympics Basketball Team, coaches and peer coaches meet at the state send-off before their State Championship win. On Saturday, March 14, the Fenton High School Special Olympics basketball team clinched the High School Division 5 state title after defeating Leyden 37-27.



## Numbers up in Willowbrook boys tennis program

**Coach DeLaCruz excited for 2015 season**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Willowbrook boys tennis coach Eddie DeLaCruz has plenty to be excited about heading into the new season.

"This is my deepest and most talented team since taking over five years ago," he said. "I currently have 13 seniors on the team. Out of those 13, I pulled up seven as sophomores. The experience is there."

Willowbrook finished 9-7 last year and took third in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division.

Junior No. 1 singles player Mike Sommers (team co-captain) is back along with No. 2 singles player Joe Draus (senior, team co-captain). The No. 1 doubles team of

"This is my deepest and most talented team since taking over five years ago."

— Tennis coach Eddie DeLaCruz

seniors Leo Mares and Raffay Siddiq also return.

"They will end up with a 20-win season combined, which is a goal we set for them," said DeLaCruz.

Junior newcomer Khateeb Raza is slotted in either the No. 2 and No. 3 singles spots in his first year on varsity.

DeLaCruz hired Suzanne Lobdell as a new lower level coach. She has run the Villa Park District's tennis program in the

summer for the last 11 years.

Willowbrook has 42 players in the program this season.

"We started off-season workouts with follow-up indoor tennis hitting sessions at Courts Plus in Elmhurst," DeLaCruz said. "We continued by having 6 a.m. morning practices in the field house where we set up tennis nets."

DeLaCruz would like to see the team reach a number of milestones this season.

"We have four returning all-conference players," he said. "Our goal this year is to have a double-digit win season. We came up one short last year with nine. Another goal is to have our first state qualifier since 2004."

Willowbrook opens play Friday against Riverside-Brookfield. The Warriors also will compete in the Addison Trail quad on April 10.

## Willowbrook girls soccer team returns plenty of experience

**Warriors have sights set on conference title**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Willowbrook girls soccer team can check the experience box off its 2015 to-do list.

The Warriors return 12 players from a 2014 team that went

11-11-1 last year and finished third in the West Suburban Conference, Gold Division with a 4-2 record. Of those 12 players, three are seniors, six are juniors and three are sophomores.

"Our strengths are our team work and a solid defensive game," said Willowbrook coach Victor Marquez.

Marquez said he likes the variety that the team's offen-

sive attack brings to the table. The coach noted the team also is in the process of implementing a flat four defense instead of playing with a sweeper.

Junior Ali Jones will handle goalie duties again this season.

"This is Ali's third year as a varsity starter in goal," said Marquez. "She brings character and leadership to the team."

Marquez added what impresses him the most is the

team's spirit and its competitiveness.

Heading into the season, Marquez said the team's goal is to win the WSC Gold title after finishing third in 2014 and second in 2013.

Willowbrook continued play in the Windy City Ram Classic tournament earlier this week and will wrap things up there on Saturday.

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DEFENDANTS

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RESIDENTIAL  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF  
REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 1/21/2015, John Zaruba, the Sheriff of DuPage County, Illinois will on 4/23/15 at the hour of 10:00AM at DuPage County Sheriff's Office, 501 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of DuPage and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the York Township, DuPage County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2015 and ending March 31, 2016, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at York Township, 1502 S. Meyers Rd, Lombard from and after April 13, 2015.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be at 7:30 P.M. on May 12, 2015, at York Township 1502 S. Meyers Rd., Lombard and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held on May 12, 2015 immediately following public hearing.

Dated this 6th day of April 2015  
Daniel J. Kordik  
York Township Clerk  
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### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the TOWNSHIP OF YORK in the County of DuPage and the State of Illinois, that the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING of said Township will take place on:

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015  
being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7:00 O'clock P.M. at  
York Township Hall  
1502 S. Meyers Road, Lombard

for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following:

### THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF YORK APRIL 14, 2015 AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Welcome and Introduction by Daniel J. Kordik, Town Clerk
5. Call for Nomination of Moderator
  - a. Closing of Nominations
  - b. Election of Moderator
  - c. Oath of Moderator
6. Approval of Minutes of the
  - a. Annual Town Meeting of April 8, 2014
7. Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs-Fiscal Year 2014/2015
8. Township Reports
9. Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes)
10. Announcement of Next Annual Town Meeting on April 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m..
11. Benediction
12. Adjournment

Daniel J. Kordik  
Town Clerk  
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## The Don of A New Day in Sports

March brings college basketball, but don't forget bowling.

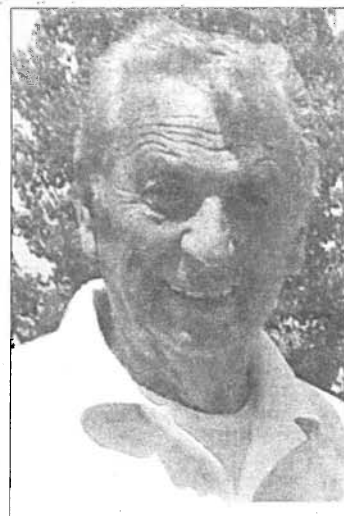
Well folks, the weather finally broke and spring is near. The golf courses of Dupage County, namely Oak Meadows, Green Meadows, and Maple Meadows, will be open soon. They are great courses and are reasonably priced.

Now, don't forget about bowling! They have summer leagues at Foxbowl and Star Dust Bowl.

The college basketball season is now called March Madness. Did you know a member of the IHSA coined that phrase some 50 years ago; and don't you want to see someone win other than Kentucky or Duke?

### Don's Tips for the Week:

1. Pull for Wisconsin or Villanova.
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## Figarelli hosts 'celebrity' basketball game

ADDISON — Last week, the Independent learned that "Don 'The Don of Sports' Figarelli will be hosting a basketball game with local celebrities on Sunday, March

29 from 2-5 p.m. at Indian Trail Junior High. Local celebrities expected to attend include Addison Mayor Richard Veenstra, the All-State football players and others.

Proceeds will be given to five different local Addison organizations including the Knights of Columbus, the Addison Switchboard and others.

## AT senior to play basketball at Aquinas College

ADDISON — Addison Trail senior Taylor White has signed to play basketball for Aquinas College.

White, a three-year varsity member of the Addison Trail Boys Basketball Team, will fill the position of shooting guard for the college. He has played basketball for 14 years and said he enjoys the competitive nature of the sport.

And basketball seems to run in the family. White's father, Albert, is a basketball coach, and White said the time he spent bonding with his dad on the court is what inspired his love of the sport.

This year, White was named to the West Suburban Conference Gold Division All-Conference Team and the Daily Herald All-Area Team. He said this past season was the highlight of his basketball career so far.

"Our team just clicked," he said. "I've never played with such a great group of guys before."

White is now looking forward to playing at Aquinas College, where he plans to major in business or marketing.

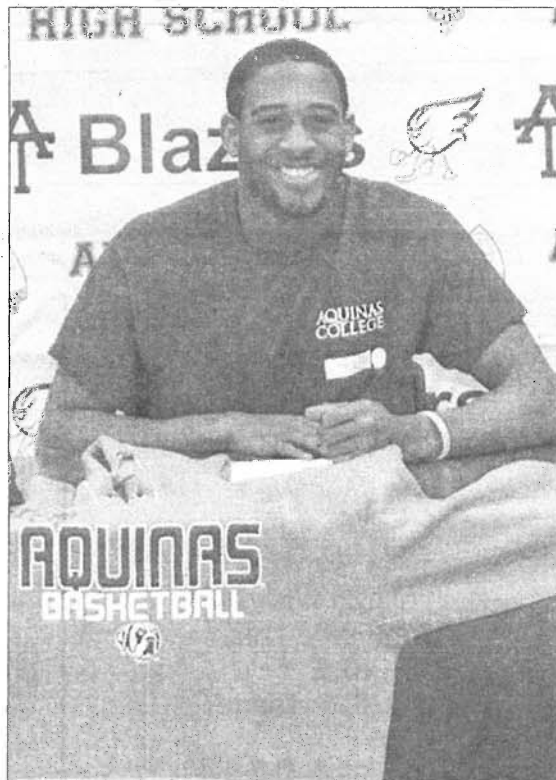
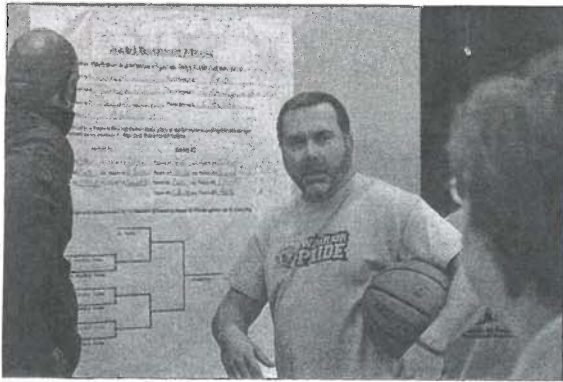


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Pictured is Addison Trail senior Taylor White, who has signed to play basketball for Aquinas College.

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## Scenes from District 88's Dennis Doyle 3-on-3 Classic

District 88 stakeholders enjoy the Dennis Doyle 3-on-3 Classic District 88 Foundation Basketball Tournament, which drew 30 teams to Willowbrook High School on March 7. (Above left): Willowbrook Assistant Principal Sam Bentsen checks his team's placement on the bracket during the tournament. (Above right): Participants compete in the tournament as spectators cheer them on.



Pictured here at the Dennis Doyle 3-on-3 Basketball Classic for the District 88 Foundation are (from left): Foundation president and Board of Education secretary Sharon Kucik; Irene Doyle, wife of the late Dennis Doyle; Donna Craft Cain, president of both the PIE Foundation and the District 88 Board; and Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton. The event raised more than \$3,000 to benefit the District 88 Foundation.



Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (left) and Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka get ready to participate in the tournament.

## IC Catholic Prep boys track team excited about 2015 season

### State qualifier Rowell looking to improve on fantastic 2014 campaign

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Things are looking up for the IC Catholic Prep boys track team.

Numbers in the program have increased, plus the Knights are flush with returning talent from last year's squad.

At the top of the list of returners is sophomore Jordan Rowell, one of the top track-and-field athletes in Class A this season.

As a freshman Rowell anchored the IC 800 relay team that took eighth in the state. He also placed third in the 200 at

"We have stepped up our indoor season in preparation for what looks to be a rewarding outdoor season."

— Coach Bob Cronin

state and sixth in the 100.

"We look for Jordan to return in those events and maybe another relay," coach Bob Cronin said.

Andy Oliver, Aaron Taylor and Luke Calles ran the first three legs of that state 800 relay.

"They will probably do so again this year as they look to improve on their state placement," said Cronin.

Senior Philip Roberto came close to qualifying for state last year in the 1,600. "He looks to make it this year with contin-

ued work and maturity," said Cronin.

Cronin also lauded the contributions of senior captain Liam Hipskind. "Liam leads by example and provides solid depth for three relays," he said.

Freshman Luke Ricobene has impressed during the indoor season. "Luke has shown flashes so far indoors as a solid hurdler providing a good complement to junior brother, Jack," Cronin noted.

Chuck Hipskind will help the Knights in the 800, an event Cronin said he has looked

strong in so far. Gabe Valenzuela will be IC's top thrower this year.

IC will be part of the new Metro Suburban Conference West Division this year. "We have stepped up our indoor season in preparation for what looks to be a rewarding outdoor season," Cronin said. "The boys' numbers are up which allows us to do some things we have been unable to do in the past. We have both depth and competition for spots, which we believe will benefit our performances as the season progresses. We don't get any time on a track to practice, which hinders us somewhat, but our kids are so smart and achievement-oriented that they know how to turn that into a motivating factor. If we stay healthy we should have some success."

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## Show choir...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S CenterStage show choir performed five songs during Thursday night's concert in the school auditorium. The choir's first song was "Sing, Sing, Sing." The boys in the choir then performed "Stray Cat Strut." The female members of the choir then sang "Wings." The boys and girls then reunited to close out the concert with "The Prayer" and "Respect." The concert also included Willowbrook's jazz band, which performed five pieces. The CenterStage show choir will present its annual "A Night at the Cabaret" event on Friday, April 24, in the school cafeteria. The fundraiser, which includes dinner followed by live performances, begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call 630-530-3963.

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## Young artists' work on display at District 45 art show

The District 45 PTA Council held its second annual student art show on Friday evening in the common area at Willowbrook High School. The show featured about 200 pieces of art submitted by the district's kindergarten through eighth-grade students.

Last year's inaugural show took place at

Schafer Elementary School in Lombard. That venue turned out to be on the small side for a well-attended event with so many pieces on display. The common area outside of Willowbrook's auditorium provided ample space for visitors to view the artwork.

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Photos by Chris Fox

## Artwork on display...

DISTRICT 45 SUPERINTENDENT Anthony Palmisano (above, right) observed all of the artwork on display at Friday's District 45 PTA Council student art show at Willowbrook High School before choosing 12 pieces that will be displayed at the district office. The above photo shows Palmisano making one of his selections. The above left photo shows Jackson Middle School seventh-grader Karli Wilson, who was one of about 65 students who contributed sculptures to a three-dimensional piece that was on display at the art show. Seventh-graders from Jackson and Jefferson middle schools collaborated on the piece, which was prominently displayed at the show, which was held in Willowbrook's common area.



## The best of 2014...

THE VILLA PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT presented its awards to the winners of the 2014 Adopt-A-Hydrant program during Monday's Villa Park Village Board meeting. Department staff members inspected the hydrants that were painted during 2014 and gave the awards to the painters of the three pictured hydrants. The first-place prize (a \$100 Walmart gift card) went to Madalyn Ullrich for her "Lilo and Stitch" design (far left) on the 800 block of South Michigan Avenue. The second-place prize (a \$50 Target gift card) was awarded to the Cernauske family for the "It's a Small World" design on the 700 block of South Yale Avenue. The third-place prize was awarded to Vivian Pasek for the "Spiderman" (far right) design on the 600 block of South Cornell Avenue. About 300 of the approximately 1,000 hydrants in the village have been adopted and painted.



# Sports

**LOMBARDIAN  
VILLA PARK REVIEW**

## Rams' streak ends with a loss to Glenbard West

The Glenbard East boys volleyball team's undefeated season ended with a loss to Glenbard West in the championship match of Saturday's 16-team Springfest Invitational. The Rams won their first four matches at their own event to improve their season record to 12-0 and advance to the title match against the formidable Hilltoppers. Glenbard West beat Glenbard East 25-14, 25-17 to win the first-place plaque.

"The bottom line is they're a very good team," said Glenbard East coach Marci Maier of the Hilltoppers after the championship contest. "They played a fantastic match and they kept it rolling. We were not aggressive enough today."

The Rams opened Saturday's play with a 25-23, 25-18 victory over Hinsdale South. Glenbard East then beat Romeville 25-18, 25-14 before closing out play in its four-team pool with a 25-16, 25-17 win over Glenbard North.

The Rams earned a berth in the title contest with a 25-16, 25-22 victory against Benet in the semifinal round. Senior Nick Symonds drilled eight kills and made five blocks and four digs in Glenbard East's win over the Redwings. Senior Andrew Hurlburt passed out 12 assists, while senior Adam Eboli provided five blocks. Senior Ben Symonds and junior Tyler Greene each contributed seven digs, while senior Bob Luchetta-Stendel made three blocks.

Glenbard West's powerful hitting and strong blocking and defense forced the Rams to work for every point in the championship match.

Nick Symonds bashed 10 kills against the Hilltoppers, while Eboli and Greene delivered six and three kills, respectively. Hurlburt handed out 16 assists, while Ben Symonds made eight digs.

"They [the Hilltoppers] outplayed us," added Maier after the Rams suffered their first loss of the season. "It will make us work harder in practice. We will be better prepared the next time we play them."

The Rams opened their Upstate Eight Valley Conference schedule with a wild 26-24, 24-26, 31-29 win over Neuqua Valley on April 7 in Lombard. Glenbard East rallied from a deficit in the first game to even the

score at 22-22. The Wildcats had a game point after taking a 24-23 lead, but the Rams won the next three points to grab the first game.

The second game also went down to the wire, with the Wildcats claiming the point that broke a 23-23 tie. Glenbard East won the next point on a kill by Nick Symonds to square the game at 24-24, but Neuqua Valley pulled out the next two points to even the match.

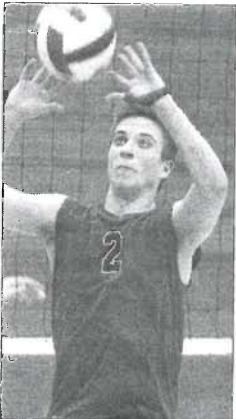
The Rams held a 14-9 lead in the third game of their match with the Wildcats, but Neuqua Valley fought back to tie the game at 22-22. Glenbard East won the next point, but Neuqua Valley won the following two points to grab a 24-23 lead and set up a match point. A block by Eboli helped the Rams even the score at 24-24. Glenbard East won the next point to earn the first of what would be six match points. The Wildcats fought off the first five match points to extend the match, but the Rams finally pulled out two straight points on a kill by Eboli and a Neuqua Valley kill attempt that sailed wide and out of bounds.

"That was a great match for us," said Maier moments after the win over Neuqua Valley, which marked the program's first match in the Upstate Eight Conference after 16 seasons in the DuPage Valley Conference. "We were missing a few guys tonight. I could not be more proud of the way that all of the guys stepped up."

Nick Symonds pounded 14 kills and made nine digs in the three-game win over the Wildcats. Eboli accounted for 10 kills and four blocks, while Ben Symonds had 13 digs and seven kills. Hurlburt passed out 36 assists. Senior Jacob Cermak contributed 11 digs.

"It's the most intense game I've ever been in," said Eboli of the back-and-forth battle. "It's nerve-wracking, but when you're in the game, it's the most exciting thing in the world."

The Rams moved to 8-0 with Thursday's 23-25, 25-9, 25-9 home victory over Glenbard North. Hurlburt made 16 assists, while Nick Symonds bashed a team-leading nine kills. Eboli had six blocks and three kills, while Ben Symonds made a team-leading 16 digs.

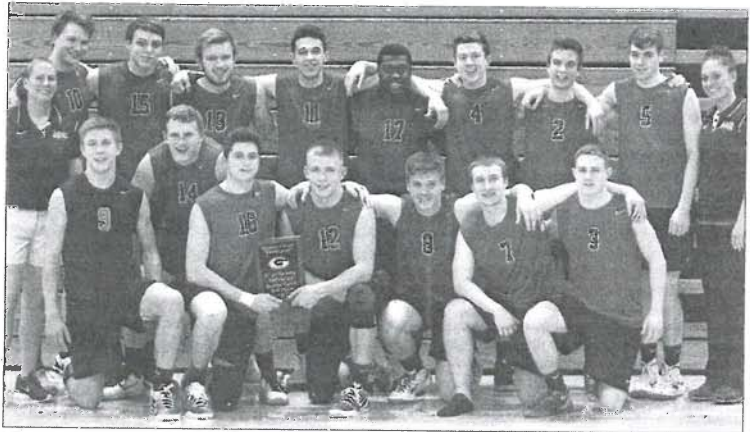


**Impressive start...**

SENIORS ANDREW HURLBURT (above, left) and Ben Symonds (right) have helped the Glenbard East boys volleyball team to win 12 of its first 13 matches. The Rams won their first four matches of Saturday's Springfest Invitational to move their overall record to 12-0. Glenbard East suffered its first loss of the season in its fifth match of the day—a 25-14, 25-17 loss to Glenbard West in the championship contest. Hurlburt had 16 assists in the title match. Symonds contributed eight kills.



*Photos by Chris Fox*



**A runner-up finish for the Rams...**

*Photos by Chris Fox*

THE GLENBARD EAST boys volleyball team (above) claimed the second-place plaque at Saturday's Springfest Invitational in Lombard. The Rams won their first four matches of their own 16-team event to advance into the championship match against Glenbard West. The Hilltoppers defeated Glenbard East 25-14, 25-17. Members of the Glenbard East team (pictured left to right) are: (front row) Ben Symonds, Bob Luchetta-Stendel, Adam Eboli, Nick Symonds, Ben Cartwright, Jacob Cermak and Jackson Kenny; (back row) head coach Marci Maier, Jamie Wareham, Sam Batjes, Raine Hohman, Matt Morales, D'Andre Johnson, Justin Murphy, Andrew Hurlburt, Tyler Greene and assistant coach Kassie Soderstrom.

## Warriors sweep another WSGC series

The Warriors improved to 6-0 in West Suburban Gold Conference play and 10-2 overall following Monday's 4-3 victory over Addison Trail in Villa Park.

Willowbrook completed a three-game sweep of its conference series with Addison Trail with Monday's narrow win. The Warriors pounded the Blazers in both games of Saturday's doubleheader in Addison. They won the first game 10-0 in five innings. The second game was even more lopsided, with Willowbrook crushing Addison Trail 16-1 in another five-inning game.

The Warriors opened their conference season with three decisive wins over Proviso East. Willowbrook swept both games of an April 4 doubleheader and added a third win over the Pirates two days later.

Willowbrook piled up 21 hits (10 in the first game and 11 in the second) in Saturday's doubleheader against the Blazers. Trey Jones and Cameron Zunkel provided three hits apiece in the opening game. Each player drove in three runs. Kyle Martyniuk had three hits and drove in two runs. Zunkel pitched all five innings to earn the victory. He allowed two hits and seven walks and struck out seven Blazers.

Cameron Ligoeki went 2-for-3 and drove in four runs in Saturday's second game. Kyle Ferguson was also 2-for-3 with four runs batted in. Cam Murcer and Mark Molitor each drove in two runs for the Warriors. Chris Roycroft pitched all five innings for Willowbrook, allowing five hits and two walks. He recorded five strikeouts.

Trey Jones delivered a single in the bottom of the seventh inning to end Monday's game, which was tied at 3-3 after six innings. Mike Potruzzi and Matt Pizur both singled earlier in the inning.

Matt Garbacz pitched a complete game for the Warriors.

allowing seven hits while striking out seven batters.

The Warriors' conference season continues with home games against Downers Grove South on Friday and Saturday afternoon.

### Glenbard East

The Rams opened their Upstate Eight Valley Conference season by losing three straight games to South Elgin from April 7-9. The series ended with Glenbard East's 7-4 loss in Lombard on Thursday. Bryan Andrews went 2-for-3 with two runs batted in. Andrews hit a sole home run in the bottom of the sixth inning. Joey Moore and Michael Sebby both contributed two hits.

The Rams improved their overall record to 3-7 with Saturday's 5-2 non-conference win at St. Francis. Tyler Huber pitched all seven innings for Glenbard East to earn the victory. He gave up five hits and one walk while striking out seven batters.

Matt Kinney went 2-for-4 and drove in a pair of runs with a two-run single in the first inning. Moore and Sebby both had two hits.

### Montini

The Broncos improved their overall record to 9-2 by sweeping Saturday's doubleheader against Harlan in Lombard. Montini won the opener 8-7 and cruised to a 14-2, five-inning victory in the second game.

Montini trailed Harlan 7-4 in the middle of the sixth inning of the first game before rallying for four runs in the bottom of the inning. Reed Taylor and Nick Malik provided hits during the rally. Jack Gerberich's double brought in the run that tied the score at 7-7. Justin Blake singled to bring in the go-ahead run.

Jordan Lazowski pitched 3 1/2 innings in relief and earned the victory. Lazowski allowed one run and two hits. He struck out three batters and did not give up any walks. Sean Frontzak earned a save by pitching a scoreless seventh inning.

drove in two runs, while Jake Pestel went 1-for-4 with a two-run single in the second inning. He finished the game with three runs batted in. Gerberich and Malik each connected for two hits.

Taylor went 2-for-4 with four RBIs in the second game. He drove in three runs with a bases-loaded double. Steiner went 2-for-2 and drove in a pair of runs. Patrick Laughlin pitched the first three innings to earn the victory. Adam Kaloczi pitched the last two innings.



**On a roll...**

JUNIOR CAMERON ZUNKEL (above) of the Willowbrook baseball team was the winning pitcher in the first game of Saturday's West Suburban Gold Conference doubleheader at Addison Trail. The Warriors earned a 10-0, five-inning win in the first game and a 16-1, five-inning win in the second game. Willowbrook completed a three-game sweep of the conference series with Monday's 4-3 win over the Blazers in Villa Park. The Warriors opened their conference season with three straight victories over



## New important information about Senate Bill 1

**If passed, District 88 could lose more than \$3 million**

ADDISON/VILLA PARK — Earlier this school year, District 88 shared information about Senate Bill 16, which would have made sweeping changes in how the state funds education.

That bill did not pass, and your support is appreciated. However, there is a new bill called Senate Bill 1, which is a reintroduced version of Senate Bill 16 which will change how school districts are funded by the state.

The most important part: Under Senate Bill 1, District 88 stands to lose \$3.3 to \$3.7 million annually.

That reduction in state funding would put District 88's high academic achievement, quality staff and excellent programs at serious risk, administrators said. Its biggest impact would be in the classroom, where cost cuts will affect

students.

"Senate Bill 1 would have an extremely negative impact on District 88," said Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton. "We encourage parents/guardians and community members to voice their opinions against this bill. We're proud District 88 provides a comprehensive education for all of our students, and we want to ensure that continues for years to come."

"Our mission is to work for the continuous improvement of student achievement, and Senate Bill 1 does not support that mission."

Voters are urged to contact their Illinois legislators and voice your opinion. To look up and e-mail your legislators, visit [ieane.org/legislative/find-your-legislators](http://ieane.org/legislative/find-your-legislators). A sample letter is available at [dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2167](http://dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2167). For more information about Senate Bill 1, visit [tinyurl.com/onbecq](http://tinyurl.com/onbecq).

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# Senator Tom Cullerton hosts school funding meeting

**SB1 has been updated since last year's proposal**

GLENDALE HEIGHTS—State Senator Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) hosted a legislative forum with area educators, school financial personnel, and State Senator Andy Manar (D-Bunker Hill), who was the sponsor of the hotly-debated school funding reform proposal.

The Wednesday meeting gave DuPage County school officials an opportunity to discuss changes to Manar's need-based funding reform package, Senate Bill 1, which has been updated since it first surfaced last year.

"My top priority is that suburban voices are heard in this debate," Cullerton said. "This was a good opportunity for an open, productive conversation and the changes Senator Manar made from last year were based on this type of input from DuPage taxpayers, teachers and parents."

Cullerton opposed last year's proposal but hosted the forum to see how Manar's changes will impact DuPage County.

"It can seem like there are vast differences between suburban, downstate and Chicago schools, but whenever we meet, it's obvious we share the same concerns and face the same challenges," said Manar. "The entire state benefits when every student has the same opportunities for success."

The changes from last year's proposal, SB 16, include measures to account for higher suburban workforce costs, a



Senator Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) (pictured right) and Senator Andy Manar (D-Bunker Hill) discuss the provisions of SB 1 with DuPage County school superintendents. Changes have been made to the original SB 1 proposal, which was sponsored by Manar. Suburban schools still fear they could lose funding as the state attempts to help schools in Chicago's inner city.

more accurate way of measuring poverty, improved funding for bilingual students and additional funding to districts with higher-than-average rates of students with special education needs.

The updated proposal also speeds up a study to determine the base level of funding needed for student growth, and it protects low-spending districts from losses.

"I appreciate any opportunity to discuss the need to update how we fund our schools," Manar said. "I'm grateful that Senator Cullerton hosted this discussion."

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Aiello said. "I know Nick (Cuzzone) and he is really passionate about Villa Park. It will be a good group to face the challenges in front of us."

One of those challenges was seemingly voter apathy. Just 15.6% of registered voters turned out for this election. Only 2,011 votes were cast out of a possible 12,928. The low turnout can be partially explained by the fact no state or national level races were on the ballot. This Board of Trustees, which includes Trustees Bob Taglia and Robert Wagner as well as Village President Deborah Bullwinkel, will be shepherding the use of \$23 million in bond funds to be used on infrastructure and road repairs over the next two years.

"I'm excited about having Nick on the Board," Bullwinkel

said. "It is good to have some new blood up there. I'm excited to keep our town advancing forward."

Other local races decided by Villa Park voters included three School District 45 Trustees and three Villa Park Library Trustee openings. Four candidates vied for the three seats on the School District 45 Board, where Carol Klamecki (1,789), Melissa Slinn (1,595) and Kimberly Taglia (1,575) were elected. Charles Wentworth was the odd-man out, finishing with 1,533 votes.

The race for Library Trustee was unchallenged, with three candidates on the ballot to fill three seats: Tammy Hensley (1,391), Lydia M. Hodges (1,277) and John Mark McCleary (1,206).

# Newcomer, three incumbents elected to District 88 Board

ADDISON/VILLA PARK — With four open seats, five candidates threw their hats in the ring for the District 88 Board of Education. Unofficial results show the winners as Jan Donovan, Tim Gillen, Sharon Kucik and Lisa Lullo. Gillen, Kucik and Lullo are incumbents who were re-elected. Donovan ran for the first time.

## Jan Donovan

Donovan is new to the Board, and we look forward to welcoming him. He has been in education for 17 years and has worked with a variety of districts as a consultant for almost eight years.

## Tim Gillen

Gillen has served on the Board since 2011. He has been on several Board committees and his two sons graduated from Willowbrook.

## Sharon Kucik

Serving since 2007, Kucik has been on several Board committees and is President of the District 88 Foundation. Her three children are Willowbrook graduates.

## Lisa Lullo

An Addison Trail alumna, Lullo has served on the Board since 2011. Her four children graduated from Addison Trail as well. She also has served on several Board committees.

"School Board members serve

their communities without monetary compensation to make public education the best it can be for every child," said District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton in his latest newsletter column. "Their policies and oversight guide the district as tough decisions are made on complex education and social issues that affect the entire community and the lives of individual students. They serve many hours attending meetings, workshops and events to ensure a high-quality educational environment at District 88."

"I would like to personally thank all of the candidates for running for the District 88 Board of Education. Having three incumbent members continue on the Board shows their dedication to our students, and I appreciate their support and passion in accomplishing our mission of working for the continuous improvement of student achievement."

The four candidates will be officially sworn in at the Board meeting scheduled for May 4, 2015. They will join Board members Donna Craft Cain, Jay Irvin and Thomas Edmier. For more information, Helton can be reached at [Shelton@dupage88.net](mailto:Shelton@dupage88.net) or 630-530-3980.



# SPORTS

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## Fenton softball team turns things up a notch

### Bison go 6-4 through first 10 games of season

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

In all facets, the Fenton softball team has taken the next step during a recent stretch of games.

The Bison went 5-0 during a recent run, outscoring opponents by a combined 75-13. The 5-0 record moved Fenton to 6-4 overall.

Fenton swept a recent non-conference doubleheader from Proviso West. Fenton won the opener 12-0 with Dana Fritz earning the win. Fritz was the winner in Game 2, a 23-7 Fenton triumph.

The Bison also recorded recent wins over Elmwood Park (12-2), IMSA (18-4) and Von Steuben (10-0). Fritz earned

wins in the Elmwood Park and Von Steuben contests, while Jenna Geraci was the winning pitcher against IMSA.

"We are putting together solid pitching with an improving defense and offense that really is starting to heat up," said Fenton coach Dave Mello late last week. "More importantly our energy and enthusiasm has really increased in the last 10 days."

Fenton's offense has made improvements due to putting the ball in play of late. "The offense is doing a good job of putting pressure on the other teams' defenses by limiting our strikeouts and easy pop flies," Mello noted. "We are hitting the ball really hard and forcing the opposition to make tough plays in the field."

Mello said the team's defense continues to be a work in progress, however the Bison had no errors in the Elmwood Park game, a contest Mello called, "the biggest win of our season."

The coach added limiting walks issued to the other team also has been a key talking point early on. "When we have limited the walks, we have done a nice job," he said. "When we walk batters it almost always seems to lead to an error or two, which leads to the big inning for our opponent."

On the individual front, freshman Rose Riley has taken over at third base with Diana Pikul out and has responded by going on a 9-for-21 tear (.429) with one double, one triple, one homer and six RBI.

Junior Jill Mrugacz has been a key cog out of the leadoff spot where she was hitting .462 (12-for-26) and had a .611 on-base percentage to go with nine stolen bases through late last week.

In the pitching circle, Fritz, who has committed to Elmhurst College, was 5-1 with a 2.63 ERA through late last week.

Mello felt a recent 18-0 loss to Elk Grove carried some positives. "As crazy as it seems I really felt something clicked with this team in that loss to Elk Grove," he said. "Everything about us just felt better. I told them immediately after the game about that and since that game we went on a five-game winning streak. We are far from the finished product, but I am extremely happy with the way we have been playing. Also, we have yet to play a game with our full team. Once everyone is back, I expect us to continue to get better and better."

Fenton has a busy week with five weekday games scheduled, including contests against IC Catholic Prep Thursday at home and Addison Trail Friday on the road. The Bison were slated to play Illiana Christian, St. Edward and Montini (at Bandits Stadium in Rosemont) earlier this week.

## Addison Trail boys volleyball team off to hot start

### Blazers open conference play with win over Hinsdale South

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys volleyball team's potential going into the season has carried over into actual matches.

The Blazers were 3-1 overall through their first four matches and recently opened West Suburban Conference Gold Division play with a 25-14, 25-21 win over Hinsdale South.

In the win over Hinsdale

South, Alex Dickmann led the way with 11 kills. Jack Vrchota had five kills. Zach Vaca added three kills and seven digs, while Kevin Andrews had 20 assists.

In a 25-20, 12-25, 27-25 non-conference win over Lake Park, Dickmann had 17 kills and 10 digs. Kannon Nelms and Vrchota each had seven kills and Andrews handed out 37 assists.

Blazers coach Chad Grant has observed progress in the area of passing for his team. "Our passing is above average right now, but we still have a lot of room for growth," he said. "Our offense has been another positive right now as

a result of our passing. Our hitters have been very efficient when they get a good set."

Grant would like to see the team continue to advance on defense. "We need to improve a lot in this area," he noted. "We made some nice strides (recently), so we are headed in the right direction. We have a lot of small blockers right now so we are making the necessary adjustments and finding out what defense will work best for us. Blocking is a work in progress due to our lack of height at some positions. We have some kids playing front row for the first time so they are still early in the learning process. When

Joey Nasti returns from injury that will help a lot."

Grant cited strong play from Jonny Valentini and Zach Vaca.

"Jonny is passing very well for us and Zach has played very smart in his first four matches playing outside hitter," the coach said. "He has done everything I have asked of him."

Grant added the team has been battling through injuries during the early portion of the season.

"We need to improve in all areas," he said. "We are fighting the consistency battle right now. We haven't had a whole lot of opportunities to scrim-

mage in practice due to injuries. Every match is very valuable to us right now. We are looking better with each match."

Grant said the team's lone loss to start the season helped put things in perspective for the Blazers. "We have faced a little adversity here at the start of the season," he said. "The boys were a little surprised to lose their first match but they have responded since then. They know they have a lot of work to do."

Addison Trail was slated to face Proviso East (WSC Gold match) and Elgin (non-conference) this week.



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# Willowbrook baseball team getting it done with the bats

## Warriors put up 80 runs in five recent conference wins

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Willowbrook baseball team wore out home plate during a recent five-game stretch.

The Warriors scored 80 runs in five West Suburban Conference Gold Division victories. The wins moved Willowbrook to 9-2 overall and 5-0 in conference play.

Willowbrook swept a three-game conference series from Proviso East. The Warriors won the first game 27-0 in five innings. Willowbrook scored 13 runs in the first inning, six in the second and eight in the third.

Luke Scheumer had three hits and four RBI. John Halloran had two hits and three RBI. Matt Pizur added three RBI. Cameron Zunkel was the winning pitcher. He struck out eight in three innings of work.

In an 11-0 win over Proviso West in five innings, Chris Roycroft and Ronnie Reitz combined to throw a five-inning no-hitter. Roycroft worked the

first 4 1/3 innings and struck out 10. Reitz pitched the final 2/3 of an inning.

Cameron Murer had three hits. Mark Molitor had three RBI, while Halloran added two RBI. Willowbrook had nine hits in the game.

The Warriors then completed the sweep with a 16-1 win in five innings. Willowbrook had 18 hits. It scored four runs in the first, eight in the second and four more in the third. Proviso East was held to one hit.

Ligocki had two hits and two RBI. Austin Debok and Pizur each had two hits. Jon Kelso had four RBI, while Zunkel had two RBI. Pizur was the winning pitcher. He struck out nine in five innings.

Willowbrook then swept a WSC Gold doubleheader from District 88 neighbor Addison Trail.

Willowbrook won the first game 10-0 in five innings. The Warriors had 10 hits and held Addison Trail to two hits.

Zunkel had three hits and three RBI. Trey Jones also had three hits and three RBI, while Kyle Martyniuk had three hits and two RBI. Zunkel was the winning pitcher. He struck out seven in five innings.

Willowbrook also won the finale 16-1 in five innings. The Warriors had 11 hits.

Kyle Ferguson and Ligocki

each had two hits and four RBI. Jones had two hits, while Murer had two RBI.

Roycroft was the winning

pitcher. He struck out five in five innings.

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In earlier action, Willowbrook edged Glenbard East 3-2 in eight innings. Ferguson had Willowbrook's only hit in the game to win it.

"Their kid had a no-hitter going against us," said Willowbrook coach Vic Wisner. "We were able to eke out a couple base on balls and we got the game tied at 2-2 and then won in extra innings."

Zunkel pitched all eight innings to earn the win. He threw only 85 pitches. "He was efficient with his pitches and was getting ahead in the count. He gave up only two hits," said Wisner. "Their kid pitched phenomenal as well. We used a couple of mistakes and the base on balls to our advantage."

Willowbrook edged Batavia 4-3 in a non-conference game played at Pfund Field in Wheaton.

Mike Petruzzi tripled and scored the winning run on Jones' sacrifice fly. Pizur pitched the first six innings and Matt Garbacz came in to pitch the seventh and got the win.

"We did a nice job in that game with bunting guys over and stealing bases," said Wisner.

The Warriors then dropped a 7-4 game to West Chicago. Joe Strem started for Willowbrook.

"Joe didn't pitch poorly, we just didn't give him a ton of support," said Wisner. "We got down 4-0 early and kicked the ball around a little bit."

Scheumer had two hits in the West

Chicago game.

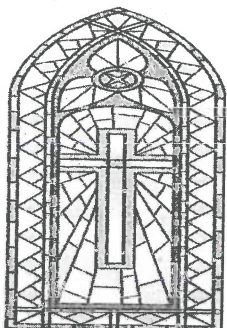
After the Proviso East series, Zunkel was 3-1 with a 1.40 ERA on the mound. Scheumer was hitting .390 with a team-best 11 RBI. Jones was hitting .350 and Ferguson, a sophomore, was batting .340.

"I'm really happy with what we are doing," said Wisner. "Last year we had some pretty big hitters on the team. This team this year plays really good defense and we have good pitching. Almost all our games at the beginning of the season were one-run or extra-inning games. These guys play good situational baseball and do all the little things I like. With these one-run games, guys feel very comfortable with what they are doing.

They are practicing well and it's paid off. We keep getting better."

Willowbrook finished up its three-game series with Addison Trail earlier this week. The Warriors play Oak Park-River Forest Thursday in a WSC crossover game and then open a key three-game Gold Division series Friday against Downers Grove South at home. The series continues Saturday at 2 p.m. at Willowbrook and concludes next Monday at Downers South.

"Downers South is a big series for us," said Wisner. "It definitely will be a good opportunity to see where we stand. We're looking forward to it."



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**John Orrico** assists Addison Public Library employee **Mayuri Jakate** on Wednesday at the Perks and Possibilities Cafe, which is run by students in DuPage High School District 88's Transition Program at the library.

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# District 88 student-run cafe celebrates anniversary

By **AIMEE BARROWS**  
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The Perks and Possibilities Cafe has been doing more than just serving coffee to Addison Public Library patrons for the past four years. It's teaching real-life job skills to students in DuPage High School District 88's Transition Program.

"The students love working there," said Christine DiRienzo, vocational coordinator for District 88. "There is a difference when they put on that uniform; they know they're independent and giving back - like how we all feel when we do a good job at our place of employment."

The Transition Program serves special education students after high school until they turn 22. It helps the students learn vocational skills, as well as financial and independent living skills.

The cafe, which is open from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday, celebrated its fourth anniversary in March. It is run by two students who are overseen by a staff member. The students are responsible for opening the cafe, making coffee, serving doughnuts and running the cash register.

DiRienzo said most of the students work at the cafe at some point because it's the program's main training site.

"It's a very nice environment," she said. "The students form relationships with the regulars, and it's such a great opportunity for them and highlights the skills they learn. It's really nice to see the growth of the students who work there."

Addison Public Library Director Mary Medjo Me Zengue said she loves having Perks and Possibilities in the library.

"We're very proud of the partnership we have with the schools," she said. "We look forward to seeing the kids each day and enjoy working with them. We're very grateful for the service they provide to us and our patrons."

The students work at one of several training sites in the community after they complete their time at Perks and Possibilities, including Caputo's, Empress Banquets and Sunmist Cafe. The students not only learn vocational skills, but other important life skills as well, DiRienzo said.

"They learn communication skills and prioritization skills," she said, explaining at Caputo's, for example, they greet customers, ask them if they need help and thank them. "Many of the skills they learn at the training sites transfer to other jobs."

The program provides its 20 students with unique opportunities to be a part of the community, DiRienzo said.



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**Angelica Carrillo** adds price tags to chips while working Wednesday at the Perks and Possibilities Cafe inside the Addison Public Library. The cafe is run by students in DuPage High School District 88's Transition Program.

"Our students want to be employed, they want adult lives, and they just need a little help getting there," she said. "We want to make sure all District 88 students have good outcomes, whether that be a four-year university, a community college or gainful employment, and many of our students leave the program competitively employed."

District 88 Assistant Superintendent Jean Barbanente said the Transition Program has expanded dramatically in the past few years because students are now eligible to receive services until they turn 22, whereas before they left the program at 21.

"The students need to have high-quality experiences and make sure they have all the skills needed to have a high-quality life," she said. "Addison is a tremendous community for embracing adults with special needs. It's just wonderful, and everyone is so receptive."

Barbanente said the partnership with the Addison library is a "win-win" for everyone.

"It's huge for our kids because they're learning the skills needed to run a business, and they feel comfortable there.

They feel like that's their cafe," she said.

At a time when funding is uncertain, Barbanente said the Transition Program is at "as much risk as other programs in the district." While the program does receive some federal funds through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and from the state of Illinois through the Department of Health and Human Services and through reimbursement, the program is primarily funded locally, she said.

"Educational cuts would affect this program as much as our other programs, but Transitions isn't being specifically targeted," Barbanente said. "However, the district has lots of scenarios in place that we're prepared to deal with."

DiRienzo said there is a "clear benefit" to the Transition Program, and its students usually fare much better than students who don't participate in the program.

"It's really nice to see the growth in our students," she said. "We've demonstrated that when students have these services, they're able to maintain employment at a much higher rate than those who didn't."

# Addison Avenue space attracts multiple proposals

By F. AMANDA TUGADE  
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**ELMHURST** – Two city-owned parcels at 138 and 142 N. Addison Ave. are up for grabs, and two developers are battling for the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee's approval.

The two developers faced aldermen Dannee Polonsky, Scott Levin and Mark Mulliner and Mayor Steve Morley to propose building either a fitness center or a multistory residential complex on the 20,000-square-foot space.

## Fitness proposal

For architect Joseph Antunovic of Antunovic Associates, the message to the City Council was simple: to make downtown Elmhurst home for residents and newcomers.

Antunovic and Fitness Formula Clubs founder Gale Landers painted a picture of a three-story, upscale fitness center following a similar make-up of their Chicago, Oak Park and Park Ridge locations.

Landers said Fitness Formula Clubs rests strategically near public transportation, creating a "walkable urban-

## Next meet

The Development, Planning and Zoning Committee will revisit this discussion April 27 and invites residents to participate in the public forum. For information about the proposals, visit <http://shawurl.com/luft>.

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ism," which connects the community and local retail businesses, while attracting new people.

The 50,000-square-foot installation is sliced into three levels. The first two floors consist of gyms, yoga and Pilates studios and family-friendly exercise rooms.

The third floor is designed with relaxation in mind. The rooftop setting is equipped with indoor and outdoor facilities like a swimming pool, a juice bar and a lounge.

Landers said overall, their fitness clubs have acquired relationships with nonprofit organizations and built connections with local hospitals. He added that most of the Fitness Formula Clubs are partnered with Novacare, a physical therapy provider. In addition, one of their Chicago centers has Northwestern Memorial Hospital nurses on hand.

Mulliner was concerned about creating a competition among the Elmhurst YMCA, Elmhurst Park District and the proposed fitness club.

Landers said the three entities, including Formula Fitness Clubs, offer different programs.

For example, the 10-year-old Oak Park fitness club is located four blocks away from the YMCA, and both have managed to grow, he said.

## Residential proposal

James Hughes kept his presentation short, proposing to build high-end apartments or condominiums.

Hughes said he has "created communities" in Wheaton, Hinsdale, Naperville and Aurora for his Wheaton-based company, Next Generation Development. He was accompanied by

director of sales and marketing Gail Payonk and architect David Kennedy of Perkins, Pryde and Kennedy.

The four-story structure would include either 40 luxury condominiums or 52 one- to two-bedroom apartments, attracting retirees and young professionals, Hughes said, adding they are catering to those who are looking to downsize or acquire a second home.

Payonk said the structure's concept lends itself to a "service-oriented lifestyle" accessorized with a concierge service and deluxe amenities like granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and designer fixtures.

The condominiums are priced between \$300,000 to \$500,000 while the apartment rent would cost an average of \$2,041 per month, she added.

Morley expressed concern about being able to attract condominium buyers following the recent housing market struggles.

A more optimistic Hughes added that his plan includes acquiring two adjacent private properties to the north and south. That would allow him to expand to a total of 65 condominium units or 70 apartments.

## Addison Trail to present spring play, 'The Curious Savage'

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From April 9 to 11, Addison Trail will present its spring play, "The Curious Savage."

The comedic play tells the story of Ethel Savage, a woman whose husband recently died and left her \$10 million. Her stepchildren want to use the money for selfish reasons and for their own benefit, so she buries the money to keep it from them. Frustrated with her actions, the stepchildren have Savage committed to a sanatorium in hopes she will "come to her senses."

The show contrasts the kindness and loyalty of the patients in the sanatorium with the vanity of "respectable" public figures. According to [www.dramatists.com](http://www.dramatists.com), "The audience is left with a feeling that the neglected virtues of kindness and affection have not been entirely lost in a world that seems motivated at times only by greed and dishonesty."

"A former Addison Trail student suggested this play, and I knew it would be the perfect spring comedy," said Director Anna Jakubka. "It's a cute, funny show."

Junior Heidi Scheleski plays Savage and said audience members can look forward to a lot of laughs and jokes throughout the play.

Senior Hannah Yurek plays Fairy May, a patient Savage befriends at the sanatorium. Yurek said it's bittersweet to take the stage at Addison Trail for the last time.

"Being involved with theatre at Addison Trail during my four years here has taught me the importance of perseverance," Yurek said. "I've learned that if you work hard and stay dedicated, you'll eventually get the roles you want."

### "The Curious Savage" | Addison Trail

213 N. Lombard Road in Addison

7 p.m. April 9, 10 and 11

(also a 2 p.m. performance on April 11)

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## How to improve your business SEO and reach customers with sponsored content

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Sponsored Content is a form of marketing that offers a business the opportunity to reach a targeted audience in a new way. While sponsored content can take on many forms, typically the method consists of articles and video created on behalf of a business.

The content is labeled as sponsored, and linked from a news or entertainment website back to the business website. The business is featured in the content, and recognized as the sponsor. If done correctly, sponsored content can be very effective in reaching consumers since it is delivered in the same form and function as other content on the website, such as news.

This method, commonly referred to as native content, has taken off in the online publishing industry in recent years. The content is displayed in relevant categories, and written in such a way to improve search engine results. So if someone is interested in car maintenance, they might come across an article that interests them in the local newspaper website, or they might conduct a search on Google and

find the article that way. In either case, the viewer is then exposed to the advertiser's message by reading the article, and viewing the accompanying photo or video.

There are some important elements to make sure that your sponsored content is effective as possible. First, make sure your content is created and displayed to improve your search results, or search engine optimization, SEO. Think about what words people use to search for your product or service on Google, and then use those keywords in your content and headlines.

Create value with your content by being informative and engaging. Your article is not an advertisement, so don't turn off your reader by beating them over the head with a sales message. Rather, offer something of value, such as a helpful tip related to your product or service.

Finally, make sure your video and article reflect your business' personality. Are you reflecting a fun, personable image? Keep the copy conversational and light so people aren't intimidated or turned off by your message.

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# Dukes 'coming together' to find success

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**SCHAUMBURG** – Saturday's PepsiCo Showdown opener left an unsatisfying taste for York's girls soccer team.

After losing in penalty kicks to Hersey, the Dukes apparently took out their frustration on Lincoln-Way East to the tune of seven goals Tuesday. The 7-2 victory against the Griffins got York back on track after an inconsistent start to the season.

In the match against Hersey, York scored twice in the first half and had plenty of chances for more. However, they were tied 2-2 at half and neither team created much in front of goal after that. York eventually lost 3-1 in the penalty shootout.

"Tale of two halves," coach Don Vana said. "We played good for a while and then we disappeared for a little bit. I'm not too sure why that is."

Jessica Bianchi scored both goals against Hersey, which

were part of a wild 10-minute span where the teams combined for four goals. York trailed 1-0 and six minutes later had a 2-1 lead, only to see the Huskies tie the match another minute after that.

Bianchi and fellow senior Alyssa Kovatchis are proven goal scorers after being the team's top two scorers last year. Sophomore Jenna Lundgren and junior Madison Casey also are working in the attack to give the Dukes plenty of options to put fear into op-

posing defenses.

Tuesday's seven goals were the third time this season York scored more than five in a match. The previous times came against Joliet West and Proviso West, while Lincoln-Way East already has a tournament title this season when the Griffins won the 32-team Windy City Classic.

"I think we're doing really good," Bianchi said. "We just need to find our feet better. I think we all know who's good at what, who's successful at

what they do, whether it's play Alyssa to her feet or someone playing me long to run to the ball. We're still learning. We're still working on stuff, but I think we're coming together really well."

The defense is still a work in progress, coping with the loss of standout senior defender Jamie Kovatchis because of a knee injury just before the season. Emily Mueller, Kaylin Kenny, Jenna Dvorak and Annalisa Lappo are manning the defense.

## PREP ROUNDUP

# York's Peterson picks up 100th career varsity tennis win

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

York's boys tennis team made the final of the Hersey Invite on Saturday, beating Prospect and Fremd by 5-2 scores before losing to the Huskies 4-3 in the final.

Brendan Peterson went 3-0 on the day and picked up his 100th career varsity victory. York bounced back from the loss against Hersey with wins against Maine South and Glenbard West earlier this week.

## BASEBALL

### York

The Dukes had an off weekend from conference play but fell to 1-11 on the season following losses against St. Charles North (8-2), Downers Grove South (5-4) and Maine South (7-3).

## IC Catholic

The Knights picked up their first conference win of the season by beating Elmwood Park 12-9 Wednesday.

## Timothy Christian

The Trojans split a pair of conference games with Elmwood Park, losing 6-4 Monday and winning 3-2 Tuesday. Devin May gave up just two unearned runs in Tuesday's win.

## Addison Trail

Willowbrook swept the Blazers in West Suburban Gold action with scores of 10-0, 16-1 and 4-3.

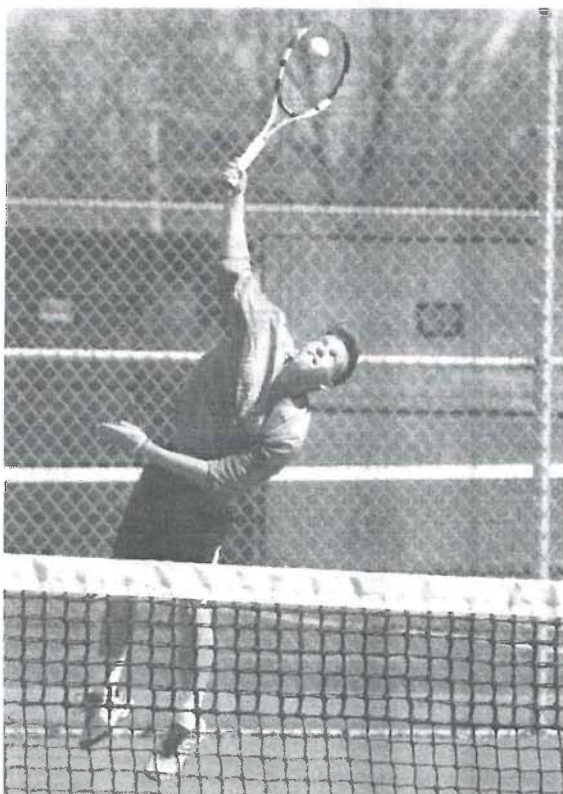


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York's Brendan Peterson serves the ball Saturday during play at the Hersey Invite. Peterson went 3-0 on the day and picked up his 100th career win in the process.

## SOFTBALL

### IC Catholic

The Knights went 3-0 in games earlier this week, beating Guerin 11-0, Riverside

Brookfield 6-0 and Proviso West 18-3.

## Timothy Christian

Hope Zastrow, Kaitlyn

Gehrke and Samantha Leide each had two hits in a 14-9 loss against Woodlands Academy on Wednesday.

## Addison Trail

The Blazers split a double-header with Maine South on Saturday, losing 11-1 and winning 10-2.

## GIRLS SOCCER

### IC Catholic

After beating Montini 1-0 Saturday, the Knights dropped a 3-2 game in the Metro Suburban West to Glenbard South on Tuesday.

## Timothy Christian

Toni Paterno scored twice and Danielle Beard and Ellie Wiener each scored a goal in a 4-1 win against Ridgewood on Tuesday, which was the Metro Suburban East opener.

A day later, TC moved to 2-0 in conference by beating Chicago Christian 5-2 as Paterno had a hat trick and an assist.

## BOYS VOLLEYBALL

### York

Bobby Krissinger had eight kills to lead York to a 25-19, 18-25, 25-17 victory against Lyons Township on Tuesday.

## Addison Trail

Zach Vaca and Jonathan Gonzalez had eight kills each in a 25-11, 25-6 win against Proviso East on Tuesday.

## BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

### IC Catholic

Jordan Rowell took second in the 100-meter dash at Riverside Brookfield's Gary Johnson Bulldogs Relays. Luke Ricobene was second in the 300-meter hurdles. Two IC relays placed third.

## Addison Trail

Donovan Granados was second in the 110-meter hurdles at the Glenbard South Boys Open on Saturday, which was the best Blazer varsity finish.

## BOYS GYMNASTICS

### York

Sam Bode won the all-around at Hinsdale Central's Anthony J. Canino Invitational on April 10. Bode placed in the top five in all six events to total 59.95 points. York was sixth out of 10 teams overall with 129.55 points.

## Addison Trail

The Blazers were second out of seven teams in their own Fred Dennis Invite on Saturday with a score of 132.05. Saul Rivera placed fifth in the all-around and on pommel horse.

Alfredo Torres took first place on floor exercise, R.J. Infusino won the rings and Ruben Sanchez was the winner on the high bar. The day before, AT competed in Hinsdale Central's 10-team Anthony J. Canino Invitational and Infusino again won on the rings to help the Blazers place fifth.