

## School showcase...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL held its annual Curriculum Showcase on Thursday to provide current and incoming students and their parents/guardians with information about the academic courses and programs that are offered at the school. The attendees received a tour of the school building and were able to visit various booths providing information about the school's courses and programs. The photo on the right shows Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause (second from right) with (left to right) incoming freshmen (members of the Class of 2020) Lizzie Romero, Jessica Whiting and Sara Whiting. About 300 families took part in the Curriculum Showcase event.

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## Registration for screenings at Willowbrook ends Friday

School District 88 has partnered with the Young Hearts for Life (YH4L) Cardiac Screening Program, a not-for-profit organization affiliated with Advocate Charitable Foundation, to offer free electrocardiograms (ECGs) to identify high school students at risk for heart conditions.

The district is encouraging parents and guardians of Willowbrook High School students to register their children for the event. The registration deadline for the screenings at Willowbrook was recently extended to Friday, Jan. 22. The upcoming screening at the school will take place on Thursday, Feb. 11.

Parents, guardians and community members are also needed to help run the screening event. Volunteering involves attending one of two training sessions on Wednesday, Feb. 10. One of the sessions takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. The other takes place from 7-8:30 p.m. Volunteers for the Feb. 11 screening must commit to a 4.5-hour shift (7-11:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.). Volunteers are encouraged to sign up for both

sessions. A light lunch will be provided to those who volunteer for the full day. The deadline to sign up to volunteer is Friday, Jan. 22.

Parents and guardians can register their students online at the following address: [https://screenings.yh4l.org/YH\\_enroll.aspx](https://screenings.yh4l.org/YH_enroll.aspx).

Visit <http://vols.pt/Hunknm> to volunteer for the event.

According to information provided by Young Hearts for Life in a frequently asked questions page, an ECG is a completely painless test that evaluates the health of a heart. The test measures heart rate and electrical activity. The ECG may indicate the presence of a serious cardiac condition that may require further follow-up testing and treatment by a physician.

No diagnosis will be made based solely on a student's ECG, stated Young Hearts for Life. A clinical diagnosis can only be made after incorporating the ECG findings with a student's history and a physical performed by a physician. Parents/guardians who are told their child needs

additional follow-up will receive a copy of the ECG. Another copy can be sent to the child's physician.

None of the results of the screenings will be shared with the school. "No information will be shared with anyone without your express written permission," stated the Young Hearts for Life release, which added that 2 percent of ECG screenings result in "false positive" findings.

"A false positive ECG indicates a defect may exist, but further testing shows there is no problem," the release noted. "We realize this may cause some anxiety for parents. We believe

that the benefit of this potentially life-saving screening outweighs this concern."

The release stated that an ECG can only detect 60 percent of those at risk for sudden cardiac death. "There are some conditions that cannot be detected with an ECG. Until further testing is available, this is the best tool to detect those at risk. The ECG is a supplement to your physician's evaluation of your child."

To see the frequently asked questions page about the ECG screening process, go to the following link at the District 88 Web site: <https://dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2670>.

## Sounds of 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. His show will begin at 6:30 p.m. Oprisko, who describes himself as a Sinatraphile, will sing an array of the legendary entertainer's hits. Sinatra was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, on Dec. 12, 1915. He died in 1998. Registration is required to attend Saturday evening's 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.vppil.info](http://www.vppil.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).



## President of local association...

VILLA PARK FIRE CHIEF Ron Rakosnik (above) was recently sworn in as president of the DuPage County Fire Chiefs. Illinois State Sen. Tom Cullerton swore in Rakosnik as president on Jan. 9 at Bloomingdale Golf Club. Cullerton also swore in four other county fire chiefs in the roles of vice president, treasurer and secretary. Rakosnik explained that a chief of a county municipality serves two years as a treasurer or secretary of the DuPage County Fire Chiefs before spending one year as vice president, one year as president and one year as past president. Rakosnik spent two years as treasurer before serving as vice president in 2015. The group of nearly 40 county fire chiefs meets monthly at Glendale Lakes Golf Club. "It helps to get everybody together to share information," said Rakosnik of the association, which also raises money for a scholarship fund and the Hundred Club of DuPage, which provides assistance to families of firefighters and law enforcement personnel who have been killed or injured. Rakosnik, who graduated from Willowbrook High School in 1975, has been Villa Park's fire chief since June of 2012. He spent nearly 30 years with the Lombard Fire Department.

## Villa Park Warriors to hold 2016 registration on Feb. 6 and Feb. 20

The Villa Park Warriors Youth Football and Cheer organization will hold registration for the 2016 season on Saturday, Feb. 6, and Saturday, Feb. 20. Each registration session will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Willowbrook High School, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave. Registration will take place in the lower level, near the weight room.

Registration is open to boys and girls ages 5-14 (kindergarten through eighth grade). Tackle football is available for ages 7-14 and flag football is available to children ages 5-7. Competitive cheerleading is available for students in fourth, fifth and sixth grade. Non-competitive cheerleading

is offered for children in kindergarten through fourth grade.

The early registration fee for tackle football and competition cheer is \$225 per child, with a minimum \$25 non-refundable deposit due at registration. After the early registration, the fee is \$250. The fee for flag football and non-competitive cheer is \$100.

New participants must bring two copies of their birth certificate. For more information, visit the Warriors' Web site at [www.villaparkwarriors.com](http://www.villaparkwarriors.com), or contact Sheri Lyons at 630-290-5474 for football and Jean Taylor at 630-542-8452 for cheerleading.

## Today's the deadline to buy tickets for induction dinner

Willowbrook High School's 2016 Athletic Hall of Fame induction banquet will take place Thursday, Jan. 28 at The Carlisle, 435 E. Butterfield Road, Lombard. The event will begin with a social gathering from 6-6:30 p.m. Dinner will begin at 6:30, followed by the presentation of the hall of fame's Class of 2016.

Tickets to the dinner cost \$55 for each adult and \$20 for children 10 and under. The deadline to purchase tickets is today—Wednesday, Jan. 20. To buy tickets, or for more information, contact Willowbrook Athletic Director Bob Daly at 630-530-3406, or at [rdaly@dupage88.net](mailto:rdaly@dupage88.net).

A screening committee comprised of

current and former coaches, staff members, Athletic Booster Club members and community representatives selects the Willowbrook Warriors who are inducted into the hall of fame each year. The school's athletic hall of fame was founded in 2010.

The Willowbrook Athletic Hall of Fame's Class of 2016 inductees are: Richard Busch (Class of 1964), Elizabeth Lustrup Lee (Class of 1985), Steve Chmelik (Class of 1985), Phil Aliano (Class of 1997), Marshall Stoner (a coach from 1967-72) and the 2003-04 state-champion pom team.

The Class of 2016 inductees will also be recognized before Willowbrook's varsity boys basketball game on Friday, Jan. 29.

## Park Art Center offers a variety of classes for children and adults

The Park Art Center, located at 9 E. Park Blvd., Villa Park, is offering several upcoming classes for artists of various ages. The classes include a mixed media sculpture class for teens and adults that will take place over the next three Tuesday evenings (Jan. 26, Feb. 2 and Feb. 9). Each class takes place from 7-9 p.m. The fee is \$120.

Other upcoming classes include a "Mini Masters" class for children ages 18 months—3 years old that will take place from 9:30-10:30 p.m. each Friday from Jan. 29 through Feb. 12. Children will learn fine motor skills, colors and social skills through individual and group projects. All supplies will be included. Dress for mess. Family members are welcome to wait in the studio during each class. The fee is \$60.

An "Intro to Drawing" class for teens and adults will be held from 12:30-2:30 p.m. each Saturday from Jan. 30 through Feb. 13. The fee is \$120. No previous experience is necessary.

A supply list will be provided before the first of the three classes.

The "Introduction to Mosaics" class for adults will be held from 1-2:30 p.m. each Thursday from Jan. 28 through Feb. 11. Participants will create their own mosaic mirror design using glass and/or ceramic tiles. Most supplies will be included for the class, which has a fee of \$90.

Other upcoming classes at the Park Art Center include a printmaking class for children ages 12-16 that will be held from 4-5:30 each Tuesday from Jan. 26 through Feb. 9 (the fee is \$90); an introduction to machine sewing class for teens and adults (3-5 p.m. each Saturday from Jan. 30 through Feb. 13; the fee is \$120) and a cartooning class for children ages 8-12 (3:30-4:30 p.m. each Wednesday from Jan. 27 through Feb. 10; the fee is \$60).

For more information, call the Park Art Center at 630-501-1455, or send an e-mail to [parkartcenter@gmail.com](mailto:parkartcenter@gmail.com).

## Questions? Comments?

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## Satellite library at Jefferson Middle School on Thursdays

The Villa Park Public Library is holding 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's normal hours will be 3-5 p.m. on most upcoming Thursdays. The hours will be from 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.

## Graduation...

VILLA PARK DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF Daniel McCann (right) recently graduated from the School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) at Northwestern University. McCann successfully completed the 10-week program, which was held in Homewood from Sept. 14 to Jan. 15. According to information provided by the Villa Park Police Department, the SPSC provides upper-level college instruction in a total of 27 core blocks of instruction. The major topics of study include: leadership, human resources, employee relations, organizational behavior, applied statistics, planning and policy development, budgeting and resource allocation. Each student is challenged through written exams, projects, presentations and quizzes. The SPSC is part of Northwestern's Center for Public Safety, which was established in 1936 with the goal of expanding university-based education and training for the law enforcement community.



## Comeback falls short...

Basketball photos by Chris Fox

THE WILLOWBROOK BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM faced West Chicago in last week's non-conference game in Villa Park. The Warriors trailed the visiting Wildcats 50-40 late in the third quarter. Willowbrook closed the period with eight straight points to cut West Chicago's lead to 50-48. The 8-0 burst included a 3-point shot by senior Billy Degnan (top row, right), a 3-point play by sophomore Ethan Schuemer and a driving basket by junior Freddie Clay (bottom photo, No. 22). Willowbrook took a 55-54 lead on Schuemer's basket with 4:31 to play in the game. The Wildcats regained the lead with a 3-point shot, but freshman Matas Masys (top row, left) then sank two free throws to tie the score at 57-57. West Chicago then scored eight straight points on its way to a 72-62 victory. The loss dropped Willowbrook's overall record to 4-9. Degnan, who made five 3-point shots, scored a team-leading 17 points. Schuemer added 15 points, while Masys scored nine points. Senior Kevin Miller contributed eight points. Willowbrook won two of four games at Sterling High School's Martin Luther King tournament, which ended on Monday. The Warriors will play West Suburban Gold Conference home games against Leyden and Proviso East on Friday and Saturday. Willowbrook enters Friday's game with a conference record of 0-4.



# Sports

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## Late rally lifts Rams to another conference win

Glenbard East's boys basketball team improved its Upstate Eight Valley Conference to 3-1 with Friday's come-from-behind 42-40 victory at West Chicago. The win ended a four-game losing streak for the Rams, who lost their last three games at York's holiday tournament before opening their January schedule with a 63-46 conference loss to Bartlett on Jan. 8.

Glenbard East, which rallied from behind in its first two conference victories of the season (wins over South Elgin and West Aurora) erased another deficit in Friday's win at West Chicago. The Rams trailed the Wildcats 23-19 at halftime and 34-28 at the end of the third quarter.

Junior Michael Finley carried Glenbard East's scoring load with 18 points. Seniors Carlos Meyers and Terrence Lakes added 10 and six points, respectively.

The Rams played four games (two on Saturday and two on Monday) at Wheaton Warrenville South's Martin Luther King tournament. Glenbard East opened the event with Saturday afternoon's 43-38 loss to Waukegan. The Rams beat Schaumburg 40-39 on Saturday night. Glenbard East won its first game on Monday, beating Metea Valley 56-54. The Rams trailed 44-53 in the closing moments, but senior Zach Walsh made a 3-point shot with about three seconds to play to lift the Rams to a win. Glenbard East lost its second game on Monday, suffering a double-digit loss to Warren.

Glenbard East will play a

conference home game against East Aurora on Friday. The Rams will host the four-game "When Sides Collide" Shootout on Saturday. Glenbard East will face Bradley-Bourbonnais in the fourth game, which is scheduled to start at 7:15 p.m.

### Willowbrook

The Warriors began last week with a 72-62 non-conference loss to West Chicago on Jan. 12 in Villa Park. Willowbrook, which fell to 4-9 overall, trailed West Chicago 50-40 late in the third quarter, but scored eight straight points to cut the lead to 50-48 with eight minutes to play. Sophomore Ethan Schuemer's basket with 4:31 to play gave Willowbrook a 55-54 lead. Seconds later, West Chicago drained a 3-point shot to take a 57-55 lead. Freshman Matas Masys of Willowbrook then drained two free throws to tie the game at 57-57 with just over four minutes to play. The Wildcats then scored eight straight points over the next three minutes to take a 67-59 lead.

Senior Billy Degnan, who made five 3-point shots, scored a team-high 17 points for Willowbrook.

The Warriors split four games at Sterling High School's Martin Luther King tournament, which took place Saturday and Monday. The Warriors beat Christ the King and Kankakee and lost to Sterling and Dixon.

Willowbrook will play West Suburban Conference home games on Friday and Saturday against Leyden and Proviso East.



## Busy week for Rams and Warriors...

Photos by Chris Fox

JUNIOR MICHAEL FINLEY (above, left) scored 18 points to lead the Glenbard East boys basketball team to Friday's 42-40 Upstate Eight Valley Conference win at West Chicago. The Rams, who improved their conference record to 3-1, outscored the Wildcats 14-6 in the fourth quarter. Finley stepped to the free-throw line with the game tied at 40-40 in the closing seconds. He sank a pair of free throws to provide what turned out to be the decisive points. The Wildcats missed a couple of shots in the closing seconds. "We kept our composure and executed," said Glenbard East coach Scott Miller of the Rams' effort on Friday. Finley and senior Zach Walsh (center) are pictured during Saturday's game against Waukegan at Wheaton Warrenville South's Martin Luther King tournament. The Rams lost to Waukegan and beat Schaumburg in Saturday's action at the tournament. Walsh hit a last-second 3-point shot to help the Rams to a 56-54 win in Monday's tournament game against Metea Valley. Glenbard East closed out the tournament with Monday's loss to Warren. The 2-2 finish at the tournament gave the Rams an overall season record of 11-8. The above right photo shows Willowbrook sophomore Ethan Schuemer during his team's Jan. 12 home game against West Chicago. Schuemer's basket in the middle of the fourth quarter completed a 15-4 run and gave the Warriors a 55-54 lead. West Chicago went on to beat Willowbrook 72-62. The Warriors won two of four games at Sterling's Martin Luther King tournament and closed the event with an overall record of 6-11.



## Leading the Rams...

JUNIOR VERONIKA SREY (above) of the Glenbard East girls gymnastics team performs on the uneven bars during Friday's District 87 Meet in Lombard. Srey was the Rams' leading all-around scorer in the four-team meet. She posted a total score of 34.3 in four events, which was good for sixth place in the all-around standings. Glenbard West won the team title at the event with an overall score of 146.025. Glenbard North (137.455) placed second, while Glenbard East claimed third place with its team total of 132.325. Glenbard South (125.925) placed fourth. Srey turned in scores of 9.175 on the vault, 8.725 on the uneven bars, 8.475 in floor exercises and 7.925 on the balance beam. She was Glenbard East's top scorer in three events (vault, uneven bars and floor exercises). She finished third overall on the vault and eighth overall on the uneven bars and in floor exercises. Freshman Sierra Olson was Glenbard East's leading scorer on the balance beam. She tied for 10th place overall in the event with her score of 8.15. Olson placed ninth in the all-around competition with a total score of 32.75. Sophomore Krasimira Ganeva landed in eighth place in the all-around standings with a combined score of 32.85. Sophomore Sydney Nasternek of the Rams placed 13th in the all-around standings with a 31.8. Glenbard East will host a five-team IHSA regional on Feb. 1.

## High roller...

JUNIOR CONNER GRZENIA (right) was Glenbard East's top scorer at Saturday's 11-team IHSA Hinsdale South Regional at Willowbrook Lanes. Grzenia fired a six-game score of 1,327 to help the Rams to a second-place finish and a berth in this week's IHSA Lake Park Sectional in Roselle. Grzenia opened the regional with a 184 in his first game. He improved in each of his next three games with scores of 204, 234 and 257. He closed out the regional with scores of 236 and 212 in his fifth and sixth games. Grzenia delivered the second-highest individual score at the regional. Freshman Jake Jordan of the Rams posted the third-best individual score with his six-game total of 1,312.

File photo by Chris Fox



## Rams roll to a second-place regional finish to earn an IHSA sectional berth

The Glenbard East boys bowling team earned a second-place finish in Saturday's 11-team IHSA Hinsdale South Regional to earn a berth in this week's IHSA sectional in Roselle. The Rams turned in a total team score of 6,027 at the regional. Junior Conner Grzenia was Glenbard East's leading bowler at the regional, compiling a six-game score of 1,327 (an average of about 221 per game). Freshman Jake Jordan added a six-game total of 1,312 (a per-game average of nearly 219) at the regional.

Grzenia and Jordan bowled the second- and third-best individual scores of all the bowlers who competed in all six games at the regional. Lyons Township won the

regional title with a score of 6,277. Senior Jack McGuinn of Lyons Township bowled the regional's best six-game series (1,351).

Glenbard East sophomore Max Giardanella competed in all six games at the regional and finished with a total score of 1,123. Senior Andrew Stevens bowled in four games and compiled a total score of 747. Interestingly, Grzenia, Jordan and Stevens all turned in scores of 257 in their best games of the day. Grzenia rolled his 257 in his fourth game, while Jordan posted his 257 in his fifth game. Stevens tallied his 257 in the second game of the regional.

Sophomore Preston Cox and senior Jack Sarocka each competed

in three games for the Rams. Cox turned in a total score of 575, while Sarocka provided a 554. Junior Cole Sulek took part in two games and finished with a total score of 389.

The top four teams at the regional advanced to this weekend's Lake Park Sectional at Brunswick Zone in Roselle. The top six teams at the sectional will qualify for the IHSA State Meet, which will take place Jan. 29-30 in O'Fallon. One year ago, the Rams narrowly missed qualifying for the 24-team state meet. They finished seventh in a sectional competition with a team score of 5,904. The sixth-place team at the sectional—St. Laurence—edged the Rams by three pins with a total of 5,907.

## Conroy invites women for open conversation with Advisory Committee

VILLA PARK — In order to serve as a voice for her district and incorporate the perspectives of area women, state Rep. Deb Conroy, D-Villa Park, is hosting her Women's Citizens' Advisory Committee on Monday, Jan. 25 from 6 to 7 p.m. at her district office located at 28 S. Villa Ave. in Villa Park.

"I am committed to working collaboratively to resolving the state's financial issues in a balanced and comprehensive way, and, to me, that must involve the perspectives and suggestions of area women," she said. "I host advisory committees to maintain an open dialogue with any local residents who want to weigh in on certain topics, and I look forward to discussing recent legislation that affects Illinois women, as well as hearing new ideas."

Last year, Conroy led efforts to pass a new law that pauses the statute of limitations while

crime scene and DNA evidence is analyzed to give survivors of sexual assault more time to seek justice in the courts. Hoping to introduce more legislation that benefits women in Illinois, Conroy is inviting anyone who has ideas for legislation, or who would like to receive an update about what is happening in Springfield, to join this committee. All meetings are free and open to all residents of the 46th District.

"I passed legislation recently to help women escaping abusers and crime victims who need evidence tested, but I know we can work together to get more done for those at risk," she said. "If you are interested in voicing your opinions about the direction of our state and possible resolutions, I encourage you to join this committee."

For more information, call 618-415-3520 or e-mail Rep-DebConroy@gmail.com.

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eling projects at the victim's residence, which were never completed. The victim's family became aware of the situation when they were contacted by the victim's bank and notified of numerous suspicious payments being made to Briggs by the victim.

Villa Park police then interviewed Briggs and completed criminal subpoenas for his bank accounts. Investigators learned that, during the course of the investigation, Briggs spent the money and no remodeling had ever been completed. The total loss to the victim was approximately \$117,000.

At that time, Briggs was charged with Felony Theft by Deception (over \$100,000) and Felony Theft by Deception (victim over 60) and was held at the DuPage County Jail.

At last week's sentencing hearing, Assistant State's Attorney Diane Michalak said the victim paid Briggs \$17,000 upfront, but Briggs came back almost daily for a week claiming to need more money for supplies.

The victim's family members contacted police when they were notified by the bank about multiple payments to Briggs. Paperwork from several local casinos further proved Briggs often gambled the money away on the same day he collected it from the victim.

Reportedly, no work was

ever done to the victim's home, no supplies were ever ordered and the victim never received a refund, aside from \$25,000 Briggs has paid in restitution.

In another incident, Briggs was arrested for intentionally writing a check for \$13,958 on Dec. 15, 2014, to a brand promotion company for services rendered, knowing it would not be authorized by the bank. Michalak said Briggs was on parole when he committed the crimes, after serving eight years in prison on several similar theft by deception charges.

Briggs also has an outstanding theft charge in Las Vegas and is wanted on a \$1.5 million warrant for writing a bad \$130,000 check in May.

"[David] Briggs' greed knows no boundaries," DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin said in a written statement. "Whether stealing more than \$115,000 from an elderly gentleman or refusing to pay \$14,000 for services provided to him, Briggs is only concerned about himself. His inability to control his greed, however, has caught up with him and he will now spend a significant amount of time behind bars for his actions."

Briggs will be required to serve half of his sentence before being eligible for parole. He was also ordered to pay full restitution to his victims.



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## Amid Senators and Kings

Pictured on the left is Brianna King, who had a great deal to do with launching the Park Art Center, a new gallery in downtown Villa Park, and its first-ever artist's reception held on Friday, Jan. 8. With her are her grandparents Karen King and Alex King as well as State Sen. Tom Cullerton, who attended the opening. Full story and more photos can be found elsewhere in this issue.

## Villa Park's Rakosnik elected president of DuPage County Fire Chiefs

### Honor comes on heels of grant for emergency simulator

VILLA PARK — On Saturday, Jan. 9, Villa Park Fire Chief Ron Rakosnik was sworn in as President of the DuPage County Fire Chiefs.

Previously, Chief Rakosnik served two years as Treasurer and one year as Vice President of DuPage County Fire Chiefs. During the organization's Annual Installation Dinner, State Sen. Tom Cullerton (D - Villa Park) swore in Chief

Rakosnik as President.

"I'm proud to be a member of the organization, but it's an honor to be president," said Fire Chief Rakosnik of his new position.

The organization, founded in 1975, provides a network for area fire chiefs to collaborate, promote fire safety and improve the fire service. As a non-profit, the DuPage County Fire Chiefs supplies scholarships for firefighter training programs. In addition the Chiefs also support the 100 Club of DuPage County, which assists families of fallen or injured law enforcement and firefighting

personnel.

One product of such county-wide collaboration is the ability to apply for regional grants. Recently, 12 local departments, including Villa Park, were awarded a \$218,182 Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for an emergency vehicle driver simulator.

Chief Rakosnik looks forward to continuing the effective collaboration DuPage County Fire Chiefs provides as well as continuing to improve the fire service throughout the county.

## Youth football and cheer registration begins

VILLA PARK — The Villa Park Warriors will host registration for the 2016 season. Registration takes place on Saturdays, Feb. 6 and 20 at Willowbrook High School, 1250 S. Ardmore Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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# SPORTS

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## Addison Trail boys basketball team defeats Maine East

### Blazers making strides in second half of season

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail boys basketball team recorded a recent 42-40 come-from-behind win over Maine East in non-conference action.

Addison Trail found itself down 14-8 after the first quarter and 31-21 at halftime. However, the Blazers tightened things up on the defensive end and held Maine East to only nine second-half points, including two points in the fourth quarter. Addison Trail outscored Maine East 12-2 in the fourth quarter.

Eric Grygo had a double-double for Addison Trail with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Nick Fugarino added 10 points, which included two 3-pointers. Stevan Jones had seven points

and two steals, while Jack Kalbas has six points. Nick Conrad finished with seven assists. Grygo added four assists and two steals. Addison Trail shot 43.8 percent from the field.

In earlier recent action, the Blazers downed Fenton in a non-conference game and lost to Proviso East in West Suburban Conference Gold Division play. Over the holidays Addison Trail went 2-2 at the Centralia tournament, losing to Champaign Central and Belleville West and defeating Sullivan and Salem.

"Fenton was one of our better games of the year," said Addison Trail coach Brendan Lyons earlier last week. "We also had a good effort against Proviso East, but we made too many mistakes, especially in the turn-over department."

Lyons also was pleased with how his team fared over the holidays. "That was our third year going to Centralia," he

said. "The kids really enjoy it. They get to play in a cool environment at Centralia and they are together to do team-building things. It's been a good experience the last three years and we're looking forward to going there again next year. We challenged the guys down in Centralia and talked about competing at a high level and doing what it takes to have sustained success. We saw that in our game against Salem and then in the games against Fenton and Proviso East. Our energy was better and our focus was better. I'll never question these guys being ready to play and that's a good thing. That's something we expect from Day 1. I like the energy we are playing with right now. Our key is to get back to doing some of the fundamental things and focusing on the mental part of the game, which costs us sometimes at certain times."

Lyons noted Addison Trail

has benefitted from a long cast of characters making contributions this season. "Offensively the guys have bought into our team approach," he said. "If you look at our box scores, guys are all over the place with scoring. They are buying into what we are doing and are being unselfish. Defensively we're rebounding the ball better, which has helped us out."

Grygo had a double-double as well against Proviso East. "Eric has been very steady for us," said Lyons. "He's our leading scorer and rebounder and has been very consistent for us."

Michael Williams had a strong night against Proviso East with 24 points. "Michael had a great game," said Lyons. "He went out with an ankle injury, but he had his best game of the year. He always gives us energy

and is out there rebounding and hustling. He rebounded in that game and hit some 3s. It was a very impressive performance."

Addison Trail wrapped up play in the Lake Zurich tournament earlier this week with a pair of games. The Maine East game was part of the tournament.

"We had hosted our own tournament the past few years before Christmas and dropped it this year," said Lyons. "This allows us to still get a few more games. When the opportunity came up to get into that tournament we jumped on it. It's something new and we get to play teams we don't traditionally see. We'll be playing a lot of basketball the next two weeks."

The Maine East win bumped the Blazers up to 8-5 overall (Addison Trail was 2-2 through its first four WSC Gold games.

## Fenton girls basketball team moving forward

### Bison score recent 64-24 win over Chicago Academy

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Fenton girls basketball team might not have the most slightly win-loss record.

The Bison were 3-15 overall and 0-6 in Metro Suburban Conference West Division play through their first 18 games.

But Fenton coach Tim Anderson is looking well beyond numbers on a piece of paper.

"We've been up and down, but we have made progress since the beginning of the year and we are continuing to get better," he said. "The big thing is we are still struggling to put the ball in the basket."

In recent games, Fenton dropped a 48-29 game to St. Viator and also lost 43-26 to Elmwood Park. The Bison defeated Chicago Academy 64-24 and lost to Aurora Central Catholic by a 49-19 count.

"With the exception of the Chicago Academy game, the scores kind of tell the story," said Anderson. "We've had

some trouble scoring in games. It's starting to get frustrating for the girls. At the beginning of the season we were struggling in several aspects. But in the last few games if you watch us play you would see everything working but the ball going in the basket for us. Our defense has been fine. Aurora Central Catholic is a very good team and they are at the top of the conference with Riverside-Brookfield and Wheaton Academy. That game didn't look lopsided. We just struggled to put the ball in the basket."

Fenton trailed 11-0 at the beginning of the game against Aurora Central. "That takes the air out of the balloon when that happens," said Anderson. "It makes it a lot harder to shoot a 3-pointer with your feet ready when you are down 11 points early."

Anderson saw the opposite occur in the win against Chicago Academy. "We had a great shooting night against Chicago Academy," he said. "We're going to keep plugging away. I'm happy with how hard the girls are playing and how they run the offense. We're getting shots we like to shoot."

Anderson cited continued strong play from Courtney Susmarski. "Courtney has kind of taken over for us," said Anderson. "She had 14 of our 19 points the other night. Her scoring average has gone up dramatically. She looks to take over from a scoring standpoint. She's tough to stop. If a team is playing zone, we can put her outside because she's our second-best 3-point shooter. She's also hard to guard under the basket. She goes to the free-throw line a lot. She's up to 10 or 11 points a game."

Anderson noted Fenton's schedule is rather full the next three weeks. "We have a busy three weeks coming up," he said. "It's like a whirlwind. We're very anxious to get into the second half of the conference season. We're looking forward to seeing these teams a second time so our girls can see how much they've improved. And hopefully that positive vibe will affect how the ball goes in the basket. In the games where we shoot a decent percentage we do well. We've been playing a lot better lately, but we need to keep working on the ball going in the basket."

## Willowbrook wrestling team rolls on

### Rowland breaks program all-time records for wins and takedowns

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The wins and high place finishes continue to pile up for the Willowbrook wrestling team.

Through mid-last week, the Warriors were 19-4 overall in duals and 3-1 in West Suburban Conference Gold action.

Willowbrook also recently finished 10th out of 25 teams at the Sycamore tournament.

"We are battling despite injuries," said Willowbrook coach Brandon Murphy. "We have been without multiple wrestlers, but we are continuing to push forward. We only brought 11 of the possible 14 weight classes to Sycamore. This made it difficult to score in the top tier team point-wise."

On the individual front, numerous Willowbrook records have fallen so far this season.

Senior standout Matt Rowland has broken multiple school records, including the all-time program wins record. Rowland

through mid-last week had 167 career wins, which has bested the previous record held by two-time state champion Mike Behnke.

Rowland also established the all-time takedown record previously held by two-time state place-winner Antoine Burns.

Rowland finished first at the Sycamore tournament where he defeated a two-time state champion in the finals.

Sophomore Jack Jessen finished second at Sycamore. He lost to the defending Class 2A state champion in the finals.

"Matt and Jack are constantly working toward reaching their goals," said Murphy. "They push each other every day and they use these mid-season tournaments as a gauge to see where they are at technically and conditioning-wise. They both make adjustments after every tournament. I can't wait for the state series to start for them."

Rowland was 35-1 at 170 pounds and also has a second-place finish at the prestigious Dvorak invitational to his credit. Jessen was 35-1 at 182 pounds and placed first at

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# Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming team defeats Proviso West

**Squad  
gearing up for  
home stretch of  
season;**

**Wallace excelling**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming team came back from the holiday break and recorded a West Suburban Conference cross-over win against Proviso West.

"The team looked good," said Addison Trail-Willowbrook coach Neil Wahlgren. "Some of our guys swam in different events and they had a lot of fun."

Wahlgren said the team has been hard at work getting prepared for the tail end of the season. "We are putting all the pieces together as we come down the home stretch," he said.

Addison Trail-Willowbrook was slated to face WSC Gold division foe Hinsdale South

recently and will swim against Morton Friday in another conference meet and will then head to the Shepard invitational Saturday.

"We have some tough meets coming up," said Wahlgren. "We're excited to see where we place overall at Shepard. I think it is going to be a good end of the season. We have a chance to do well in some of these meets."

Addison Trail-Willowbrook continues to be led by Willowbrook student Ethan Wal-

lace, who is a sprint freestyle swimmer. "Ethan, for sure, has been real strong for us," said Wahlgren. "He has a chance this year in either the 50 or 100. Some days it's the 50 for him and others it's the 100. The hard part is with the 50 everything has to be perfect."

Wahlgren also has been thrilled with Wallace's leadership this season. "Ethan is a good role model," he said. "He shows the other guys how hard you have to work in practice."

The team also has received

a boost from freshmen Evan Zimmerman (Addison Trail) and Jack Burns (Willowbrook). "During practice both guys give me everything they have," said Wahlgren. "They are challenging guys for spots. They are going to be very good."

Addison Trail students Mikey Strycharz and Jacob Grygo have been two additional bright spots. "Mikey has been strong throughout the year for us," said Wahlgren. "Jacob has been the same way."

Strycharz swims the 50 and 100, while Grygo also is a sprint freestyler.

Wahlgren also is excited about the team's relay prospects with Strycharz, Grygo, Zimmerman and Burns.

"Our relays are good," he said. "We have a good core group here and hopefully we can continue to build on that. With these younger guys we have the potential to be a strong team the next few years."

Wahlgren noted the Shepard invitational has a pair of frosh-soph relays on the lineup card. "Those are extra events and we'll get our guys together and try to win those events and show what the future looks like," he said.

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Dvorak.

Senior Trevor Bell was 29-6 at 120 pounds, while senior Noah Nagle was 26-8 at 152. Bell placed sixth at Sycamore. Nagle was eighth at Sycamore. Senior Jake Wozniak was 20-13 at heavyweight, while junior Dominic Ranieri was 20-12 at 126. Sophomore Tyler Guerrero was 16-5 at 132.

"We are developing into a team right now," said Murphy. "I like how they are there for each other and are out there cheering each other and picking

up a teammate when he needs it. There have been many athletes in the lineup throughout the season due to injuries, but they all have stepped up and battled like warriors. It has been great to see different kids get some varsity experience. It shows us and them where they are and what they need to do in order to get to the next level. At this point in the season the guys know what they do best and we're just fine-tuning what they already are good at. As a staff we try to build upon what each individual

is good at and minimize weaknesses."

Seniors Nagle, Wozniak and James Moore also have been key cogs for the Warriors. "This has been a Cinderella season for three seniors in particular," said Murphy. "Noah Nagle has 26 wins so far and that is three times as many as he had last year. He is a poster child for improvement. Jake and James both were backups last season and have stepped into the role of starters and have not disappointed. Jake and James are

among the strongest leaders on the team. They always are in the corner for their teammates. It has been a true pleasure having them in the lineup this season."

Murphy also cited strong work from senior Ramon Aguilar. "Ramon came through with a big win (recently) in our home quad," he said. "He kept fighting and eventually wore his opponent down and came up with the pin."

Willowbrook recently hosted WSC Gold Division foe Downers Grove South for senior night.

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# Fenton wrestlers win another conference championship

## Bison girls bowlers making improvements

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Conference titles and the Fenton wrestling team have gone hand in hand in recent times.

The Bison added to their collection with a recent 38-29 victory over Riverside-Brookfield to win the Metro Suburban Conference title for the fourth year in a row and seventh time in the last nine seasons.

Earlier, Fenton downed Glenbard South to inch closer to the title. The R-B win pushed Fenton to 17-3 overall in duals.

In the R-B win, Angel Nava (145 pounds), Dylan Butts (182), Joe Garcia (220) and Isaiah Brock (285) won their matches by pinfall.

Sebastian Kaspar earned a major decision at 120, while Kyle Higgins did the same at 170. Kacper Piskorz (132) and Nikko Castaneda (160) also scored wins. Dan Warren was applauded by Fenton coach Brian Hastings for his effort at 138 against a highly ranked R-B opponent.

In an earlier triangular meet, Fenton hosted Elmwood Park and IC Catholic Prep and scored two victories. In a 41-16 win over Elmwood Park, Kaspar (120 pounds) and Tim Wolf (182) led the way.

In a 57-12 win over IC Catholic Prep, Kyle Higgins (170)

and Victor Vargas (195) had key victories.

"As a team we are beginning to get more consistent with our fundamentals, our toughness and our quest to score more often," said Hastings.

Hastings lauded the recent contributions of a host of Bison wrestlers. "Dylan Butts has continued to be an extremely

tough competitor," he said. "Angel Nava is gaining some momentum after being out a few meets and Nikko Castaneda, Kyle Higgins, Tim Wolf and Joe Garcia have won some big matches."

Fenton girls bowling The Fenton girls bowling team has received contributions from the likes of under-

classmen Katherine Prezjner, Danielle Frebrache and Cristina Villegas.

"Katherine, Danielle and Cristina are girls to look at as the year winds down," said Fenton coach Lee Cassidy. "Hopefully they will work hard over the summer and we will have a strong team for next year. The year is not over. We

still have a chance to qualify for the state tournament if the girls can put it all together in the next few weeks."

Cassidy noted the team, which lost seven starters from a year ago, has made progress throughout the year. "The girls enjoy bowling and they are improving weekly," said Cassidy.

## REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE  
18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
DUPAGE COUNTY - WHEATON, ILLINOIS  
CITIZENS BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
Gregory D. Levant, et. al.  
DEFENDANTS

2015 CH 001223

### 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 DuPage County, Illinois will on 2/23/16 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 following described real estate:

PIN 02-24-409-033  
Improved with Single Family Home  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 503 Rumpke Lane  
Addison, IL 60101

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE  
18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
DUPAGE COUNTY - WHEATON, ILLINOIS  
OWEN LOAN SERVICING LLC  
PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
JESUS VAZQUEZ; VIRGINIA VAZQUEZ;  
DEFENDANTS

09 CH 003503

403 EAST HILTON AVENUE  
ADDISON, IL 60101  
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO  
JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE  
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE  
FORECLOSURE ACT

"THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT ON A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE." PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by said Court in the above entitled cause on December 1, 2015, DUPAGE COUNTY SHERIFF IN DU PAGE County, Illinois, will on March 3, 2016, in 501 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187, at 10:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of DU PAGE, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 03-28-420-009 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 403 EAST HILTON AVENUE ADDISON, IL 60101 Description of Improvements: TWO STORY SFH WITH A TWO CAR DETACHED GARAGE The Judgment amount was \$362,538.81. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title 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 successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure 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 ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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60602. Tel. No. (312) 372-2060. Please refer to file #PA0821658 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  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
PLAINTIFF  
VS.

CECILIO PEREZ; JESUS ENRIQUE DURAN; ANTONIO SANCHEZ; ANA ENRIQUEZ; JUAN MORA AKA JUAN D. MORA; VILAGE OF GLENDALE HEIGHTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;  
DEFENDANTS

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NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO  
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FORECLOSURE ACT

"THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT ON A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE." PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by said Court in the above entitled cause on December 1, 2015, DUPAGE COUNTY SHERIFF IN DU PAGE County, Illinois, will on March 3, 2016, in 501 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187, at 10:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of DU PAGE, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 03-28-110-007 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 135 NORTH SCHOOL STREET ADDISON, IL 60101 Description of Improvements: TAN ALUMINUM SIDING SPLIT LEVEL SINGLE FAMILY HOME WITH TWO CAR DETACHED GARAGE The Judgment amount was \$310,359.37. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 25% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title 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 successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure 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 ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at <http://www.service.atty-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 #PA1220074 Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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231320

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE  
EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
DUPAGE COUNTY - WHEATON ILLINOIS  
Prospect Mortgage LLC  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

Kenneth Potter, AKA Kenneth J. Potter; Renata Potter; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Challenge Financial Investors, Corp., a Florida Corporation, its successors and assigns; City of Chicago; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants.  
Defendants.

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3N304 Cardinal Street, Addison, IL 60101

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 5, 2015, the DuPage County Sheriff's Office will on February 25, 2016, at the hour of 10:00AM at the DuPage County Sheriff's Office, 501 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois 60187, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 3N304 Cardinal Street, Addison, IL 60101  
Parcel Number(s): 03-27-303-017, 03-27-303-018

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

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For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 14-060803.

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## Addison Trail girls gymnastics team defeats Willowbrook

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail girls gymnastics team scored a recent 123.85-102.50 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win over District 88 neighbor Willowbrook.

On vault, Addison Trail's Kennedy O'Neill won the event with an 8.6. Willowbrook's Katherine Gibson was second with an 8.3, while Addison Trail's Madalyn Rumps was third with an 8.2.

On beam, O'Neill finished first with an 8.7. Teammate Lauren Stamatopoulos was second with a 7.85. Addison Trail's Jessica Rosal was third with a 7.65, while Willowbrook's Gibson was fourth at 7.55.

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On bars, Rumps was first with an 8.4. Teammate Terra Garcia was second with a 7.4, while Rosal was third at 7.2. Willowbrook's Gibson was fourth at 6.1.

On floor, O'Neill made it three first-place finishes with a score of 8.3. Rumps was second at 7.4, while Stamatopoulos was third at 7.35, Gibson was fourth at 7.15.

In the all-around competition, Addison Trail's Garcia was first with a score of 30.0. Gibson was second at 29.1, while Stamatopoulos was third at 29.05. Willowbrook's Jackie Bliss was fourth at 25.65.

### Willowbrook girls basketball

The Willowbrook girls basketball team went 1-2 during a recent three-game stretch.

In a 46-33 West Suburban Conference Gold Division win over Leyden, Willowbrook led 16-11 after the first quarter and 29-18 at halftime. The Warriors limited Leyden to 15 second-half points.

Josie Zabran led the Warriors with 10 points, 14 rebounds and three steals. Kalyn Konrath added 10 points and eight rebounds. Milena Sogura had six rebounds. Alyssa Spada had four assists, while Danielle Velasquez had three assists. Willowbrook outrebounded Leyden 43-25.

In a 58-51 non-conference loss to South Elgin, Willowbrook led 9-4 after the first quarter and 22-21 at halftime. South Elgin outscored Willowbrook 14-9 in the third quarter and 23-20 in the fourth quarter.

The Warriors shot 35 percent from the field and committed 18 turnovers. South Elgin scored 20 points off Willowbrook turnovers.

Spada led the Warriors with 12 points. Zabran had 11 points and eight rebounds, while Sogura had seven rebounds. Velasquez had six assists.

In a 65-63 overtime loss to Downers Grove South in WSC Gold play, Willowbrook led 21-7 after the first quarter and 35-29 at halftime. Downers South outscored Willowbrook 28-22 in the second half to force overtime.

Spada led the Warriors with 17 points (6-for-7 free throws). Zabran had 16 points (6-for-11 shooting) and had six rebounds. Grace Chantos finished with seven rebounds and four assists. Konrath and Velasquez each had five rebounds. Willowbrook committed 19 turnovers. Downers South scored 19 points off those turnovers. Willowbrook did score 15 second-chance points in the game.

## IC Catholic Prep boys basketball team rebounds to beat St. Edward

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The IC Catholic Prep boys basketball team shook off the sting of a pair of recent overtime losses to record a 56-49 Metro Suburban Conference West Division victory over Elgin St. Edward.

The win moved IC Catholic Prep to 10-7 overall and the Knights finished their first time through the division with a 2-4 record. The game was part of the annual IC Catholic Prep Coaches vs. Cancer event.

After playing to a 9-9 first-quarter tie, St. Edward held a slim 21-20 advantage going into the third quarter. However, IC Catholic Prep used a

15-8 run in the third quarter to pull away against its frequent foe the last few years. IC Catholic Prep defeated St. Edward over the holidays to win the IC Catholic Prep-Westmont tournament.

Will Lyles led the Knights with 21 points. Troy Burrows added 14 points, while Austin Reed had six points. Angel Ramirez and Matt Sutton each had five points.

In earlier action, IC Catholic Prep dropped a tough 82-80 non-conference game to Lisle in triple overtime.

The Knights led 15-11 after the first quarter, but trailed 32-30 heading into halftime. IC Catholic Prep outscored

Lisle 13-12 in the third quarter and 17-16 in the fourth quarter to force overtime.

Austin Reed led the Knights with 22 points, eight rebounds, four steals and four assists. He made four 3-pointers and shot 4-for-4 from the free-throw line. Jordan Rowell, in his first action of the basketball season, added 15 points and 12 rebounds. Ramirez had 11 points. Sutton also had 11 points and made three 3-pointers. Garrett Cheng had nine rebounds and five assists, while Lyles had two blocked shots.

The Knights also lost 63-61 in overtime to Aurora Central Catholic in a MSC West game. Burrows led the Knights

with 28 points, which included seven 3-pointers. Sutton had 11 points (2 three-pointers), while Ramirez had eight points (2 three-pointers). Sutton added five assists, while Lyles had seven rebounds. The Knights made nine 3-pointers in the game.

"I wish we were on the other end of those overtime games, but they still were fun," said IC Catholic Prep coach TJ Tyrrell earlier last week.

Tyrrell noted in the Lisle game, his team trailed by nine points with under two minutes to play in regulation, but two Reed 3-pointers and a 3-pointer from Sutton knotted things up.

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# Illinois students left out of state exams, labeled ineligible for testing



Fifth-graders at Highland Elementary School in Elgin sit at their computers after finishing one of five sessions of PARCC testing. (Dave Gathman / The Courier-News)

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**D**uPage County's Addison Trail High School enrolled nearly 600 freshmen at the start of the 2014-15 school year, but when it came time to give a new state exam in ninth-grade-level English language arts, more than 100 of the kids disappeared from the testing roster.

Nearly 20 percent of freshmen were left out of **PARCC testing** in English — but not because families opted out or reported students absent on exam day.

Administrators labeled most of those youths ineligible to test, part of the new and controversial way Illinois is testing high school students across the state: Kids take state exams only if they're in particular courses, and not because they're in a certain grade.

Last year, students in developmental, special education, limited English and even gifted and honors classes were removed from state testing, the Tribune found, raising questions about how those ineligible kids affected overall test performance at schools, and when those students will be given state exams.

Federal law requires that students be tested annually in reading and math at least once in high school.

"Are all freshmen in the state doing the ELA 9 test? The answer to that is no. That is the dilemma," said DuPage High School District 88 Superintendent Scott Helton. Both Addison Trail and Willowbrook High School in his district excluded dozens of students from the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers English exam, with Helton describing the situation as a "gray area" in terms of defining which courses would count for students to test.

It's a complicated task in the stratified world of high school, where students land in a hodgepodge of courses from remedial to advanced, and administrators have latitude from the state to decide which courses will align to which exam.

For example, some of the excluded students in District 88 were in English as a second language courses rather than a regular ninth-grade English class, district officials said, so those students weren't tested. In the past, limited-English-proficient students have been required to take state exams, with some exceptions.

The district also said that several dozen students labeled as freshmen in state enrollment data were actually older students who had failed courses. Those students were excluded because they weren't enrolled in classes aligned with the ninth-grade-level PARCC exam in English. It is uncertain when those students will take the state exam.

In Palatine-based Township High School District 211, administrators excluded some English-language-limited students as well as special education students in lower-level classes. Students with the most severe disabilities take an alternative test, but other special education students have been required to take the regular state exams in the past, and schools were held accountable for the performance of those students.

Lisa Small, the associate superintendent for instruction in District 211, said it was a frustrating experience for special education students because they were handed a test and couldn't engage in it.

"If you are looking for a universal system to test all kids, that is really hard to do," Small said.



In the past, all high school juniors had to sit for the state's now-defunct Prairie State Achievement Examination and couldn't get their diplomas without taking it, with some exceptions.

But for years, controversy swirled around the Prairie State when districts used loopholes to define what constitutes a "junior" and exclude certain students from testing, including low-performing teens who could pull down test results. Ultimately, changes in the law and state rules helped ensure that juniors would be tested.

Then came PARCC, the Common Core-based exam that gave schools more flexibility in how to test students. Districts could pick which PARCC exams to administer, such as ninth-grade-level English language arts and algebra I, or 11th-grade-level English and algebra II. And students taking the tests could be in different grades, as long as they were in specific courses that would coincide with the PARCC exams.

So in math, for example, a student might be in ninth, 10th or a higher grade and take the PARCC algebra I test, as long as he or she was in an algebra I class or another class linked to that exam.

A list of the courses used in 2015, provided by the state to the Tribune, showed a variety of classes that would allow students to be tested. For the ninth-grade-level PARCC exam in English language arts, though, many districts chose the ninth-grade English/language arts I course as the springboard for identifying which students should be tested. Other courses sufficed, though they were rarely used, such as creative writing and British literature.

It's not clear how many high school students didn't take state exams in 2015 because they weren't in the designated courses. The Illinois State Board of Education said it does not track that statistic, and districts had the autonomy to determine which courses would align with the PARCC exams.

At the same time, "It is ISBE's expectation that districts fully comply with all federal and state laws and rules regarding assessment of students with IEPs (an individualized educational program for students with special needs) and English Learners," the agency wrote in response to questions from the Tribune.

At the very least, hundreds of students were likely left out of the exams, based on high school enrollment figures and the number of students considered eligible to test, the Tribune found.

The Tribune reviewed data for nearly 300 high schools that offered the ninth-grade-level English language arts exam, comparing the number of freshmen enrolled at the beginning of the school year to the number considered eligible to take the spring exams. Dozens of schools had differences in those numbers.

Lake County's Grant Community High School enrolled 482 freshmen in 2014-15, according to state figures, but only 257 students were tested on the ninth-grade-level ELA exam.

Greg Urbaniak, the high school's director of curriculum, instruction and assessment, said 150 or more freshman honors students were excluded from testing because they were essentially doing 10th-grade coursework. "In reality, what it did was it kind of hurt our scores, because our best kids at grade level weren't testing," Urbaniak said.

"Now we may need to rethink why we had to do that. Our best kids are never going to be tested."

In Elgin-based School District U-46, several dozen ninth-graders in a gifted program at Elgin High School didn't take the English language arts PARCC exam because they were in a gifted world literature course and not the typical ELA class for freshmen, district spokeswoman Mary Fergus said.

Fergus also said an estimated 200 to 250 second-year high school students were labeled as freshmen in the fall because of a lack of credits and would not be eligible to take the state exam because they likely were not in a freshman English class in 2014-15. The district also said ninth-graders could be excluded from the exam if they had failed the first part of their freshman English class and were no longer taking the course, she said.

Fergus said the district did give PARCC exams to English language learners, except those just new to the country — an allowed exception.

The practice of giving high school exams based on student courses will continue in the upcoming testing season. Statewide, third- through eighth-graders still will take state exams based on their grade level, though PARCC allows for an advanced middle school student to take a high school-level math exam.

In addition, fifth- and eighth-graders as well as high school students are scheduled to take a new online state science exam. The high school exam will be in biology and, like the current situation, teens will take the exam if they're in the designated courses.

For 2016-17, the Illinois State Board of Education has recommended increasing the state budget for testing and expanding PARCC exams in high schools.

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