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## Illinois manufacturing continues to lag

By Mark Fitton  
Illinois News Network

SPRINGFIELD — Noting some hard numbers from November, Illinois manufacturers say they're watching Springfield for decisions on taxes and spending as they keep battling in a worldwide marketplace.

While Illinois gained a few jobs in November, they weren't in manufacturing.

Although the state added about 400 jobs in November, the unemployment rate rose 0.3 percentage points to 5.7 percent, according to the Illinois Department of Employment Security. That compares to a national rate of 5.0 percent for the same period.

Jeff Mays, director of IDES, said the increase in the unemployment rate was attributable to more people entering the labor force to look for work.

And while the department noted all non-farm employment was up year-to-year with a job gain of about 35,700, manufacturing jobs continued to lag.

Manufacturing showed a year-to-year job loss of about 12,800 jobs.

"Illinois' average job growth since the employment recovery began in January 2010 remains below the national average, and employment will not recover from the 2007-2009 recession until January 2017," according to IDES analysts.

"The manufacturing and mining industries continue to hemorrhage middle class jobs, while our neighboring states continue to grow," said Jim Schultz, director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

"We need to significantly reform our state's business climate if we want to reverse the flow of manufacturing jobs out of Illinois and

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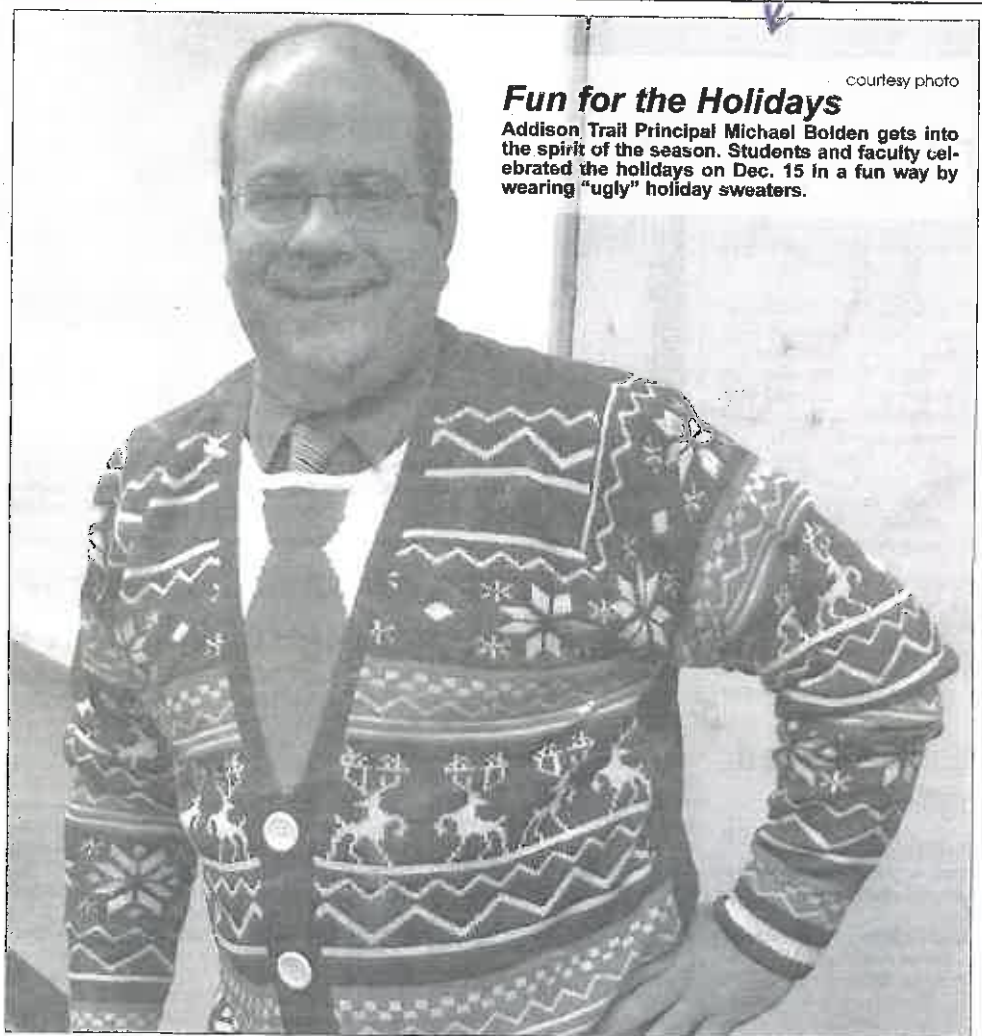
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## Fun for the Holidays

Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden gets into the spirit of the season. Students and faculty celebrated the holidays on Dec. 15 in a fun way by wearing "ugly" holiday sweaters.

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start growing again," Schultz said.

While Illinois manufacturers certainly compete with other Midwestern makers, they also compete with manufacturers in countries including Mexico and China, he said.

The slow-growing economy also means small- and medium-sized manufacturers that survived The Great Recession are hesitant to add jobs unless they know demand will likely sustain those positions, said Kim Maisch, Illinois director for the National Federation of Independent Business.

"It's not that things are horrible, but many small business owners are very afraid to put on jobs they may not need. They don't want to get caught like that again after they've seen so many fellow business owners go out of business," Maisch said.

Manufacturers' concerns about the economy may be well founded.

"Measures of consumer attitudes and sentiment have weakened in recent months," the state's Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, noted in its November report.

There's some fear the nation's manufacturing sector is already in recession and, "in Illinois, many face the prospects of higher property taxes as well as the prospect that any state budget solution may necessitate higher state income taxes, while in Cook County they will face a sharp increase in sales and a myriad of other taxes," the commission reported.

## Addison Trail: Upcoming events

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

Jan. 7, 2016 - 7 p.m., FAFSA Financial Aid Night

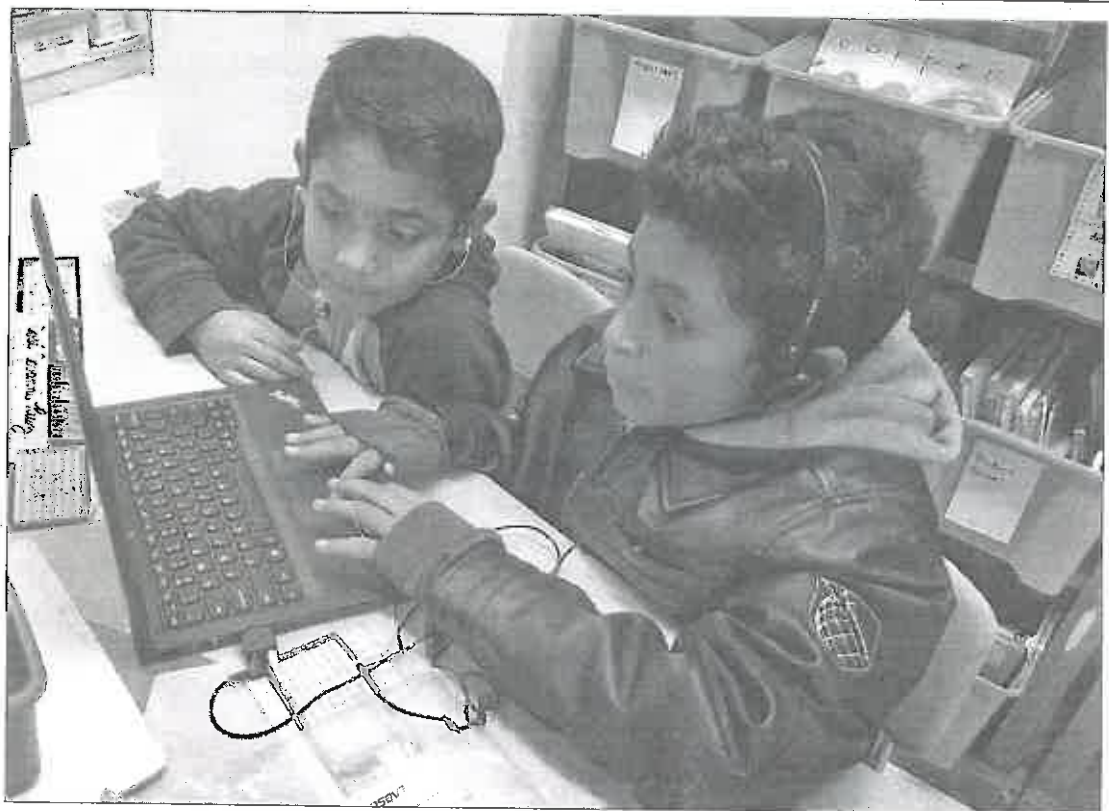
Jan. 11, 2016 - 6 p.m., Theatre Booster Club meeting; 6:30 p.m., District 88 Board of Education meeting at 2 Friendship Plaza in Addison; 7 p.m., Music Booster Club meeting

Jan. 11-15, 2016 - Career and Technical Education (CTE) Week

Jan. 13, 2016 - 7 p.m., Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) meeting

Jan. 14, 2016 - 1:40 p.m., Early dismissal; Course Information Night

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



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## Computing the future

Students in Ms. Heggaton's 5th grade class at Lincoln School were excited to participate in Hour of Code activities on December 11. Students worked in pairs using Blockly to program functions on popular tablet games. The Hour of Code is nationwide initiative to introduce students to computer science and programming.

## A.G. Madigan says fantasy sports gaming illegal; however, pending legislation could change that

By Mark Fittin  
Illinois News Network

SPRINGFIELD — Residents of Illinois who play fantasy sports contests on sites including FanDuel and DraftKings might want to think twice before they play again.

Attorney General Lisa Madigan issued an opinion Wednesday in which she says the contests on such sites constitute illegal gambling under Illinois law as it now stands.

Further, she provided lawyers for both sites copies of her opinion and let them know her office expects gaming sites to amend their terms of use to include Illinois as one of the states whose residents are not eligible to participate.

Attempts to reach those companies' lawyers late Wednesday afternoon were not successful.

Although Madigan examines several questions in her opinion, she also says the fantasy sites stance that their contests are matters of skill, and not

chance, aren't terribly relevant in Illinois because the state's criminal code "prohibits the playing of both 'games of chance or skill for money.'"

That doesn't mean Illinoisans will forever be forbidden from indulging in the games.

Madigan wrote that Illinoisan residents should be considered ineligible "unless and until the Illinois General Assembly passes legislation specifically exempting daily fantasy sports contests."

Rep. Mike Zalewski, D-Riverside, has just such legislation pending in House Bill 4323, the Fantasy Contests Act. State Sen. Kwame Raoul, D-Chicago, is sponsoring the legislation in the Senate as Senate Bill 2193.

Zalewski on Wednesday said Madigan's opinion provides resolution to a lack of clarity that he and other legislators have recognized.

"It's clear from my perspective that what we're to do in the General Assembly (is) to reconcile our law to make sure

that players are protected with strong consumer protections but also allow them to play this popular game in Illinois," Zalewski said.

Zalewski noted the attorney general referenced his bill in her opinion, which she sent to the chairman and vice chairman of the House Judiciary Committee for criminal law.

"It's a very easy change to the law that we can make with a couple strokes of the pen," Zalewski said. "I'm going to make it my goal to try to do that in the spring session, and we're going to go from there."

Zalewski has said the legislation would:

Define what has been considered daily fantasy sports in Illinois and ensure that it is not gambling under the state's criminal laws.

Bar anyone younger than 18 from playing.

Establish "best practices" for the industry, including limits on how often a person can play, letting the sites check players for child-support liens and

establishing audit standards.

In fantasy sports, participants open a real-money account with the game operators and — for sports such as baseball and basketball — can play daily if they wish. The fantasy teams are composed of actual athletes who are "drafted" for the fantasy match.

Operators such as DraftKings and FanDuel keep a certain amount or "fee" for administering the entire enterprise.

Both the House and Senate versions of the Fantasy Contests Act remain in committee in their respective chambers.

The legislation is expected to get some pushback from gambling opponents, including Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems.

Anita Bedell, that group's executive director, has said it opposes the expansion of gambling in the state and considers the act a major expansion. — Illinois News Network reporter Greg Bishop contributed to this report.



## Payton O'Brien, 7, loses fight with cancer

By Dee Longfellow  
For The Independent

**Y**ou 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



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**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.**

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

The O'Briens 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](http://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.

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](http://gibbonsfuneral-home.com)

## 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](http://EEHealth.org/Elmhurst/ElmhurstMedicalAssociates).

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# Addison Trail names December recipient of 88's Best

## Senior John Scorza honored

ADDISON—John Scorza has been named as Addison Trail's December recipient of 88's Best recognition for his academic accomplishments. Scorza, a senior, was recognized during the Dec. 14 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

By the end of his high school career, Scorza will have taken 11 Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses and 11 Honors courses. He also has earned straight As each year during his time at Addison Trail.

"Scorza found ways to encourage his classmates to participate by asking them questions and helping them build upon and further develop their responses," said Amy Ferraro, Addison Trail English Department Chair. "His curiosity, willingness to engage in class and witty nature made him a joy to teach and work with."

Addison Trail English teacher Jim Perusich agreed.

"Scorza has the uncanny ability to shift from a rather intense, focused and diligent goal-seeker to a laidback, amiable young man, who knows when to turn his passion for improvement from 'on' to 'off'

to 'overdrive,'" Perusich said.

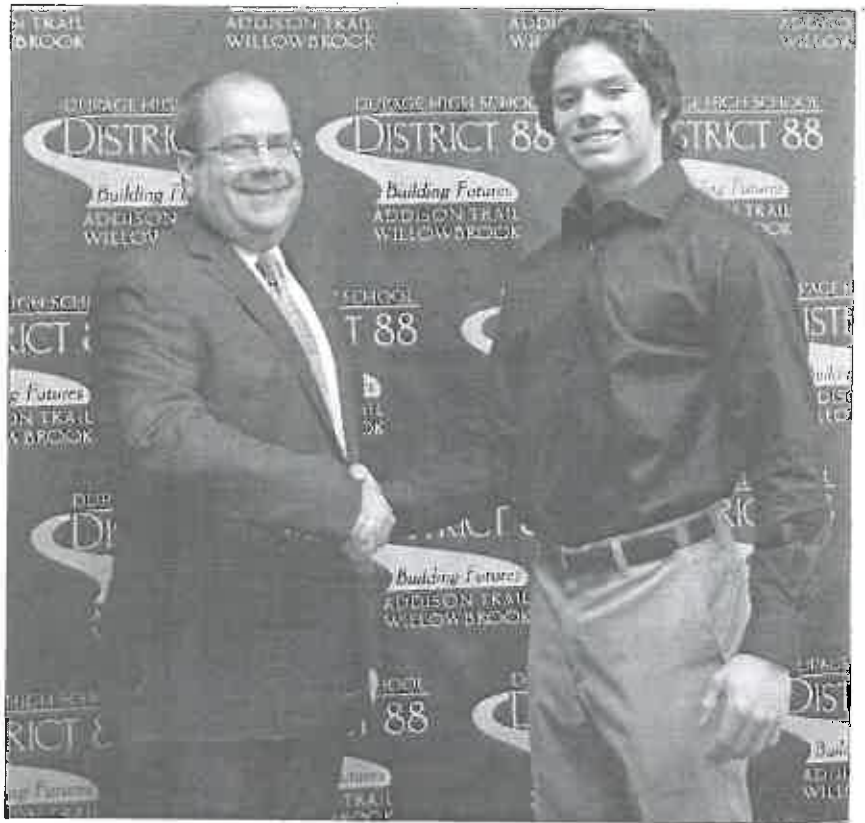
Scorza also participates in many extracurricular activities. He has played football for three of his four years at Addison Trail and serves as Vice President of the Lettermen Club. He also is a PE Leader and a Blazer Ambassador and is a member of the National Honor Society, Math Team, Academic Team, Psychology Club, Science Olympiad and Pay It Forward.

Scorza dedicates much of his time to community service as well through various organizations such as Feed My Starving Children, Relay For Life, Park Pride Cleanup Days and Toys for Tots. He also volunteers through his church and is a math tutor.

Addison Trail Head Football Coach and special education teacher Paul Parpet Jr. said Scorza has been a tremendous asset to the football team.

"It's young men like Scorza whom you don't want to miss out on the opportunity to coach!" Parpet said. "He is an outstanding individual."

Scorza has applied to many universities, including The University of Iowa, University of Michigan, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and University of Wisconsin-Madison. He plans to major in actuarial science.



Addison Trail senior John Scorza (right) has been named as Addison Trail's December recipient of 88's Best recognition. He's pictured with Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden.

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## Montini Catholic boasts 23 Illinois State Scholars

Montini Catholic High School Principal Maryann O'Niell recently announced that 23 Montini Catholic students from the graduating class of 2016 have been recognized as Illinois State Scholars. They include (names are listed alphabetically, not as pictured): Kevin Brachmann, Amy Bukovsky, Michael Cahill, Emily Cochrane, Warren Dawes, Faith Donner, Duncan, Matthew Ernat, Robert Gannon, Matthew Kaefer, Charles Kash, Jacqueline Kelly, Lyndsey McDonnell, Kimberly Meifert, Julia Para, Lauren Para, Matthew Ratajczyk, Gianna Salzbrunn, Luke Sheppard, Tobias Slatner, Lucas Trojanowski, Jack Westerkamp and Sofia Yunez.



# SPORTS

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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 all are 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 scoring well and we've had stretches where we play good defense. But we have lapses where we are inefficient for four- 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 53-37 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.

## 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,

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."

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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## Last-second shot...

SENIOR DANIELLE VELASQUEZ (left) of the Willowbrook girls basketball team smiles after making a 3-point shot at the end of the fourth quarter of Saturday's West Suburban Gold Conference game against Downers Grove South. Velasquez's 3-point shot tied the score at 57-57, triggering a four-minute overtime period. The intended play in the closing seconds of the fourth quarter called for Velasquez to pass the ball to a teammate. The play didn't materialize as planned, forcing Velasquez to launch a desperation shot from the top of the key that sailed through the net. The photo on the right shows (left to right) Velasquez, freshman Hanna Konrath and senior Alyssa Spada reacting to the shot. The visiting Mustangs outscored the Warriors 8-6 in overtime to pull out a 65-63 victory in Villa Park. Spada scored a team-high 17 points for the Warriors. Senior Josie Zabran added 16 points. Velasquez scored nine points before fouling out during the overtime period. Hanna Konrath, junior Milena Sogura and senior Kalya Konrath each scored seven points for the Warriors, who fell to 6-12 overall and 2-5 in conference play. The Warriors' overall record slipped to 6-13 following Monday's 58-51 non-conference loss at South Elgin.



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## County asks residents to sign up for Smart911 service

DuPage County officials are asking residents to sign up for Smart911—a free, confidential service that allows users to create a profile that is activated in participating dispatch centers when the user dials 9-1-1.

According to information provided by the county, the electronic safety profile provides essential household information about a user's family members, home, pets and vehicles. The information will display automatically on the 9-1-1 call taker's screen when users make an emergency call from a landline or cell phone. The service is private and secure, and users control what information is in their profile.

According to DuPage County Emergency Telephone Service Board Chairman Gary Grasso, more than 70 percent of 9-1-1 calls come from mobile phones. "That cell phone's exact location can't always be determined by GPS from a cell tower," stated Grasso in a release issued by DuPage County. "Smart911's enhanced service displays the listed address of the mobile phone in the profile and can track the call via GPS, even if the call is disconnected," added Grasso.

According to the release, Smart911 can be a valuable tool when searching for missing children and assisting unresponsive callers who

are unable to speak due to a medical condition. The service can also help first responders locate and account for family members, pets and essential documents.

More than 25,000 families have registered to use Smart911 since the service launched in DuPage County in June 2011.

The information that can be included in a Smart911 profile includes:

- Family members' ages, photos or physical descriptions;
- Information about a home, including address, utility shutoff valves and keyholders;
- Medical information, such as medications,

medical conditions or disabilities;

- Special considerations like language restrictions, restraining orders or rescue notes.

The cost of Smart911 software in DuPage County is supported through the 9-1-1 surcharge on phone bills. The service is available to anyone who lives in, works in or visits DuPage County. The information provided by users is confidential and available only to emergency responders during a 9-1-1 call. To learn more, visit the DuPage County Emergency Telephone Service Board Web page at [www.dupageco.org/smart911](http://www.dupageco.org/smart911). To register, visit [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com).



## Award presentation...

Photos by Chris Fox

DePAUL UNIVERSITY'S Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development recently named the Village of Villa Park as the winner of the 2015 Municipal Development Award for Trail Programming and Implementation. The village won the award for its enhancements to the Illinois Prairie Path. The Chaddick Institute's Laurie Marston (above, center) presented the award at Monday's Villa Park Village Board meeting. She is pictured with Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department Director Greg Gola (left) and Dave Elliott (right), the foreman of the village's parks and recreation department. The Chaddick Institute has been presenting the award for more than 10 years to recognize innovation and leadership in Chicagoand communities. The award has a different theme each year. The 2015 award, which was announced in December, focused on communities' utilization of trails. Villa Park was honored for its enhancements to its portion of the Illinois Prairie Path. The recent improvements include the replacement of path lighting with energy-efficient LED bulbs and the installation of a new drinking fountain just north of the path near Ardmore Avenue. The Chaddick Institute also noted the many community events that take place on Villa Park's portion of the path.

## Villa Park Fire Department offers winter safety advice

The Villa Park Fire Department issued a recent release to provide some tips to residents regarding winter fire safety.

"The winter season is upon us, and while heating appliances and fireplaces make life comfortable, they are also a major cause of home fires and other problems," advised the department.

"Portable heaters should be Underwriters Laboratory (UL) listed and shut off automatically if tipped over. Keep them in good condition with no frayed wires or accumulations of dust. Never leave small children unattended in the same room with a portable heater, even for a minute. Keep all combustible items, including newspapers, bed linens, furniture, and draperies at least three feet away. Plug any heating appliance directly into a wall outlet. Do not use extension cords."

The department's statement about winter fire safety also included reminders about fireplace safety.

According to the statement, every fireplace should have a sturdy screen across the front to prevent embers from flying or logs from rolling out.

"Keep combustible items, including extra firewood, at least three feet from the fireplace opening," the statement advised.

"If you use man-made logs in your fireplace, follow package directions carefully; don't attempt to break a log up. Never use gasoline, kerosene, or any other type of flammable liquid to start a fireplace fire."

Additionally, the statement advised residents to avoid burning gift wrap, trash, or other debris in a fireplace.

"Burning these items can create and release toxic fumes or cause excessive heat that can damage the fireplace. When clearing ashes from the fireplace, be sure to put them into a metal container with a lid—never into a cardboard box or paper bag. Embers are capable of smoldering for days with disastrous results."

The fire department's winter safety advice instructed residents to have their furnaces or boilers serviced at least annually by a qualified technician.

"Replace filters monthly and keep combustible materials at least three feet away," the statement continued. "The chimney should be cleaned by a qualified professional at least once a year—more if it's used extensively."

"Anytime we add any type of heat to our homes, the risk of uncontrolled fire increases. Stay warm and safe this winter season!"



## Villa Park VFW post holds Gyros for Heroes event on Saturday

Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2801 will host a Gyros for Heroes fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16. The event will take place at the post, which is located at 39 E. St. Charles Road.

"In May 2012 the post suffered a catastrophic fire," stated Thomas Forbes, the post's quartermaster, in a release promoting the fundraiser. "While thankfully no one was seriously injured, the damage to our post was extensive and we were closed for a year. The past three years have seen us reopen with an almost completely renovated and rebuilt home. The only thing left for us to do is to rebuild our main kitchen and replace the outmoded and damaged equipment that the

insurance did not cover. To this end, we will have a Gyros for Heroes event on Jan. 16."

According to Forbes, gyros sandwiches will be available for \$6 at the fundraiser. First responders from Villa Park and Elmhurst who attend the event will receive a free sandwich.

"To further help our local first responders, the post has pledged to donate \$1 for each fish dinner we sell at our weekly Fish Fry and More during Lent (each Friday between Feb. 12-March 25)," added Forbes. "Those funds will be used to help them fulfill their need for specialized gear to help them serve the public."

The post's Fish Fry and More takes place each Friday from 5:30-8 p.m.

## Villa Park Library holds open houses to obtain public feedback

The Villa Park Public Library Board of Trustees is seeking public input and feedback on various building option considerations. The library board will host open houses on three upcoming Mondays this year—Jan. 18, Feb. 15 and Apr. 18. The open houses will take place from 1-3 p.m. and from 7-9 p.m. on each of the three days. The library is located at 305 S. Ardmore Ave.

At each open house, library board members and library staff will join architects to share information about the space and service needs at the library.

A facility analysis of the library building was completed during the past year as part of the library's 2014 strategic plan. The analysis

identified major repairs, which should be completed over the next five years. In order to address these needs, as well as the need for additional space for facilities and parking, the library board contracted with Williams Architects of Itasca. Williams Architects is assisting the board in evaluating options for improving or replacing building systems, improving library space and enhancing services to patrons.

Any building project will require a referendum to provide the funding needed.

For information about the open houses or the proposed renovation and/or expansion project, contact Villa Park Library Director Sandra Hill at 630-834-1164, ext. 111.

## Questions? Comments?

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## Satellite library at Jefferson Middle School opens this week

Beginning this week, the Villa Park Public Library will hold a satellite library at Jefferson Middle School each Thursday afternoon through April 28. Jefferson Middle School is located at 255 W. Vermont St., Villa Park. Visitors can enter through the school's main doors.

The satellite library begins Thursday, Jan. 14, from noon to 2 p.m. The normal hours will be 3-5 p.m. on most upcoming Thursdays. The hours will be noon to 2 p.m. on March 3. The satellite library will be closed on March 31.

The satellite library is geared toward families and children. Guests can check out books, movies, playaways and books on compact discs, including adult titles.

To facilitate delivery of materials to Jefferson Middle School, students can

complete a material request slip, give it to their English Language Arts teacher and pick up the items at Jefferson.

The library is also offering winter reading programs for children and adults. Both programs run through Feb. 29. The youth program—Read to Succeed—is for children in eighth grade and lower. Kids who complete nine hours of reading will receive prizes and be entered into a grand-prize drawing.

The adult program—Elect2Read—is open to high school students and adults. Participants can read fiction or non-fiction, download an e-book, or listen to an audio book. They can then fill out a ballot and turn it in for a chance to win a prize.

For more information, call the library at 630-834-1164.

## Honoring Sinatra...

THE VILLA PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Frank Sinatra's birth on Saturday, Jan. 23. Vocalist Peter Oprisko (right) will perform some of Sinatra's popular songs at the library in a show that begins at 8:30 p.m. Oprisko, who describes himself as a Sinatraophile, will sing an array of the legendary entertainer's hits. Sinatra was born on Dec. 12, 1915. He died in 1998. Registration is required to attend the event at the library, which is located at 305 S. Ardmore Ave. For more information, call 630-834-1164, or visit the library's Web site at [www.vppl.info](http://www.vppl.info). Oprisko, who is based in the Chicago area, tours the country, giving about 300 performances per year. The versatile singer can deliver a variety of custom shows that can be tailored to a specific event or venue. Oprisko's shows pay tribute to several of the 20th Century's most revered pop singers, including Sinatra. For more about Oprisko, visit his Web site at [peteroprisko.com](http://peteroprisko.com).



## Fourth-quarter rally...

Above photos by Chris Fox

THE WILLOWBROOK BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM squared off against Downers Grove South in Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game in Villa Park. The Mustangs defeated Willowbrook 70-57 in Villa Park. Downers Grove South, which held a 39-24 halftime lead, led the Warriors 64-49 with less than three minutes to play. Willowbrook then scored six straight points in a span of less than 30 seconds to cut the lead to 64-55. The above left photo shows sophomore Sikander Zafar driving to the hoop for a basket that dropped the Mustangs' lead to 64-51. Zafar, who was fouled on the play, made the ensuing free throw to complete the 3-point play. Seconds later, senior Billy Degnan (right) launched and sank a 3-point shot that reduced Downers Grove South's lead to 64-55 with about two minutes remaining. The Mustangs held the Warriors scoreless over the next 90 seconds on their way to the victory. Willowbrook dropped to 4-8 overall and 0-4 in conference play. Sophomore Ethan Schuermer scored a team-leading 17 points for the Warriors. Zafar added 12 points and 10 rebounds. Junior Freddie Clay contributed 10 points and five assists, while Degnan and junior Isaac Young scored eight and six points, respectively.

## Villa Park information regarding snow and ice control on streets

The Village of Villa Park provided this information and list of arterial streets. For more information, call the public works department at 630-834-8505.

The Village of Villa Park's Public Works Department is responsible for snow and ice control on all streets within the corporate limits, except for North Avenue, Roosevelt Road and Route 83, which are maintained by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The public works department's snow plowing operations start upon the accumulation of the first 2 inches of snow. Refer to the list (below), which indicates the arterial streets. No parking is permitted on these streets after a snowfall of 2 inches or more until after the storm has ended and all the snow route streets have been completely cleared. Violators will be subject to ticketing and towing.

The village has revised the salting policy for secondary streets to conserve costs related to labor, equipment and materials. The village will no longer routinely salt secondary streets, and snow plowing of secondary streets will

begin after the accumulation of 4 inches of snow or greater. Secondary streets will still be plowed during normal working hours if possible. Secondary stop intersections will be salted on an as-needed basis. We urge motorists to use additional caution when navigating streets. All residents are located within two blocks of a main arterial street that will be plowed and salted for safe travel. When snow accumulation is predicted, please keep garbage cans 4 feet back from the curb to eliminate or prevent garbage spills.

In the case of a major storm, when snowfall is predicted to exceed 8 inches, it may only be possible to keep a center lane open on secondary streets for emergency vehicles until the snowfall stops. On-street parking is the major factor preventing effective snow removal. Therefore, the village is enlisting the residents' cooperation in planning ahead to remove their cars from the street when 2 inches or more of snowfall occurs. This is important so streets can be opened for residents' use and emergency vehicle use as quickly as possible.

## ARTERIAL STREETS

These arterial streets and highways are those that are cleared first by snow-plowing crews. Villa Park residents are advised to use these routes in preference to other local streets.

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SUNSET	Lincoln	Harvard
PLEASANT	Westwood	Westmore
VERMONT	Westmore	Villa
PLYMOUTH	Westmore	Villa
ST. CHARLES	Westmore	Route 83
SCHOOL	Addison	Ardmore
HIGHLAND	Ardmore	Route 83
WASHINGTON	Addison	Route 83
MADISON	Addison	Route 83
JACKSON	Addison	Summit
WESTMORE	Terrace	North Avenue
ADDISON	St. Charles	Sidney
HARVARD	St. Charles	Jackson
ARDMORE	North Avenue	13th Street
SUMMIT	Kenilworth	Harrison
VILLA	North Avenue	Roosevelt

## DSCC receives grant for new technology

LOMBARD — The DuPage Senior Citizens Council (DSCC) has been awarded a \$24,500 grant from the Alfred Bersted Foundation, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee, officials said last week. This grant will help DSCC purchase new computer technology allowing compliance with new regulations.

"The generous support of the Alfred Bersted Foundation will help us replace our old, outdated computers that run slowly and are unable to run new or updated software," said DSCC Executive Director Marilyn Krolak. "By supporting the purchase of new computer technology, the Foundation is helping DSCC increase our efficiency, increase our capacity, and better serve DuPage County seniors in need."

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### 'Jesus Christ Superstar' to be winter musical

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(From back to front) Addison Trail senior Michael Bellino (Jesus Christ) and senior Cab Callaway (Judas Iscariot) rehearse a scene from the school's upcoming winter musical, "Jesus Christ Superstar."

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## SPORTS

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## Addison Trail boys basketball team splits pair of games

## Blazers girls gymnastics team making progress

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys basketball team split a pair of recent games with Fenton and Proviso East.

In a 68-39 non-conference win over Fenton, Addison Trail held its opponent to single-digit scoring in each of the first three quarters.

Colten Noel led the Blazers with 14 points. Stevan Jones added nine points, while Jack Kalbas and Eric Grygo each had eight points. Kalbas had 2 three-pointers. Ryan Zygowicz, Grygo and Michael Williams each had six rebounds. Nick Conrad had four assists, while Jones had five steals. Noel blocked two shots.

In a 65-52 West Suburban

Conference Gold Division loss to Proviso East, after playing to a 13-13 first-quarter tie, Addison Trail was down 27-24 at halftime and 46-40 after three quarters.

Williams led the Blazers with 24 points on 8-for-11 shooting (6-for-7 from the free-throw line and 2-for-2 from the 3-point line). Grygo added 13 points, while Noel had six points. Grygo also had 10 rebounds, while Noel had six rebounds and Williams pulled in five rebounds. Kalbas had five assists, while Grygo and Williams each had two steals. Grygo had two blocked shots.

Addison Trail was 8-5 overall through its first 13 games. Grygo was leading the team in scoring at 11.0 points per game. Williams was averaging 7.4 points, while Kalbas was averaging 6.9 points and Noel was averaging 6.6 points. Zygowicz was averaging 5.2 points. Grygo was the team's leading rebounder at 7.5 per

game. Noel was averaging 4.8 rebounds and Williams was averaging 4.3 rebounds.

Kalbas was tops in assists with 35. Conrad had 33. Grygo had a team-high 19 steals, while Conrad had 15. Grygo also was tops in blocks with 13.

Kalbas was leading the team in 3-pointers made with 12. Zygowicz had 11 threes. Zach Novak was the team's top free-throw shooter at .727. Williams was second at .714.

## Addison Trail girls gymnastics

The Addison Trail girls gymnastics team has made steady progress this season.

The Blazers opened their schedule scoring 117.6 points at the Glenbard West quad. Addison Trail then scored 119.550 against Glenbard South in a dual meet and followed that up with a 126.20 effort in a West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet

against Downers Grove South.

At the Hershey invitational, Addison Trail recorded a 125.025 score. The Blazers followed that up with a 126.175 score at their own Tumbleland invitational.

"Both invites were great finishes," said Addison Trail coach Kyle Padera.

Padera has been pleased with the team's consistency of late as well as the way it has rallied around injured teammates. "Right now we are improving on consistency," he said. "I like that girls are stepping up to fill spots voided by injured girls. It shows our willingness

to make ourselves uncomfortable for the good of the team."

Padera, who noted the team is strongest on floor and beam right now, lauded the recent efforts of Kennedy O'Neill. "Kennedy was showing some true competitive power," he said. "She injured her elbow on her beam dismount at the Tumbleland invite and hopefully will return to form soon."

Padera is looking forward to seeing his team perform over the remainder of the season. "I am pleased with how we have improved so far and I hope to see us improve even further," he said.

## Fenton boys basketball team working through key injury

## Bison wrestling team defeats Glenbard South to move to 13-3

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

A recent six-game stretch was not kind to the Fenton boys basketball team.

The Bison dropped a Metro Suburban Conference West Division game to Riverside-Brookfield and lost a non-conference game to Addison Trail. Between those two games was a 1-3 showing at the Plano tournament.

At Plano, the Bison lost to Lisle, defeated Coal City, lost to Morris and lost to Indian Creek.

"The long and short of it is we got pretty banged up at Plano," said Fenton coach Josh Payton.

Payton noted Fenton lost leading scorer Bryan Larsen to injury in the first game against Lisle. "Bryan Larsen has been our anchor and our best player," he said. "He took a charge and got a split over his eye. He got stitches and had a concussion. Being without your No. 1 guy has been tough."

Payton said Larsen was slated to return to practice last week after being sidelined since Dec. 23.

Fenton was slowed by another outside force at Plano—a leaky gym. "We ended up not playing Morris until 10 or 10:30

at night and then had to come back and play Indian Creek the next day at 12:15 p.m. We were back and forth to Plano twice in 13 or 14 hours. That's the kids being on the bus a total of four hours, sleeping and then going back there. It didn't help us."

Despite the 1-5 skid dropping the club to 5-8 overall through mid-last week, Payton sees plenty of opportunities for improvement in the games ahead. "We want to come back strong and make a play in the conference," he said. "There are still a lot of good prospects out there and some good opportunities for wins. We still have the bulk of our conference games left. There is plenty of time to cure some of these ills and make a push and be a good quality basketball team. We just have to go out there and pull it all together."

Payton was pleased with numerous players who stepped up over the holidays. "We've been able to get some different guys a lot of minutes lately," he said.

Nick Schaub had 15 points against Addison Trail. "Nick will develop into a nice player for us," said Payton. "He stepped up his game and got some good minutes."

Joe Andrews also has been active for the Bison. "Joe continues to help us," said Payton. "He leads us in rebounding and points in the paint and has a

## Schmelter leading the way for Addison Trail girls bowling team

## Coach Gilliam pleased with direction program is heading

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Addison Trail girls bowling coach Steve Gilliam has seen progress both on the team and individual ends as the Blazers head into the home stretch of the season.

"We don't have any wins, but we are improving," said Gilliam. "The girls work hard."

On the individual front, Molly Schmelter was ranked No. 8 in the West Suburban Conference in average through late last week with a 169.

"Molly has had some great finishes," said Gilliam.

Schmelter finished in the top five in high game at the West Aurora tournament in late December with a 218.

"Molly is working on ironing some things out with her game," said Gilliam. "She is going to do very well (in the postseason). She has a great shot at it."

Dinorah Cantu ranked 35th in the conference with a 140 average. Susana Silva, Kaitlin Martinez and Anaiza Roman also have contributed for the Blazers.

Gilliam noted the team has had several

individuals of late earn personal bests, including Laura Gamble's 148 personal-record high game.

"The girls are getting better," said Gilliam. "We have girls on the JV team who are in their first year as bowlers."

Team chemistry continues to be another rallying point for the Blazers. "It's a really fun group," said Gilliam. "They are fun to be around and they enjoy being around each other. They are fun and they want to do well. That's great to see as a coach."

Gilliam said wins and losses as a team are secondary right now. "We want to do our best and let the chips fall as they may," he said. "We want to have fun, do our best and improve our games."

Gilliam pointed out the Blazers are done no favors competing in the tough WSC. "A bright spot for us is we started with a 1,900 series as a team and now we are up to 2,200," he said. "The problem is other teams in the conference are at 2,500, 2,600 and 2,700. These teams have very good bowlers. They don't have just one, they have four or five. But we are getting better. The girls are striving for personal bests and are improving."

Addison Trail returns to action Saturday at the Fenton invitational at WoodDale Bowl in Addison.

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all are courtesy photos

### Willowbrook hosts annual Alumni Day

WBHS graduates held Alumni Day on Jan. 4 to provide an opportunity for about 60 alumni from the past five years to visit and reconnect with the school. (top left): Alumni Mike Madrid, class of '15, and Mike Malito, class of '14, visit with WB social studies teacher Vic Wisner. (left): Leah Richardt, class of '14, Josh Bay, class of '15, Zack Warning, class of '15, and Ryan Flaherty, class of '15, network during Alumni Day. (above): Alumni Micaela Murphy (left) and Adia Green, both from the class of '15, tour their alma mater.

## Calvary Church to host weekly meal, speaker

VILLA PARK — Calvary United Methodist Church will host its monthly "Third Thursday Community Meal and Speaker" on Thursday, Jan. 21, beginning with dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by guest speaker Dr. Zakie, District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church. Dr. Zakie will be accompanied by siblings from Syria, North Africa, and the Middle East who will tell about the lives they left behind, the journey to a new country, and their current lives in America.

Calvary UMC is located at 136 East Highland in Villa Park, the northwest corner of Highland and Summit. The public is invited and the meal is free.

## Team Trivia Tuesday returns to Crazy Pour Jan. 19

VILLA PARK — Put your knowledge to the test! The Villa Park Public Library will host Team Trivia Tuesday on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Crazy Pour, 105 E. North Ave. Library staff will attempt to thwart your knowledge with a mixture of questions in various categories. The winning teams will receive prizes, courtesy of Crazy Pour.

Participants compete in teams of up to eight adults. Form teams with friends, family, neighbors, church groups, clubs, and organizations, or come out and the library will find one for you.

Possible trivia categories include, but are not limited to, In the News, Sports, History, Movies/TV, Music, Science, and Useless Trivia. Like us on Facebook to get a jump on the competition. Categories and topic hints will only be announced in advance on our Facebook page.

Registration is not required, but is appreciated. Visit [vppl.info](http://vppl.info) or call 630-834-1164. More information is also available at [www.crazypour.com](http://www.crazypour.com).

## Elmhurst College showcases artworks from area high schools

### 17th annual exhibit includes works from Willowbrook

ELMHURST — This month, Elmhurst College celebrates the work of young artists and public school art programs from across the Chicago area during the 17th Annual High School Art Exhibition. Among the high schools to be represented is Willowbrook in Villa Park.

Hundreds of paintings, prints, sculptures, videos and computer art, and works in other media will be on display during the two-week exhibition, on display now through

January 19 in the Founder's Lounge of the Frick Center on the campus of Elmhurst College.

"This is the 17th year of the Elmhurst College High School Art Exhibit," said Suellen Rocca, director of exhibits for Elmhurst College. "It is truly a privilege each year to collaborate with the fine art educators in the high schools to create this exhibition."

Besides Willowbrook, other high schools include Addison Trail, Addison; East Leyden, Franklin Park; and West Leyden, Northlake; Lyons Township, Western Springs and LaGrange; Maine West, Des Plaines; Morton East, Cicero; Morton West, Berwyn; Proviso West, Hillside; and York, Elmhurst.

## Chicago Wolves forward Trupp coming to library

VILLA PARK — The Villa Park Public Library's 2016 Youth Winter Reading program, Read to Succeed, sponsored by Chicago Wolves Hockey, begins on Jan. 4 and runs through Feb. 29.

To show his support for your reading success, Chicago Wolves Forward #13 Evan Trupp, will visit the library on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. to meet fans. Trupp will give a presentation, answer questions,

and sign autographs. This is a free event, but you must have a ticket. Tickets will be available at the Youth Services Information Desk starting Jan. 12. For more information, call 630-834-1176 or visit [vppl.info](http://vppl.info).

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great turnover-to-assist ratio. We've had some other guys step up and do their thing. Including Nick's 15 points, we have nine guys who have scored in double digits this year. That's nine out of 14 guys on the team. Guys are doing their job. We just have to strive for consistency. When everything gels on a regular basis and not for a quarter or a game we will be a consistent force to be reckoned with."

**"The long and short of it is we got pretty banged up at Plano."**

—Fenton coach  
Josh Payton

Payton said the team is looking forward to having Larsen back. "Bryan is not only a stat guy—he's leading us with 14 points a game—he anchors our defense, he's a hustler," the coach said. "He's one of those guys where things continue to happen when he's on the floor. We definitely lose something when a guy like that comes out. It hurt us. He has an impact on the game."

#### Fenton wrestling

The Fenton wrestling team recorded a recent 42-23 victory over Glenbard South. The win moved the Bison to 13-3 overall.

Manny Morales (120 pounds), Nikko Castaneda (160), Dylan Butts (170) and Joe Garcia (220) scored pins for coach Brian Hastings' squad.

#### • POLICE

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#### Dec. 27-Dec. 28

Theft of vehicle parts was reported at a train lot (location of the train lot was not given). Police said an unknown suspect stole the plow motor and wiring harness off a vehicle while it was parked in the south side lot.

#### Dec. 23-Dec. 29

Criminal damage to property was reported in the 500 block of S. Michigan. Between 7 p.m. Dec. 23 and 8:30 a.m. Dec. 29, police said an unknown suspect damaged a latch on a shed. Entry was not gained to the shed.

#### Nov. 9, 2015-Dec. 1, 2015

Jesus M. Acuna, 39, of Villa Park, was arrested in the 1-100 block of W. Terrace and charged with three counts of possession of child pornography.

## Willowbrook's Tiberi finishes second at Lisle girls bowling tournament

### Warriors' girls basketball team drops game to Glenbard South

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Willowbrook girls bowling team recently competed in West Suburban Conference action against York.

While the Warriors lost the match, junior Jordan Tiberi provided a big bright spot with a match high series of 549.

Willowbrook was 2-2 in duels through mid-last week.

Prior to winter break, the Warriors competed in the Lisle invitational. The varsity team took fourth in the A bracket, while the junior-varsity team was fifth in the JV-A bracket.

Tiberi was second at Lisle with an average of 198.

Willowbrook assistant coach Kevin Allen lauded the progress of Tiberi, sophomore Dana

Sasnick and freshman Katie Pettinger. "Jordan, Dana and Katie have really started bowling well," said Willowbrook assistant coach Kevin Allen. "They are starting to get into a groove and throwing some great games. Consistency has been something we have been looking for and they are now starting to show that in their scores."

Allen also has been pleased with the development of the team's freshmen players. "The freshmen girls on the team are improving greatly every day," he said. "The hard work and dedication they have put in this season is showing every day. The future looks very bright."

As the season heads into the home stretch, Allen has watched the Warriors make strides. "I am very happy with how the season has been progressing," he said. "We have been building our technique and skills so we are able to peak at the right

time in the year. With the talented girls we have I am very excited about the potential of each of our girls."

#### Willowbrook girls basketball

The Willowbrook girls basketball team dropped a recent 65-63 overtime game to Downers Grove South in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action.

Willowbrook led 21-7 after the first quarter and 35-29 at halftime. The Warriors brought a 44-42 lead into the fourth quarter. The game featured eight lead changes and eight ties.

Alyssa Spada led the Warriors (6-12 overall) with 17 points. Josie Zabran added 16 points. Danielle Velasquez had nine points. Milena Sogura, Kaylin Konrath and Hanna Konrath each had seven points. Grace Chantos had seven rebounds and four assists.

Willowbrook shot 40.9 percent from the field (18-for-44)

and held a 15-8 advantage in second-chance points.

In earlier action, the Warriors dropped a 54-40 non-conference decision to Glenbard South.

Spada and Zabran each had 11 points. Velasquez added 10 points. Spada (3-for-4 free throws) also had seven rebounds. Zabran had eight rebounds, while Velasquez made three 3-pointers. Willowbrook shot 15-for-52 (29 percent) from the field.

Through the team's first 17 games, the Warriors were averaging 48.9 points a game. Zabran was leading the team in scoring (12.8 points) and rebounds (9.6). Velasquez was averaging 10.4 points, 2.3 assists and 2.1 steals and made 20 of 51 three-pointers.

Spada was averaging 8.9 points, while Kaylin Konrath was averaging 8.9 points and 7.4 rebounds. Chantos was averaging 2.9 assists per game.

## IC Catholic Prep boys basketball team loses pair of games

By Mike Miazga  
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The IC Catholic Prep boys basketball team came out of the holiday break and lost a pair of Metro Suburban Conference West Division games.

In a 77-44 MSC West loss at Glenbard South, IC Catholic Prep trailed 22-10 after the first quarter and 43-25 at halftime. Glenbard South outscored the Knights 19-5 in the third quarter.

Troy Burrows led the Knights with 11 points and made three 3-pointers. Angel Ramirez added seven points, while Trey Morris and Will Lyles each had six points. Morris made two 3-pointers, while Lyles had eight rebounds. Luke Ricobee-

ne had two steals. IC Catholic Prep shot 40 percent from the field (16-for-40) and committed 14 turnovers.

The Knights then dropped a 63-61 overtime conference game to Aurora Central Catholic at home.

IC Catholic Prep trailed 14-12 after the first quarter and 35-27 at halftime. The Knights came back in the second half, outscoring ACC 13-8 in the third quarter and 15-12 in the fourth quarter to force the extra session.

The Knights shot 50 percent from the field in the game.

Burrows had 28 points to lead IC Catholic Prep. He shot 9-for-20 from the field, but 7-for-13 from the 3-point line.

Matt Sutton added 11 points, which included a 3-for-5 performance from the 3-point line. He also had five assists. Ramirez had eight points (2-for-3 three-pointers) and four assists. Lyles had eight points and nine rebounds, while Garrett Cheng had four steals and three blocks.

The Knights shot 12-for-22 from the 3-point line (55 percent) and made 9 of 11 free-throw attempts.

The two losses dropped IC Catholic Prep to 9-6 overall and 1-4 in MSC West play.

Through 15 games, Burrows was leading the team in scoring at 14.7 points. He also was tops on the team in 3-point shooting with 35 made in 79 attempts.

Austin Reed was averaging 12.2 points and 4.7 rebounds per game. He also was tops in assists with 50 and steals with 37 and had made 14 three-pointers. Lyles was averaging 10.6 points and 6.6 rebounds. He was the team leader in blocked shots with 18.

Ramirez made 13 of his first 14 free-throw attempts of the season (93 percent).

#### IC Catholic Prep wrestling

In addition to the standout performance of 106-pounder Joe Bianchini (22-1 record at 106 pounds), the IC Catholic Prep wrestling team has been bolstered by the efforts of Brenden O'Brien and Pat Guinan, who both are returning sectional qualifiers.

## Girls basketball team readying for second half of season

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

IC Catholic Prep girls basketball coach Kelsey James saw some things she liked as her team closed out the 2015 portion of its schedule.

The Knights went 2-2 at the Oswego East tournament over the holiday break.

"We played against bigger schools," she said. "We played Class 3A and 4A teams and were competitive. The girls figured out what it takes to win as a team."

James also identified things the

team can improve upon. "There are still things we need to work out," she said. "Our offense is improving each game and defensively we've changed things up a little and have added a trapping zone. They like that. We're trying to be more aggressive and that has benefitted us as well."

James cited recent strong play from the likes of Tess Reardon, Sophie Zanoni and Georgia Mahnke. Reardon is a junior, while Zanoni and Mahnke are sophomores.

"Tess is usually that inspiration we need," said James. "She

does the dirty work and she does it because she knows it benefits the team. Georgia added an outside shot. She's beating people in the post and then stepping out and making a couple 3s. That's helped us. Sophie is doing everything we need her to do. She's handling the ball and playing good defense. She works hard. It's very rare when she comes out."

Anjella Farmer and Claire Gibler continue to be key offensive threats for the Knights. Farmer is a senior, while Gibler is a sophomore. "Anjella and

Claire get their points most games," said James. "It helps when others are contributing and we've been seeing that."

After the holiday break the Knights were 8-8 overall. IC Catholic Prep returns to action Friday against town neighbor Timothy Christian in a Metro Suburban Conference crossover game.

"The girls have done a nice job adjusting to what I've asked them to do," said James. "They are excited to get playing again and show off what they've been working on the last few weeks."

## Addison Trail hosts annual Poetry Slam

ADDISON — On Dec. 15, nine Addison Trail students participated in the school's annual Poetry Slam. Students shared their original works in the first two rounds of competition and then competed in a lightning round, where they had five minutes to write a poem based on a provided topic.

First place went to Jeremy Sechan, 2nd place to James Krause Jr., and 3rd to Lucio Delgado. Winners received gift certificates to local restaurants. Other participants were senior Marlene Alvarado, senior Isabel Carrillo, senior Lia Caruso, sophomore Manuel Martinez, senior Emily Szabelski and freshman Brayan Villegas.

Participants were judged by Writing Center Aide Claire Shoup, English teacher Katie Prast, English Department Chair Amy Ferraro and junior Maxwell Dziabis (student of First Semester for English).

## Clinic in Addison welcomes Dr. Ricardo Martinez

ELMHURST — After many years of private practice in Addison, Ricardo Martinez, MD has joined Elmhurst Clinic.

Board certified in family medicine, Dr. Martinez is currently accepting new patients at Elmhurst Clinic's office in the Edward-Elmhurst Health Center — Addison, 303 W. Lake St., 2nd floor. Same-day appointments are available. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (331) 221-9001.

Dr. Martinez received his medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago. He completed his residency at MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn. Dr. Martinez is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine and is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and American Medical Association. He is fluent in Spanish.

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is a four-year moratorium on new taxing bodies; giving residents the ability to consolidate or dissolve government entities by referendum; and, urging consolidation of units of governments especially where there is duplication or overlapping of services.

"It's been wonderful to collect testimony and actually come to an accord on 27 proposals," the Lt. Governor said. "The idea is to give power back to our local leaders and local residents so you and I can determine what's right for our own communities, rather than big government."

Gov. Rauner stressed that the document was not a partisan effort.

"That's very important, number one," he said. "Number two, if we implement the recommendations [in this report], we could save billions of dollars every year — and that's billions with a 'B' not an 'M' — billions of dollars every year, year after year."

The governor echoed Sanguinetti's comments about empowering local communities to make decisions without "big government" interference. He said he would never force his will on another community any more than he would want some-

one to force their will on his.

Rauner said business owners tell him it's the property tax burden that makes it hard to do business in Illinois.

"It's dragging our economy down, it's pushing great jobs away, our careers away, but most of all, it increases the overall cost of government. It's money that could be going to our schools, our classrooms, our teachers and students, that's where our money should be going. Instead we're spending money on government and bureaucracy. It's also money that could be going toward helping our most vulnerable families."

Rauner called the report a "critical" document presented on one of the "most important days in the history of Illinois."

"Today is a great day for the taxpayers of Illinois. We can transform our state through this effort," he said. "This document, if we implemented it, the recommendations here could save billions of dollars every year for the people of Illinois. This is major, major transformation we're talking about."

The document can be viewed at [illinois.gov/litg/issues/local-governments/Documents](http://illinois.gov/litg/issues/local-governments/Documents).



Pictured are the nine Addison Trail students who participated in the school's annual Poetry Slam on Dec. 15. They are (back row, from left) junior James Krause Jr., sophomore Manuel Martinez, senior Lucio Delgado, freshman Brayan Villegas; (front row, from left) senior Lia Caruso, junior Jeremy Sechan, senior Isabel Carrillo, senior Marlene Alvarado and senior Emily Szabelski.

courtesy photo

## Police arrest two in holiday crackdown

ADDISON — From December 18 through January 3, you probably noticed an increase in police activity around Addison, as the police department participated in the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over drunk driving enforcement campaign, showing zero tolerance for impaired driving.

Two offenders were arrested for driving while impaired; 15 seat belt citations; and 12 failing to secure a child in a safety seat citations were issued. The local effort was part of a nationwide campaign in partnership with law enforcement agencies across the state.

In ramping up its enforcement efforts, the department conducted two seat belt zones and had extra officers on patrol. A total of 97 citations were written.

"We worked really hard and stepped up to the challenge," said Sergeant Roger Saran. "To us, if we saved one life, the campaign was worthwhile."

The recent law enforcement crackdown was coordinated by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) as part of the statewide Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Click It or Ticket campaigns.

## Volleyball girls to host 'Blazer Serve and Pass Clinic'

ADDISON — On Feb. 9, the Addison Trail Girls Volleyball Team will host its 4th Annual "Blazer Serve and Pass Clinic" for girls in third through eighth grades.

The camp will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. at Addison Trail. Early-bird registration (deadline of Feb. 1) costs \$20 a camper or \$35 for two members of the same family. Onsite registration costs \$30 a camper or \$50 for two members of the same family. Participants will receive a Blazer Volleyball Camp T-shirt as part of the registration fee, and proceeds benefit the Addison Trail volleyball program.

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The camp will feature instruction from the Addison Trail Girls Volleyball coaching staff. Participants will learn and improve on a variety of serving and passing skills and will receive a personalized serving and passing evaluation sheet to help guide future skill development.

To register for the camp, go to [dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2659](http://dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2659).

For more information, contact Head Coach Dan Styler at [dstyler@dupage88.net](mailto:dstyler@dupage88.net) or 630-458-4574.

## Elmhurst College showcases artworks from area high schools

### 17th annual exhibit includes works from Addison Trail

ELMHURST — This month, Elmhurst College celebrates the work of young artists and public school art programs from across the Chicago area during the 17th Annual High School Art Exhibition. Among the high schools to be represented is Addison Trail in Addison.

Hundreds of paintings, prints, sculptures, videos and computer art, and works in other media will be on display during the two-week exhibition, on display now through January

19 in the Founder's Lounge of the Frick Center on the campus of Elmhurst College.

"This is the 17th year of the Elmhurst College High School Art Exhibit," said Suellen Rocca, director of exhibits for Elmhurst College. "It is truly a privilege each year to collaborate with the fine art educators in the high schools to create this exhibition."

Besides Addison Trail, other high schools include East Leyden, Franklin Park; and West Leyden, Northlake; Lyons Township, Western Springs and LaGrange; Maine West, Des Plaines; Morton East, Cicero; Morton West, Berwyn; Proviso West, Hillside; Willowbrook, Villa Park; and York, Elmhurst.



# Addison Trail brings Jesus Christ Superstar to the stage

The musical "Jesus Christ Superstar" might have originated as a 1970 rock opera, but Addison Trail is bringing the production to a new era when it presents the show from Jan. 21 to 23 as its winter musical.

"We are setting the story in the 1920s," said Theatre Director Anna Jakubka. "The character of Jesus Christ will represent the poor faction of people; the character of Al Capone will represent King Herod; the police officers will represent Pontius Pilate and the Roman guards; and members of the mafia will represent the high priests."

"Jesus Christ Superstar" tells the story of the last week of Jesus' life, focusing on the relationships between the characters and their emotions, which motivate them toward certain actions. The story is told through the viewpoint of Judas Iscariot, one of the 12 apostles of Jesus. Jakubka said this is her first time directing the show, and she's thrilled at the opportunity.

Orchestra Director Dan O'Connell is particularly fond of the production, so the musical will honor his upcoming retirement at the end of the school year.

"The music in this production

is phenomenal," Jakubka said. "The pit never stops playing — the show just flows from one piece to the next."

AT senior Michael Bellino will play Jesus Christ and said it has been a fun challenge to get into character.

"Everyone has a vision of who and what these characters are," he said. "We're telling a story many audience members are familiar with and portraying people they believe in."

Junior Sevina Topalska, who will play Mary Magdalene, said the cast is really focusing on the story and character development.

"No matter what your religious beliefs, you will enjoy this show," she said. "You can relate to the characters and their emotions and thoughts, regardless of your religious preference."

The role of Judas Iscariot will be played by senior Cab Callaway, who said audience members are in for a surprise.

"Whether you know the story of Jesus or not, this musical will be very different from your expectations," he said. "We're excited to show the audience we can bring this caliber of music and production to a high school."

"Jesus Christ Superstar" will be performed in the Addison



Addison Trail will present its winter musical, "Jesus Christ Superstar," from Jan. 21 to 23. Pictured are (from left) junior Giulia Ciaccia (dance captain), senior Cab Callaway (Judas Iscariot), senior Michael Bellino (Jesus Christ), junior Sevina Topalska (Mary Magdalene) and sophomore Alyssa Sitkowski (Dance Captain).

Trail auditorium at 7 p.m. on Jan. 21, 22, and 23, as well as a 2 p.m. performance on Jan. 23. Tickets are \$7/adults, \$5/ students and children 3-12;

\$3 with an activity pass; free with a D-88 Senior Golf Card. Tickets can be purchased by calling 630-628-3365 or e-mail at theatre88@gmail.com.

On Jan. 23 from 4 – 6:15 p.m. between the two performances, the Teacher Parent Organization (TPO) will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser.



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## Addison Trail hosts annual Young Alumni Day

Addison Trail graduates enjoyed Young Alumni Day on Jan. 8, which drew nearly 230 alumni from the past 10 years who were invited to visit and reconnect with the school. (top left): (From left) Alumni Olivia Sanchez, class of '13, Anna Oswald, class of '15, and Alyssa Smith, class of '13, share a laugh as they look through a yearbook. (top middle): Alumni Tracy Ibeling (center) and Anthony Pham (right), both from the class of '14, visit with former AT Principal Adam Cibulka, who is now director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for District 88. (top right): Alumni Kevin Andrews (center) and Gina Dattolo, both from the class of '15, catch up with art teacher Tim Hockensmith.



During Young Alumni Day on Jan. 8, alumni who have participated in the Addison-Triggiano Sister City student exchange program spoke with students who plan to participate in that program and travel to Italy next spring. (top): (From left) Alumni Vanessa Spilotro, class of '13, Brianna Sitkowski, class of '15, Andrianna Rae, class of '15, Alexandra DiSilvio, class of '15, Angela Pitello, class of '15, and Estefania Diaz, class of '15, stop by to share their experiences. (left): (From left) Addison Sister City Committee representatives Larry Hartwig (president), Lucille Zuccherro, Michael Bolden, Rich Veenstra, Mary Ann Veenstra, Anna Raimondi and Marianne Fotopoulos took part in the event.