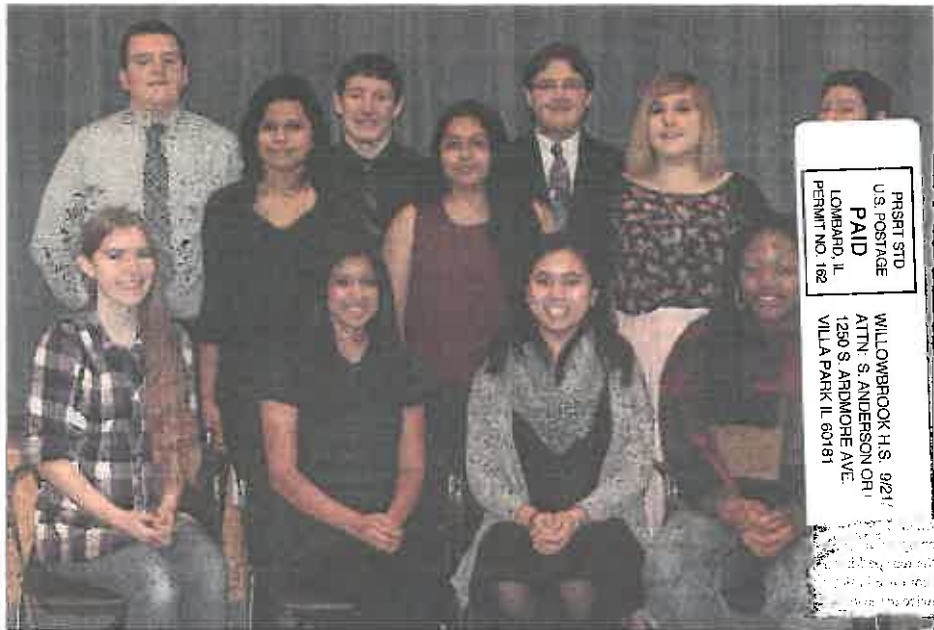


Students honored...

ELEVEN STUDENTS at Willowbrook High School were recognized with the school's Outstanding Student honor on Thursday, Dec. 10. According to the school's guidelines, students who receive the award must demonstrate extraordinary achievement and outstanding effort, along with a commendable attitude. Additionally, those who receive the Outstanding Student distinction must give a continuous exemplary performance and show the ability to overcome obstacles. Each of the honored students was nominated for the award by a staff member in one of the school's different departments. The honorees (pictured left to right) are: (front row) junior Hannah Hewitt (science), senior Sandra Torres (career and technical education), junior Camille Claudio (mathematics) and sophomore Emoni Harris (literacy); (middle row) freshman Samantha Reyes (English), sophomore Maria Luz Alcalá (social studies) and junior Lisa Wallace (art); (back row) sophomore Quinn Nolan (world languages), senior Daniel Olson Jr. (physical education), senior Henry McCarthy (music) and senior Lorenzo Delgado (learning services). Each of the students received a certificate at last week's awards event.



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CenterStage show choir brings holiday sound to WGN

Willowbrook High School's CenterStage show choir performed four Christmas carols live on WGN Radio 720 AM during Steve Cochran's program on Monday morning.

Performing under the direction of Karyn Wolcott, Willowbrook's choral director and music department chair, the singers took to the airwaves at about 9:40 a.m. They opened with "Silver Bells" and continued with "Peace, Peace/Silent Night." After a short break, the choir closed out its radio appearance with two more Christmas standards—"Caroling, Caroling" and "Carol of the Bells."

"The kids did a great job, and it was so interesting to see the radio station in action," said Wolcott after the choir's on-air performance inside WGN's street-side studio on Michigan Avenue.

Wolcott said longtime WGN traffic reporter Mary Van De Velde was instrumental in arranging the CenterStage show choir's radio performance. Van De Velde is a graduate of Willowbrook and a parent of Willowbrook graduates. Her daughter Kelsey sang in the Willowbrook choir for Wolcott, who has been at the school for nearly 20 years. Van De Velde was not in the WGN studio during Monday's program, but she did check in over the phone.

Two years ago, Van De Velde helped to arrange a similar performance by the school's CenterStage show choir. Members of the 2013-14 CenterStage group performed three songs on Steve Cochran's morning show on Dec. 12, 2013.

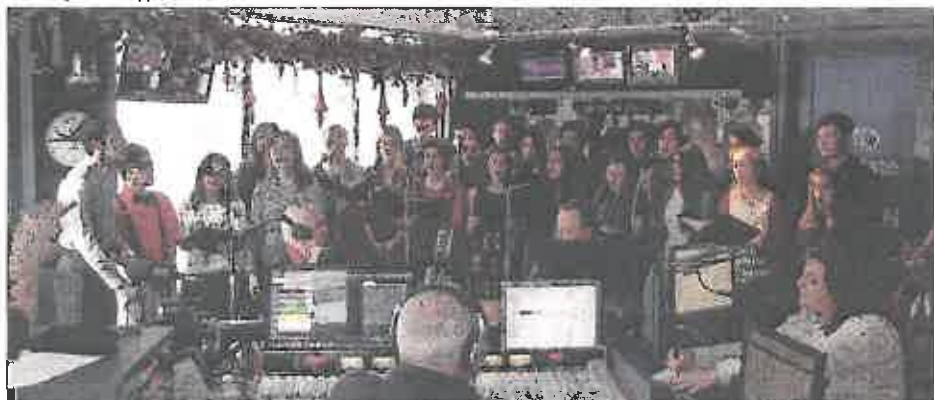
The radio appearance completed an active holiday schedule for the CenterStage singers, whose recent performances included a Dec. 3 concert in the school auditorium and a brief holiday concert near Carson Pirie Scott at Yorktown Center in Lombard on Dec. 7.



Live from Chicago...

Photos by Buddy Martens

THE MEMBERS OF WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S CenterStage show choir traveled to Chicago on Monday morning to sing Christmas Carols live on WGN Radio 720 AM. The choir performed four songs during Steve Cochran's morning program. The above photo shows the CenterStage show choir outside of Tribune Tower—the home of WGN Radio. The photo below shows the choir singing live inside the station's Michigan Avenue street-side studio. "Just amazing, just absolutely beautiful," said Cochran at the end of the choir's last song—an a cappella rendition of "Carol of the Bells."



Santa comes to Lincoln School for brunch

More than 200 Lincoln families enjoyed Brunch with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 5. The PTA made delicious food and children were able to make a variety of crafts, decorate sugar cookies, play bingo and Dance Dance Revolution. Santa Claus also stopped by for a visit. A free prize drawing was held for a variety of gift baskets.

Class presents lunch to AHS, D-88 administrators

ADDISON — On Dec. 10, students in Addison Trail's Hotel/Restaurant/Travel Management class prepared and served lunch for Addison Trail and District 88 administrators and staff members.

The luncheon served as an end-of-semester performance evaluation for the students. Guests enjoyed a mixed green salad with dried cranberries, goat cheese and a balsamic vinaigrette; ravioli filled with mushrooms and cheese with an Asiago cream sauce and basil; sautéed Brussel sprouts with pancetta; focaccia bread; and a creampuff with homemade dark chocolate ice cream topped with a salted caramel sauce.

Career and Technical Education teachers Joe Mahoney and Amy Murphy said they're proud of the students' accomplishments and look forward to offering the class as a full-year course next year.



After decorating cookies all afternoon, these four boys from Lincoln School got a chance to sit down and try out their creations. It was all part of Brunch with Santa at the school on Dec. 5, sponsored by the Lincoln PTA.

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AT students designated as Illinois State Scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) recently announced the Illinois State Scholars for 2016-17. There were 40 Addison Trail students who have earned that honor, pictured above. For a list of Addison Trail students who

have been designated as Illinois State Scholars for 2016-17, go to dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2636



This is a group of Team 8-2 members at Indian Trail school, displaying the Christmas cards they made for the residents of Forest View Nursing home.

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Indian Trail's 'Team 8-2' makes cards for nursing home

ADDISON — Team 8-2 worked very hard on creating holiday cards for the residents of Forest View Nursing Home. The students took this activity seriously and created some top notch cards. They demonstrated empathy for others and truly were happy to help brighten the days of others. While they worked on the cards, many of the students shared personal stories about their own grandparents, allowing teachers and the other students a chance to connect on a personal level.



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Addison Trail students showcase culinary skills

On Dec. 10, students in Addison Trail's Hotel/Restaurant/Travel Management class hosted a luncheon for staff. (top left): Junior Rebeca Robles prepares a ravioli dish for diners. (top right): Senior Kathya Elizondo gets ready to serve the mixed green salad. (bottom): AT and D-88 administrators and staff members enjoy the lunch. They are (from left) Aaron Lenaghan, D-88 Director of Technology, Teaching and Learning; Michael Maaske, AT Career and Technical Education teacher; Courtney DeMent, AT Assistant Principal; Iridia Niewinski, AT Assistant Principal; Adam Cibulka, D-88 Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; and Juliann Boudouris, AT Career and Technical Education Department Chair.



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Four Addison Trail students named as ILMEA All-State Musicians

Four Addison Trail students have been named as All-State Musicians by the Illinois Music Education Association. They are (from left) senior JT Bonilla (orchestra), senior Daniel Nowosad (concert band), junior Ryan Cabildo (jazz ensemble), and senior Arthur Lee (concert band). As All-State Musicians, they will perform during the Illinois Music Education Conference, which will take place from Jan. 27 to 30 at the Peoria Civic Center.

**Wednesday, Dec. 30
Family New Year's Eve party**

Families are invited for a dip in the pool followed by a rockin' DJ along with a delicious ice cream sundae bar from 2-5 p.m. at the Centennial Rec Center. Swim from 2-3:30 p.m., followed by gym activities until 5 p.m. Register before Dec. 15 and save. All ages welcome. Fees: \$5 for residents, \$7 for non-residents per person by Wednesday, Dec. 15; \$8 for residents, \$11 for non-residents per person Dec. 16 or later. Info, call the Park District at 630-233-7275 or go online to addisonparks.org.



NHS students elect officers

Pictured are the officers of the Addison Trail Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS). The officers are senior Selena Velasco (Co-President), senior Rebecca Falash (Co-President), senior Sophia Belvedere (Vice President), senior Jake Wislek (Co-Secretary), senior Jessica Muntner (Co-Secretary), senior Eramilena Gjika (Treasurer) and senior Nina Capuani (Historian). Addison Trail hosted its annual NHS banquet on Dec. 3 to induct new members and reaffirm previous members.



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AT inducts, reaffirms NHS members

Addison Trail students are inducted or reaffirmed into the school's chapter of the National Honor Society on Dec. 3. They are (from left) senior Gabriela Czerniawski, senior Heidi Scheleski, senior Lia Bouzarelos Kopta, senior Lia Caruso, senior Alexandria Toay, senior Jasmine Lollino, senior Michael Bellino, senior Faith Czorniak, senior Jake Wislek, senior Jessica Muntner, senior Sophia Belvedere and junior Maxwell Dziabis.

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Fenton girls basketball team showing improvements

Wilson drains five 3-pointers against IC Catholic Prep

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Fenton girls basketball coach Tim Anderson pointed to a recent three-game stretch on the schedule that he predicted would be challenging.

He was correct. Fenton played three Metro Suburban Conference West Division games against Wheaton Academy, Riverside-Brookfield and IC Catholic Prep. The Bison lost all three.

"Wheaton and R-B are two of the best teams we've seen so far," said Anderson. "Wheaton is very good, has experience, has great guards and is strong inside. They beat us by a lot, but we played pretty well. R-B, my goodness. They had three guards who made eight 3s. They have terrific guards. Again, I thought we played pretty well against them. IC was a different kind of game. They are a very strong inside team. We've seen mostly guard-oriented teams thus far and this was the first time we saw a team where inside is their strength."

Despite the three losses, Anderson remains pleased with

where his team is headed.

"We haven't won yet, but I'm so happy because we continue to work hard and we are getting better," he said. "I talk about improvement potential and this team has a lot of improvement potential. Every game we are getting better. You can see their growth as players. Experience is something you have to earn and our girls are earning it. We just finished one of the toughest stretches on our schedule and now we are ready for the next phase."

Anderson cited strong progress from sophomore Jessica McCauley. "Jessica has kind of taken that leap forward," he said.

Krysta Wilson helped the Bison as well with five 3-pointers in the team's game against IC Catholic Prep. Courtney Susmarski had 17 points in the game against Riverside-Brookfield.

"Krysta had a nice game and Courtney had a phenomenal game against R-B," Anderson said.

Fenton played Ridgewood in an MSC crossover game earlier in the week. The Bison begin play in the Northside Prep tournament on Saturday. That tournament goes until Dec. 29.

"We're looking for things to build on and they are there," said Anderson. "We still have three-quarters of the season

left. If we keep going the way we've been going we will be OK. We got through this rough patch. I'm happy with their work ethic and the way they stick together. And they buy into what we want them to do. Every game we've gotten better. We haven't moved back yet. We look forward to playing these teams in our conference the second time around. I think we will be much more competitive. We want to be peaking at the end of the season. If you take a graph and make trends throughout the season, I don't know if I've had a team that keeps going up. So far after nine games that is exactly what is happening."

Fenton boys basketball team loses close game to Chicago Hubbard

Bison again enjoy balanced scoring with four in double figures

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Fenton boys basketball team would like to have the fourth quarter of its recent non-conference game against

Chicago Hubbard back.

Hubbard scored 32 points in the fourth quarter to edge Fenton 71-70. "It was a good game until the fourth quarter," said Fenton coach Josh Payton. "We were up 21-9 at the end of the first quarter and were winning by 15 at half-time and 16 going into the fourth quarter. They outscored us 32-15 in the fourth quarter. They kept chipping away at us and it came down to the last

minute."

Payton said offensive rebounding was a key determining factor in the game. "They won on the offensive glass," he said. "They had too many second-chance opportunities. They had kids who were 6-8 and 6-6. That was kind of a tough one for us. They scored the go-ahead basket on a second chance. Hubbard was really active on the glass and they had a couple guys who

had not hit shots earlier stretch the floor on us. They gave them some offensive spark. It's hard to beat anybody when you allow 32 points in a quarter at the varsity level."

Joe Andrews led the Bison with 15 points. Bryan Larsen added 14 points, while Eric Trujillo had 11 points and KJ Jones finished with 10 points.

"We've had eight different guys in the first five games get into double digits in scoring, which is very promising," said Payton. "We're also averaging 68 points as a team and we have a high assists ratio. Our defense for the most part this season has been good and quality"

Fenton has upcoming Metro Suburban Conference West Division contests against IC Catholic Prep and Riverside-Brookfield.

"We have a lot of impor-

tant games coming up," said Payton. "We're getting into conference play and we'll see how far we've gotten ourselves with all the off-season work we've done. I'm happy with the progress I've seen. We're averaging 68 points a game and that's great and we have those eight guys getting into double digits in various games. Overall, we're seeing progress. We're making huge steps forward in the program and we're going to continue to work and focus on what we need to do in order to get better. We're going to continue to see more dividends. We have not plateaued. We're still on the way up."

Fenton heads to the Lisle tournament over the holidays. The Bison opens play in the tournament on Dec. 23 at 8:30 p.m. against host Lisle.

Boys basketball team splits pair of games

Blazers defeat district foe Willowbrook in conference play

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys basketball team split a pair of recent games with District 88 neighbor Willowbrook and Stagg.

The Blazers recorded a 57-45 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win over Willowbrook.

"We defended pretty well," said Addison Trail coach Brendan Lyons. "We rebounded well and took advantage of the size we had."

Eric Grygo led the Blazers with 17 points. Colton Noel added 10 points and also had 13 rebounds. "The two of them did a lot of damage," said Lyons.

Lyons was pleased with how his team competed throughout the game. "Willowbrook really never went away," he said. "They had a chance to cut the lead in the fourth quarter, but we were able to get some stops and pull away. It was nice to get our first conference win and win at home against a conference rival on the same night."

The Blazers also lost a 52-38 non-conference

decision to Stagg. "We didn't shoot it well and that was partially due to their defense," said Lyons. "We shot 28 percent from the floor and still were trailing only 21-18 at halftime, which wasn't really too bad. We missed too many open looks and silly turnovers. We felt we could stay close in the second half and have an opportunity to pull ahead, but we didn't shoot well. We gave up 17 points in the third quarter and then we were chasing 10 points going into the fourth quarter. I felt they outworked us on both ends of the floor. Stagg is either 6-1 or 5-1. We knew it would be a good game. They dictated the terms of the game and we had to play catch-up basketball."

Jack Kalbas led the Blazers with 14 points. Zach Novak added 11 points.

Addison Trail plays at Leyden Saturday in a WSC Gold game and then will head south once again to compete in the Centralia tournament.

"I like that we've started off the season 4-1," said Lyons earlier last week. "We still have some things we have to get better at. We have some tough games coming up in the conference and we have a tough draw in Centralia. We have to get better on both ends of the floor. We know we still have a lot of work to do."

Fenton wrestlers off to fine start

Martin sisters leading the way for Bison girls bowling

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Things are looking bright for the Fenton wrestling team.

The Bison was off to a 10-2 start in duals through late last week. Fenton also started its conference season with a 2-0 mark.

At the recent Fenton Weiss

invitational, the Bison placed first out of 14 teams, while the junior-varsity team was eighth.

Fenton is coming off a 2014-2015 season where it went 17-4 overall and won the conference title.

Through late last week sophomore Dylan Butts was 12-0 at 170 pounds. Junior Ryan Mancini was 7-0 at 126 pounds. Senior Sebastian Kaspar (120

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Mama Squash Market to host 'food swap'

VILLA PARK — Mama Squash Market, a food cooperative getting organized in Villa Park, is hosting Food Swap DuPage on Sunday, Dec. 20, in the gym of St. Alexander Church, located at 300 S. Cornell Avenue in Villa Park.

Food swaps bring together passionate home cooks, bakers, canners, gardeners and foragers to trade their homemade and homegrown edible goods. Show off your creations, stock your pantry and get some inspiration all while meeting like-minded people in our community.

Now that there is a regular group of people attending, the Food Swap will be held monthly, rain or shine and is free to

attend.

Here are a few of the things that were recently swapped: canned cherries, scoby (for kombucha), sourdough starter, date balls, hummus, homemade organic toothpaste and deodorant, frozen homemade applesauce, lasagna, recipe-ready roasted sugar pumpkin, homemade soup, corn salsa, pumpkin pie, and cherry wine.

At the Dec. 20th Food Swap, there are sure to be savory foods to help the transition to colder weather and enjoy the holiday season. Feel free to "make-ahead" and bring things still frozen — such as soup, fruits and veggies you put up for winter, or even baked goods

that freeze well.

FAQ about Food Swaps Who can participate?

This is not a forum for commercial sellers and growers. All participants must be individuals trading goods they made or grew themselves. Some examples of popular food swap items include jams, pickles, salsa, relishes, baked goods, granola, spice mixes, pasta, vegetables or herbs. Please feel free to bring samples for tasting.

How does it work?

Items are swapped one for one, and people will want to examine your goods, so keep that in mind when making and packaging your goods. Bring as many or as few items as you

want.

1-1:15: Swappers set up and make a swap card for each different item they intend to swap (available at the event). If you bring 5 jars of jam and 2 bags of granola, for example, you would make two cards. The card explains what the item is, what's in it (being mindful of food allergies) and suggested uses, if applicable.

1:15-2 p.m.: Everybody then circulates around the room for about 45 minutes. Interested parties offer bids on the swap cards for each item they are interested in trading for. This is just a way to open discussion. You are not obligated to swap with anyone, even if you bid on his/her item or he/she

bids on yours. Actual swapping takes place through discussion and agreement. Remember, no money is changing hands. All swaps are by barter only.

2 p.m.: Swapping begins! Once you have swapped all your goods, you are free to gather your goodies and leave. By the time the event is over at 3:00, you should have some tasty new treats!

Do I need to bring my own table?

No, tables will be provided. All you need to bring are the delicious goods you will offer to swap!

For more information, contact Betty Amore at bettyamore@mamasquash.com or call 630-688-3729.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 15-17

Exam Study Night

It's that time of year—exams are here again. Need to be somewhere quiet with free Wi-Fi? Look no further. The library is hosting an Exam Study Night from 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for all students, with an extra hour for high school students only from 9-10 p.m. Info: vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Monday, Dec. 21 Cookie decorating, ornament making

From 10-11:30 p.m., kids from ages 3-12 are invited to the Iowa Center to decorate cookies for Santa and make

Christmas ornaments to take home. Fee: \$12. Pre-registration required. Please call 630-834-8970 or visit vprd.org.

Monday, Dec. 28 Lock-in for teens at Enchanted Castle

Villa Park Recreation is holding a lock-in for kids ages 10-17 at Enchanted Castle, 1103 S. Main, Lombard. Enjoy a night of fun unlimited lazer tag, bumper cars, kidsquest, go-karts and mini golf. The lock-in includes 60 game tokens as well as unlimited pizza and pop. Participants will check in at 7 p.m. and be picked up at midnight. The fee is \$39 and pre-registration is required. To

register, call 630-834-8970 or visit vprd.org

Saturday, Jan. 2 and Monday, Jan. 5 Say "thank you" with stories and card-making

January is Thank You Month at the Villa Park Public Library. The library invites you to celebrate this month with some special programs. Celebrate the New Year and say thank you on Saturday, Jan. 2, during a very special Marvelous Mornings at 10 a.m. There will be thank-you stories and card-making for young children and their adults at this drop-in program. At 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, children in grades

2-5 are invited to participate in the library's Thanks a Million! Program. Learn how to write great thank-you cards and letters. Registration is required for this program. Info: Call 630-834-1164.

Monday, Jan. 4 and Saturday, Jan. 30 Quilt Trunk Shows

Ever wonder how a quilt is made? The Villa Park Public Library is pleased to present two Quilt Trunk Shows 6:30-8:00 p.m., Monday, Jan. 4, and from 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30. Quilter, piecer, teacher, appraiser, and long-time Villa Park resident Lynn Contri will share her expertise about quilts made from the mid-1800s to

today. Registration is required. Info: Call 630-834-1164.

Saturday, Jan. 9 Villa Park Library hosting blood drive

January is National Blood Donor Month. Give back to your community! Meeting the needs of local patients can take up to 500 blood donations each day. Stop by the Villa Park Public Library 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., to donate blood and help those in need. To schedule your appointment, call LifeSource at 877-543-3768, or register online a and use code 237G. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome as well. For more information, call 630-834-1164.



WB students designated as Illinois State Scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) recently announced the Illinois State Scholars for 2016-17. There were 55 Willowbrook students have earned that honor, pictured above. For a list of Willowbrook students

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Schmelter leading way for Addison Trail girls bowling team

Interest in Blazers' program high

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Girls bowling is alive and well at Addison Trail.

First-year coach Steve Gilliam has 34 girls in the program this season.

"They are all so positive," said Gilliam, Addison Trail's assistant varsity softball coach and the former longtime head baseball coach at Willowbrook. "We have a lot of first-time bowlers. We're working on fundamentals and then we'll go from there."

Back for Addison Trail this year are seniors Dinorah Cantu and Anaitza Roman, along with juniors Molly

Schmelter, Kaitlin Martinez and Justyna Barzykowska.

Schmelter was a spare away from qualifying for the state tournament last year. "Molly has been bowling well," said Gilliam. "She's a great leader for this group. Her and Dinorah have been outstanding leaders. They are very positive. They are helping the younger girls with fundamentals. Our focus is to improve our fundamentals and have some fun. With a lot of first-time bowlers, we want to keep them involved in the sport and get that love and passion for it while improving."

At the recent Willowbrook quad, Schmelter had a high game of 170. Cantu and Barzykowska each had high games of 154. In a West Suburban Conference match against Leyden,

Schmelter had a high game of 181.

"It's a fun group that is very eager to learn," said Gilliam. "They are out there having fun and getting better. They are great listeners."

Gilliam has been having plenty of fun coaching girls bowlers. "It's a great experience," he said. "I enjoy coaching girls' sports. Just like with softball, the girls are very receptive to instruction and are very positive in

what they are doing. They want to do their best."

Gilliam also lauded the recent work of freshmen bowlers. Noelia Perez, Fiona Levesque and Clare O'Connell, along with sophomore Laura Gamble.

"We have some younger bowlers who are doing well," said Gilliam. "Hopefully we can develop these younger girls into eventually becoming good varsity bowlers."

Willowbrook girls bowling team defeats Morton

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Willowbrook girls bowling team recently evened its West Suburban Conference record to 1-1 with a 2,716-2,689 victory over Morton.

Senior Kelly Conley led the way with a 547 high series, which included a high game of 201.

Through late last week, Conley was leading the team with a 169-per-game average. Junior Jordan Tiberi was next at 166, while sophomore Dana Sasnick had a 164 average.

Tiberi owns the team's high game this year with a 223. Conley has a high game so far of 222. Tiberi also has the team's high series. She finished with a 646 at the Plainfield invitational.

Willowbrook assistant coach Kevin Allen has been pleased with the mental aspect of the team's performance thus far.

"We are doing a great job of staying in the game during matches," said Allen, filling in for head coach Bill Eufrazio

(knee surgery). "We always are focused and thinking about the next shot."

One key focus for the Warriors in the early going of the season has been spare shooting.

"We have been working extremely hard on spare shooting," said Allen. "Spares are such an important part of the game that the girls need to try and get as many as they can to keep the momentum going."

In addition to Conley and Tiberi, Allen has seen improvements from some of the younger bowlers on the team.

"I have been very happy with the performances of three of our sophomores, Dana Sasnick, Anna Cuccinotto and Betsy Sariano," he said. "These three sophomores are working hard every day to get better. They have improved a lot already this year. Their ceiling is very high."

The Warriors competed in the Streamwood invitational last weekend and hosted District 88 neighbor Addison Trail at Stardust Lanes earlier in the week.

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pounds) and junior Angel Nava (138 pounds) had identical 11-2 records. Junior Nikko Castaneda was 9-5 at 160 pounds. Sophomore Isaiah Brock had six wins at 285 pounds, while seniors Manny Morales (120 pounds) and Joe Garcia (220 pounds) each had three wins.

Among the newcomers to the varsity team this season, junior Kacper Piskorz was 9-2 at 132 pounds. Junior Kyle Higgins was 10-3 at 170 pounds. Junior Tim Wolf had a 9-3 record at 182 pounds. Sophomore Anthony Park had eight wins at 195 pounds. Junior Jerry Gutierrez had five wins at 152, while senior Eddi Del Angel had four wins at 152.

"We have a great group of guys who are working hard to get better on a daily basis," said Fenton coach Brian Hastings. "We are quite inexperienced and young, but have a lot of potential and talent. I expect this group to improve more than any team I have been part of."

Hastings is seeing improvements on and off the mat. "We already are improving our basic technique and we are getting into better shape and doing a more consistent job of keeping pressure on our opponents," he said. "I really enjoy their attitude and work ethic. It's going to pay off throughout the season."

We hope to consistently improve and be peaking at the end of the season."

Fenton girls bowling

The Fenton girls bowling team returns six seniors that were part of last year's team.

"We are looking forward to a successful season," said Fenton coach Lee Cassidy. "Several of our girls worked hard in the off-season bowling in summer leagues."

Sisters Morgan and Madison Martin were leading the way for the Bison early on. Through the team's first two meets, the sisters were each averaging more than 180 pins per game.

Cassidy also has been pleased with the progress of Chelsey Anaya, Kelly Bleeke and Beth Janovsky. "We are looking for the rest of our girls to add to the mix," said Cassidy. "Chelsey, Kelly and Beth are posting some big scores. We expect some of our underclassmen to step up and add to our depth."

Fenton again has a schedule loaded with talented opponents. "We bowl against some of the best teams in the state," said Cassidy. "I think this helps our girls understand the importance of practicing and competing at a high level. We hope this will better prepare us for the state series."



The staff and residents of Park Place wish you a joyful, peace-filled holiday season.

Merry Christmas!

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Willowbrook English teacher Jim White receives the Outstanding Teacher award on Dec. 10. He was presented by senior Kristina Marzullo (pictured at right).

Willowbrook salutes its outstanding students, teacher

Pictured are the Willowbrook students who were named as Outstanding Students on Dec. 10. They are (back row, from left) sophomore Quinn Nolan, senior Daniel Olson Jr., senior Henry McCarthy, senior Lorenzo Delgado, (middle row, from left) freshman Samantha Reyes, sophomore Maria Luz Alcala, junior Lisa Wallace, (front row, from left) junior Hannah Hewitt, senior Sandra Torres, junior Camille Claudio and sophomore Emoni Harris.

VILLAPARK — On Dec. 10, 11 Willowbrook students were recognized as Outstanding Students during a breakfast in their honor. During the event, Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause and Assistant Principal Doug Wildes welcomed the recipients and their families, as well as the staff members who nominated them. The students were then recognized and given a certificate in honor of their efforts.

The Outstanding Students are:
Art: Junior Lisa Wallace
Career and Technical Education (CTE): Senior Sandra Torres

English: Freshman Samantha Reyes

Learning services: Senior Lorenzo Delgado

Literacy: Sophomore Emoni Harris

Math: Junior Camille Claudio
Music: Senior Henry McCarthy

Physical education: Senior Daniel Olson Jr.

Science: Junior Hannah Hewitt

Social studies: Sophomore Maria Luz Alcala

World languages: Sophomore Quinn Nolan

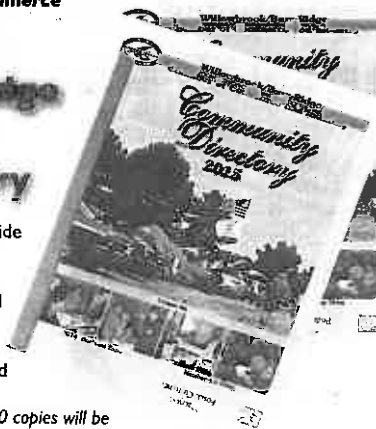
Willowbrook English teacher Jim White received the Outstanding Teacher award and was presented by senior Kristina Marzullo.

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PARCC indicates most students unprepared for college

SPRINGFIELD — According to information released last week by Illinois School Report Cards, More than 70 percent of suburban students in Illinois are not ready to continue their education at the college level.

The results, released at the District and school levels, stem from the first round of tests taken through Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). The assessments in math and English language arts/literacy were taken for the first time last spring by students in grades 3-11.

The purpose of the PARCC tests is to provide better informa-

tion about students to see if they are on track to obtain the best possible education for themselves to prepare for a successful future. It is designed to offer teachers better insight, allowing them to customize their teaching to the individual student's needs.

PARCC has had its critics since its first trial run in 2014. Some say the test is flawed and was given too quickly; that it does not paint a complete picture of how students are performing. For instance, some educators feel students may have scored low on a section in which they didn't understand the test. This is just one way many feel the test is flawed.

Girls hoops teams set for holiday tournaments

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

The winter holidays bring colder temperatures outside, but area gyms will heat up with girls basketball tournament action. Here's the outlook for several area schools, including Glenbard East, IC Catholic and York:

Addison Trail

Tournament: Northside Prep Invite
Location: 5501 N. Kedzie Ave., Chicago
Tournament dates: Dec. 19, 21, 23 and 29
What to watch: After some recent struggles, the Blazers will look to get on track over the holidays at Northside Prep. AT opens tourney play against Perspectives (2:20 p.m. Dec. 19) and also faces Kelly (2:30 p.m. Dec. 21) and DePaul Prep (1 p.m. Dec. 23) in pool play.

Glenbard East

Tournament: Riverside Brookfield Holiday Classic
Location: 160 Ridgewood Road, Riverside
Tournament dates: Dec. 23, 26 and 28 to 30
What to watch: A Dec. 18 game at

West Aurora is on the slate before the Rams head to RB for the holidays. East has won five straight heading into the West Aurora clash and will look to maintain that momentum during tourney play. First up is York at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 23, followed by Queen of Peace (Dec. 26) and Oak Lawn (Dec. 28) in pool play. East defeated Oak Lawn 54-31 on Nov. 25 to start its winning streak.

IC Catholic

Tournament: Oswego East Holiday Classic
Location: 1525 Harvey Road, Oswego
Tournament dates: Dec. 21 to 23 and 26
What to watch: The Knights snapped a four-game losing streak with a 40-26 win against Fenton on Dec. 11, and they had a Dec. 19 clash at Chicago Christian before heading to Oswego East. IC plays in the first game of the tournament against the hosts at 8 a.m. Dec. 21 and with a win would face either Sycamore or Metea Valley in a second-round game at 10 a.m. Dec. 22.

Montini

Tournament: Montini Christmas

tournament

Location: 19W070 16th St., Lombard
Tournament dates: Dec. 26 and 28 to 30
What to watch: Aside from a narrow win against Trinity, the Broncos have had blowout victories during their 10-0 start. They had games against St. Thomas More (Dec. 19) and St. Joseph (Dec. 21) before their own tournament, which features fellow elite teams Batavia, Benet, Geneva, Hersey, Huntley and Young. Montini opens against Oak Park-River Forest at 8 a.m. Dec. 26 and with a win would face either Batavia or Kelly in the second round at 3 p.m. Dec. 28.

Timothy Christian

Tournament: Lisle Cage Classic
Location: 1800 Short St., Lisle
Tournament dates: Dec. 26, 28-30
What to watch: The season so far has brought mixed results for the Trojans, who face Ridgewood at 7 p.m. Dec. 18 before starting play at Lisle. Timothy opens tournament play at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 26 against Antioch and with a win would face Westmont or Latin in the second round at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 28. Westmont topped TC 43-33 Dec. 9.

Willowbrook

Tournament: Wheaton North Neibch Classic
Location: 701 Thomas Road, Wheaton
Tournament dates: Dec. 21 to 23 and 26
What to watch: Willowbrook sits at 4-7 entering a Dec. 18 game at Morton, but three of those losses were by five points or less. The Warriors will look to get things going at Wheaton North, where they open against No. 4 seed Schaumburg at 9 a.m. Dec. 21. With a win, they would face either Palatine or St. Charles East in the second round at 6 p.m. Dec. 22.

York

Tournament: Riverside Brookfield Holiday Classic
Location: 160 Ridgewood Road, Riverside
Tournament dates: Dec. 23 and 26 to 30
What to watch: A 56-50 win against Glenbard West on Dec. 14 sent the Dukes into the holiday tourney on a high note. York is 5-5 on the season and will get a stiff test at RB against a solid Glenbard East squad (12:30 p.m. Dec. 23) before also facing Oak Lawn (Dec. 26) and Queen of Peace (Dec. 28) in pool play.

PREP ROUNDUP

York girls basketball holds on to top Glenbard West

SUBURBAN LIFE MEDIA

Strong second and third quarters helped York's girls basketball team fend of a Glenbard West rally for a 56-50 win Dec. 14.

York trailed 17-10 after a quarter but outscored West 27-9 in the middle two quarters.

Caelyn Rufus' three-point play with under 10 seconds to go sealed the win after the Hilltoppers closed to within three points.

Kaylin Kenny (12 points) and Jaclyn Saco (11 points) led the way for the Dukes. Danielle Dennis had nine points while Rufus and Kathleen Levins had eight points apiece.

Addison Trail

Alyssa Pham (17 points) and Maria Koulogeorgas (11 points) led the way for the Blazers in a 53-37 loss against Willowbrook on Dec. 12. AT also lost 62-45 against Downers Grove South on Dec. 15.

Timothy Christian

The Trojans topped Chicago Christian 43-20 in a Metro Suburban Conference game Dec. 12.

WRESTLING

York

Tommy Helton had a technical fall and a pair of 3-1 decisions to win the 285-pound championship at the Prospect tournament Dec. 12.

Antonio Gutierrez placed fifth at

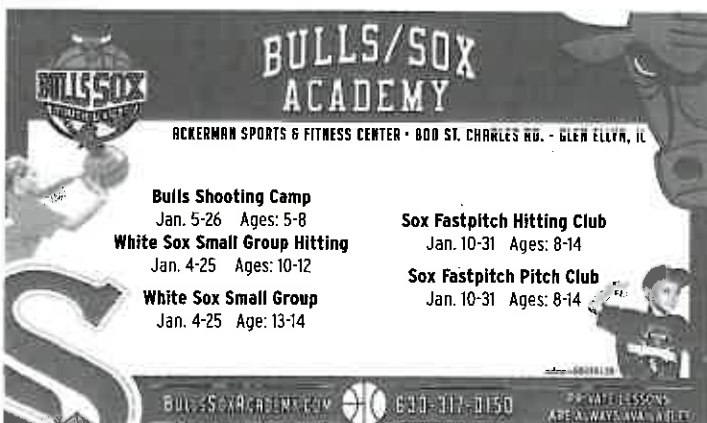
126 pounds. The Dukes were 13th in the team standings.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

York

Sydney Hill was York's top finisher at the Hersey invite Dec. 12. Hill was sixth on uneven bars (8.450), 13th on vault (8.70) and 14th in the all-around (32.40).

Savanah Baron placed 14th on beam (8.050) for York, which was ninth as a team with a score of 120.10.



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Hinsdale South High School

Dylan Boye

Academic Achievements: Honor Roll/Dean's List all three years; J. Kyle Braid; School Representative at Illinois Leadership Seminar; A total of 10 Advanced Placement courses.

School Activities (clubs, athletics): Track and Field: Most Improved Sophomore Year, MVP Junior Year, 2015 Indoor 3A State Champion in Long Jump, 8 All-Conference Career Finishes, Chicago Tribune Athlete of the Month. Executive Board for Peer Leadership Network; Executive Board of Athletes Committed to Excellence; President of National Honors Society; Hornet Athletic Advisory Committee; Football team all four years; Track and Field all four years (Team Captain of Sprints/Jumps); J. Kyle Braid

Outside Activities: He volunteers monthly as a peer juror for the Downers Grove Village Hall. Peer Leadership Network, Athletes Committed to Excellence, National Honor Society, and J. Kyle Braid also have a community service component.

Nominated by Jennifer Fichter, School Counselor: Besides his impressive credentials as a high achieving student, Dylan has been extremely involved in extracurricular activities. He is very talented athletically, which includes being a starting member of the football team and captain of track and field. He has also had many opportunities to showcase his leadership skills as a representative for our school at the Illinois Leadership Seminar, and on the executive board of both the Peer Leadership Network (PLN) and Athletes Committed to Excellence. He describes his time in PLN as his most rewarding experience in high school and that it has been a great way to give back. He reflects that it is "nice to spark interest in Hornet Nation when visiting our feeder schools." He also was selected to represent our school at the J. Kyle Braid Ranch. This foundation selects two sophomore boys and two sophomore girls to attend a workshop each summer to enhance leadership skills and make a difference in the Hinsdale South community. The students are nominated by teachers and coaches and go through a strenuous selection process.

Even with occasional setbacks because of sports related injuries, Dylan has not only strived, but has thrived. After a great indoor track season that included him winning the 3A State Championship Title in the long jump and an all-conference finish in the maximum four events, he tore his ACL and missed all of the outdoor season. From this, however, he learned that he is more than just an athlete and is a member of a great community and support system. Admirably he has seized these challenges and has not let them define him, but he has used them as opportunities to learn and reflect.



by a film maker and produced a documentary that was screened at the Tivoli Theater to over 200 people. It comes as no surprise that Niara is selecting film production as her college major. Additionally, Niara has been a valued contributor to girl's track and field and the Imani step team. She was chosen by her teachers to serve as a J. Kyle Braid (JKB) Scholar, an organization where students are selected based on their commitment to abstaining from drugs and alcohol and school leadership. Niara is truly deserving of being this month's Suburban Life Scholar.

Addison Trail

Martin Rodriguez

Academic Achievements: When Rodriguez entered Addison Trail as a freshman, he did not realize the impact grades and diligent work would have on his future. He saw many of his friends not taking school seriously and thought having a year to himself – with no worries about classes or grades – would have no significance. After all, graduation was four years away. But Rodriguez quickly realized he disappointed not only himself, but his parents. From there, Rodriguez decided to make a change. So during that summer and his sophomore year, he made up all of the classes necessary to get back on track. He saw he was more than capable of doing the coursework his friends were doing, and he began to challenge himself even further by taking honors and Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses in subject areas in which he was interested. Rodriguez is currently enrolled in four AP courses.

Rodriguez said his parents and sister Jairely, a sophomore at Addison Trail, have influenced him to follow a path toward success. Rodriguez also was inspired by one of his peers, Addison Trail alumnus Duy Do (class of 2015). Rodriguez paid attention to what Do did to achieve his goals and knew he had it in him to do the same. Lastly, Rodriguez credits one of his math teachers, Lindsay Bugajsky, for keeping him on track. He really admired how she had everything organized and helped him understand the content. Being in Bugajsky's class made math his favorite subject.

Other teachers have noticed Rodriguez's progress as well, including Music Department Chair Dan O'Connell.

"In class, Rodriguez always pursued his guitar skills with the same steady determination," O'Connell said. "That consistent effort has led Rodriguez to discover he can accomplish anything, as long as he keeps trying!"

Rodriguez also is involved with the Blazer's Edge program at Addison Trail. He said it is one of the best programs he has been a part of because he knows he is on the edge of success, and the staff members involved with Blazer's Edge have helped him get past a few obstacles. Addison Trail teacher Mario Fernandez said Rodriguez continues to make tremendous improvements and challenge himself as a student.

"Rodriguez's hard work and attention to detail in American Studies always made him stand out," Fernandez said. "Rodriguez always uses his time wisely in Blazer's Edge and clearly has a plan for his (future) that he is ready to execute. He is ... willing to go the extra mile to reach educational success. I am very proud to have been able to teach and mentor Rodriguez."

Rodriguez would like to attend Northern Illinois University, DePaul University or The University of Illinois at Chicago. He is working through the application process and visiting schools to discover which one will be the best fit for him. Rodriguez is undecided about what he wants to study, but he is leaning toward accounting or business and will be the first in his family to attend a four-year university.

Nominated by Kevin Redding, Director of Guidance: Rodriguez understands what it takes to be successful and is willing to tell his story to freshmen, so they don't make the same mistake," Redding said. "He has decided to take challenging classes again after he struggled his freshman year. Sometimes we struggle at first, but it takes a strong person to go back at it again and challenge themselves to get better."



Downers Grove North High School

Niara Briggs

Academic Achievements: AP classes, Close-up, Washington D.C., Camp College.

School Activities (clubs, athletics): Imani Steppers - Captain, Track and Field - Co-captain, Spanish Club, Student Council, TV Club

Outside Activities: Food pantry volunteer, Bonfield Express volunteer, Giving Tree volunteer

Nominated by Nicole Gibson, School Counselor: Simply put, Niara is awesome. She possesses a resiliency and quiet determination that is unmatched by her peers. Always kind and respectful, Niara strives to make decisions that are consistent with her high level of integrity and character. Throughout high school, she has developed a passion for film and video editing. In her junior year, Niara was accepted as one of 11 students to participate in "View From the Directors Chair." She was mentored



On the big court...

THE SEVENTH- AND EIGHTH-GRADE boys and girls basketball teams from Jackson Middle School traveled to the United Center last week to take the court for a brief scrimmage shortly before the Chicago Bulls played the Memphis Grizzlies. The Jackson players spent a total of about 20 minutes on the court. The photo on the left shows Daylee Braden dribbling the ball while being guarded by Alexis Fitzgerald. The photo on the right shows Vince Bernardi taking the ball toward the hoop against Isaiah Joiner. The Jackson players headed to the Bulls after their scrimmage to watch the Bulls defeat Memphis 98-85.

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Willowbrook seniors honored as Illinois State Scholars



Standout Willowbrook students recognized...

THE ILLINOIS STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (ISAC) recently announced the Illinois State Scholars for 2016-17. The honorees include 55 students from Willowbrook High School. The above photo shows a majority of the Willowbrook students who received the award. All 55 of the recipients are members of Willowbrook's Class of 2016. According to the commission, the State Scholar distinction, which began in 1958, recognizes students for outstanding academic performance. Illinois State Scholars rank in about the top 10 percent of the state's high school seniors who attend about 670 high schools throughout Illinois. The commission stated that selection for State Scholar recognition is based on standardized test scores and performance-based academic data. Recipients receive a certificate of achievement. See the following page for the complete list of Willowbrook's Illinois State Scholars for 2016-17.

Villa Park man charged after burglary to vehicle in Walmart parking lot

Villa Park police arrested a 32-year-old Villa Park man who reportedly distracted a 71-year-old shopper and then stole her purse on Dec. 15.

According to Villa Park Police Detective Sgt. Bill Lyons, the woman had placed her purse and items purchased at Walmart, 900 S. Route 83, in the front seat of her vehicle at about 5:15 p.m.

The subject reportedly distracted her by offering to take the shopping cart back, but then allegedly took the woman's purse from the passenger side of the vehicle.

Lyons said detectives were able to obtain surveillance tape of the incident, as well as surveillance tape of the subject leaving the store. When the subject returned to the store on Friday, Dec. 18, Lyons said loss prevention personnel notified police.

Aldo Grano was charged with burglary to motor vehicle and transported to DuPage County Jail in Wheaton, where as of press time, he was being held in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

—Bonnie MacKay

Newspapers announce hours, closures and deadlines for holiday issues

The *Lombardian* and *Villa Park Review* office, located at 116 S. Main St., Lombard, will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24 and 25, in observance of Christmas.

The office will reopen at 9 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 28. The Dec. 30 issue of the newspapers will be delivered on Wednesday, Dec. 30, as scheduled.

For the Dec. 30 issue, editorial submissions must be received by 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28. The deadline for classified and display advertising for next week's issue will remain Monday, Dec. 28, at noon.

The *Lombardian* and *Villa Park Review* newspaper office will close at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31, for New Year's Eve. The office will remain closed until 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 2016.

Copy for ads or articles may be mailed to 116 S. Main St., Lombard, IL 60148, faxed to 630-627-7027, or e-mailed to lombardian@sbcglobal.net.

Village of Villa Park gives warning about telephone scammers

The Village of Villa Park issued a news release last week warning residents about telephone scammers claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

"Several residents have recently received phone calls claiming to be from the IRS," stated the release. "This is a scam. The IRS never calls asking for credit cards or personal information over the phone. The IRS will always send you correspondence in the mail."

"Never give personal information out over the telephone, and always verify to whom you give personal information," the release added.

For more information about the IRS and various scamming practices, visit www.irs.gov and visit the "Hot Topics" section.

Spirit Award...

THE VILLA PARK COMMUNITY PRIDE COMMISSION presented its 2015 Spirit Awards during the Villa Park Village Board meeting on Dec. 14. One of the two recipients was Donna Craft Cain (right), who was unable to attend the village board meeting, as she was at the District 88 Board of Education meeting. Cain, who graduated from Willowbrook High School, has been a member of the District 88 board since 2003, and has served as the board president since 2011. Cain has served on the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and is a past president of that board. One of her accomplishments as president of the chamber's board was the introduction of the chamber's education scholarship. In September 2013, she was diagnosed with Stage 4 non-Hodgkin lymphoma. She underwent chemotherapy, radiation and a stem-cell transplant and is currently cancer-free. As ill as she was in 2014, she would not miss the 2014 Willowbrook graduation. She stood on the stage to congratulate each graduating student. In presenting the Spirit Award, the pride commission noted Cain for her courage and for the support, inspiration and understanding she has provided to others who have been diagnosed with cancer.



District 88's Best for December...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR Eugene Ciesla (above, right) of Villa Park is his school's recipient of the District 88's Best award for the month of December. Ciesla, who is pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause, was recognized at the District 88 Board of Education meeting on Dec. 14. Each month of the school year, the board of education presents the District 88's Best award to students from each of the district's two schools—Willowbrook and Addison Trail high schools. The award recognizes students for their achievements both inside and outside the classroom. When he graduates from Willowbrook next year, Ciesla will have taken seven Advanced Placement (AP) courses and several honors courses. Ciesla, who has earned honor roll status in each of his semesters at Willowbrook, is an Illinois State Scholar and an inductee into the National Honor Society, as well as the National English, Math and World Language honor societies. He's also an inductee into Willowbrook's social studies honor society—Civitas. Ciesla, who has a passion for music, is a member of the school's wind ensemble, jazz band, pep band and CenterStage Combo. He also leads and conducts the Willowbrook Marching Band as the drum major. He has played the saxophone since he was in the fourth grade. Ciesla has been active in athletics as a member of the school's volleyball, track, swimming and cross country teams. He has also earned the rank of Eagle Scout, which is Boy Scouts of America's highest attainable rank. Ciesla has applied to Loyola University of Chicago, the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Southern Illinois University. He plans to major in business management, and may pursue a minor in music.

Willowbrook's Illinois State Scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) recently announced the Illinois State Scholars for 2016-17. Selection is based on students' SAT, ACT or Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) scores, as well as their class ranking at the end of their junior year. The honorees, several of whom are shown in the picture on the previous page, include the following 55 seniors from Willowbrook High School.

Mahnoor K. Ali	Daniel J. Fee	Danielle B. McNamara
Amanda M. Barrie	Meghan E. Foley	Thomas J. Michael
Galen J. Bergsten	Bridget E. Garner	David A. Naughton
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Liam M. Cherry	Meghan B. Koterba	Elijah B. Rochel
Andrew J. Ciesla	Maggie Krott	Jocelyn Rodriguez
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Jaguars play in Chicago...

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JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL'S seventh- and eighth-grade boys and girls basketball teams spent the night of Dec. 16 at the United Center in Chicago. The Jaguars played a scrimmage on the court before the Chicago Bulls faced the Memphis Grizzlies. The Jackson players then watched the Bulls beat Memphis. The photos above show (top row, left to right) Jalen Flowers and Eva Tuecke, and (bottom row, left to right) Shannon Knudtson and Sam Turnitty.

Village warns about phone scam

Unknown caller may claim to be from IRS

VILLA PARK — Several residents have recently received phone calls claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

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cards or personal information over the phone. The IRS will always send you correspondence in the mail.

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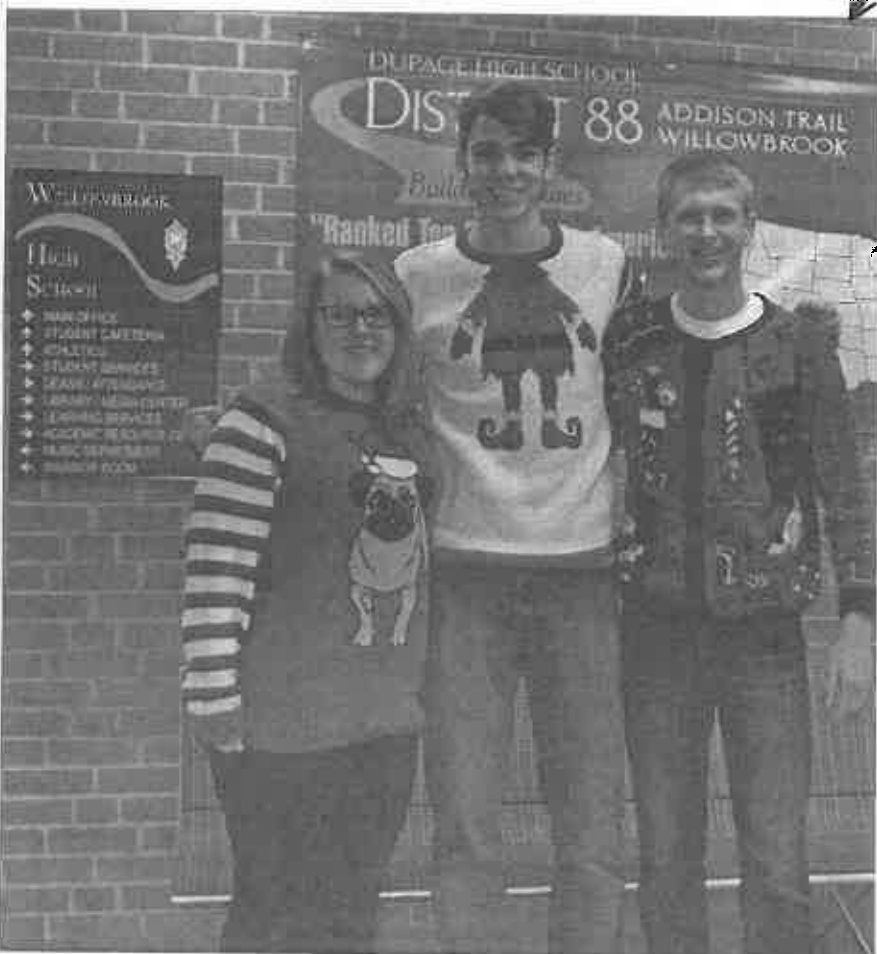
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State legislators deliver Meals On Wheels

State Senator Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park) and Representative Deb Conroy (D-Villa Park) stopped by Karl Vollendorf's home, while delivering Meals On Wheels recently.



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Willowbrook holds 'Ugly Christmas Sweater' Day

On Dec. 15, Willowbrook staff and students were invited to get into the spirit of the season by wearing an "ugly" holiday



Willowbrook music gets into the spirit of the holidays



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CenterStage performers at Joyful Traditions

Willowbrook CenterStage members perform during the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce's Joyful Traditions on Dec. 5. They are pictured with their event sponsor, Willowbrook alumnus and lead singer for the band the Plain White T's Tom Higgenson (center), and Higgenson's son, Lennon.



photo by Henry Martens

CenterStage performs on WGN Radio

Willowbrook CenterStage members performed on the Steve Cochran Show on WGN Radio - 720 AM on Dec. 14.



At the first Holiday concert...

On Dec. 8, Willowbrook students performed the school's annual Holiday Concert I

photos by Al Stasch



Students shine at second concert of the season

WB students perform at Holiday Concert II on Dec. 10.

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investigating a resident's independent living home in Park Place of Elmhurst on November 11, after it was reported that items were missing including jewelry. The investigation led to Dorsey, whom authorities now believe entered the apartments of at least eight residents at the facility between November 4 and 11 and took things like rings, bracelets and necklaces.

Dorsey worked strictly on the assisted living side of the facility and should not have been on the independent living side of the building at all.

Prosecutors say Dorsey pawned the stolen items, Darrah said. Officials were able to take him into custody on Dec. 15 without incident.

Dorsey's next court date is scheduled for Dec. 28 in front of Judge Brian Telander.

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert B. Berlin released the following statement about Dorsey's arrest:

"The allegations that Mr. Dorsey stole valuables worth thousands of dollars from seniors, all of whom are more than eighty years old, is uncon-

scionable. As one of society's most vulnerable populations, our seniors deserve our love and respect. They do not deserve to have their valuables stolen from them and pawned, as is alleged in this case."

Berlin thanked the Elmhurst Police Department Detective Division and Assistant State's Attorney Megan McGuire for their work on the case.

Members of the public are reminded that these complaints contain only charges and are not proof of the defendant's guilt.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, Dec. 28 Lock-in for teens at Enchanted Castle

Villa Park Recreation is holding a lock-in for kids ages 10-17 at Enchanted Castle, 1103 S. Main, Lombard. Enjoy a night of fun unlimited lazer tag, bumper cars, kidsquest, go-karts and mini golf. The lock-in includes 60 game tokens as well as unlimited pizza and pop. Participants will check in at 7 p.m. and be picked up at midnight. The fee is \$39 and pre-registration is required. To register, call 630-834-8970 or visit vprd.org

Saturday, Jan. 2 and Monday, Jan. 5 Say "thank you" with stories and card-making

January is Thank You Month at the Villa Park Public Library. The library invites you to celebrate this month with some special programs. Celebrate the New Year and say thank you on Saturday, Jan. 2, during a very special Marvelous Mornings at 10 a.m. There will be thank-you stories and card-making for young children and their adults at this drop-in program. At 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, children in grades 2-5 are invited to participate in the library's Thanks a Million! Program. Learn how to write great thank-you cards and letters. Registration is required for this program. Info: Call 630-834-1164.

Monday, Jan. 4 and Saturday, Jan. 30 Quilt Trunk Shows

Ever wonder how a quilt is made? The Villa Park Public Library is pleased to present two Quilt Trunk Shows: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Monday, Jan. 4, and from 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30. Quilter, piecer, teacher, appraiser, and long-time Villa Park resident Lynn Conti will share her expertise about quilts made from the mid-1800s to today. Registration is required. Info: Call 630-834-1164.

Saturday, Jan. 9 Villa Park Library hosting blood drive

January is National Blood Donor Month. Give back to your community! Meeting the needs of local patients can take up to 500 blood donations each day. Stop by the Villa Park Public Library 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., to donate blood and help those in need. To schedule your appointment, call LifeSource at 877-543-3768, or register online and use code 237G. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome as well. For more information, call 630-834-1164.

Tuesday, Jan. 12 ACT Boot Camp

From 7-8 p.m. at the Villa Park Public Library, 305 S. Ardmore Ave., high school students and their parents are invited to

attend an ACT Boot Camp, a free 45-minute informational presentation on the ACT. Learn how to prepare, what to expect, and get examples of test questions. The presentation will be followed by a 15-minute Q & A session. Info: call 630-834-1164 or go online to: vppl.info

Wednesday, Jan. 13 Game night with friends at the Library

Starting at 7 p.m. at the Villa Park Public Library, 305 S. Ardmore Ave., join the library for fun and games! Everyone is invited to attend a special meeting with the Friends of the Villa Park Library. Attendees will be divided into teams to compete in a giant version of a popular word-based board game. Refreshments will be served. Info: call 630-834-1164 or go online to: vppl.info

Saturday, Jan. 16 ACT practice test

From 9 p.m.-1:15 p.m. at the Villa Park Public Library, 305 S. Ardmore Ave., get ready for the ACT by taking a free, full-length practice test. The test will begin promptly at 9:15 a.m. Please bring a calculator. The practice test is available to high school students only and all test takers must have a Villa Park Public Library card or attend high school in Villa Park or Oakbrook Terrace. Info: call 630-834-1164 or go online to: vppl.info

Monday, Jan. 18 See historian Leslie Goddard

Starting at 7 p.m. at the Villa Park Public Library, 305 S. Ardmore Ave., the library is pleased to present a first-person historical program based on the book *Below Stairs: The Classic Kitchen Maid's Memoir That Inspired "Upstairs, Downstairs"* and *"Downton Abbey."* Historian Leslie Goddard will portray Margaret Powell, a kitchen maid and cook who ran wealthy English households in the 1920s. Join us for an entertaining evening. Info: call 630-834-1164 or go online to: vppl.info

Ongoing events ...

• Resume Review and Interviewing Strategies

Need help writing your resumé or guidance in preparing for a job interview? Attend Resumé Review and Interviewing Strategies at the Villa Park Public Library Sessions will be held on the first Wednesday of every month for four months: Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 2, and April 6 at 7 p.m. The program is designed to help you write a resumé that will help you land the interview and learn valuable interviewing strategies to help you get the job. Make an appointment with the presenter to return for a one-on-one review of your resumé. Registration is required. Info: 630-834-1164.

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Willowbrook boys basketball team making strides

Warriors compete in conference games against Addison Trail and Hinsdale South

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Willowbrook boys basketball coach Chris Perkins is seeing positives from his team heading into the holiday break.

The Warriors sported a 2-4 overall record through their first six games and were 0-2 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play. Willowbrook split four games at the Stag tournament against Nazareth, Chicago Lindbloom, Argo and Stag. The Warriors also dropped conference games to Addison

Trail and Hinsdale South.

"Overall, I like the direction we are headed in," said Perkins. "We had two really tough games in conference. Our game against Addison Trail was down to the wire and we lost by nine. Hinsdale South is a ranked team and did a good job against us. They have a 6-10 kid who took control of the game."

But Perkins isn't focusing on the team's win-loss record. "This is a very scrappy group that is very hard-nosed," he said. "We are doing a good job of playing together. They are a team and a unit and they fight together."

Perkins said consistency will be a key for the Warriors going forward. "We've had games where we do a good job shooting the ball and some games we do a good job feeding the post and

getting the ball down low," he said. "Other games we do a good job playing defense and keeping the other team to a low score. We need consistency. The goal right now is to get everything to click on one cylinder. We're not quite there yet. Part of that is we have a lot of players who did not play a lot on the varsity last year. They are adjusting to the varsity game."

Perkins currently starts two seniors, a junior, a sophomore and a freshman. He noted the team has been receiving key contributions of late from the likes of sophomore post player Ethan Schuemer, along with freshman guard Matas Masys and senior guard Kevin Miller.

"We're kind of young," said Perkins. "We have four sophomores and a freshman on the varsity. We graduated six

seniors who played significant minutes last year so our seniors this year didn't have a lot of playing time last year. Even though we have five seniors, we're still kind of inexperienced as a team."

Willowbrook opened play earlier in the week in the Glenbard West tournament. The Warriors have games scheduled there against Northside Prep, St. Francis and Glenbard West before wrapping up play on Saturday against an opponent to be determined based on prior tournament play.

"This is a great opportunity for us to play a couple games in a row and get these younger guys some more experience and see what they can do in different situations," said Perkins.

Fenton boys basketball team defeats IC Catholic Prep

Larsen leads the way with 18 points, leads team with 10 charges drawn

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

There are wins and then there are important wins.

The Fenton boys basketball team recently picked up one of the important ones.

The Bison, behind three players in double figures, recorded a 66-57 Metro Suburban Conference West Division win against IC Catholic Prep.

"We played a really great game," said Fenton coach Josh Payton. "TJ Tyrrell (IC Catholic Prep coach) does a great job with his team and they have some good players. It was a good win for us."

Fenton was coming off a tough MSC West loss to Glenbard South. "Against IC we focused on execution on the offensive end," said Payton. "We talked long and hard after the loss to Glenbard South. Our shot selection was off and our shooting percentage was low. We talked about anchoring ourselves in our offensive system and do what we do every day. The kids got the message. We got a lot of shots in the paint and got the ball to

the rim and looked to finish. We did well."

Fenton came back from an 8-0 deficit to start the game. "We closed out the quarter on a 12-6 run," said Payton. "We pulled ahead in the second quarter and didn't look back."

Fenton led by four points at halftime and by five points in the third quarter.

"We were very solid from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter and that helped us win the game," said Payton.

Bryan Larsen led the Bison with 18 points. Joe Andrews finished with 15 points and had a double-double with more than 10 rebounds. Eric Trujillo added 14 points.

"It was an important win,"

said Payton. "We bounced back from the Glenbard South game and were able to pull to 500 in conference. We're only 1-1 in conference, but we didn't win any conference games last year. We saw our offense work very well. There was a lot of improvement behind this win."

The win improved Fenton to 4-3 overall.

"We needed to see success leading up to our next game and we did," said Payton.

Payton lauded the play of Larsen on the defensive end. "Bryan Larsen continues to help us in different ways," he said. "He's been a critical component to our success. He has drawn 10 charges in seven

games and I think that number might be conservative. This was the second game where he's drawn a charge against a quality player on the other team and that player has fouled out because of it. Bryan leads us in scoring (14.6 points per game) and he's been a big help on defense."

Payton noted Fenton is averaging about 60 points a game to go with 38 rebounds and 16 assists a contest.

"Scoring 60 points a game is something we haven't been able to say here for a long time," he said. "The guys are doing a great job."

Fenton started play in the Plano tournament earlier this week against Lisle.

Addison Trail girls basketball team faces off against Downers Grove South

Pikulyk paces Blazers with 13 points

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The Addison Trail girls basketball team held an edge over Downers Grove South for three quarters.

It's the first quarter the Blazers would like to have back after dropping a recent 62-45 decision in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action.

"We had a bad first quarter," said Addison Trail coach Rob Schader. "We beat them the

final three quarters. Right now we're taking steps in the right direction, but they are baby steps."

Diamond Pikulyk led the Blazers with 13 points. Maria Koulogeorgas added 10 points, while Alyssa Pham had eight points.

"We played a great three quarters, but being down 25-6 after the first quarter hurt us," said Schader. "The girls played extremely hard."

Schader said the final three-quarter run the team put together against Downers Grove South was impressive. "That's the best I've seen us play this

season," he said. "We played as a team and we pushed the tempo. We are getting there. We have to remember that we start a combination of three sophomores and three juniors. We are still learning. The kids aren't giving up. They are gaining confidence in themselves and it showed against Downers Grove South. We're learning about tempo and the speed it takes to play at the varsity level."

Addison Trail also lost a recent WSC Gold game to district neighbor Willowbrook. "We had a really good quarter against Willowbrook. We were

only down by two at halftime and then we kind of fell apart in the second half," said Schader. "Willowbrook outscored us 15-4 in the third quarter. When you are chasing 12 to 14 points going into the fourth quarter, it's tough to come back. But we battled against them."

Schader cited strong recent play from the likes of Pham, Koulogeorgas, sophomore Nicci Scorza and Pikulyk.

"We have a lot of girls who are playing a lot better and gaining confidence," said Schader. "It's taken us a little bit to get and we're starting to see things come full-circle here."

Addison Trail was 2-7 overall and 0-4 in WSC Gold play through its first nine games.

The Blazers are competing in the Northside Prep tournament over the holiday break. "We have a chance to do well in these upcoming games if we continue to play like we have been playing," said Schader. "If we play like we did in the last three quarters against Downers Grove South we will have a chance in the rest of our games this season. This tournament at Northside Prep will be good for us. We'll see some different teams. We're headed in the right direction with this group."

Proud Warriors...

THE WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL student body showed plenty of support for the school's boys basketball team during the 2014-15 season. The photo on the right shows some members of the colorful student section during the Warriors' home game against West Suburban Gold Conference rival Morton on Feb. 6. Willowbrook trailed the visiting Mustangs by nine points at the end of the third quarter but rallied for an 80-79 win. The victory extended Willowbrook's winning streak to 12 games. The Warriors went on to win 15 straight games before losing their final two contests of the season. Willowbrook completed the season with an overall record of 21-8 and a conference mark of 9-3. The Warriors shared the West Suburban Gold Conference championship with Morton, which also posted a 9-3 conference record. The conference title marked the Willowbrook boys basketball program's first WSGC title since the school joined the conference at the start of the 1986-87 school year.

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Villa Park acquires an engine for all seasons in 2015



A new engine for the VPFD...

Photos by Chris Fox

THE VILLA PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT acquired a new fire engine in 2015. The above photo shows the engine on the day it arrived in Villa Park—June 29. The Pierce Impel engine is pictured at its home base—Fire Station No. 81 at 1440 S. Ardmore Ave. The vehicle, designated Engine 81, went into service during the summer. It replaced a 26-year-old engine. The Villa Park Fire Department's fleet includes three fire engines (two front-line vehicles and one in reserve) as well as three ambulances. The 26-year-old vehicle was donated to the fire academy at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The village obtained the vehicle with the help of a \$432,000 federal grant. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded the grant, which covered about 80 percent of the vehicle's cost, in 2014. U.S. Rep. Tammy Duckworth, whose district includes Villa Park, joined U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., in assisting the fire department to obtain the grant. Durbin (above right photo) stopped by Fire Station No. 81 on Aug. 7. He greeted members of the department and took a brief ride in the new engine.



A white February day and a wet October day...

A HEAVY SNOWSTORM battered Villa Park and the rest of the Chicagoland area on the weekend that began on Jan. 31. According to the National Weather Service, the storm delivered 19.3 inches of snow at the service's official recording station at O'Hare International Airport between Jan. 31 and Feb. 2. That total ranked as the fifth-heaviest snowstorm since Chicago's snow records began over 125 years ago. A majority of the snowfall—16.2 inches—fell on Sunday, Feb. 1. The storm caused area schools to be closed on Feb. 2 and Feb. 3. The above left photo from Feb. 2 shows snow piled up near Cornell Avenue and Central Boulevard. The above right photo took place during a much milder weather event of 2015. The Oct. 24 photo shows young runners at the start of the 1-kilometer children's run that was part of the Villa Park Junior Women's Club's third annual Trick or Trot 5K run/walk event. The children's run, which started and finished on the Illinois Prairie Path near the Rugaard Gazebo, took place during a heavy rain shower.



Tough decisions...

Photos by Chris Fox

THE DISTRICT 45 PTA COUNCIL held its second annual student art show on April 10 in the common area at Willowbrook High School. The show featured about 200 pieces of art submitted by district students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The above photo shows District 45 Superintendent Anthony Palmisano, who surveyed all of the art on display and selected 12 pieces to be displayed at the district office.



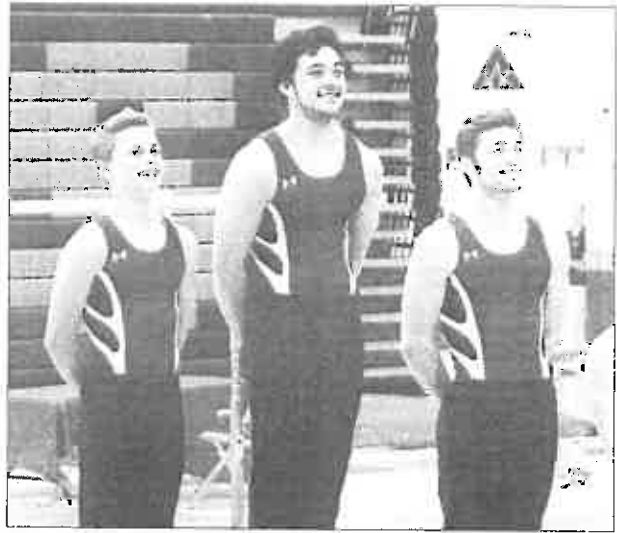
Election winners...

VILLA PARK VOTERS re-elected three trustees to four-year terms and selected another candidate to serve two years on the board during the election of April 7. The above photo shows (left to right) trustees Albert Bulthuis, Chris Aiello, Don Kase and Nick Cuzzone after they were sworn in to their new terms at the May 11 board meeting. Bulthuis, who was first elected to the board in 2007 and re-elected in 2011, began his third term on the board this year. Aiello and Kase were both elected in 2011 and began their second full terms on the board in 2015. Aiello, Bulthuis and Kase joined challenger Bradley Phillips in the race for the three available four-year terms in the April 7 election. Aiello attracted 1,335 votes, while Bulthuis received 1,263 votes. Kase earned 1,095 votes to edge out Phillips, who received 1,004 votes. Cuzzone won a three-candidate race to serve the remaining two years of the term held by Trustee John Davis, who resigned in 2014, citing health reasons. Cuzzone received 700 votes in the April 7 election. Catherine Sewell garnered 646 votes, while Diane Blair-Sherlock received 597 votes. The four pictured trustees serve on the Villa Park Village Board with Trustee Robert Taglia, Trustee Robert Wagner and Village President Deborah Bullwinkel.



Running for Congress...

VILLA PARK VILLAGE PRESIDENT Deborah Bullwinkel (above) announced in August that she will seek the Democratic Party nomination to represent Illinois' Eighth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Rep. Tammy Duckworth, who currently represents the Eighth District, is seeking the Democratic Party nomination for the 2016 election to represent Illinois in the U.S. Senate. Bullwinkel was elected to a four-year term as a Villa Park trustee in 2009. In 2013 she was elected to serve four years as village president. When she announced she was running for Congress, Bullwinkel said she will continue to serve as village president while she campaigns for the congressional seat. The 2016 primary election in Illinois takes place March 15. The general election will be held on Nov. 8.



Trio leads Warriors to sectional title...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S boys gymnastics team earned the program's first berth in the IHSA state meet in 24 years when it won the championship at the Hoffman Estates Sectional on May 9. The Warriors outscored eight other teams at the sectional to earn their berth in the state meet, which took place May 15-16 at Hinsdale Central High School. The above photo shows (left to right) freshman Adam Sousa, senior Keawe Winstead and senior Bret Golz on the awards stand at the sectional. Winstead stands in the first-place position during the awards for the high bar competition. Sousa earned second place in the event, while Golz placed third. Sousa won first-place honors in two events (floor exercises and the parallel bars) at the sectional. He also won the all-around championship at the event. Willowbrook joined seven other teams at the team competition at the state meet. The Warriors earned a fourth-place finish. Sousa secured top-10 finishes in four events (pommel horse, floor exercises, parallel bars and high bar) in the individual competition at the state meet, while Golz (vault) and Winstead (pommel horse) each claimed one top-10 finish.



VPFD holds open house...

THE VILLA PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT held its annual open house on Oct. 10 at Fire Station No. 81 at 1440 S. Ardmore Ave. The open house took place during Fire Prevention Week, which is sponsored by the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA). Fire Prevention Week is held annually in early October to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, which began on Oct. 8, 1871. The above photo shows Villa Park firefighter/paramedic Steve Lyons watching as 10-year-old Gianna Wiegel uses a fire hose. In addition to using the fire hose, children who visited the open house were able to try on kid-sized firefighting gear and climb inside emergency vehicles. The open house ended with a live fire demonstration that showed how quickly a fire can spread. The theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week was "Every Bedroom needs a Working Smoke Alarm." According to the NFPA, about half of all home fire deaths in the United States result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep. About one week after the open house, on Oct. 18, Villa Park paramedics responded to a call for a 15-year-old girl complaining of a headache at a one-story, single-family ranch home in the 200 block of West Division Street. Paramedics arrived to find other subjects exiting the home and complaining of similar symptoms. Firefighters responded to the scene and entered the home to find a high level of carbon monoxide in the home. Firefighters proceeded to the basement and detected what Villa Park Fire Chief Ron Rakosnik described as a lethal carbon-monoxide level. Eleven people who had been inside the home were transported to area hospitals. They were treated and released later in the day. "It really could have been 11 bodies in Villa Park," said Rakosnik of the incident. "They are very, very fortunate. I'm surprised they weren't in more trouble." Rakosnik said that none of the firefighters who entered the home heard a carbon monoxide alarm going off.

Sports

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2015 highlights include Montini's snowy victory

The area's high school teams and athletes produced several memorable moments in 2015. In considering the year's most unforgettable event, it's hard to overlook the Montini football team's IHSA Class 6A semifinal playoff game on Nov. 21.

The undefeated Broncos faced the Prairie Ridge Wolves of Crystal Lake in the afternoon battle, which took place in the midst of a heavy snowstorm in Lombard. The field was clear of snow about an hour before the 1 p.m. kickoff, but the snowfall intensified in the early afternoon. The teams played the first half in whiteout conditions on a field filled with several inches of snow.

While the weather cleared up a little in the second half, the Broncos struggled against Prairie Ridge in the third quarter. The Wolves outscored Montini 13-0 in the third quarter to build a 27-13 lead with 12 minutes to play. The Broncos then mounted a furious rally in the fourth period, outscoring the Wolves 22-0 en route to a 35-27 win and a berth in the Class 6A state championship game. Montini defeated Crete-Monee 38-15 in the Nov. 28 championship game in DeKalb to complete an undefeated 14-0 season—the first perfect season in program history. Montini has won six IHSA state football titles, capturing the Class 4A crown in 2004 and earning four straight Class 5A championships from 2009-12.



Snow-filled win preserves a perfect season...

Photos by Chris Fox

THE MONTINI FOOTBALL TEAM'S road to the IHSA Class 6A championship included a dramatic 35-27 semifinal victory over Prairie Ridge on Nov. 21 in Lombard. Montini, which posted a perfect 9-0 regular-season record, coasted through its first three playoff games—a 35-7 win over Wauconda, a 42-7 victory over Kaneland and a 49-14 triumph over DeKalb. The Broncos had their hands full against Prairie Ridge in the semifinal, which was played in a snowstorm. The above left photo shows Montini senior quarterback Justin Blake running with the ball during the first half, when the storm was especially heavy. Montini trailed the visiting Wolves 14-13 at halftime and 27-13 through three quarters. Montini scored 22 straight points in the fourth quarter to pull out a 35-27 victory. The above right photo shows senior linebacker Jake Kapp heading toward the end zone for one of the Broncos' three fourth-quarter touchdowns. Kapp's fumble recovery and touchdown return of about 50 yards tied the score at 27-27.

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Title run...

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MONTINI'S GIANNA SALZBRUNN (above) celebrates a championship performance after crossing the finish line of the Class 2A final of the 4 x 800-meter relay at the IHSA girls track and field state meet at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. Salzbrunn, who completed her junior season at the May 23 event, anchored the Broncos' state-champion relay team, which posted a first-place time of 9 minutes, 30.93 seconds. Senior Madeline Jamrozek ran the first leg of the relay. Sophomore Jenna Weidacher took the baton for the second leg, while junior Emma Makowski ran the third leg. The victory produced the first state championship in the history of Montini's girls track and field program. Montini finished second in the 4 x 800-meter relay final in each of the previous three state meets. Jamrozek, Makowski and Salzbrunn were all members of the runner-up foursome in 2014.



Happy Broncos...

Photo by Chris Fox

THE MEMBERS OF THE MONTINI FOOTBALL TEAM posed for pictures moments after receiving the IHSA Class 6A championship trophy on Nov. 28 in DeKalb. The Broncos beat Crete-Monee 38-15 at Northern Illinois University's Huskie Stadium to win the state title and complete a perfect 14-0 season. Junior running back Prince Walker ran for 169 yards and three touchdowns. Senior Justin Blake ran for 192 yards and a pair of touchdowns for the Broncos, who scored 28 unanswered points after trailing Crete-Monee 15-10 during the second quarter. Montini has won six state titles under Chris Andriano, who has been the program's head coach for 37 seasons.

Super season...

THE WILLOWBROOK BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM reeled off 15 straight wins during the 2014-15 season. The Warriors posted an overall record of 21-8 during the season and claimed a share of the West Suburban Gold Conference title. Both Willowbrook and Morton finished the season with 9-3 conference records. The photo on the right shows (left to right) senior Micah Williams, senior Chris Roycroft and sophomore Alonzo Verge during the closing moments of Willowbrook's Feb. 6 conference game against Morton in Villa Park. The Warriors outscored the Mustangs 29-18 during the fourth quarter to earn an 80-78 win. The victory gave the Warriors a 12-game winning streak. The streak continued with conference wins over Downers Grove South, Proviso East and Leyden.

Photo by Chris Fox





Warriors win sectional title...

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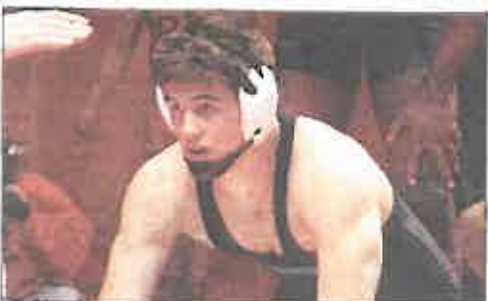
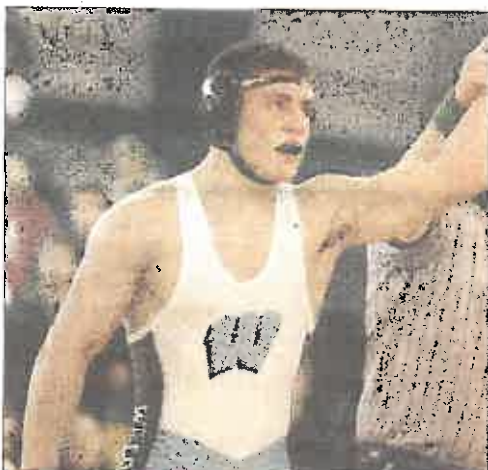
THE WILLOWBROOK BOYS GYMNASTICS TEAM won a sectional championship to earn a berth in the team competition at the IHSA state meet. The above photo shows the Warriors with their sectional plaque, which they won at the Hoffman Estates Sectional on May 9. Members of the team (pictured left to right) are: sophomores Bailey Heppner, sophomore Matt Barrantes, junior Ricky Saidana, junior Joey Egan, senior Keawe Winstead, senior Bret Golz, freshman Adam Sousa (holding the plaque), sophomore Zack Zeffiro, senior Marquise Washington, junior Ian Patele and sophomore Dylan Leska. Willowbrook won the title at the nine-team sectional with a team score of 148.4. Schaumburg finished second with a team score of 142.8. The Warriors last qualified for the state meet as a team in 1991. Willowbrook placed sixth in the 1991 state meet. The 2015 Warriors claimed fourth place at the state meet at Hinsdale Central High School with a team score of 148.55 on May 15. Niles West edged out Willowbrook in the battle for the third-place trophy with a team score of 149.0. Sousa earned top-10 scores in four individual events during the individual state competition on May 16. Golz and Winstead each delivered one top-10 effort in the individual state meet. Sousa won two individual events and claimed the all-around title at the sectional. Winstead claimed one individual title at the sectional.



Fifth-place finish...

Photo by Chris Fox

GLENBARD EAST SOPHOMORE Kollie Allen (above) earned the fifth-place medal in the singles competition of the 2015 IHSA girls state tennis meet. Allen qualified for the state singles meet when she earned a second-place finish at the Downers Grove South Sectional on Oct. 17. Allen then won seven of eight matches at the state meet, which concluded on Oct. 24. She won her first four matches before losing in the quarterfinal round. Allen moved to the consolation round of the double-elimination event and won her next three matches, including the fifth-place match. She finished the season with an overall record of 30-3. As a freshman, Allen posted a record of 36-3 and won four of six matches at the state singles meet.



Super seasons...

Bottom photo by Jim Izzo

A PAIR OF WILLOWBROOK WRESTLERS battled to second-place finishes in their respective weight classes at the IHSA Class 3A individual state meet, which concluded on Feb. 21 in Champaign. Freshman Jack Jessen (top photo) earned a berth in the 170-pound title match, while junior Matt Rowland (bottom photo) competed in the 152-pound championship bout. Jessen lost a 5-4 decision to Marmion's Riley DeMoss in the final, while Rowland lost 9-3 to Oak Park/River Forest's Walter White. Jessen finished the 2014-15 season with an overall record of 49-3. Rowland completed the season with a 47-3 record. All three of his losses came against White, who completed the season with a 36-0 record.

SIX MONTINI WRESTLERS won individual titles at the IHSA Class 2A individual state meet in Champaign. The Broncos who won state titles were: freshman Real Woods (in the 106-pound weight class), junior Dylan Duncan (132), senior Vincent Turk (145), senior Luke Fortuna (152), senior Xavier Montalvo (182) and senior Michael Johnson (285). The Broncos won their eighth consecutive IHSA Class 2A dual-meet team title on Feb. 29 in Bloomington. Montini beat Washington 34-25 in the championship dual meet.



Rams win a regional championship...

THE GLENBARD EAST BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM (above) won an IHSA regional championship on its home floor on May 27. The Rams defeated Downers Grove North 25-14, 25-21 in the regional final. Downers Grove North had beaten Glenbard East twice during the regular season. The regional victory propelled the Rams to the Oswego East Sectional. Glenbard East beat Benet Academy 28-26, 22-25, 25-22 in a high-energy sectional semifinal battle on May 29. The Rams advanced to the sectional final against Glenbard West on June 2. The powerful Hilltoppers defeated Glenbard East 25-18, 25-18. The Rams finished the season with an overall record of 33-6. Glenbard West went on to win the state title on June 6.



A season to remember...

Photos by Chris Fox

THE WILLOWBROOK BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM caught fire in the second half of the 2014-15 season, winning 15 straight games and claiming a share of the West Suburban Gold Conference championship. Three key members of the team (pictured above, left to right) were senior Kyle Rushing, senior Jake Bruns and junior Kevin Miller. The Warriors began their winning streak after losing in the championship game of Glenbard West's holiday tournament on Dec. 27, 2014. The Warriors' winning streak featured several narrow conference victories, including a 57-55 win over Leyden on Jan. 23, a 68-65 win over Proviso East on Jan. 24, a 76-74 overtime triumph over Addison Trail on Jan. 30 and a 64-63 win at Hinsdale South on Jan. 31. The Warriors rallied to beat Morton 80-78 on Feb. 6 to extend the winning streak to 12 games. The streak reached 14 following a wild 96-94 win over Proviso East on Feb. 17 in Villa Park. The Warriors closed out the conference season with a 67-62 home win over Leyden on Feb. 20. Willowbrook shared the conference title with Morton. Both teams finished the season with conference records of 9-3. The championship marked Willowbrook's first conference title in boys basketball since joining the West Suburban Gold Conference at the beginning of the 1986-87 school year. The Warriors' winning streak ended with a Feb. 25 loss at Hinsdale Central. Willowbrook's season ended when it lost its post-season opener to Downers Grove North on March 4. The Warriors finished the season with an overall record of 21-8. Sophomore Alonzo Verge, who was the team's leader or co-leader in scoring in 23 games, did not play in either of the team's last two losses. The team cited family reasons. Verge did not return to Willowbrook for the 2015-16 school year.

Police bring holiday cheer, gifts to local families

VILLA PARK—Santa Claus is very busy in the days leading up to Christmas, and he could always use a few extra 'elves' to help with delivering gifts. The Villa Park Police recently stepped up to help give gifts to local families who might not otherwise receive any this holiday season.

Members of the Villa Park Police Department and their families gathered at Walmart, 900 S. Route 83 on Dec. 23 with lists in hand. Accompanied by St. John's Lutheran Church and School of Lombard's comfort dog Eve, the group began shopping!

Soon, carts full of presents and wrapping paper, each guided by a Police Officer, were being checked out by patient Walmart employees. The operation inspired plenty of cooperation from local businesses: Store Manager Dan Buncik even donated a full cart of presents and bicycle on behalf of Walmart. Villa Park Ace Hardware generously loaned a truck to help transport all the presents.

Thanks to some generous help from an anonymous donor, the Villa Park Police have been helping spread cheer to local families for more than a decade. Tens of thousands of dollars worth of presents have been delivered just in time for Christmas.

This year, the Jolly Old Elf himself rode in a Police car to help deliver the toys, clothing and other presents for seven local families.

Villa Park to license tow services for police towing

VILLA PARK—The Village of Villa Park, in compliance with Public Act #099-0438, has adopted an ordinance to license towing services that provide towing for the Villa Park Police Department. The Public Act establishes a procedure for municipalities that use a tow rotation system for police tows: The Village of Villa Park does

use a tow rotation list and will now require criminal background checks of tow operators, mandatory IDOT training and other specific tow regulations. Towing service vendors interested in participating on the Villa Park tow rotation list can contact Kim Drury at the Villa Park Police Department: 630-592-6104

Willowbrook graduates 31 early Seniors awarded diplomas on December 16

WILLOWBROOK—Thirty-one Willowbrook students have been named as December graduates of the school.

Those students have met the requirements set by District 88 to earn a high school diploma and worked hard to complete those requirements early. They have demonstrated the skills and knowledge necessary to pursue a successful future and to be college and career ready.

The 31 early graduates are:

Breonna Brown; Ryan Christensen, Razan Elagha, Christian Ferrer, Cristian

Flores, Alan Gomez, Silvia Gonzalez, Kristina Grimes, Wendy Grote, Ashley Hernandez, Dillan Jones, Kiley Kelly, Sana Khatoon, Kaley Kiplinger, Bianca LoCascio, Melanie Martyniuk, Samantha Maslauskas, Kennisha Mason, Matthew McComb, Riley McFarlane, Thomas McManamon, Diana Mendoza, Paulina Penkauskaitė, Olivia Purcell, Jocelyn Rodriguez, Colleen Schmidt, Nathalie Sepulveda, Ahmed Shahab, Julia Smith, America Torres and Savanna Wells.

Willowbrook: Upcoming events

Jan. 4, 2016 - Institute Day (non-attendance day for students)

Jan. 5, 2016 - 7 p.m., Music Booster Club meeting

Jan. 6, 2016 - 9:25 a.m., Presentation about Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses; 7 p.m., Willowbrook Parent Organization (WPO) meeting

Jan. 11, 2016 - 6:30 p.m., District 88 Board of Education meeting at 2 Friendship Plaza in Addison

Jan. 11-15, 2016 - Freshmen course selection/interview

Jan. 13, 2016 - Report cards mailed home; 7 p.m., Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) meeting

Jan. 14, 2016 - 1:40 p.m., Early dismissal; 6 p.m., First in the Family Parent Night "Navigating the Road to College" Part 2; 6:30 p.m., Curriculum Showcase

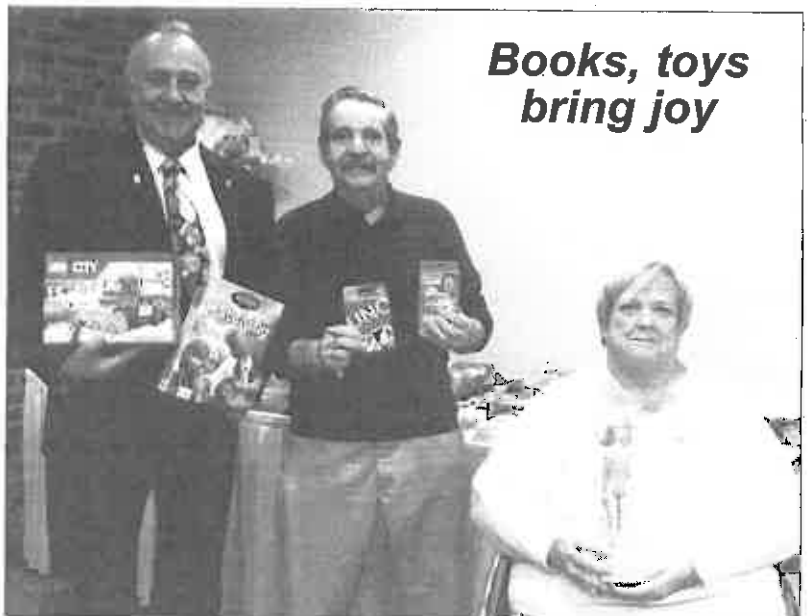
Jan. 15, 16 and 18, 2016 - Subway Classic

Jan. 16, 2016 - Speech Team Tournament at Willowbrook

Jan. 18, 2016 - No school (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)



Villa Park Walmart Store Manager Dan Buncik (second from right) and Walmart employees assisted Police Chief Bob Pavelchik (second from left) and other members of the Villa Park Police Department with its annual holiday gift shopping for local families.



York Township Supervisor John W. Valle, Villa Park Lion Rich Hamlin and Villa Park Lions President Marty Dumycz show off some of the donated books and toys gathered at the service club's Christmas Party. All items were given to York Township families with children for Christmas.

Payton O'Brien, 7, loses fight with cancer

By Dee Longfellow
For The Independent

You could almost hear the collective sigh of sadness across the entire community of Elmhurst as the news spread that Payton Harrison O'Brien, age 7, a member of second grade class at Hawthorne Elementary School, had lost his fight with cancer.

Besides being beloved by a city full of caring people, Payton was the cherished son of Brian and Laura, nee Dylla; loving brother of Bret, Walker, Bennett, Briley and Avery O'Brien; beloved grandson of Robert and Carol Dylla and Robert (Linda) and the late Lyn O'Brien; dear nephew of Robert (Sinead) and Kevin (Lauren) Dylla, Tara (Michael) Steffes and the late Bret O'Brien and cousin of Bobby, Kilian, Liam, Ronan, Berkley, Harper, London, Beckham, Robert, Briley and Sadie. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, December 19, 2015, at Visitation Catholic Church, Interment Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside.

In a statement provided to the funeral home, Payton's family thanked the community for their support over the past three years, especially to those who placed "We [Heart] Payton" signs in their yards.

"These signs were the idea of Katie Gallagher, a neighbor on Argyle," the family said. "They started on Argyle, and then spread far



Courtesy photo

Willowbrook senior Keawe Winstead (left) is pictured with Payton O'Brien, one of the athletes he coached at Elmhurst Gymnastics Center. Payton, 7, was diagnosed with osteosarcoma (an aggressive form of bone cancer) in February 2014. He and Keawe developed a special bond, and he has learned many life lessons from Keawe. Sadly, Payton lost his fight to cancer a few weeks ago.

Also in 2014, Payton was invited to throw the switch at the Christmas tree-lighting hosted by the Spring Road Business Association. He was invited this year as well, but his health wouldn't allow him to come out.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lurie Children's Foundation TeamRaiser, Attn: The Tribute Program of Lurie Children's, 225 East Chicago Avenue, Box 4, Chicago, IL 60611-2991. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or gibbonsfuneral-home.com

and wide. It brought a smile to Payton's face to see the signs and feel the support of so many."

The O'Brien's have announced their plans to bring their "We Heart Payton" sign inside their house on Payton's birthday, which is January 2, at 12 noon and asks that the community do the same thing as a step in the family's healing process. To learn more, visit foundation.luriechildrens.org/goto/paytonobrien.

The signs certainly did catch the community's attention and Payton became a local celebrity of sorts. On December 15, 2014, Payton was sworn in as an official Elmhurst firefighter by Elmhurst Mayor Steve Morley while Fire Chief Jeff Bacidore looked on. It took place as part of York High School's 7th annual Paint The Gym Purple event, which raises funds for Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society.

Women need to monitor cholesterol, too, doctor warns

ELMHURST — In the past, high cholesterol was considered to be a man's problem. But women are at risk as well. In fact, 56 million women in the U.S. have high cholesterol and many don't know it.

"Cholesterol is a lipid, or fat, that's needed for essential bodily processes like rebuilding cells," said Dhara Naik, DO, an internal medicine physician with Elmhurst Medical Associates. "Your liver produces almost 75 percent of the cholesterol in your body, with the rest coming from your diet."

In addition, there are different types of cholesterol: low density lipoprotein (LDL) and high-density lipoprotein (HDL).

HDL or "good" cholesterol makes your heart healthier by

carrying bad cholesterol to the liver, where it's broken down and eliminated. When you get your blood tested, you want your HDL (good) level to be above 50 mg/dL.

When your blood contains more LDL than HDL, or more "bad" than "good" cholesterol, LDL particles stay in the bloodstream. Excess LDL can then clog your arteries and make them hard, which is a risk factor for cardiovascular disease, heart attack or stroke. Your LDL level should be less than, or near, 100 mg/dL.

To keep your cholesterol in check, according to the American Heart Association,

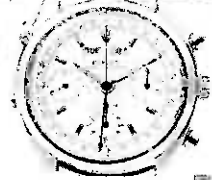


DR. DHARA NAIK

all women over 20 years old need a cholesterol test at least every five years — a total cholesterol score of less than 200 mg/dL is considered good. To help manage your cholesterol and stay in good health overall, eat a balanced diet, high in fiber, and incorporate fruits and vegetables. Also, exercise 30 minutes five times a week and don't smoke.

Dr. Naik's Elmhurst Medical Associates office is located at 183 Addison Ave. in Elmhurst. For more information, call (331) 221-0000 or visit EEHealth.org/Elmhurst/ElmhurstMedicalAssociates.

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Willowbrook names December recipient of 88's Best

Senior Eugene Ciesla honored

WILLOWBROOK—Eugene Ciesla has been named as Willowbrook's December recipient of 88's Best recognition for his academic accomplishments. Ciesla, a senior, was recognized during the Dec. 14 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

Ciesla's leadership in and out of the classroom has distinguished him as an outstanding member of the class of 2016. By the end of his high school career, Ciesla will have taken seven Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses and a multitude of Honors courses. He is an Illinois State Scholar, has earned Honor Roll status each semester while at Willowbrook and is an inductee of the National Honor Society, Civitas (Willowbrook's Social Studies Honor Society) and the National English, Math and World Language honor societies. He also serves as President of Tri-M (Willowbrook's Modern Music Masters Honor Society). Ciesla has been recognized with the Outstanding Freshman Award and the Human Relations Award as well for his contributions to his school and community.

Music is a passion for Ciesla, and he has played the saxophone since he was in fourth grade. He is a member of Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Pep Band and CenterStage Combo. He also leads and conducts the Willowbrook Marching Band as the Drum Major and received the distinguished Drum Major First Class Award for his exceptional knowledge and ability.

Beyond the classroom, Ciesla has been a member of the boys volleyball, boys track,

boys swimming and boys cross-country teams, earning Academic All-Conference recognition this year for cross-country. He also is a member of Blue Crew, Athletic Varsity Club, New Beginnings, MENTORS, Relay For Life, the Principal Leadership Team and the Superintendent Leadership Team and serves as an officer for Key Club. He has earned the rank of Eagle Scout as well, which is the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts of America.

"Ciesla is truly an awesome young man," said Liz Zwart, Willowbrook math teacher. "His strong academic performance is a result of his outstanding work ethic, enthusiasm, problem-solving endurance and keeping himself up to date on his assignments. He knows how to communicate about his conceptual understanding with his peers and is very good at making connections between concepts. He is a genuinely kind student, who goes out of his way to be welcoming and helpful to any student with whom he is assigned to a team. Ciesla's enthusiasm and positive outlook are contagious. He truly makes our class a fantastic community environment for everyone."

Willowbrook English Department Chair Brett Blair agreed.

"Ciesla is one of the kindest and most humble students I have had the pleasure to work with in my 17 years," Blair said. "He is academically, musically and athletically talented, and he never seems to waiver in any of those three attributes. I tease Ciesla about the fact he is an old soul, yet his maturity underscores his ability to converse with his peers and teachers. That skill will carry

him above others for the rest of his life, for he listens and speaks with people versus at them. He truly represents what

makes District 88 the best!"

Ciesla has applied to Loyola University Chicago, University of Wisconsin-Madison and

Southern Illinois University. He plans to major in business management, with a possible minor in music.



Willowbrook senior Eugene Ciesla (right) has been named as Willowbrook's December recipient of 88's Best recognition. He is pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause, courtesy photo



Cheering in the affair

Julia Parrilli leads the Montini Broncettes and Cheerleaders in the opening of the Golden Affair.



Next stop: America's Top Model!

Looking elegant in their dresses from Peaches Boutique are (from left) Taylor McCarthy, Lyndsey McDonnell and Desiree Hill. The Montini Parents Club hosts the fashion show every year, using juniors and seniors from the high school as models.

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IC Catholic Prep boys basketball team making progress

Reed stars for Knights in recent conference victory

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

The IC Catholic Prep boys basketball team was making strides heading into the holiday break.

The Knights closed out a stretch of three recent games against Metro Suburban Conference teams with a win against Wheaton Academy and a loss to Chicago Christian.

In a 57-44 win over Wheaton Academy, the Knights jumped out to a 23-8 lead after the first quarter and led 41-14 at halftime.

"That was our best game of the season," said IC Catholic Prep coach TJ Tyrrell.

Austin Reed led the Knights with 28 points, including 17 in the first quarter.

"Austin Reed was outstanding in that game," said Tyrrell. "The players got each other involved. Everybody was doing something. We had multiple players with two or more assists."

Will Lyles added 12 points, while Troy Burrows had seven points. Garrett Cheng had eight rebounds.

"Garrett Cheng and Matt Sutton are coming back from football and they both had solid outputs," said Tyrrell. "Will Lyles did a great job down low and then Austin was the catalyst for us with 28 points and he also had nine steals."

The Knights then dropped a 56-53 MSC crossover game

to Chicago Christian. The Knights trailed after the first quarter, but used a 24-16 second quarter to go up 36-29. Chicago Christian outscored the Knights 14-5 in the third quarter and 13-12 in the fourth quarter.

"Chicago Christian is 9-1," said Tyrrell. "It was a good game. They are in our sectional so there are playoff seeding implications from this game. We played a good half of basketball. Their size hurt us in the post. We struggled rebounding. We did a nice job running our offense and taking advantage of opportunities early on. We played a good game the night before against Wheaton Academy and we saw some fatigue set in on some guys, but overall it was a good effort."

Reed had 13 points, while Lyles finished with 10. Sutton had eight points. Reed hit three 3-pointers in the game. IC Catholic Prep dropped to 5-4 with the loss.

"Right now the most encouraging thing is we are seeing multiple players involved," said Tyrrell earlier last week. "Our bench is engaged from the start."

Earlier, IC Catholic Prep lost a MSC West game to Fenton.

"We struggled against Fenton," said Tyrrell. "We did not come in focused and might have overlooked Fenton a little bit. The good thing is we came back from that very disappointing loss and played well and won against Wheaton Academy and were up 41-14 at halftime against a very good team. We're up and down right now.

We're still trying to find our rhythm and get into a flow. I'm very optimistic after the games against Wheaton Academy and Chicago Christian. There were a lot of positives to take away from those two games. It's not how you start, it's how you finish the season. It's a process. We're going to keep working on areas we need to improve on. We made some mental mistakes against Chicago Christian where we turned the ball over in some untimely spots down the stretch. But these are all learning and teachable moments. Our mental game is much stronger and once we have some leader emerge, we will be in very good shape."

The Knights were concluding play earlier this week in their co-hosted IC Catholic Prep-Westmont tournament.

Willowbrook girls basketball team looking for consistency

Spada scores 20 points in recent game against Morton

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Willowbrook girls basketball coach Terry Harrell described his team as "up and down" heading into the holiday break.

The Warriors sported a 4-8 overall record and 2-4 mark in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play prior to playing in the Wheaton North tournament.

"We've lost some relatively close games," said Harrell. "We're playing good enough to get beat sometimes. We are coming well and we've had stretches where we play good defense. But we have lapses where we are inefficient for our- or five-minute stretches where we throw the ball away and we fall behind. Typically we'll come back from that but not all the way."

In action prior to the holiday break, the Warriors scored a 3-37 WSC Gold win over District 88 neighbor Addison Trail. Willowbrook led 14-8 after the first quarter and 23-21 at halftime. The Warriors used a 15-5 third quarter to pull away.

Kaylin Konrath led the Warriors with 18 points (6-for-8

shooting). She also had eight rebounds. Danielle Velasquez added 10 points, eight rebounds and five assists. Josie Zabran had nine points and seven rebounds, while Jocelyn Trausch had seven points, six rebounds and three assists. Alyssa Spada also had seven points. Willowbrook out rebounded Addison Trail 40-30 and held a 16-2 edge in second-chance points.

In a 73-68 WSC Gold loss to Hinsdale South, Willowbrook trailed 24-14 after the first quarter but led 33-31 at halftime. Hinsdale South outscored Willowbrook 19-8 in the third quarter. Willowbrook outscored Hinsdale South 27-23 in the fourth quarter.

Velasquez had 16 points and five assists. Konrath also had 16 points (4-for-4 free throws) and six rebounds. Zabran had 13 points and six rebounds, while Spada had 12 points and 11 rebounds. Willowbrook shot .727 from the free-throw line in a game that featured five lead changes and three ties.

"We scored really well against Hinsdale South," said Harrell. "They were hot from the 3-point line. They shot 50 percent from the 3-point line and 42 percent from the field. It was one of those games where they got hot and being hot was good enough. They beat us in two key stats, shooting

percentage and the score. We took 20 more shots than they did. They hit their shots. We've played some exciting games but haven't been able to close them out. We're improving on a regular basis, but we have to play a complete game and not make mistakes in these stretches. We're getting better. Our shooting percentage is up, our free-throw percentage is up and our turnovers are down. We just haven't been able to turn that into a winning streak."

Willowbrook also dropped a 48-46 WSC Gold game to Morton. The Warriors were stung by 28 turnovers. Morton scored 22 points off turnovers and held an 18-8 advantage on second-chance points.

Spada led the Warriors with 20 points (2 three-pointers; 4-for-4 free throws), five rebounds and five steals. Velasquez added 11 points (8-for-11 free throws) and five rebounds. Milena Sogura had six points.

Harrell said the team has received strong play, in particular, of late from Velasquez, Konrath and junior Grace Chantos.

"Danielle has played extremely well for us," said Harrell. "She played a lot for us as a sophomore and then tore her ACL and was out the second half of the season. She tore her ACL again just before the season last year. This is the first time she's played in more than a year-and-a-half. She's a

floor leader who handles the ball well."

Harrell noted Konrath was averaging 17 points per game in conference contests prior to the Morton game.

"Kaylin has helped us, particularly in the conference games," the coach said. "Teams are double- and triple-teaming Josie and Kaylin plays the other post and has taken advantage of that opportunity."

Chantos is helping out the Warriors in ways other than points per game. "Grace is averaging 3.5 assists per game," said Harrell. "She doesn't take a lot of shots, but she finds her teammates. We start four seniors and Grace. She's been doing a nice job."

Rebuilding year for Willowbrook girls gymnastics team

Warriors recently achieved season-high point total

By Mike Miazga
Correspondent

Willowbrook girls gymnastics coach Annette Nocek is in a unique position this season.

Nocek is rebuilding the Warriors' program almost from scratch on the heels of a mass graduation from a year earlier,

plus several returning gymnasts not being part of the program due to moving away or early graduation.

"We have 16 girls this year and 14 have never done gymnastics before," she said. "It's a total rebuilding year. Fourteen of the girls are completely new to the sport."

However, Nocek is thrilled with the girls she does have on the team. "They try really hard and they are great kids,"

she said. "We are trying to top our scores from meet to meet and not worry about winning and losing. We only have three girls on the freshman team and we've had to move some kids from the junior-varsity team up to the varsity. It's a learning year."

Nocek has seen progress thus far. "Before every meet we get

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into a huddle and I will ask them who is going to do something new today? Every hand goes up," she said. "They are learning and achieving. We are getting beat up at the varsity level score-wise, but the spirits are high. We're concentrating on other things than winning a meet."

Nocek told the team it would get treated to pizza if it broke a certain point barrier. That occurred recently in a meet against Hinsdale South.

"They sure did it," she said. "We try and keep it interesting in different ways. It helps keep the team moving forward."

The team is led by the likes of seniors Katherine Gibson and Jackie Bliss. "They are great leaders," said Nocek. "They are really good kids and both are doing a great job leading this group. They keep things moving and they help each other every day."

Willowbrook hosts senior night on Jan. 7 against Morton.

"Every meet the girls are doing something new," said Nocek. "They are doing a new skill or multiple skills on events. Our morale is staying up. The girls are staying focused and they are happy. A lot of these girls wish they had done gymnastics when they were little. We have three juniors and two seniors who have never done gymnastics before and decided to try it late in the game. They said they wished they would have started this a long time ago."

West Suburban S ymphony presents fusion2

HINSDALE -- Musicians from the West Suburban Symphony present "fusion2," a club-style show, on Saturday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m. at The Community House, 415 W. 8th St., Hinsdale. Five small groups of classically trained musicians will perform popular music in a casual setting, with West Suburban Symphony music director Peter Lipari serving as master of ceremonies.

The show features rock, bluegrass, classic jazz, blues, and tango music by string, brass, keyboard and percussion players, and a vocal medley of hits from *Les Miserables*, performed in costume with choreography. Performers include five of the Symphony's principal players and more than 20 additional musicians, primarily from the Symphony and its chorus.

The fusion2 production is the second of its kind; the first such show, held in January 2014, sold out and advance ticket purchases are recommended. Tickets are \$15 for general admission for all ages. They may be purchased in advance at 630-887-7464, at westsubsymphony.org, or by mail to West Suburban Symphony, P.O. Box 565, Hinsdale, IL 60522.

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and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is
further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the
purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale,
which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to
the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection.
Prospective bidders are admonished to check
the court file to verify all information. The suc-
cessful purchaser has the sole responsibility/
expense of evicting any tenants or other indi-
viduals presently in possession of the subject
premises. If this property is a condominium
unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclo-
sure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay
the assessments and the legal fees required
by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS
605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE
MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE
THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION
FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER
OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLI-
NOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT.
For information: Visit our website at <http://www.service.att-pierce.com>. Between 3 p.m. and
5 p.m. only - Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's
Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois
60602, Tel. No. (312) 372-2060. Please refer
to file #PA1500172 Plaintiff's attorney is not
required to provide additional information other
than that set forth in this notice of sale.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DUPAGE COUNTY - WHEATON, ILLINOIS
Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as
Trustee for Residential Accredited Loans, Inc.,
Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certi-
ficates, Series 2006-QA1
PLAINTIFF
VS.
Edgar L. Marquez; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

2015 CH 001194

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
8/24/2015, John Zaruba, the Sheriff of Du-
page County, Illinois will on 2/9/16 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 follow-
ing described real estate:

PIN 03-28-413-008
Improved with Single Family Home
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 111 E. Norman-
dy Drive
Addison, IL 60101

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid
by certified funds at the close of the auction;
The balance, including the Judicial sale fee
for Abandoned Residential Property Muni-
cipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the
rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof
of the amount paid by the purchaser not to
exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within
twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property
is subject to general real estate taxes, special
assessments, or special taxes levied against
said real estate and is offered for sale without
any representation as to quality or quantity of
title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in
"AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject
to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the
foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, pur-
chasers other than the mortgagees will be re-
quired to pay any assessment and legal fees
due under The Condominium Property Act,
765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common inter-
est community, purchasers other than mort-
gagees will be required to pay any assessment
and legal fees due under the Condominium
Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the
Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only
to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchas-
er shall have no further recourse against the
Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's
attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the
purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale,
which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to
the real estate after Confirmation of the sale.
The successful purchaser has the sole re-
sponsibility/expense of evicting any tenants
or other individuals presently in possession of
the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspec-
tion and Plaintiff makes no representation as
to the condition of the property. Prospective
bidders are admonished to check the Court
file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-
OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO
REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS
AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSES-
SION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE ACT.

For information: Examine the court file or
contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Asso-
ciates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road,
Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-
9876. Please refer to file number 14-15-10020.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DUPAGE COUNTY - WHEATON, ILLINOIS
Green Tree Servicing LLC
PLAINTIFF
VS.

Waclaw Kruk a/k/a Waclaw S. Kruk; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

14 CH 000964

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
11/4/2015, John Zaruba, the Sheriff of Du-
page County, Illinois will on 2/9/16 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 follow-
ing described real estate:

PIN 02-24-405-018
Improved with Single Family Home
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1846 W. Wood-

land Avenue
Addison, IL 60101

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid
by certified funds at the close of the auction;
The balance, including the Judicial sale fee
for Abandoned Residential Property Muni-
cipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the
rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof
of the amount paid by the purchaser not to
exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within
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is subject to general real estate taxes, special
assessments, or special taxes levied against
said real estate and is offered for sale without
any representation as to quality or quantity of
title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in
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to confirmation by the court.

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foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, pur-
chasers other than the mortgagees will be re-
quired to pay any assessment and legal fees
due under The Condominium Property Act,
765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common inter-
est community, purchasers other than mort-
gagees will be required to pay any assessment
and legal fees due under the Condominium
Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the
Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only
to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchas-
er shall have no further recourse against the
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15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE ACT.

For information: Examine the court file or
contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Asso-
ciates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road,
Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-
9876. Please refer to file number 14-13-24823.
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