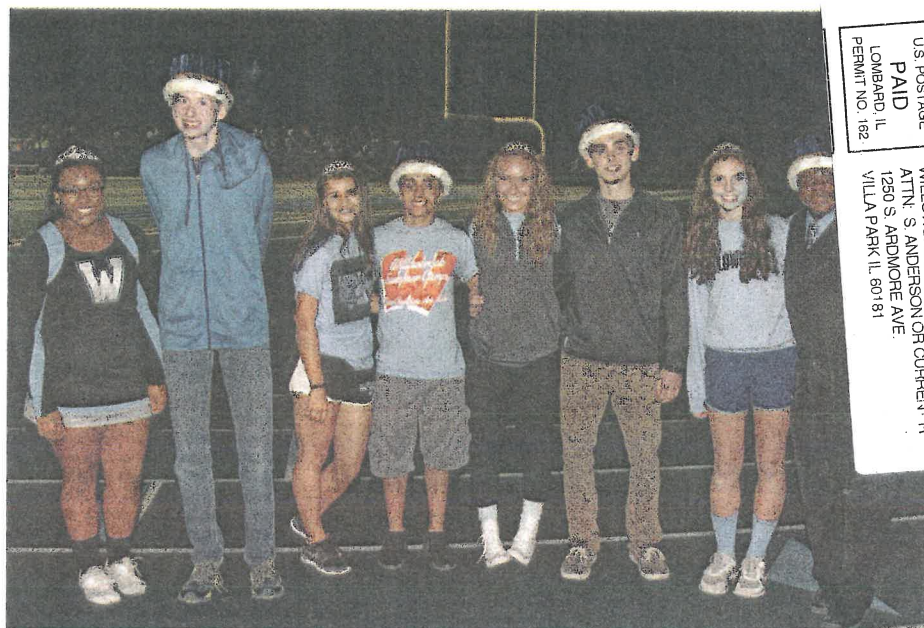


2015 royalty...

THE QUEENS AND KINGS OF WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S 2015 homecoming court were introduced during halftime of Friday night's varsity football game against York. The photo on the right shows this year's royalty moments before the introduction. Pictured left to right are senior queen Courtney Cager, senior king Dillon Darrow, sophomore queen Jiana Funteas, sophomore king Brandon Alvarado, junior queen Valentina Poggi, junior king Bailey Heppner, freshman queen Katelyn McCann and freshman king Maurice Brown. The homecoming queens and kings were announced during Friday afternoon's pep assembly. Each of the queens and kings was elected by members of their respective classes. Each class's court included four boys and four girls. Cager, Darrow, Funteas, Alvarado, Poggi and Brown are residents of Villa Park. Heppner and McCann are Lombard residents. The Warriors weren't able to earn a victory in their homecoming game; York defeated Willowbrook 24-7. The homecoming week celebration concluded with Saturday evening's dance in the main gymnasium. About 1,000 students attended the dance.

Photos by Chris Fox



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Willowbrook's homecoming game draws a crowd

Friday night's homecoming football game at Willowbrook High School featured ideal weather conditions and a festive crowd. The only drawback for Warrior fans was the outcome of the game.

York defeated Willowbrook 24-7 in the crossover matchup of West Suburban Conference schools. The visiting Dukes of the Silver Division held a 12-0 lead after one quarter of the battle with the Warriors, who are members of the Gold Division. Willowbrook scored its only touchdown of the night in the middle of the second quarter. Junior Jonathan Kelso caught a short pass from senior quarterback Billy Degnan and sprinted to the end zone for an 80-yard touchdown reception.

The result of Friday's game left both the Warriors and York with overall season records of 2-3.

The halftime entertainment included performances from the Warriors' cheerleaders, pom team and marching band.

Friday's game wasn't the only football contest of Willowbrook's homecoming week. Two nights earlier, a team of juniors squared off against a team of seniors in the annual girls powder puff game. The juniors edged the seniors 13-12.



Homecoming performances...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S homecoming week celebration included Friday evening's varsity football game against York. The visiting Dukes beat the Warriors 24-7. The above photo shows members of the Willowbrook cheerleading team performing during halftime. The photos below, also from halftime, show members of the marching band and pom team.



Sports

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Rams rebound with a win; Warriors lose to York

The Glenbard East football team rebounded from its first loss of the season to post a dominant 44-14 Upstate Eight Valley Conference victory at West Chicago on Friday. The Rams, who lost 41-14 at Glenbard North on Sept. 19, improved their overall record to 4-1 with their win over the Wildcats. Glenbard East held a 21-0 lead over West Chicago at the end of the first quarter. The lead grew to 37-0 by halftime.

The Rams need to win at least two of their four remaining regular-season games to earn the program's first IHSA playoff berth since 1999. Glenbard East will play its homecoming game this Friday against conference rival South Elgin (4-1). The Rams stand atop the conference standings with a 2-0 record. The Storm will enter the game with a 1-0 conference mark. The two teams waged a high-scoring battle last year, with the Storm earning a 42-36 victory in South Elgin.

The Rams will close out the regular season with a home game

against Geneva on Oct. 9, a conference road game at West Aurora on Oct. 16 and a conference home game against Bartlett on Oct. 23. South Elgin, Geneva (5-0) and West Aurora (3-2) all have winning records through five weeks, while Bartlett holds a 1-4 mark. Its lone win came over West Aurora.

Senior quarterback Phil Abruzzino scored the Rams' first touchdown against West Chicago (1-4, 1-1) on an 8-yard run. Abruzzino's 3-yard touchdown pass to senior Travis Lyles and a 1-yard scoring run by junior Devonta Owens helped Glenbard East to its 21-0 advantage through one quarter. A safety caused by seniors Conor Glennon and Darrell Wilson pushed the lead to 23-0. A 4-yard touchdown pass from Abruzzino to senior Joey Moore and another short TD run by Owens helped to raise the lead to 37-0 by halftime.

Junior Orlando Kimbrough scored the Rams' final touchdown of the night on a 1-yard run. Junior Justin Murphy added his sixth extra-point kick of the night to complete

Glenbard East's scoring for the night.

Abruzzino completed eight of 12 pass attempts for 117 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Senior receiver Zach Walsh made five receptions for 106 yards, while Owens ran for 34 yards and two touchdowns on nine carries.

Glenbard East senior Davontae Smith made two interceptions. Glennon made one interception, which he returned 78 yards. Junior Zach Netchin also had one interception, while senior Matt Mihic made a fumble recovery.

Willowbrook

The Warriors weren't able to give their fans much to cheer about during Friday's homecoming game against York. Willowbrook, which entered the game off an impressive win at Hinsdale South six days earlier, fell into an early hole against the visiting Dukes. York took a 12-0 lead at the end of the first quarter on its way to a 24-7 victory in Villa Park.

"I don't have a ton of answers for it," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth in discussing the loss to York, which improved to 2-3. "I thought we'd come out with great effort and execution, and we didn't."

The defeat sent Willowbrook's overall season record to 2-3. The Warriors will likely need to win their remaining four regular-season games to earn a trip to the IHSA playoffs. Willowbrook will play a West Suburban Gold Conference game at Morton this Friday. The Warriors will conclude the season with conference games against Proviso East (Oct. 9), Downers Grove South (Oct. 16) and Leyden (Oct. 23). All four of Willowbrook's future opponents have losing records through five games.

The Warriors scored their only touchdown of the night midway through the second quarter when junior Jonathan Kelso caught a short pass from senior quarterback Billy Degnan and raced 80 yards for a touchdown. Kelso's score, which



Rams win...

Photo by Debbie McEvoy

GLENBARD EAST SENIOR QUARTERBACK Phil Abruzzino (above) threw two touchdown passes and ran for one score to help the Rams to a 44-14 victory at West Chicago on Friday. The win gave Glenbard East an overall record of 4-1. The Rams need to win at least two of their last four regular-season games to earn a berth in the IHSA playoffs.

came on the opening play of a drive, cut York's lead to 12-6. Junior Mike Dembowski kicked the extra point.

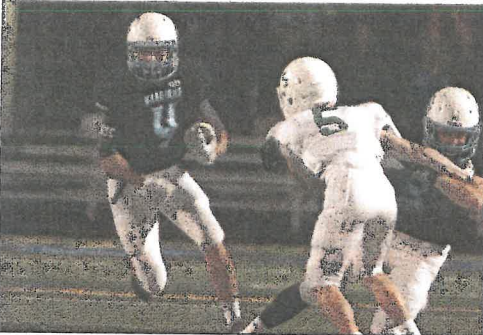
York scored a touchdown in the third quarter and added one more touchdown on a 50-yard pass with about three minutes left in the game.

Montini

The Broncos improved to 5-0 with Friday's 41-0 win over Leo at the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Chicago. Montini scored all

of its points against the Lions (1-4) in the first half.

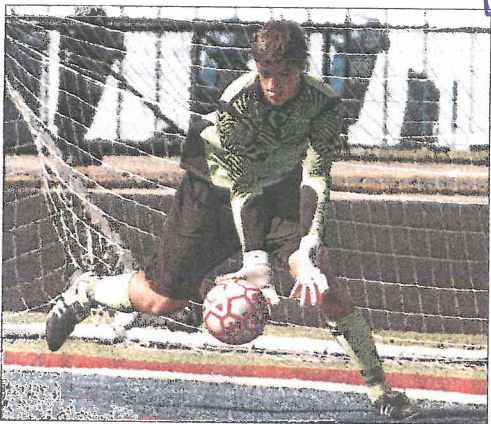
The Broncos will face St. Joseph (1-4) in this Friday's game at Elmhurst College. Montini will play its last home game of the regular season against St. Francis on Oct. 9. The Broncos will complete the regular season with road games at Fenwick (Oct. 17, at Morton West High School) and at Marmion Academy (Oct. 23).



Playmaker...

Photo by Chris Fox

JUNIOR JONATHAN KELSO (No. 4, above) of the Willowbrook football team runs with the ball during the second half of Friday's homecoming game against York. Kelso scored the Warriors' only touchdown of the night on an 80-yard reception in the second quarter. York defeated Willowbrook 24-7 in Villa Park. Kelso made two touchdown receptions in the Warriors' previous game, a 27-13 win at Hinsdale South on Sept. 19.



Warriors win again...

Photo by Chris Fox

THE WILLOWBROOK BOYS SOCCER TEAM earned its ninth straight victory with Saturday's 6-1 victory over Glenbard South in Glen Ellyn. Senior Aaron Johnson and junior Saul Hernandez scored three goals apiece for the Warriors, who held a 3-1 halftime lead. The victory over the Raiders gave Willowbrook an overall season record of 10-1. The above photo shows senior goalkeeper Asmir Perviz making a save for the Warriors. "He kept us in the game in the first half," said Willowbrook coach Peter Ginter of Perviz. "There were times when Glenbard South was really putting some pressure on us. He made some great saves." The Warriors schedule this week includes a West Suburban Gold Conference match at Addison Trail and this Saturday's match against the reigning IHSA state champion—Hinsdale Central.

Junior Rams to hold girls basketball tryouts Oct. 21-22

The Glenbard East Junior Rams girls basketball program will hold tryouts for the upcoming season on Wednesday, Oct. 21, and Thursday, Oct. 22. The tryouts for the program's fifth-, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade teams will take

place from 7-9 p.m. each evening in Glenbard East's main gymnasium.

For more information about the tryouts, contact Glenbard East girls varsity coach Don Finnie at donald_finnie@glenbard.org



Senior Rams...

THE GLENBARD EAST GIRLS GOLF TEAM earned a victory in its Senior Night dual meet against St. Francis on Thursday at Glendale Lakes Golf Club. The Rams defeated the visiting Spartans 185-225. A pair of Rams—senior Grace Ludwig and junior Samantha Katsikas—shared honor for the low round of the meet. Both girls shot a 9-hole score of 44. The above photo shows Glenbard East's seniors at the conclusion of the meet. Pictured left to right are: (front row) Kacey Taylor, Sierra Dana, Ludwig, Mary Kate Klasen and Sam Caruso; (back row) Analise Biddle, Jill Laird, Maggie Verpaele, Gillian Ostrowski, Olivia Sterling and Madison Koch. The Rams' previous meet was a 180-184 victory over Batavia on Sept. 23. Katsikas was Glenbard East's low scorer with a 9-hole round of 40. The Rams finished fifth at Monday's Upstate Eight Conference Meet at St. Andrew's Golf and Country Club in West Chicago. Ludwig, Ostrowski and Sterling earned all-conference honors by finishing among the top 18 in the individual standings.

Addison Trail student meets singer Nick Jonas at concert

Mother wins tickets via radio contest

ADDISON — When Lucia Partipilo called the B96 radio station during a contest for tickets to attend a meet and greet with singer Nick Jonas, she never imagined she would be the winner.

Lucia won tickets for her and her daughter, Caterina (a senior in the special education program at Addison Trail), to see Jonas on Sept. 14. The meet

and greet took place at the B96 studio in Chicago before Jonas's performance at House of Blues Chicago. Caterina was able to hear Jonas perform a few songs and take photos with him.

"He was amazing," Caterina said with a smile. "And he was so tall!"

She said the highlights of the experience were hearing the fans scream when Jonas first entered the room and singing along to his songs. She and Lucia also were given a brief tour of the B96 studio, and

Caterina said she loved seeing all the photos of celebrities that lined the walls.

While Caterina admitted she only knew Jonas's song "Jealous" before the meet-and-greet, she said she's a big fan now and would love to see him in concert again. She has seen several performing artists in concert — including Demi Lovato, Fall Out Boy and Ariana Grande — but this was her first-ever meet-and-greet.

"It was a really interesting experience," she said. "I had a great time."

News from the Village of Addison

New hours for recycling center

ADDISON — Beginning Oct. 3, 2015, the Recycling Center, at 711 N. Addison Road, will be open Saturdays only, 8 a.m. - noon. The Recycling Center is to be used strictly by Addison residents only; residency will be checked.

Addison Connect mobile app now available

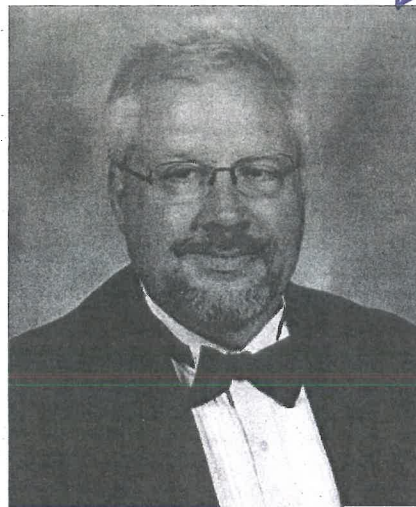
The Village of Addison's new smartphone app, Addison Connect, now allows residents to identify issues and report those service requests directly to the appropriate department.

Residents can upload a photo or video of the concern and mark the geographic location on a map. Each request is provided a unique tracking number so the user is able to see when action is taken.

Some of the concerns that residents can report through the app include potholes, abandoned vehicles, illegal trash dumping and broken streetlights. The submitted information will then

be immediately sent to the appropriate staff member, as well as his or her supervisor and a backup staff person, just in case someone is out of the office or on vacation.

Emergency concerns should always be reported to 9-1-1.



courtesy photo

Addison Trail Band Director Mark Corey, who recently had an article published for SmartMusic.

Corey published in SmartMusic blog

ADDISON — Addison Trail Band Director Mark Corey recently had an article published for SmartMusic.

The article, entitled "Establishing Expectations for Success," is featured in SmartMusic's blog and newsletter and can be viewed at tinyurl.com/o7nzs4y.

In the article, Corey focuses on the need for music teachers to define what success means for themselves and their students.

"The standard to which success is measured must be first and foremost clear in the teacher's mind before those expectations can be expressed to others," he noted in the article.

Corey also offers tips to establish those expectations and discusses the importance of creating a vision and mission.

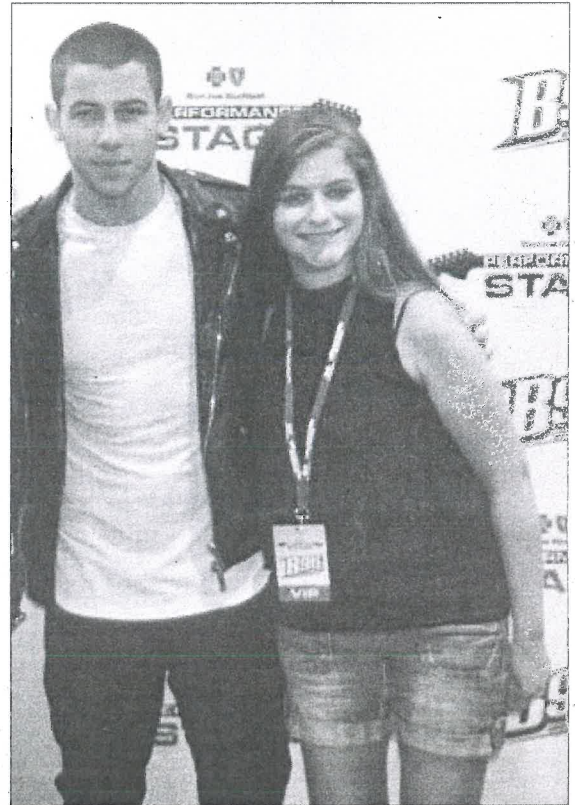


photo courtesy of Lizzy Buczak

Addison Trail senior Caterina Partipilo poses with singer Nick Jonas of the Jonas Brothers during a meet-and-greet on September 14. Caterina's mother Lucia won tickets for the event through a radio contest.

Park District to host Festive House decorating contest

ADDISON — The Addison Park District is hosting its annual Halloween Festive House Contest. Entries are due to the Park District by Monday, Oct. 24. Judging will take place Tuesday, Oct. 28 from 4-6 p.m. The contest is limited to 20 homes. There is an entry fee of \$5/house. For more information, call 630-543-4100 or visit addisonadvantage.org/link/pages.

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General Revenue Fund. The treasurer told a crowd of students and college administrators at a news conference in Chicago that action needs to be taken on the issue sooner than later. He said in a news release it's the same amount Governor Bruce Rauner initially proposed. A release by Governor Rauner's Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs Rich Goldberg said Rauner would likely veto the tuition assistance should it reach his desk. Goldberg said the legislation would simply pave the way for more debt or higher taxes. The Senate passed the bill along party lines in August.

State Gaming Board turns down western Chicago gambling cafes
Plans to refurbish an old strip

mall into a string of small gambling outlets was turned down Tuesday. The Chicago Tribune reports the Illinois Gaming Board turned down the proposal to refurbish a half empty strip-mall in suburban Hometown into multiple outlet gaming mall.

Gaming Board Chairman Donald Tracy said he views gaming malls as backdoor casinos without the traditional safeguards as licensed casinos. Illinois legalized video gambling in 2009. Even though they still bring controversy, they are seen as a reliable source of revenue to cash-strapped municipalities.

Hometown Mayor Kevin Casey said the gaming malls could create up to 60 jobs, spawn spin-off business and entice new customers to existing businesses.

AT English teacher deemed 'Outstanding' by U of Chicago



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Addison Trail English teacher Jim Perusich, who has been selected for the University of Chicago's Outstanding Educator Award.

ADDISON — Addison Trail English teacher Jim Perusich has been selected for the University of Chicago's Outstanding Educator Award.

For more than three decades, the University of Chicago has invited entering first-year students to nominate an educator who has changed them, challenged them or helped them along the path toward intellectual growth.

Annina Beltrano (Addison Trail class of 2015) nominated Perusich for the award. Perusich will

receive a certificate and a memento in honor of being selected for this award.

District 88 outshines others at INSPRA Conference

Brink, publications receive awards of excellence, merit

By Dee Longfellow
For The Independent

Last week, the Independent received the weekly newsletter from School District 88, which included a high-spirited column written by Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton. In it, Helton talked about the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association (INSPRA) annual Communications Contest and Golden Achievement Awards luncheon and that District 88 had received its fair share of

awards — four in all.

At the luncheon, held on Sept. 18, District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink was given four awards, which she accepted on behalf of District 88.

"This state-level contest recognizes high-quality school publications and materials that promote the mission and message of a school district," Helton said. "We received two Awards of Excellence, the highest honor, and two Awards of Merit, the second-highest honor. Below is more information about those four entries."

The awards were as follows:

An Award of Excellence in the Special Purpose category for the "Mentor Program presentation," which shares information about the Addison Mentor Program.

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— Dr. Scott Helton,
Superintendent

An Award of Excellence in the Writing category for the story "Beyond the gym: Willowbrook senior teaches life lessons to young gymnast," which tells the story of Keawe Winstead, Willowbrook class of 2015, and his special bond with Payton O'Brien. O'Brien is an athlete Keawe coaches,

who was diagnosed with an aggressive form of bone cancer in February 2014, which resulted in his right leg needing to be amputated.

An Award of Merit in the Special Purpose category for the "District 88 receives national recognitions" flyer, which highlights our national

honors from The Washington Post and Newsweek.

An Award of Merit in the Writing category for the story "Willowbrook choreographer and parent wins award," which shares the story of how parent Nancy Bocek has been choreographing shows at WBHS for more than 15 years. Bocek also received Suburban Life Magazine's Women of Distinction award.

"Our focus at District 88 is to maintain an open, honest and transparent relationship with our stakeholders, and our communication efforts help us fulfill that goal," Helton said. "We're proud to receive these awards and look forward to continuing to share our news and stories of success with you. Thank you for your continued support of District 88."

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Tips to Keep Kids Healthy and Safe This School Year

(StatePoint) — As a parent, you can help kids stay strong, healthy and safe while at school by putting wellness front and center, say experts.

"There is no doubt that school is a nurturing place for your child to learn, grow and make friends," says Dr. Sandra Hassink, MD, FAAP, President of the American Academy of Pediatrics. "But school also introduces certain health and safety risks."

With that in mind, Hassink recommends taking the following steps.

Schedule a Pediatric Visit

Be sure to put an annual pediatric exam on your family's schedule. Before your visit, create a list of things you want to discuss with your child's pediatrician to ensure you get all the information you need. This list should include ensuring your child is up-to-date on all vaccinations, which are a crucial part of preventive care.

Consider building a medical history with a particular pediatrician by sticking with one doctor throughout childhood and adolescence. By doing so, the doctor will be better informed of your child's medical history and will have a better chance of detecting emerging problems.

Beyond medical testing, pediatricians are well-equipped

to counsel patients and parents on emotional and social issues, as well as issues that often crop up during adolescence, such as smoking, drugs, drinking, sexual activity and depression.

"Many first time parents may not realize they can ask a pediatrician about anything related to the care of their child -- medical or not," says

Consider Sports

Sports are a great way to foster confidence, cooperation, and healthy habits. Encourage your child to try out for a team, sign up for a recreational league or get a regular pick-up game started on weekends.

Keep in mind certain health

considerations, such as proper nutrition and hydration, injury prevention, exercise programs and healthy attitudes surrounding sports. Schedule a sports physical with your pediatrician to discuss your child's overall health and how to prevent injuries.

Talk Safety

If your child walks to school, teach him safety rules like looking both ways. If possible, have your child commute with an older sibling or neighbor. If your child rides a bike or skateboard to school, be sure he wears a helmet. Review basic rules for safer riding. Bus riders should also be mindful of safety rules, like remaining in one's seat and



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listening to the driver.

More health and safety tips can be found at www.healthychildren.org.

As a parent, you can take steps to help ensure your children are happy and healthy while at school.



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On Sept. 18, Addison Trail hosted the school's annual Student Activity Fair. (top left): Juniors Leslie Tolentino (left) and Amy Cortes discuss the INTERACT Club with junior Alfred Lugo. (top right): (From left) sophomore Destiny Martinez, sophomore Yesennia Tiscareno and freshman Janelli Gutierrez talk about the L.A.D.I.E.S. Club. (bottom left): Junior James Krause Jr. (center) and sophomore Fiona Levesque share information about the Philosophy Club with freshman Daniel Orsi. (bottom right): (From left) freshman Oddasea Makowski, sophomore Lisette Hernandez and freshman Monica Quintero pose in front of the Blazettes booth.

Addison Trail student activity fair deemed successful

ADDISON — On Sept. 18, Addison Trail hosted the school's annual Student Activity Fair.

The event allowed students to learn more about the activities and clubs offered at Addison Trail, and more than 45 groups participated.

"The Student Activity Fair is an opportunity for students to see all Addison Trail has to offer with regard to student clubs," said Michael Bolden, Addison Trail Principal. "We know student success is directly related to their involve-

ment in school beyond the classroom, and this fair allows students to find a club that interests them to become more engaged in school."

Addison Trail has a 70-percent participation rate in activities, athletic programs and clubs. If students cannot find a club in which they are interested, they have the opportunity to start a new club. For more information about clubs and activities at Addison Trail, visit dupage88.net/site/page/119.

Resident Daniel Nowosad named to elite music group

RESTON, VA — During the 2014-15 school year, talented music students across the U.S. practiced with dedication to gain a chair or part in their local, district, and state music honor ensembles. Of the most elite high school musicians who were accepted to their district or

All-State music ensembles, 673 of them—the "Best of the Best"—were selected for the National Association for Music Education's (NAFME) 2015 All-National Honor Ensembles.

Among those selected by NAFME is Addison resident Daniel Nowosad, who will

perform on the tuba for the Concert Band.

On Oct. 28, at a 2015 NAFME National In-Service Conference, Daniel will join the others in Nashville to showcase their expert musicianship and perform a gala concert at the world-famous Grand Ole Opry House stage.

Economic Forecast Breakfast to be held Oct. 21

ADDISON — An Economic Forecast Breakfast, presented by Oxford Bank & Trust and the Addison Chamber of Commerce and featuring economist Dr. Robert Genetski, will be held Wednesday, Oct. 21, at Alta Villa Banquets, 430 N. Addison Road.

Registration opens at 7:30 a.m., with a hot buffet breakfast served at the same time. Dr. Genetski's program begins at 8:15.

Cost of the program is \$25 per person for chamber members, \$30 for non-members. Reservations are required by no later than Friday, Oct. 9. To make reservations by email, send an email to addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net. For more information, email or call 630-543-4300. The chamber's fax number is: 630-543-4355.

Genetski is founder and President of ClassicalPrinciples.com, a global economic and financial consulting service. His experience in the world of economics and

finance involves a unique combination of business and academic expertise. On two separate occasions Genetski has been singled out as the No. 1 interest rate forecaster in the United States.

He has headed asset management, investment research departments and served as the chief economist for several financial institutions. He has also taught economics at NYU and the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business.

Genetski is renowned for using humor and anecdotes to make complex economic principles easily understandable. He is the author of several books, notably, *A Nation of Millionaires*, *Taking the Voodoo out of Economics*, and *Winning with Money*.

His latest book, *Classical Economic Principles & the Wealth of Nations*, received rave reviews for its clear, concise explanation of the economic policies necessary to promote wealth and prosperity.

Addison Trail, Willowbrook name homecoming royalty

ADDISON/VILLA PARK — On Sept. 25, Addison Trail and Willowbrook hosted their annual Homecoming Pep Assemblies to celebrate Homecoming Week (Sept. 21 through 26).

During the assemblies, school spirit filled the air, and one of the highlights was the naming of the Homecoming Attendants, Queens and Kings. Below

are the 2015 Homecoming results.

Addison Trail High School:
Freshmen Attendants: Christina Baker and Kevin Catano
Sophomore Attendants: Angelica Hernandez and Walter McNally
Junior Attendants: Kennedy O'Neill and Chris Griffith
Senior Attendants: Sara DelaRosa

and Chris Harris

Queen and King: Seniors Allison Rusotto and Ryan Zygowicz (Jorge Lopez-Castel gave the crown to Zygowicz)

Willowbrook High School:
Freshmen Queen and King: Katelyn McCann and Maurice Brown
Sophomore Queen and King: Jiana

Funteas and Brandon Alvarado
Junior Queen and King: Valentina Poggi and Bailey Heppner
Senior Queen and King: Courtney Cager and Dillon Darrow (Peter Dziak gave the crown to Darrow)

Be sure to check next week for more coverage and photos from Homecoming Week.

Willis to host Community Recycling Extravaganza

NORTHLAKE — In order to help area residents remove clutter from their homes and continue to push for environmentally responsible disposal of unwanted items, State Rep.

Kathleen Willis (D-Addison) will be hosting a free Community Recycling Extravaganza on Saturday, October 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the parking lot of her constituent services office, located at 112 N. Wolf Road in Northlake.

"I have spoken with many people in our community who have items that can be recycled, but are not sure where to take them," she said. "I am hosting the event with the hope that residents will take advantage of this opportunity to recycle a wide variety of items."

There will be numerous organizations on site collecting items including batteries, electronics, prescription drugs, eyeglasses, and various other recyclable items. In addition to the recycling available at the event, residents will be able to bring up to five boxes of paperwork to be shredded free

of charge, to protect them from identity theft.

Residents with questions about whether items are eligible to be recycled or about any other issues are encouraged to

contact Willis' constituent service office, either by phone at (708) 562-6970, or by e-mail at repwillis77@gmail.com.

"Identity theft is a big issue, and I am glad that I can offer

free paper shredding at this event," said Willis. "Hopefully people can use this opportunity to gain some peace of mind and protect their personal information."

"Identity theft is a big issue, and I am glad that I can offer free paper shredding at this event."

—State Rep.
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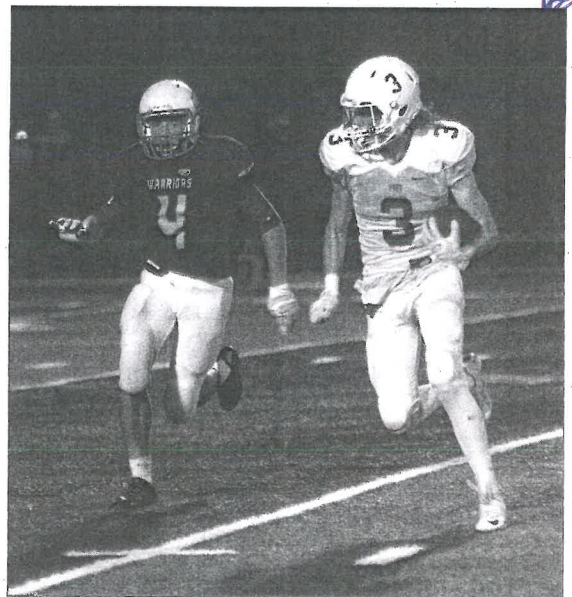
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Willowbrook boys cross-country team off to 4-0 conference start

Warriors girls golf team making progress

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook boys cross-country team was off to a 4-0 start in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action through late last week.

Willowbrook was gearing up for the upcoming Niles West invitational and then the WSC Gold meet at Downers Grove South.

"The boys are getting excited for the big races and with the release of the regional assignments recently are really pumped up for the state series races," said Willowbrook coach TJ Artman. "We're super-excited about being 4-0 in the conference as well."

Artman said the likes of seniors Marco Martinez, Henry Dahl and Chris Turek, along with junior Casey King have been running well of late along with a handful of other individuals.

Martinez has been particularly impressive this season. "Marco has been doing great for us," said Artman. "He's really coming along with his racing. This is only his second year here."

Willowbrook will be part of the Class 3A Lyons Township

regional this season that takes place Saturday, Oct. 24. Also in the regional are Morton, Curie, Hubbard, St. Ignatius, Proviso West, Hinsdale Central, Lyons Township and Proviso East.

Willowbrook girls golf

The Willowbrook girls golf team has received strong contributions from sophomore Sophia Parrillo and junior Jocie Trausch of late. "Sophia and Jocie have been improving each week and in each match," said Willowbrook coach Jim White. "As a whole, we're seeing improvement each week."

Willowbrook dropped a recent triangular match to Glenbard East and fellow West Suburban Conference member Oak Park-River Forest. "Even though we haven't won any matches this year, our athletes are showing great pride and perseverance in their game and with their competitiveness."

Willowbrook girls volleyball

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team suffered a recent 25-18, 23-25, 28-26 West Suburban Conference Gold Division loss to District 88 neighbor Addison Trail.

The loss put Willowbrook at 9-9 overall and 1-2 in WSC Gold play.

Olivia Pennebaker had six kills, two aces and four digs. Grace Chantos had three digs. Maya Bullock had four kills and six solo blocks. Maddie

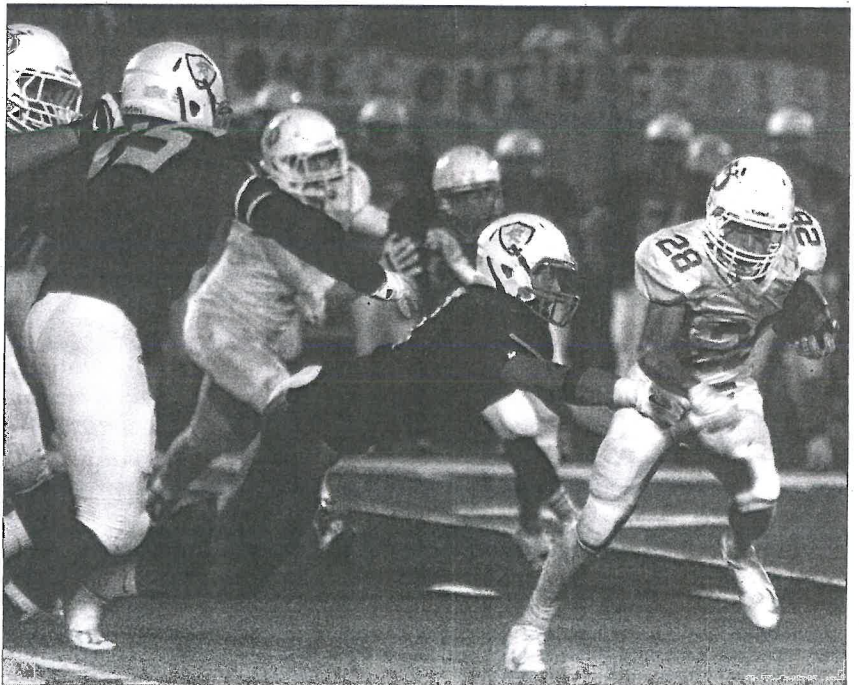
Weinhold finished with three aces and 15 assists. Emily Ligocki had one kill, 12 assists and one dig. Jamie Chiappetta had nine kills, one solo block, two aces and three digs. Kaly Konrath had four kills and one dig. Milena Sogure had six kills and one block. Kelly Conley finished with one kill and five digs.

Warriors vs. Dukes: Football action

Top left: Willowbrook runs the ball against York on Friday, Sept. 25 in Villa Park.

Top right: Warriors defender Johnny Kelso chases a York receiver. The Dukes beat Willowbrook 24-7.

Below: Willowbrook's swarming defense bottles up a York runner in the backfield.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, Oct. 3

Park Pride Clean-up Day

Beginning at 9:30 a.m., volunteers are invited to the Army Trail Nature Center for Fall Park Pride Day to help with park cleanup. A cookout will be provided immediately following. For more information, call 630-543-4100 or visit addisonadvantage.org/link/parks

Thursday, Oct. 8

Addison Art Guild to meet

At 7:30 p.m. at the Addison Village Hall in room 1301A & B, the Addison Art Guild will hold its regular meeting, featuring an oil pastels demonstration by Sally Sharp. Guests are welcome. Sally was raised in De Kalb, growing up around Northern Illinois University (NIU) where she took classes as a youngster. Sally holds a BFA from Western Illinois University. While raising family, she painted many murals and faux finishes for businesses and Private homes. She is member of the DuPage Art League, Naperville Art League, and the Yellow House Artists.

Saturday, Oct. 10

Foot Golf Competition

From 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., the Addison Park District will host the Fall Foot Golf Cup at 950 W. Lake St. in Addison. For more information such as fees, call 630-543-4100 or visit addisonadvantage.org/link/parks

Thursday, Oct. 8, Saturday, Oct. 10, Sunday, Oct. 11, Thursday, Oct. 15, Saturday, Oct. 17 • "Godspell" at Elmhurst College

Elmhurst College opens its

2015-16 theater season with *Godspell*, the joyous retelling of the parables of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew, featuring music and songs that have become classics. Show times at 8 p.m. each day except Oct. 11 (at 2 p.m.) at the Mill Theatre, 253 Walter St., Elmhurst. General admission: \$7, students are \$5; senior citizens, Elmhurst College faculty and staff are \$6. To purchase tickets, call (630) 617-3005 or visit the box office, in the theater.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Addison Chamber Economic Forecast Breakfast

An Economic Forecast Breakfast, presented by Oxford Bank & Trust and the Addison Chamber of Commerce and featuring economist Dr. Robert Genetski, will be held at Alta Villa Banquets, 430 N. Addison Road. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m., with a hot buffet breakfast served at the same time. Dr. Genetski's program begins at 8:15. Fee: \$25 per person for members, \$30 for non-members. Reservations required by Oct. 9. Make reservations by email at addisonchamber@sbcglobal.net. Info: call 630-543-4300. The chamber's fax number is: 630-543-4355.

Friday, Oct. 23 and

Saturday, Oct. 24

Halloween Night Walks

Tickets for the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County's popular "Halloween Night Walks" go on sale at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 at Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center at 3609 Spring Road

in Oak Brook. The walks will take place from 6-9 p.m. both days. During each 75-minute, family-friendly outdoor walk, a costumed guide will lead guests through the lantern-lit woods to six stage sets featuring more than 25 costumed "actors." Tickets are \$10 each and must be purchased in person in advance at the center with cash, check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Info: call 630-850-8110.

Ongoing events...

• Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) meet each month

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of the Western Suburbs will meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Road, Elmhurst, starting at 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$5. Info: (630) 620-4060 or wow.cfsites.org.

• Active Adults Senior Club

Adults, ages 55 or better;

are invited to Park District's Active Adults Senior Club on Tuesdays from 12-2 p.m. at Community Rec Center, 120 E. Oak Street. For more information, contact Teresa Grodsky at (630) 233-7275, option #2.

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Tioga School McTeacher's Night

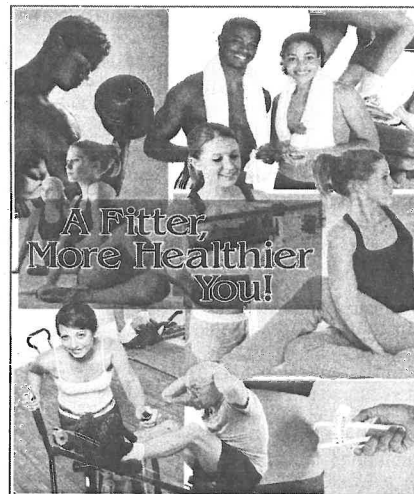
On Thursday, Sept. 24, Tioga School held a McTeacher's Night at the Bensenville McDonald's on Irving Park Rd. to raise money for the school. Teachers took over the restaurant serving up delicious meals to students and families to raise money. McTeacher's Night was courtesy of the Bensenville McDonald's owner/operator, Dennis Cha. A very special thank you goes out to parent and PTA president, Susan Vitellaro, who worked hard to organize the entire event.

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Girl Scouts volunteer at BWell Bensenville

These Cadette Girl Scouts completed their Girl Scout Silver Award by participating in the BWell Bensenville event at Redmond Park in Bensenville on Saturday, Sept. 12. The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award that a Cadette level Girl Scout can earn. The award project is a total of 50 hours from start to finish.

Addison Trail boys soccer team on a roll

Blazers go 3-0-2 in recent five-game stretch

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys soccer team is gaining momentum heading into the stretch run of the season.

The Blazers went 3-0-2 during a recent five-game swing that upped their record to 8-3-2 overall.

"We are playing really good soccer of late," said Addison Trail coach Ryan Dini.

Addison Trail was 2-1 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play through late last week with wins against Hinsdale South and Proviso East. The Blazers' lone conference loss was to state power Morton.

In recent action, Addison Trail went to a 1-1 tie on the road against a Neuqua Valley team that was ranked in the top 20. The Blazers also downed Glenbard West 2-0 in Glen Ellyn, while scoring identical 4-1 home wins against Proviso East and Hinsdale South.

Junior forward Enrique Luna was leading the team with 11 goals and four assists. Junior midfielder Tom Kania, an all-sectional pick last year, had eight goals and four assists through late last week. Sophomore forward

Jonathan Hernandez had four goals and 11 assists, while senior midfielder Damian Zielinski had six goals and three assists.

Addison Trail scored 14 goals during that recent five-game stretch. "Our offense has picked up over the past five games," said Dini. "This can be attributed to our players buying into our system and knowing where the opportunities will come from within our offense. We also are doing a better job of finishing as of late when those opportunities present themselves. We start a junior and sophomore at forward so it took some time for them to get used to playing together."

Dini noted Hernandez, Luna, Zielinski, Kania and Ruben Amaro have been key to the offense of late. "It's great to see that Jonathan and Enrique are so unselfish on the offense end and do a great job setting each other up for goal-scoring opportunities," he said. "Damian, Tom and Ruben have anchored the middle for us and have allowed for us to push up numbers when we are in control of the ball."

Dini noted Uriel Martinez, Juan Martinez, Adrian Rozkuszka, Fernando Alvarado, Noel Diaz and Jakub Marek have contributed to the team's success on defense. "They all have played huge roles in our defensive end to contribute to the five shutouts we

have this season," said Dini. "They have really been the difference-makers in keeping our opponents off the scoreboard."

Senior goalie Cosme Garcia has been equally stellar. He has five shutouts in 13 games and a 1.25 goals-against average to go with 70 saves. "Cosme has been a big part of our success this year with his ability to punt and throw the ball for quick restarts."

Addison Trail has held teams to one or fewer goals in 10 of its 13 contests this season. "The defense has been strong all season," said Dini. "The consistency has been great to watch. Cosme has been a strong leader in the back. Uriel also has stepped up as our sweeper and his experience in the back as a junior with three years on the varsity has been huge for us."

Dini also cited Isvic Quintana (junior midfielder) and Marek (senior defender) for their recent strong play. "Isvic has been a starter-sub for us all season," the coach said. "He is starting to play excellent soccer for us on the wing and has really been hungry to make a difference in the game for this team. Jakub comes to practice every day and works really hard. He does his job when called upon and is a great player to have on the team."

Dini said attitude has played a big part in the team's recent run of suc-

cess. "We haven't lost a game in the past two weeks," Dini said late last week. "I like the attitude we are bringing to practice and to the games. The team feels we are flying under the radar right now and they are using that as motivation to prove to other teams that we are very good."

Dini added on the field the Blazers are improved on first touches, as well as with overall team defense. "We have spent a lot of practice time really working on marking up when we are on defense and forcing teams into turnovers so we can work our transition offense," he said.

Addison Trail was scheduled to host Willowbrook in the annual District 88 game earlier this week. The Blazers host York Thursday at 6 p.m. for senior night.

"We have had a good season so far," said Dini. "We're 2-1 in the conference and also have good wins against Lake Park and Glenbard West. Our defense has been rock-solid all year and the team is on the verge of playing some of its best soccer of the season. We're 3-1-1 on the road and 5-2-1 at home. We have a lot of juniors on the team so this group is starting to come together with our senior class at the right time. The next couple weeks will be interesting as we prepare for the state playoffs."

Addison Trail girls tennis team defeats Proviso East

Blazers boys cross-country team pushing forward

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail girls tennis team recorded a recent 6-1 West Suburban Conference Gold Division victory over Proviso East.

In other recent play, the Blazers dropped a 6-1 WSC Gold match to Leyden and also had some successes at the Addison Trail quad and the Willowbrook invitational.

The Addison Trail No. 2 doubles team of Jessica Bach and Meryem Ahmed, both juniors, finished first at the Addison Trail quad and third at Willowbrook.

The Blazers' No. 1 doubles team of senior Gabriela Czerniawski and sophomore Pamela Kobeszko were second at the Addison Trail quad and third at Willowbrook.

"We are doing very well in tournaments right now," said Addison Trail coach Justin Hegner, who noted the team is working hard on improving its footwork and movement on the court.

Bach and Ahmed were laud-

ed for their play in doubles thus far. "Jessica and Meryem are a new doubles team this year and already have medaled at both tournaments we've played in," said Hegner.

Addison Trail had WSC Gold matched with Hinsdale South and Willowbrook slated for earlier this week. "We are doing great in the tournaments," said Hegner. "We would like to improve in the dual meets by winning more of our close matches."

Addison Trail boys cross country

Addison Trail boys cross-country runners Demetrio Cervantes and Julio Cervantes turned in strong performances at the First to the Finish invitational in Peoria. Demetrio Cervantes ran 16:49, while Julio Cervantes finished in 17:14. "Demetrio and Julio ran solid races," said Addison Trail coach Brad Donaldson.

Donaldson is seeing progress each week from his runners. "The team is developing right now, gaining experience and improving our times each week and each race," he said. "The guys are putting in the hard work now that will reward them later. Our goal is to qualify for the sectional

meet as a team. We have a lot of different guys who are capable of making the leap to help us do that. What will matter is if they step up and deliver on race day."

Developing consistency throughout the race has been another prime area of focus. "Our goal now is focusing on the second third of the race," said Donaldson. "We have had strong first and third miles, but we have been taking it a bit too easy in the second mile. In practice we have been trying to replicate the feeling so they understand they can push through and sustain their pace for the entire race."

Donaldson is seeing good results at the sophomore level as well. "There are a number of sophomores that are stepping up and dropping time," he said. "They are not quite ready for varsity races but they are putting some pressure on the back end of our Top 7. Guys like Alan Lopez, David Reyes, Rob Soto, Danny Martinez and Miguel Gutierrez are really making a push for the postseason roster."

Addison Trail heads to the St. Charles North NorthStar invitational Saturday at LeRoy Oaks Forest Preserve.

"I am very happy with our

performance thus far," said Donaldson. "We are very young with only one senior so everyone is competing against older and stronger competi-

Addison Trail girls volleyball team defeats Willowbrook

Blazers also record non-conference win against Bartlett

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail girls volleyball team ran its overall record to 11-7 with a pair of recent wins over District 88 neighbor Willowbrook and Bartlett.

In a 25-18, 23-25, 28-26 West Suburban Conference Gold Division victory over Willowbrook, Alyssa Pham had three digs. Alyssa Ramir had two digs.

Anastasia Labadessa had one ace, one kill, 28 assists and 13 digs. Carla Muell had one assist and seven digs. Ciara Williams had nine digs. Danielle Tulke had five aces, one assist and five digs. Jessica Mell added one ace and had a team-high 12 kills. Keara Schmitt had six kills, one assist and three digs.

The team is learning from its experiences and gaining confidence with each meet. I think we are going to be right there at the end of the year."

Nicole Pudlo had five kills and two digs. Nina Muell finished with one ace, three kills and two digs. Sarah Petbok had one ace, eight kills and a team-high 18 digs.

Mell hit .524 in the match (12 kills against one error), while Pudlo hit .455. Addison Trail had nine aces in the match.

The Blazers also recorded a 25-21, 25-18 non-conference win over Bartlett. Ramir had one ace and eight digs. Labadessa finished with three kills, 20 assists and seven digs. Williams had one kill, two assists and one dig. Tulke had one ace and one dig. Mell had one ace, four kills and two digs. Schmitt finished with four kills and one dig. Nicci Scorza had one kill and one dig. Nina Muell had two aces, three kills and 14 digs, while Petbok had four aces, nine kills and five digs. Schmitt hit .571 in the match. The Blazers again had nine service aces.

Addison Trail football team victorious

Fenton, Willowbrook football squads lose Week 5 contests

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The craziness that is the West Suburban Conference Gold Division took more twists and turns in Week 5 football action.

When the dust settled, six of the seven teams now have one conference loss and there are no league unbeaten remaining.

Addison Trail put itself at the top of the race thanks to its 14-13 WSC Gold win over Leyden.

Addison Trail now is tied with Hinsdale South and Downers Grove South with identical 2-1 conference records. Downers South holds a win over Addison Trail and Hinsdale South holds a win over Downers South.

The win pushed the Blazers to 3-2 overall and puts them two wins away from becoming playoff eligible with four weeks to go in the regular season. Addison Trail has won two of its last three games.

Further clarity will be had Friday when Addison Trail heads to Hinsdale South for a 7:30 p.m. WSC Gold showdown.

Willowbrook football

The Willowbrook football team dropped to 2-3 overall after a 24-7 WSC crossover loss to neighbor York.

Willowbrook is one of three teams in the WSC Gold with 1-1 league records heading into Week 6. The loss to York does not count in the conference standings.

Willowbrook is tied with Morton and Leyden at 1-1 in conference play.

The Warriors will head to Berwyn Friday night for a 7:30 p.m. game against Morton.

Fenton football

The Fenton football team lost a 56-6 decision to Glenbard South in the Metro Suburban Conference West Division opener for both teams.

Fenton dropped to 2-3 with the loss. The Bison wrap up a three-game road trip Friday in Aurora against Aurora Central Catholic. ACC also brings a 2-3 mark into the game after losing in Week 5 to IC Catholic Prep.

West Suburban Conference Gold Division Standings

Team	Overall	Conf.
Hinsdale South	3-2	2-1
Downers South	2-3	2-1
Addison Trail	3-2	2-1
Willowbrook	2-3	1-1
Leyden	2-3	1-1
Morton	1-4	1-1
Proviso East	0-5	0-3

Week 6 Preview

Addison Trail (3-2, 2-1) at Hinsdale South (3-2, 2-1)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Hinsdale South High School, Darien

Last week: Addison Trail 14, Leyden 13;

Hinsdale South 6, Proviso East

Last year: Addison Trail 20, Hinsdale South 16

Outlook: This is an important game for both teams on two fronts. The winner will remain in at least a tie for first place in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division (Downers South also is 2-1 heading into Week 6). The winner also will move within one game of becoming playoff eligible. Addison Trail begins the first of three games in a row on the road. Hinsdale South's only conference loss so far has been to Willowbrook. The Hornets have conference wins over Downers Grove South and Proviso East. A key common opponent here is Downers South: Hinsdale defeated Downers 42-20 in Week 3, while Addison Trail lost to Downers 37-21 in Week 4.

Week 6 Preview

Fenton (2-3, 0-1) at Aurora Central Catholic (2-3, 0-1)

When: Friday, 7:15 p.m.

Where: Aurora Central Catholic High School, Aurora

Last week: Glenbard South 56, Fenton 6;

IC Catholic Prep 41, ACC 7

Last year: ACC 35, Fenton 13

Outlook: Both Fenton and ACC opened Metro Suburban Conference West Division play with losses last week on the road. Fenton had won two of three before falling to Glenbard South in Glen Ellyn. ACC lost in Elmhurst to IC Catholic Prep in Week 4. ACC's two wins came from its two MSC crossover games with Chicago Christian (41-14) and Guerin Prep (37-28). ACC also lost to MSC East defending champion St. Edward (41-0) and to Lisle (50-6). This is Fenton's third road game in a row.



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Suburban Life Scholars

Willowbrook High School

Sally Nijim

Academic Achievements: Completed/Enrolled in 15 Advanced Placement Courses, AP Scholar with Distinction Honor Roll Every Semester of her HS Career, Beyond Willowbrook, Sally has completed two independent research internships during her high school career, including the study of preventing infectious disease and targeting the nuclear pathway to treat cancer. Each experience has resulted in her being a co-author or published research findings and being awarded the LMI Aerospace Inc. Award for Excellence in Research. Beyond these experiences, Sally earned the Grand Champion of the Southern Illinois University STEM Center's Science and Engineering Research Challenge, qualifying her to compete in and be a finalist for the 2015 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair and Competition.

School Activities (clubs, athletics): State Qualifier for Science Olympiad, Math Team, and Scholastic Bowl.

Community Service: Relay for Life Chairperson, Illinois State Board of Education Student Advisory Council

Nominated by Daniel Krause, Principal: "Willowbrook High School senior Sally Nijim is an academic superstar with an outstanding career at Willowbrook High School. She attributes her success and high achievement to her family and teachers, who have always been helpful and supportive and have always supported her in her drive to do the best with the opportunities given to her.

As a student, Sally consistently pursues the most rigorous courses available at and beyond Willowbrook High School. At the conclusion of her high school career, she will have successfully completed fifteen Advanced Placement courses, a multitude of honors courses, and five college courses. As a result of her academic success, Sally has maintained a class ranking within the ninety-ninth percentile, earned a perfect ACT score of 36, is an AP Scholar with Distinction, and has been named to the Illinois State Board of Education Student Advisory Council. Beyond the classroom, Sally is involved in a variety of clubs and activities at Willowbrook, including being a chairperson for Relay For Life and competing in Science Olympiad, Math Team, and Scholastic Bowl."



Downers Grove South High School

Ronnie Thottiaplackal

Academic Achievements: Honor Roll 4.0 9-12, AP Scholar w/Honors, National Merit Semi-Finalist, NHS Student, NSHSS Scholar, Taken 13 AP level classes and Calculus 3 at North Central.

School Activities (clubs, athletics): Math Team-Captain (All conference 10th and 11th grade Scholastic Bowl, Tennis Team, Speech Team, Rush Corp Leader, Mustang Way Leader.

Community Service: Volunteered for the Sepsis Challenge, visited Haiti and volunteered services with families, Alter Server Leader, CCD Teacher.

Nominated by Anita Carpenter, College Counselor: "Ronnie has many outstanding qualities as a person and student. He expects a lot of himself and his performance reflects these high standards. Ronnie's academic work has always been of high quality and has exhibited careful organization and attention to detail. He has an inquisitive mind and consistently raises keen questions during class, which makes him an integral part of the classroom. Teachers have admired Ronnie's ability to respond maturely and appropriately to criticism in order to improve. He is a dedicated, hardworking young man who is determined to succeed. He always wants to go beyond the requirements of an assignment. He is one the few students that is always looking for a challenge, pushing himself to do better than he did the last time."



Wheaton Academy

Ellie Shackelford

Academic Achievements: Honor roll/high honor roll; National Honor Society; Citizenship Award; 5 Advanced Placement courses.

School Activities (clubs, athletics): Poetry Club; Photography Club (vice president); Stage Crew; Furnace Company (dance/improve team); Project LEAD (school leadership team); all-school design work.

Community Service: Fine Arts Camp volunteer; church offering service team.

Nominated by Dan Crabtree, College Counselor: "Ellie Shackelford is virtually a straight A student in a rigorous curriculum. Besides her high level of engagement in the classroom, she is active in various co-curricular areas, particularly sharing her talents in the visual and performing arts and in various leadership roles. Ellie is always looking for ways to serve. Energetic and dependable, she displays a winsome personality, integrity, and a heart for others."



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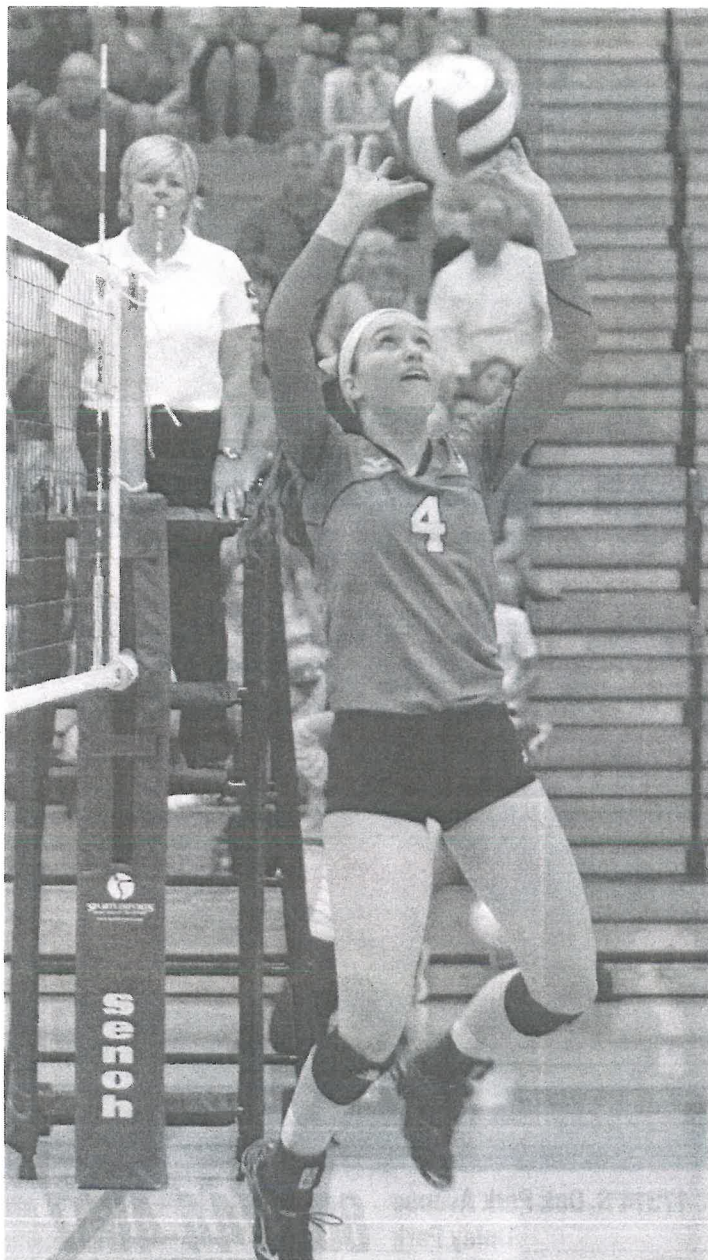
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Sarah Rose the motor for York volleyball



York's Sarah Rose sets the ball Sept. 9 in a home match against Trinity. Rose, a junior, is in her third varsity season for the Dukes and is called one of the best setters in the state by York coach Patty Iverson.

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By JASON ROSSI
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ELMHURST – Big hitters in volleyball attract a lot of the attention, but it's players like Sarah Rose who literally set up a lot of that success.

York's girls volleyball team has some outstanding hitters, including Alex Preuss and Ally Mann, but Rose is the setter who makes the offense go.

"She has great instincts and she's a great athlete," York coach Patty Iverson said. "She sees the court and she has a good read on what's going on in the game, so between that I'm just trying to get her to be a really good, disciplined setter. That's what our goal is, and she's doing so many good things in that way."

"I think she's one of the best setters in Illinois this year and she's only a junior."

After starting out as a libero, Rose switched to setter at the insistence of her club coach. From there she refined her skills at the position and landed on York's varsity team as a freshman, an experience that is paying off this season.

"It gives me some confidence knowing what to do, and now I can lead other people because I've been around for so many years," Rose said.

Rose has many weapons at her disposal, and she does a good job getting swings for all of them. While she makes it look easy, there are several split-second decisions that go into setting up a teammate for a successful attacking swing.

"I definitely look at who's on and who's the hot hitter, but I look at the block on the other side of the net to see who is the weaker blocker and then look who my hitters are and see what they like to run and see who to set based off that," Rose said. "Sometimes I know right away who I want to set."

Rose was named tournament MVP at the Benet Invite earlier in the season as the Dukes won the title, and the team recently got a leg up in the West Suburban Silver conference title race with a win against Glenbard West, but the Dukes have bigger goals in mind, and Rose hopes to lead them there.

"We have a saying every year for our team, and this year it's 'Beat Four,' because the farthest we've gone in state is fourth place and we want to beat that, and this year we really think we can," Rose said. "We want to win

conference, but we're really hoping to go to state and go far."

FOOTBALL York

Touchdown runs from Connor Placey and Johnny DiCanio in the first half provided all the offense the Dukes needed in a 24-7 win against Willowbrook on Sept. 25.

Keith Freeman had a TD run in the second half and Matt Wozny hauled in a 50-yard scoring pass from Nicholas Brown as York improved to 2-3 on the season ahead of a home showdown against undefeated Oak Park-River Forest at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2.

IC Catholic

In their first game under the lights at Plunkett Park, the Knights made short work of Aurora Central Catholic in a 41-7 homecoming victory Sept. 25 that upped their record to 4-1 overall and 1-0 in the Metro Suburban West.

IC travels to face Riverside Brookfield (5-0, 1-0 MSW) at 7:15 p.m. Oct. 2 in what will be the first game at RB's newly renovated stadium.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL IC Catholic

The Knights defeated Illiana Christian 26-24, 29-27 in a Metro Suburban Conference crossover Sept. 29. Tess Reardon had 13 kills, 16 digs and eight assists; Claudia Koch tallied 12 kills and nine digs; Kerry Mulligan had 18 digs; and Molly Fahey dished 16 assists.

Timothy Christian

The Trojans topped Aurora Central Catholic 25-20, 25-13 on Sept. 29. Dani Van Laten had 17 assists, Kendra Teune (eight kills) and Ava Venema (seven kills) led the attack, and Zoe Stanton and Abby Groters each had nine digs as TC improved to 20-3.

BOYS SOCCER Addison Trail/Willowbrook

The Blazers ended the Warriors' nine-game winning streak with a 1-0 double-overtime victory Sept. 29. It was AT's fifth straight win.

Dan Santaromita contributed to this report.

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