TAKE ONE Ladison



Addison man pleads guilty to murdering wife, injuring stepson

Could spend 90 years in prison for stabbing her head multiple times

> By Dee Longfellow For The Independent

ADDISON - A 35-yearold Addison man charged with murdering his wife and stabbing his teenage stepson on July 26, 2013, is facing 26 to 90 years in prison after he pleaded guilty on Friday, Jan. 15 to two counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted first-degree murder after allegedly stabbing the 39-year-old while she slept. He also used the knife on his 15-year-old stepson who attempted to step in and help his mother during the incident.

Kurtis Worley, of Addison, pleaded guilty in court on Jan. 15, according to Assistant State's Attorney Nancy Donahoe, who stated that Worley "repeatedly stabbed his 39-year-old wife, Martha Worley, in the head and body while she slept around 3 a.m. July 26, 2013, inside their home on North Craig Place." One report said she had been stabbed as many as 10 times in the head.

Worley also cut the throat of his 15-year-old stepson, causing damage to his pharynx. The report said the young man tried to intervene after he and his 12-year-old brother heard their mother scream.

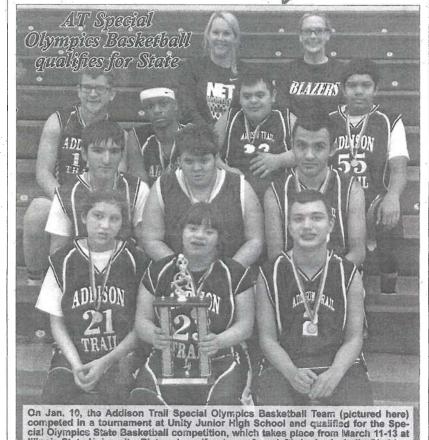
"The boys heard their mother screaming and began banging on the doors," Donahoe said. "Worley opened the bedroom door and slashed (the 15-yearold's) throat as they pleaded with him to stop. Worley slammed the door shut and the boys got two knives from the kitchen and fled the house as they called for help."

Police arrived to find the boys outside, still on the phone with 911, the oldest boy applying pressure to the wound on his throat.

Inside the home, police reportedly found blood smears on the walls of the hallways and a washroom, before breaking down Worley's bedroom door, where they found Martha Worley lying in the bed in a pool of blood with brain matter exposed. Kurtis Worley was found on the floor with selfinflicted knife wounds to his throat and wrists.

In taped interviews after his release from the hospital, Worley admitted to being intoxicated and attacking his wife after she told him she wanted a divorce and refused to rekin-

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tilinois State University. Pictured are (front row, from left): junior Isabella Chaldez, sophomore Guadalupe Garcia, senior Austin Vitello; (second row, from left): sophomore George Pappas-Papaioannou, senior Aleks Iskali, senior Alejandro Bueno; (third row, from left): sophomore Robert Vitello, sophomore Kayshaun Stanfill,

senior Johnny Rodriguez, sophomore Rueben Chacke; (back row, from left): Coach Melissa Morales and Coach Jessica Sokolowski,

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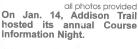
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24 HOUR TOWING

Addison Trail hosts annual Course Information Night





(above): freshman Alicia Acevedo speaks with incoming freshman Paola Rebollo about the school's Blazettes team.

(left): Senior Giuseppe Rubino performs a stunt during the school's Athletic/Activity Fair (part of Course Information Night).

(right): Principal Michael Bolden greets incoming students and parents/guardians and discusses where members of the Addison Trail class of 2015 are attending college.

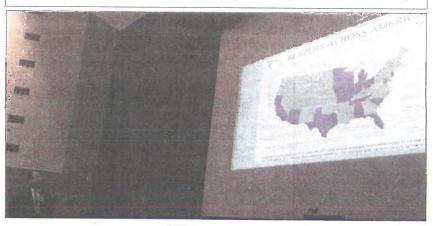
(below): Sophomore Danielie Cusumano shares information about the school's theatre program with incoming students and parents/guardians.



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Addison Center for the Arts receives grant from DuPage Foundation

The Addison Center for the Arts received a grant from the DuPage Foundation, presented at the Foundation's Holiday Open House and Grant Distribution event held on Dec. 16. Pictured is Joan Miorrissey, DuPage Foundation Grant Committee member (center) presenting the grant to Sara Ricci (left) and Annette Leiber of Addison Center for the Arts. During its Fall Community Needs Grant Cycle, the Foundation awarded a total of \$190,354 in Arts & Culture, Education and Environmental grants.



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dle their relationship, Donahoe



have sex with him.

A 1.9-inch stab wound to Martha Worley's head allegedly left the broken tip of the knife lodged in her brain and was likely the cause for her death, declared later that evening.

said. Another report said he stabbed her after she refused to

likely the cause for her death, declared later that evening. Worley's stepson had emergency surgery on his pharynx and was released from the hospital several days later.

Police said Worley was intoxicated at the time of the inci-

dent, a fact he later admitted.
"This morning, Kurtis Worley
took responsibility for the mur-

der of his wife and brutal attack of his stepson," DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin said in a written statement. "This has been a very disturbing case for all those involved. My thoughts and prayers go out to Martha's surviving family and friends. Her tragic death has been a jolt to those who knew her, and it is my sincerest hope that today's proceedings will in some way help them move on from this horrible chapter in their lives."

Worley's next court appearance is scheduled for Feb. 25, at which time a sentencing hearing will be scheduled.

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ATHS prepares to host International Fest Week again this year

Residents invited to present their own stories

ADDISON — From Feb. 22-26, Addison Trail High School will celebrate International Fest Week.

During the week, students will enjoy presentations in which speakers will discuss their travels and experiences from throughout the world. The school is looking for speakers to share their stories of traveling abroad.

For those who are interested in presenting, contact Addison Trail Assistant Principal Iridia Niewinski at iniewinski@ dupage88.net or 630-628-3307.

Please provide the following information:

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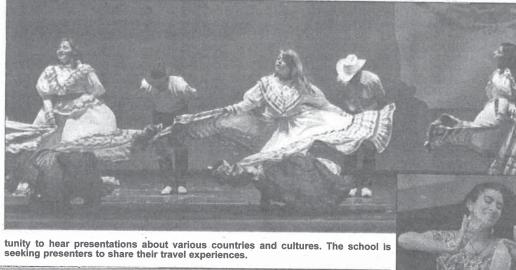
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And on Feb. 26, students will take the stage for the International Dance Show. The show will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature about 21 dances that represent at least 15 different countries/cultures. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and children ages 3 to 12, \$3 with an Activity Pass and are free with a District 88 Senior Gold Card. For tickets or more information, contact Niewinski.

A portion of the proceeds from this year's event will be donated to WE.org.

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These photos were taken at a
previous International Dance
Show at Addison Trail, which
will be returning once again.
This year's show will take
place on Feb. 26 as part of
international Fest Week (Feb.
22 - 26). During that week,
students will have the oppor-







Seniors recognized in leadership program

ADDISON — Addison Trail seniors Alondra Estrada and Nicole Pudlo have been selected as Honorable Mentions in the 2015-16 Daily Herald Leadership Team program.

The Leadership Team recognizes high school students who excel in volunteerism and community service. Estrada and Pudlo were nominated by Addison Trail for their outstanding work with volunteer and community organizations and for the leadership they have shown in those endeavors. A panel of judges selected the team from a large number of high school students in the area.

Estrada and Pudlo were among those honored in a special Leadership Team edition of the Daily Herald's Neighbor section on Jan. 14.



ALONDRA ESTRADA



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Addison Community Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 27 Artist's reception for District 4 students

From 5-7 p.m., the Addison Center for the Arts invites the public to an artist's reception for students in grades 1-8 from School District 4, whose artworks will be on display in the gallery. Enter door #4 on the north side of Addison Trail High School. Info: 630-458-4500 or addisoncenterforthearts.com.

Thursday, Jan. 28 Addison Chamber election of officers, board members

All members of the business community, citizens and organizations are invited to join the Addison Chamber of Commerce and Industry's for its 2016 meeting that will feature the election and installation of officers and board members, as well as Mayor Veenstra's State of the Village address. Reservations are required by Monday, Jan. 18. The meeting and program begins promptly at 11:30 a.m. with registration at 11 a.m. (buffet luncheon and seating as you arrive and register). For more information to register, call 630-543-4000. Cost per person is \$25 for ACCI members; \$30 for non-members. Charges will be billed for any cancellation after 12 noon on Wednesday, Jan. 27 and no-shows.

Sunday, Jan. 31-Monday, Feb. 1-Tuesday, Feb. 2 St. Pius X School open houses

St. Pius X Parish School, 601 S. Westmore Road in Lombard, is having open houses for prospective families from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, 9-11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1 and 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2. Meet the school's teachers and principal, and take a tour of the facilities. Full-day and half-day preschool and kindergarten is available, and extended care is available before and after school. Info: call 630-627-2353 to make a tour reservation or visit the website: stpiuslombard.org/school

Saturday, Feb. 20 Mixed media workshop

From 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Annette Perone Leiber will conduct an acrylic mixed media workshop at the Addison Trail art department. Fees: \$30 for AAG members, \$40 for nonmembers. Info and registration: 630-250-9407 or email annettelei@comcast. net. To register by mail, send a check payable to Addison Art Guild and mail to Annette Leiber, 1245 White Fence Lane, Addison 60101.

Ongoing events ...
• ACA hosts
District 4 art show

Now through Feb. 5, the Addison Center for the Arts is hosting an exhibition of more than 100 works of art in various art mediums created by students in grades 1-8 from School District 4. The gallery on the north side of Addison Trail High School (enter door #4). The public is invited to view. An artist's reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27. Info: 630-458-4500 or addisoncenterforthearts.com.

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

Active Adults Senior Club

Adults, ages 55 or better, are invited to Park District's Active Adults Senior Club on Tuesdays from noon-2 p.m. at Community Rec Center, 120 E. Oak Street. For more information, contact Teresa Grodsky at (630) 233-7275, option #2.

Clubs and organizations are welcome to send entries for this column to: QuestPublishing@aol.com. Please include a phone number or e-mail address to contact for information.

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Addison Trail senior named Chick Evans scholar Nino Conte to live in Scholarship House at University of Illinois

ADDISON — Addison Trail senior Nino Conte was recently named as a recipient of a Chick Evans Scholarship for Caddies.

According to the website, Chick Evans Scholarship for Caddies applicants must have a strong caddie record, excellent academics, demonstrated financial need and outstanding character. Finalists are selected and go through a rigorous interview process. The scholarship is awarded from the Evans Scholars Foundation, a charitable trust that provides full, four-year tuition and housing college scholarships to deserving caddies.

Conte has been a caddie at Medinah Country Club for about five years. He said he used to play golf recreationally when he was



ADDISON TRAIL SENIOR NINO CONTE

younger, and he plans to play again in the future.
"What I've learned most through being a caddie is patience," he said. "It's a fun job, and I enjoy being on the golf course."

He was thrilled when he learned he had received the scholarship to live in the Evans Scholarship House at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Nino is looking to see whether he can transfer the scholarship to Indiana University in Bloomington, where he plans to pursue a major in finance or accounting.

Humbled by the opportunity, Nino knows he couldn't have achieved this level of success without the support of his family, friends and staff at Addison Trail.

"Addison Trail always pushed me to take rigorous courses, to challenge myself and to work hard," he said. "I know that will help me be successful in the future."





Special coverage...

THE WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL student section usually provides some spirit to support its boys basketball team. The photo on the right shows some members of the section during Friday's boys basketball game against Leyden. The four "anchormen" wearing ties (pictured left to right) are: seniors Matt Pizur, Ron Reitz, Justin Rattin and Matt Garbacz. The basketball team rallied from behind to beat Leyden 46-32. The Warriors trailed Leyden 25-15 with about three minutes to play in the third quarter before outscoring the Eagles 31-7 over the final 11 minutes. Friday's victory in Villa Park gave the Warriors their first West Suburban Gold Conference win of the season.

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Coming this summer: resurfacing of Highridge Road

One of the rougher roads in Villa Park should be repaired later this year.

Highridge Road, located just north of Willowbrook High School, is scheduled to be repaired this summer. The plan to repair the road from Ardmore Avenue west toward the village's border with Lombard continued to take shape during Monday's Villa Park Village Board meeting. Board members voted unanimously in favor of a resolution to approve an agreement between the village and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the improvement of the road and the appropriation of funds for the village's half of the project costs. According to the agreement, the village's share of the project costs are not to exceed \$220,500. The board voted 6-0 during the committee-of-the-whole segment of the meeting to advance the proposal to the formal agenda. Minutes later, board members approved the resolution as part of the consent agenda during the formal agenda segment.

Villa Park Village Manager Rich Keehner noted that the village will receive up to \$220,500 in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding that will provide federal funding

Honoring Sinatra...

THE VILLA PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY marked Frank Sinatra's 100th birthday by welcoming vocalist Peter Oprisko for Saturday evening's concert. Oprisko performed songs from throughout Sinatra's career during the concert on the second floor of the library. The photo on the right shows Oprisko during his final song-"New York, New York." Oprisko, who is based in the Chicago area, gives about 300 performances per year. The versatile Oprisko is able to perform numerous custom shows that pay tribute to Sinatra and some of the 20th Century's other most admired voices. Sinatra was born in Hoboken, New Jersey on Dec. 12, 1915. He died in 1998. For more information about upcoming events at the library, visit www.vppl.info.

Photo by Chris Fox

for the other half of the project's construction costs and engineering services. Keehner added that the project is ready for bidding and is targeting the March IDOT letting. Construction is expected to take place this summer.

Trustee Robert Wagner inquired about the process that will be used to repair the road, a technique known as full-depth reclamation.

"Basically, what they do is pulverize the existing material, add new cement to it, mix it in, and then compact it," responded Villa Park Public Works Director Vydas Juskelis in explaining the process. "Then the old pavement becomes the new base, and then they put a fresh lift of asphalt on top of that."

Trustee Albert Bulthuis asked Juskelis if the construction plan included curbs. Juskelis responded that the plan did not include curbs and was strictly a resurfacing project. When Bulthuis asked about the funding for the project, Juskelis stated that the funding would come from the federal STP funding and from local sales tax revenue. He said the funds for the Highridge Road project would not be provided by the bond money related to the voter-approved referendum of November 2014.



Rough road...

HIGHRIDGE ROAD in Villa Park will be repaired later this year. Villa Park Village Manager Rich Keehner said during Monday's village board meeting that construction is anticipated to take place this summer. The above photo from north of Willowbrook High School and east of the Islamic Foundation School shows a westward view of Highridge Road. The village will reportedly receive \$220,500 in federal funding for the resurfacing project. The village will provide the other \$220,500 to fund the other half of the project. The village's share reportedly includes about \$180,000 in construction costs and about \$40,000 toward engineering services.



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. Ardinore 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 Warnors' Web site at www.viilaparkwarriors.com. or contact Sheri Lyons at 630-290-5474 for football and Jean Taylor at 630-542-8452 for cheerleading.



Honored artist...

WILLOWBROOK SENIOR Natalie Caswell (above) created one of her school's winning entries at Elmhurst College's 17th annual High School Art Exhibition. The exhibition, which took place from Jan. 9-19 in the Founders Lounge of the Frick Center, included hundreds of paintings, prints, sculptures and works in other media created by students from several area high schools, including Willowbrook. Caswell's winning creation in the water color/micron pen category, is entitled "A Single Thought of Infinite Consciousness."

Villa Park Library holds open house on Feb. 15 to gather feedback

The Villa Park Public Library Board of Trustees is seeking residents' input and feedback on various building option considerations. The library board will host two open houses on upcoming Mondays—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 two 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 library space and enhancing services to patrons.

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

For more 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.

Police department invites residents to attend SALT meeting on Feb. 10

The Villa Park Police Department has announced that the upcoming quarterly meeting for Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Community Recreation Building, 320 E. Wildwood Ave. Residents and guests are invited to arrive at

 $10:30\,$ a.m. to enjoy coffee, pastries and fellowship before the presentation.

The meeting will include a presentation by Dr. Luke Stringer of the Pain and Wellness Group. The Villa Park Senior Concerns Commission will sponsor a light lunch for all guests immediately after the meeting.

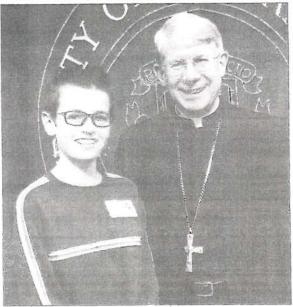
Villa Park residents invited to State of the Village on Feb. 25

The Village of Villa Park invites residents to attend the annual State of the Village address on Thursday, Feb. 25. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Willowbrook High School, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave.

According to information provided by the village, the presentation is an opportunity to review the accomplishments of the last year. Those accomplishments include the approval of a new parks and recreation master plan and the acquisition of a new, grant-funded fire engine.

In addition to reviewing the past year, the village's Feb. 25 presentation will feature an overview of items on this year's agenda, including continued street improvements and the completion of renovations at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park.

The address will include information about current projects in each village department.



Resident attends special service...

VILLA PARK RESIDENT Liam Casey (above, left) was invited to the University of St. Francis in Joliet to enjoy Breakfast With the Bishop on Jan. 15. Casey, who is a freshman at Montini Catholic High School, is pictured with R. Daniel Conlon, the bishop of the Diocese of Joliet. The University of St. Francis hosts the annual Breakfast With the Bishop event each year to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. One student from each of the the Joliet Diocese's schools is invited to attend the breakfast, which also includes a prayer service. Casey's mother Gail accompanied him to the breakfast. This year's Catholic School Week takes place Jan. 31—Feb. 6. The theme is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."

Warrior poms...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S pom team (right) competed in Saturday's IHSA competitive dance sectional at Andrew High School in Tinley Park. The team needed a top-six finish in its division to earn a spot in this week's IHSA state meet in Bloomington. Willowbrook placed seventh in the sectional's 2A-1 level, narrowly missing a berth in the state meet. This is the first year that the Willowbrook pom team has competed in an IHSA sectional. The photo on the right was taken Friday at the boys basketball game. The pom team performed its competition routine, which featured a flight attendant theme, during halftime of Friday's game. Members of the team (pictured left to right) are: (front row) Marissa Fast, Emily Issacson, Maddie Schulte, Christen Huette, Kiana Gleason, Amanda Barrie and Veronica Catanese; (middle row) Kristy Holloway, Claryce Dooley, Lexi Wedoff, Julia Holden, Claire Creighton, Lauren Lehman and Samantha Corso; (back row) Shannon Frank, Maggie Sommers, India Garner and Sarah Ryan.



Sports



Rams win one, lose one; Warriors beat Leyden

Glenbard East's boys basketball team wound up on the winning and losing ends of a pair of weekend home games. The Rams edged East Aurora 50-47 in Friday's Upstate Eight Valley Conference home game. About 24 hours later, Glenbard East closed out its own When Sides Collide event by losing a 53-51 decision to Bradley-Bourbonnais.

The Rams closed out the weekend with an overall record of 12-9 and a 4-1 conference mark.

Glenbard East opened Friday's game with an 8-0 burst that included 3-point shots by seniors Zach Walsh and Terrence Lakes. The visiting Tomcats cut the Rams' lead to 15-14 by the end of the first quarter. Glenbard East held a 26-21 halftime lead, but East Aurora heated up in the third period, when they outscored the Rams 20-8 to take a 41-34 lead with eight minutes to play.

Glenbard East held the Tomcats to just six points in the final quarter. Walsh made a pair of 3-point shots in the final period. Lakes contributed six points in the quarter with two baskets, including a 3-pointer, and one free throw. The Rams held a 48-47 lead in the closing seconds when junior Michael Finley went to the free-throw line. Finley sank two shots to account for the last two points of the game.

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Lakes finished the night with a team-leading 16 points. Walsh made four shots from 3-point range to provide 12 points. Finley contributed eight points.

Saturday evening's game against Bradley-Bourbonnais closed out a four-game event at Glenbard East that began earlier in the day with Kenwood's win over Champaign Central. Fenwick scored a 67-64 win over Riverside-Brookfield in the second game, while Evanston beat Whitney Young 65-58 in the third contest. The Rams trailed the Boilermakers 30-26 at halftime but tied the score at 44-44 by the end of the third quarter. Glenbard East trailed the Boilermakers 53-48 with a little more than one minute to play, but a 3pointer by senior Carlos Meyers cut the visitors' lead to 53-51 with about 59 seconds left. The Rams missed multiple shots to tie the game or take the lead in the closing seconds. The Boilermakers missed a free throw with nine seconds to play. Glenbard East senior Jack Grigat fired a 3-point shot from behind the half-court line in the closing seconds. The shot, which would have given Glenbard East the lead, hit the back iron of the hoop. The Rams grabbed the offensive and launched rebound unsuccessful 2-point attempt that could have sent the game into overtime.

For the second night in a row, Walsh made four 3-point shots and scored 12 points. Finley, who made six 2-point baskets, also scored 12 points. Meyers, who sank two 3-point shots, finished with 8 points. Lakes scored seven points, while Grigat made a pair of 3-pointers and scored six points.

"I was proud of our guys," said Glenbard East coach Scott Miller after Saturday's game, which concluded the fifth annual When Sides Collide shootout. "I thought we battled and competed. The ball didn't bounce our way at the end. It was a good test for us. We'll bounce back."

The Rams will begin the second

half of their conference season with this Friday's home game against South Elgin.

Willowbrook

The Warriors earned their first West Suburban Gold Conference victory of the season when they rallied to beat Leyden 46-32 on Friday night in Villa Park Willowbrook trailed Leyden 16-13 at halftime. The visiting Eagles' lead grew to 25-15 with about three minutes left in the third quarter before the Warriors unleashed their rally. Willowbrook reduced Levden's lead to 27-26 by the end of the third quarter. The Warriors outscored the Eagles 20-5 in the final period, which began with a 3-point shot from senior Billy Degnan. Seconds later, Degnan delivered a 3-point play that hiked the Warriors' lead to 32-27 with 7:06 left in the game.

Freshman Matas Masys connected on a 3-point shot to give the Warriors a 40-32 lead with about two minutes to play. That shot began the Warriors' 9-0 run to end the game.

Degnan made three 3-point shots and scored a team-leading 14 points. Sophomore Ethan Schuemer scored seven points and pulled down a team-leading 12 rebounds. Junior Freddie Clay also scored seven points, while Masys, who made a pair of 3-pointers, scored six points.

Willowbrook improved to 7-11 overall and 1-4 in the conference with the win over Leyden. The Warriors weren't as successful in Saturday's home conference game—an 87-62 loss to Proviso East.





Friday-night wins...

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GLENBARD EAST SENIOR Zach Walsh (above, left) shoots and makes a 3-point attempt during Friday's boys basketball game against East Aurora. Walsh made four 3-point shots in the Rams' 50-47 victory in Lombard. Walsh also made four shots from 3-point range in Saturday's game—a 53-51 loss to Bradley-Bourbonnais. The above right photo shows Willowbrook senior Kevin Miller preparing to attempt a free throw during the fourth quarter of Friday's game against Leyden. Miller made a pair of free throws in the final quarter to help the Warriors beat Leyden 46-32 in Villa Park.

Rams hold off West Aurora in low-scoring battle

The Glenbard East girls basketball team hung on for a 30-26 win over West Aurora in Friday's Upstate Eight Valley Conference contest in Lombard. The Rams had the upper hand throughout the game, which preceded Glenbard East's boys conference game against East Aurora. The visiting Blackhawks, who trailed the Rams 24-9 late in the third quarter, mounted a fourth-period surge that included a pair of 3-point shots. West

Aurora, which outscored the Rams 14-6 in the final period, couldn't cut Glenbard East's lead to fewer than four points in the closing minutes.

Senior Meghan Ryan scored all six of the Rams' fourth-quarter points by providing two inside baskets and a pair of free throws. Her first basket of the period, which came on a pass from senior Brasia Solid, gave Glenbard East a 26-16 lead with about four minutes to play. West Aurora then

sank a 3-point shot to cut the Rams' lead to 26-19. Moments later, Ryan's layup on an assist from senior Amanda Chlebek boosted the lead to 28-19. The Blackhawks then drained another 3-pointer to trim the Glenbard East lead to 28-22 with 3:15 remaining in the game.

Neither team scored over the next minute. West Aurora then scored a basket to reduce the Rams' edge to 28-24 with just under two minutes to play. Ryan was then fouled at the 1:41 mark. She stepped to the free-throw line and sank both attempts to give Glenbard East a 30-24 advantage.

West Aurora closed out the game's scoring by making two free throws with 1:07 to play. The Rams missed three free throws in the final minute, while West Aurora missed a pair of shots from 3-point range.

Glenbard East improved to 13-9 overall and 3-2 in conference play.

Friday's win avenged a Dec 18 overtime loss at West Aurora in the teams' first meeting of the season.

Ryan, Solid and senior Ashley Brown each scored six points. Chlebek and senior Brittany Paganucci both scored five points, while senior Amber Llorens provided two points with a third-quarter basket.

The Rams' season continues with this week's conference games at East Aurora and South Elgin.

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A close victory...

Photos by Chris Fox

GLENBARD EAST SENIORS Meghan Ryan (above, left) and Brittany Paganucci (right) helped the Rams to Friday's 30-26 Upstate Eight Valley Conference victory over West Aurora in Lombard. Ryan scored all six of her team's points in the fourth quarter. She made a pair of inside baskets and hit two free throws with less than two minutes to play. The above photo shows Ryan at the line with 1:41 to play. She made both of her attempts to account for the Rams' final points of the night. Ryan, senior Ashley Brown and senior Brasia Solid each scored six points. Paganucci and senior Amarda Chiebek both scored five points.



Pom team takes part in sectional...

Photo by Chris Fox

THE WILLOWBROOK POM TEAM competed in Saturday's IHSA competitive dance sectional at Andrew High School in Tinley Park. The team needed to finish in the top six in its 2A-1 division to earn a berth in the IHSA state meet, which takes place Jan. 29-30 in Bloomington. Willowbrook wound up in seventh place. This is the first year that Willowbrook has competed in an IHSA sectional. The above photo shows members of the team performing their competition routine during halftime of Friday's boys basketball game. The pom team's competitive routine featured a flight attendant theme. The Glenbard East and Montini pom teams also competed in sectional events on Saturday, Glenbard East finished in 11th place in its 3A-2 division at the Rolling Meadows Sectional. Montini earned a trip to the state meet with its sixth-place finish in the 4A-level of the Huntley Sectional.

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Mayor's Charity Ball raises \$62,000 for 20 charities

ADDISON — While it would raised money for 20 different charities and service organizabe virtually impossible to fit all of Addison inside a banquet hall, it's no exaggeration to say every segment of the community was represented at the 25th Annual Mayor's Community Charity Ball.

The gala event was held Nov. 14 at Alta Villa Banquets and tions in Addison. More than \$62,000 was raised, all of it to the benefit of our community. Checks to the various organizations were presented at the Village Board meeting on Dec. 21.

"It's hard to believe that it has been 25 years," said Mayor

Rich Veenstra, host of the event. "But I'm proud to say this was one of our most successful events ever.

This year's event raised money for Addison Community Switchboard, Addison Center for the Arts, Addison Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Addison Rec Club, Americans of Italian Descent, Concord Lutheran School, District 4 Foundation for Educational Excellence, District 88 Foundation, GlenOaks Hospital Foundation, Good Samaritan United Methodist Church, Kiwanis Club of Addison, Knights of Columbus, LCFS - Lutherbrook Child & Adoles-

cent Center, Medinah Shriners, Parks & Recreation Founda-tion, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Serenity House, Sister Cities of Addison, Student Participation Center, and Women's Club.

Proceeds raised by the Village of Addison are split

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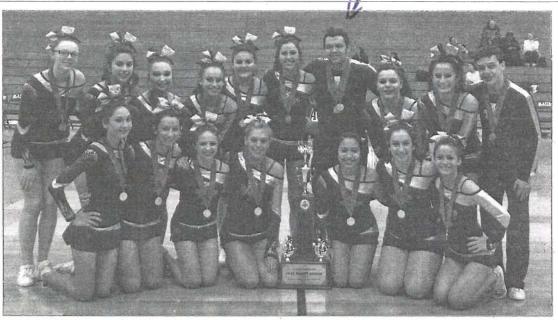
24 HOUR TOWING

Links & Tees plans open house Feb. 6 Guests invited to demo latest golf equipment

ADDISON — Links & Tees Golf Dome is hosting an open house on Saturday, February 6 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at their facility located just 1.5 miles east of I-355 on Lake Street in Addison. Admission is free and has something for golfers of every experience level inside the comfort of the heated golf dome.

Guests are invited to testdrive the latest name-brand Wilson, equipment from Mizuno, Krank, Callaway and other well-known golf representatives. Free demos and golf clinics from local PGA, LPGA and USGTF professionals will be held throughout the open house. Steve Kashul, the host of The Golf Scene, will be the Master of Ceremonies to announce winners of the prize drawings. Prizes donated by major golf representatives will be given away every half hour. The lovely Chicago Blackhawk Ice Crew representatives will be available for autographs and photo opportunities.

Links and Tees Golf Facility is once again a recipient of the prestigious "Top 50 Stand-Alone Ranges" for 2015.



courtesy photo

AT Co-ed Cheerleaders win ICCA championship

Pictured is the Addison Trail Varsity Coed Cheerleading Team, which took first place at the Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association (ICCA) Championships on Jan. 8. Story and more photos inside this issue.

Addison Trail Theater takes second place at Illinois Festival

Jan. 7 to 9, Addison Trail students participated in the 2016 Illinois High School Theatre Festival.

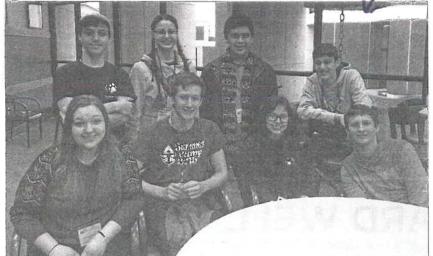
Eight students took part in the Tech Olympics, in which participants compete in several events such as knot tying,

BLOOMINGTON — From an 7 to 9, Addison Trail stuents participated in the 2016 focusing a light, setting up a sound system, building a theatre flat and more. The Addison Trail group earned 2nd place and consisted of senior Courtney Cechini, Jacob Bartkiewicz, Cechini, senior junior Rebeca Robles, junior Jeremy Mihalo, senior Michael Kroll,

and sophomore Nicholas Savi-

Illinois High School Theatre Festival is the largest and oldest noncompetitive high school theatre festival in the world, according to its web site. More

sophomore Natalia Salamon, than 4,000 students, teach-sophomore Ethan Macaraeg ers, university representatives, ers, university representatives, exhibitors and volunteers come together to put on more than 25 different high school productions and attend a choice of as many as 150 workshops. This year's event took place at Illinois State University.



Addison Trail students participated in the 2018 Illinois High School Theatre Festival from Jan. 7 to 9 and earned 2nd place in the Tech Olympics. They are (back row, from left) senior Michael Kroli, sophomore Natalia Salamon, sophomore Ethan Macaraeg, sophomore Nicholas Savinos (front row, from left) senior Courtney Cechini, senior Jacob Bartkiewicz, junior Rebeca Robles and junior Jeremy Mihalo.

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Organizers gear up to 'Make It a Million' in 2016

between two charities of the Mayor's choosing. This year those benefited Addison Community Switchboard and the Knights of Columbus.

Attendees enjoyed entertainment by the Addison Trail High School Chamber Strings and Elmhurst College Jazz Band, while they placed bids on more than 350 items in the Silent Auction

Miss Addison 2015 Tracy Ibeling was on hand to help announce the winners of the cash raffle, which awarded \$3,000 in prizes.

Of special note was the attendance of the Russotto family, as the Mayor's Ball

was begun in 1991 by then-Village President Anthony Russotto. The small fundraiser for the Addison Community Switchboard has continued to grow. In fact, since it began, the event has raised approximately \$936,000.

"That is a remarkable amount of money, when you consider that every bit of it has gone into helping our own community," said Mayor Veenstra. "It is very possible for us to reach \$1 million at the next event, and so we have made it our goal in 2016 to 'Make It a Million."

The 2016 Mayor's Community Charity Ball will be held Nov. 12 and the community is invited to attend. To be added to the invitation list, call 630-693-7550

Addison Trail varsity co-ed cheerleader team wins tourney

SPRINGFIELD - The Addison Trail Varsity Co-ed Cheerleading Team took first place at the Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association (ICCA) Championships on Jan. 8. In addition, Addison Trail senior Nicole Infantino was named as an ICCA Scholarship Winner.

During the Championships on Jan. 8, the Addison Trail Varsity Coed Cheerleading Team won 1st place, earning the title of ICCA Co-ed Champions. Team members also competed in the Coed Stunt Group division for the first time and earned 1st place in that division as well. Teams must receive a bid to compete at the Championships, and Addison Trail earned a bid during its second competition of this season.

Members of the Varsity Cheerleading Co-ed Team are Infantino (captain), senior Giuseppe Rubino (captain), senior Alexa Enriquez, junior Alexandra Rodriguez, sophomore Alyssa Anselmini, senior Danielle Muccianti, sophomore Giancarlo Saraceno, sophomore KayLee Alcorn, senior Megan Tully, freshman Madelyn Biancalana, freshman Nicole Branklin, junior Rianna Voigt, senior Rosanna Ungaro, junior Rose Otero, junior Sabrina Arce, sophomore Sarah Scali and senior Taylor Imperatrice.

The scholarship program recognizes senior cheerleaders who are not only athletically skilled, but also well-rounded school members. All nominees, including Infantino, were evaluated on their application, video, Coach's questionnaire and tran-



Pictured are (from left) Addison Trail sophomore Giancarlo Saracenc, senior Danielle Muccianti and senior Giuseppe Rubino, who are members of the Addison Trail Varsity Coed Cheerleading Team. They competed in the Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association (ICCA) Championships on Jan. 8 and earned the title of Co-ed Stunt Group Champions.

script. The top 11 finalists were then interviewed by a panel of ICCA judges during the Championships in Springfield. Infantino earned 2nd place in the program.



Addison Trail senior Nicole Infantino (right) accepts her award after taking 2nd place in the Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association (ICCA) 2016 Scholarship program.

OMMUNITY ALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 28 Addison Chamber election of officers, board members

The Addison Chamber of Commerce and Industry will host its 2016 annual meeting and board installation as well as Mayor Richard Veenstra's State of the Village address. Registration begins at 11 a.m.; buffet service begins immediately; program begins promptly at 11:30. Reservations required by Monday, Jan. 18. Tickets are \$25 for ACCI members; \$30 for non-members. To register, call 630-543-4000. Charges will be billed for any cancellation after 12 noon on Wednesday, Jan. 27 and no-shows. Sunday, Jan. 31-Monday,

Feb. 1-Tuesday, Feb. 2

St. Pius X School open houses St. Pius X Parish School, 601 S. Westmore Road in Lombard, is hosting three open house events: one on Sunday from 12:30-2:30 p.m.; then on Monday and Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. Meet the teachers and staff, tour the facilities. Full-day

and half-day preschool and kindergarten available, as well as extended care before and after school. Info: 630-627-2353 or visit: stpiuslombard.org/school

Friday, Feb. 5 Park Dist's Daddy-Daughter date night

From 6:30-8 p.m., the Addison Park District will host Daddy-Daughter date night for girls ages 4-12 and their favorite Dad-dates. Dress your best and come to the Community Rec Center for an evening of food, fun and dancing to the latest hits spun by a DJ. Tickets are \$11 for resident Dads, \$15 for non-resident Dads; \$14 for resident daughters, \$19 for non-resident daughters. Couples receive a special gift and a keepsake photo. To register, call 630-233-7275 or visit addisonparks.org.

Saturday, Feb. 6 Open house at Links & Tees golf dome

From 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., there will be an open house at Links & Tees Golf Dome located just 1.5 miles east of I-355 on Lake Street in Addison. Free demos and golf clinics from local PGA, LPGA and USGTF pros. Guests can try out the latest golf equipment. Admission is free. No registration needed. Info: visit addisonparks.org
Thursday, Feb. 11

Park Dist.'s Valentine Spa Escape

From 7-8:15, come to the Centennial Rec Center for a Spa Escape including a mini-facial, foot treatment, hand and lip treatments and de-stressing techniques to relieve tension. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel, a headband and a washcloth. For age 18 and older. Fee: \$32/resident, \$43/non-resident. To register, call 630-233-7275 or visit addisonparks.org.

Saturday, Feb. 20 Mixed media workshop

From 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Annette Perone Leiber will conduct an acrylic mixed media workshop at the Addison Trail art department. Fees: \$30 for AAG members, \$40 for nonmembers. Info and registration: 630-250-9407 or email annettelei@comcast.net. To register by mail, send a check payable to Addison Art Guild and mail to Annette Leiber, 1245 White Fence Lane, Addison 60101. Ongoing events

ACA hosts District 4 art show

Now through Feb. 5, the Addison Center for the Arts is hosting an exhibition of more than 100 works of art in various art mediums created by students in grades 1-8 from School District 4. The gallery on the north side of Addison Trail High School (enter door #4). The public is invited to view. An artist's reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27. Info: 630-458-4500 or addisoncenterforthearts.com

Clubs and organizations are welcome to send entries for this column to: Quest-Publishing@aol.com. Please include a phone number or e-mail address to contact for information.

Willowbrook boys' basketball team splits four games in Sterling

Schuemer scores 20 points in victory over Christ the Kina

> By Mike Miazga Correspondent

The Willowbrook boys basketball team was plenty busy over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend.

The Warriors traveled west to Sterling High School where they finished 2-2 in the tournament there.

Willowbrook lost to host Sterling, defeated Chicago Christ the King, defeated Kankakee High School and lost to Dixon. "We were competing for

"We were competing for full games," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins. "We were moving and we had good energy and we were locked in defensively."

Sophomore Ethan Schuemer had a strong game in the win over Christ the King. He finished with 20 points.

"Ethan was good for us down low," said Perkins. "We started knocking down outside shots when the defense collapsed. It was a good team ballgame." Perkins saw a similar performance in the victory against Kankakee. "It was the same kind of thing, but we hit some more threes in that game," he said.

Willowbrook left Sterling with a 6-11 overall record. The Warriors were 0-3 through their first three West Suburban Conference Gold Division contests.

"A lot of guys are gaining a lot of experience for us," said Perkins. "We are in games and guys are getting used to those situations when it's crunch time at the end of the game. They are becoming more comfortable and are keeping their composure in those situations." In addition to the strong recent play of Schuemer, the Warriors have been receiving key contributions from senior guard Billy Degnan, junior Freddie Clay, senior Kevin Miller, freshman Matas Masys

and sophomore Sikander Zafar. Degnan, in particular, has made strides in recent games. "Billy's been our leading scorer the last couple games," said Perkins late last week. "He's getting into a great rhythm and he's getting more opportunities."

Masys is making headway as a freshman on the varsity. He's

joined on the big roster by four sophomores.

"Matas has a high basketball IQ," said Perkins. "He's also a great shooter. He probably has 20-plus 3s for us so far."

Willowbrook played Hoffman Estates in a non-conference contest earlier in the week. The Warriors have a pair of home games Friday and Saturday against District 88 neighbor Addison Trail and Hinsdale South respectively. Both home games are WSC Gold contests.

"It's the busy part of the season now where we're playing two or three games a week," said Perkins.

Addison Trail girls' basketball team competes well against Morton

Pikulyk registers double-double in game against West Chicago

By Mike Miazga Correspondent

The first time the Addison Trail girls basketball team played Morton this season it lost 80-22.

The second time around was a different story.

While the Blazers lost the recent West Suburban Conference Gold Division game 50-31, coach Rob Schader was thrilled with his team's progress.

"We played our best game of the year," said Schader. "We gave up 30 less points than the last time. We had a phenomenal game defensively but we were ice-cold offensively. We had a lot of good looks but couldn't knock shots down."

Addison Trail was down by 12 points at halftime. "We kept battling and battling," said Schader. "Morton is a very good team with a player going to a Division I school. I was very happy with the way we played."

In earlier action, the Blazers lost 53-43 in a non-conference game to West Chicago.

"That's a game we should have won," said Schader. "We didn't play well."

Diamond Pikulyk led the Blazers with a double-double of 17 points and 11 rebounds.

"Diamond had a very good game," said Schader. "We had a couple kids in foul trouble and defensively we didn't do a very good job."

The Blazers also had better results in their second matchup with Hinsdale South. Addison Trail lost the recent second meeting 65-50.

65-50.
"They beat us by 30 the first time," said Schader. "We played 100 times better this

time. They have a senior guard who scores a lot of points. I was extremely happy with the effort on both ends of the floor."

Addison Trail also lost 51-15 to Glenbard West in a WSC crossover game. "We had a lot of chances to score and could not score whatsoever," said Schader. "We were lethargic. It's been a roller-coaster for us with some good games, some bad games and some average ones."

Schader lauded the recent play of Maria Koulogeorgas, Nicole Pudlo, Alyssa Pham and Tegan Graff. Schader also cited strong play from senior Marie Baumgartner.

"Maria does a lot of things well for us," said Schader. "Nicole has been out for a while and has played well and Alyssa and Tegan have played well. I thought everybody played well against Morton. We scored nine extra points against them this time and gave up 30 less. We lost to Hinsdale by 30 the first time and 15 this time, which was really a 12-point game until one of their girls hit a three at the buzzer. We're getting a little more consistent. We should have won against West Chicago and we should have been better against Glenbard West."

Addison Trail plays District 88 neighbor Willowbrook tonight and Downers Grove South on Saturday.

"Those both were 15-20-point losses the first time and in both instances we had one bad quarter," said Schader. "If we play well we have a chance to do much better in those games."

Addison Trail was 6-15 overall and 1-7 in WSC Gold play through late last week.

"Our younger kids are doing a ton better and we're getting some good play from our seniors, who keep improving," said Schader. "The girls are battling."

Fenton girls' basketball team in midst of busy stretch

Bison square off with Walther Christian, Chicago Latin and Glenbard South

By Mike Miazga Correspondent

The Fenton girls basketball team is in the midst of the latter portion of its regular-season schedule that features plenty of game action.

The Bison recently completed a three-game week that saw them face Walther Christian in a Metro Suburban Conference crossover game, Chicago Latin School in a non-conference game and Glenbard South in a MSC West Division contest.

Fenton started the week with a 48-31 loss to Walther. "We struggled putting the ball in the basket," said Fenton coach Tim Anderson. "Walther is very good. They are in second place in the other division. They are very athletic. They jumped out early and we fought back but it wasn't enough. It was not a bad effort on our team. Walther is a good team."

Fenton then dropped a 59-38 game to Chicago Latin School. "Latin also is a very good team," said Anderson.

Fenton trailed by three points at the end of the first quarter. "We got off to a very good start and then we hit a cold spell," said Anderson. "We were down by 13 at halftime and once again we struggled to put the ball in the basket. It comes in streaks and waves and it's hard to recover. We had a good effort but Latin jumped out to that big lead."

The Bison then lost 48-20 to Glenbard South to start the second round of MSC West play.

"We were looking forward to this game because it was the first time we were playing a team in our division for the second time," said Anderson. "We wanted to show how much we've improved, but like I told the girls that's every coach's goal as well. Glenbard South was much better than they were the first time we played them. They are the best defensive team we've faced all year. Their defense was stifling. We struggle at times with scoring, but our shot selection has got-ten much better. We struggled with shot selection against Glenbard South and a lot of it had to do with what they were doing defensively. We had a hard time getting anything going with tempo and it was to their credit. That's the bestskilled defensive team we've seen and they've improved as well.

Courtney Susmarski continues to lead the Bison in scoring.

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'We've asked Courtney to kind of get us going at the beginning of games," said Anderson. "She's done a very

nice job carrying the scoring

Freshman Ashley Lira also has made recent strides. "You

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look for kids who take quantum leaps during a season. Ashley is starting to show that. She's a tremendous athlete. She had a great game against Glen-bard South. It was a really nice effort."

Fenton is in the midst of another busy week. The Bison Riverside-Brookfield played

earlier in the week. Fenton hosts IC Catholic Prep Friday in a conference game and then plays Timothy Christian in a crossover game Saturday.

"The next three weeks are crazy with games," said Anderson. "These last 3 1/2 weeks there is no rest. It's a chance for us to keep getting better.

We'll find out what we have. We've had some good shooting nights and we're looking for some more of those nights when things start to fall. It will happen and it's certainly not for a lack of trying. We're going to keep working on getting good shot selection and getting good looks at the basket.

Willowbrook Athletic Hall of Fame banquet this Saturday

By Mike Miazga Correspondent

This year's Willowbrook Athletic Hall of Fame induction banquet takes place Jan. 28 at The Carlisle in Lombard (435 E. Butterfield Road).

The evening begins with a social gathering at 6:00 p.m. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., and the presentation of the Class of 2016 begins immediately after dinner.

Class of 2016 inductees include: Richard Busch (class of 1964), Elizabeth Lustrup Lee (class of 1985), Steve Chmelik (class of 1985), Phil Aliano (class of 1997), Marshall Stoner (coach from 1967 to 1972) and the 2003-2004

state-champion pom-pon team. Inductees also will be recognized before the Willowbrook varsity boys basketball game on Jan. 29.

Founded in 2010, the Willowbrook Athletic Hall of Fame celebrates the athletic and personal successes of standout Willowbrook student-athletes. A screening committee comprised of current and former coaches, staff members, athletic booster club members and community representatives selects the indi-viduals and teams that are inducted each year.

Willowbrook girls basketball

The Willowbrook girls basketball team dropped a recent

58-51 non-conference game to South Elgin.

The Warriors 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.

Alyssa Spada led the Warirors with 12 points. She was 7-for-12 from the free-throw line. Josie Zabran added 11 points and 10 rebounds. Kayln Konrath had eight points. Danielle Velasquez added seven points and six assists. Hanna Konrath had seven points, while Milena Sogura finished with eight rebounds.

Willowbrook shot 35 percent from the field and made 20 of 31 free-throw attempts.

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Library to host upcoming open house events

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VILLA PARK — The Villa Park Public Library Board of Trustees is looking for public input and feedback on various building option considerations. The Library Board will host two Open House events, on Feb. 15 and Apr. 18 at 1-3 p.m. and at 7-9 p.m. on each date.

At each event, the Library Board, staff, and architects will share information about the facility, space, and service needs at the library. They will then welcome feedback from the public.

A facility analysis of the library building was completed

pleted 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, to evaluate 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 about the proposed renovation and/or expansion project, contact Library Director Sandra Hill at 834-1164, ext. 111.

Police plan SALT meeting

Senior citizens invited to provide input

VILLA PARK — The Villa Park Police Department is pleased to announce that the next scheduled quarterly meeting for Seniors And Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.) will be held at the Wildwood Community Center located at 320 East Wildwood Avenue on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 11 a.m. Residents and guests are invited to arrive as early as 10:30 a.m. for coffee, pastries, and fellowship prior to the presentation.

Police Chief Robert Pavelchik and Detective Jeffrey Runge said the program will be a presentation by Dr. Luke Stringer of the Pain and Wellness Group. The Villa Park Senior Concerns Commission will again be sponsoring a lunch for all of our guests immediately following the presentation.

Princess Ball coming Feb. 12

VILLA PARK — Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Young ladies and their favorite date are formally invited to the Princess Ball, Friday, Feb. 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Iowa Center Castle, 338 N. Iowa. All will be treated like royalty while enjoying a pizza and pasta buffet from Michael Anthony's, sweet treats and dancing the night away with Coach Josh as your DJ.

Highlighting the special night will be a visit from a very special Princess who is sure to delight the girls. Couples will also receive a keepsake photo. Wrist corsages and boutonnieres can be ordered at time of registration for an additional fee and they will be available for pick up at the Princess Ball.

Tickets for the Princess Ball are \$33 per couple, \$11 each additional daughter. To register, call 630-834-8525 or visit: vprd.org.



Bad accident leaves vehicle crushed

On the morning of Sunday, Jan. 24, a bad accident took place on Highland in the middle of the block between Cornell and Illinois in Villa Park that crushed this car and twisted its windshield. As only one vehicle is visible, it is unclear if this car lost control or was struck by another vehicle. Because police had not issued a report as of press time, the condition of the driver or any other injuries remains unknown

Conroy to host community meeting to discuss residents' concerns

VILLA PARK - Renewing her efforts to stay connected to her constituents, state Rep. Deb Conroy, D-Villa Park, is hosting a community meeting on Saturday, Jan. 30 from 10-11 a.m. at the Villa Park Library to discuss constituent concerns. "Discussing the needs of our community and how we can

collectively improve it is essential to maintaining a safe and strong environment to live in," Conroy said. "Understanding the concerns of my constituents enables me to be a stronger voice for the community."

The meeting, which is free and open to the public, provides an opportunity for residents to

catch up with what is happening in Springfield and share their views on what they would like to see done to improve our

For more information, please contact Rep. Conroy's full-time constituent services office at 630-415-3520 or by email at RepDebConroy@gmail.com.

Willowbrook high school senior semifinalist in Intel Science Talent Search

VILLA PARK — Willowbrook senior Sally Nijim has been named as a semifinalist in the 75th annual Intel Science Talent Search, the nation's oldest and most prestigious precollege science and math competition, according to its web

Nijim is one of 300 semifinalists, selected from 1,750 entrants from 512 high schools in 43 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and six American and international high schools overseas.

To become a semifinalist, Nijim had to submit an academic profile, her scientific research project/report and several essays. Her research project focused on the inves-

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already earned benefits.

The plan, Rauner said, would only address the State Employee, State University, General Assembly, and Teachers Retirement Systems and not judges' pension, something the governor said he would address at a future date. Rauner also says the plan does not impact any other pension funds around the state.

Illinois taxpayers are on the hook for nearly \$113 billion for the state's five pension funds, according to the most recent Auditor General's report.

Governor defends bond sale

Governor Bruce Rauner is defending a recent bond sale he initiated after a report from a state university says the state received millions less than it could have because of the state's poor financial status.

A report from the University of Illinois' Institute of Government and Public Affairs released last week says Illinois' poor financial condition was one reason the state got \$53 million less from last week's bond sale than it would have gotten from a similar sale 10 years ago. Governor Rauner defended the bond sale earlier this week saying he hears a different message from the market.

"Do you know what the market says? What bond-holders say to me?" he said. "'Governor, you're on the right track. You're cleaning up that mess'... We've got to continue to try to grow the

economy and we need infrastructure or we can't grow the economy and the bonds are appropriate. What wouldn't be appropriate is to go to bond market to borrow to cover the deficit. What is very appropriate is to go to the bond market to cover long-term investment infrastructure of our econo-

Report: Future infrastructure costs will put state further in debt However, Chris Edwards,

an economist at the Cato Institute, is critical of bonds. He says regardless of what the project is, future taxpayers should not be put into debt.

"Those activities should be funded by current revenues in the state," he said. "Going into debt just pushed the cost onto future generations.'

Meanwhile IGPA's report says the estimated financial condition penalty could grow to more than \$400 million per year when future capital needs are included.

Willowbrook alumna receives Billiken award from Saint Louis University

VILLA PARK — Willowbrook alumna Jessica Young-Eleazar (class of 2012) has been named as a Saint Louis University Spirit of the Billiken honoree.

That award annually recognizes 18 students who are in their final year of study at Saint Louis University and are committed to being proud and dedicated alumni of the university. The Office of Alumni Engagement and the Student Alumni Ambassadors created the Spirit of the Billiken Senior Recognition Program in honor of the 1818 founding of Saint Louis University. Award recipients represent what it means to be a Billiken and excel in academics, leadership, community service, commitment to Saint Louis University and dedication to "living the mission" after graduation.

"Only 18 students earn this honor each year, so I'm very excited to receive this award," she said. "I know people who have gotten this award in the past, and I'm honored to be in the same category as them."

Young-Eleazar said the process involved

completing an application and an interview, and she was selected as an honoree based on her involvement as Regional President of Student United Way of Greater St. Louis, President of Saint Louis University's Music Honor Society, Vice President of Astha A Cappella and Lead Preschool Religious Education Teacher at St. Francis Xavier (College) Church.

This year's honorees, along with their mentors, will be recognized during a special awards ceremony on April 23.

Young-Eleazar is pursuing a major in middle school math education and a minor in music. She said her experience at Willowbrook helped prepare her for a successful future.

"I only attended Willowbrook for one year, but the school and staff had a large impact on my life," she said. "Everyone was very welcoming, and learning how to adapt to a new environment quickly has definitely helped me in college. Willowbrook certainly further developed and solidified my love of music and education."



JESSICA YOUNG-ELEAZAR



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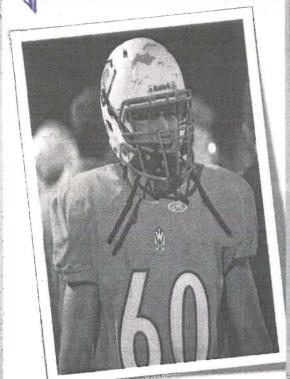
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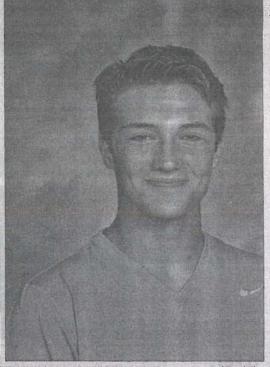
tigation of a nuclear pathway involved in a multitude of cancers, which acts as a novel target for cancer therapeutics as a means to significantly decrease cancerous tumor growth, avoid the cancer cell resistance that naturally results from the cancer drugs currently used and improve clinical prognosis and outcomes for cancer patients.

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As a semifinalist, Nijim will receive a monetary prize. As her high school, Willowbrook will also receive a monetary prize, to be used to support excellence in science, math and/or engineering education.

Several participants were granted certain badges if they met specific criteria. Nijim was awarded the Entrant Badge, Scientific Research Report Badge, Student Initiative Badge and Semifinalist Badge.





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Willowbrook senior selected for Illinois High School Shrine Game

Willowprook senior Eijah Rochel has been selected to play in the Illinois High School Shrine Game, an All-Star High School Football Game that benefits Shriners Hospitals for Children - Chicago. This year's game will take place on June 18 at Tucci Stadium on the campus of Illinoia Westeyan University. A group of 88 all-star senior football play-

ers are selected to play this annual game to represent the Illinois Coaches Association and to help support the mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children. To be selected for the Illinois High School Shrine Game, players must be nominated by their football coach and their application is evaluated by the Illinois Coaches Association.

WBHS speech team takes seventh at tourney

VILLA PARK — On Jan. 16, the Willowbrook Speech Team hosted its annual home tournament, which featured nearly 500 entries this year.

The team finished in 7th place, and below are the team's individual results from the tour-

Dramatic Duet Acting: Sophomore Julia Cicero and sophomore Kathleen Cicero, finalists; junior Tim Wagner and sophomore Bella Ledonne, 4th place;

Humorous Duet Acting: Senior Michael Bailey and junior Anthony Clampit, final-

Humorous Interpretation: Sophomore Genevieve Corkery, 4th place; Original Comedy: Corkery,

2nd place; Original Oratory: Senior Zaa-

kirah Mujid, 1st place;

Radio Speaking: Mujid, 6th place; Ledonne, 4th place; and senior Galen Bergsten, 3rd place.



Pictured are members of the Willowbrook Speech Team which earned a medal or a ribbon during the team's home tournament on Jan. 16. They are (back row, from left) sophomore Julia Cicero, sophomore Bella Ledonne, sophomore

Genevieve Corkery, sophomore Kathleen Cicero, senior Zaakirah Mujid, senior Galen Bergsten, junior Tim Wagner, (front row, from left) junior Anthony Clampit and senior Michael

COMMUNITY (ALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 28

Library hosts "Crafternoons"
From 3:30–4:30 p.m., crafty kids ages
8-13 are invited to the Villa Park library for Crafternoons to create a new project using a wide variety of materials. Info: vppl.info or call 630-834-1176. Saturday, Jan. 30 · Quilt Trunk Show

Ever wonder how a quilt is made? The Villa Park Public Library is pleased to present a Quilt Trunk Show from 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30. Quilter, piecer, teacher, appraiser, and long-time Villa Park resident Lynn Contri will share her expertise about quilts made from the mid-1800s to today. Registration is required. Info: Call 630-834-1164. Sunday, Jan. 31-Monday, Feb. 1-

Tuesday, Feb. 2
St. Pius X School open houses
St. Pius X Parish School, 601 S. Westmore Road in Lombard, is having open houses for prospective families from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, 9-11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1 and 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2. Meet the school's teachers and principal, and take a tour of the facilities. Full-day and half-day preschool and kindergarten is available, and extended care is available before and after school. Info: call 630-627-2353 to make a tour reservation or visit the website: stpiuslombard.org/school

Wednesday, Feb. 10 · S.A.L.T. meeting

At 11 a.m., Seniors And Law Enforce-

ment Together (S.A.L.T.) will meet at the Wildwood Community Center, 320 E. Wildwood Ave., with a presentation by Dr. Luke Stringer of the Pain and Wellness Group. Guests invited as early as 10:30 a.m. for coffee, pastries, and fellowship.. The Villa Park Senior Concerns Commission will sponsor lunch for attendees immediately following the presentation.

Magic Class

From 4-4:45 p.m., kids ages 5-12 are invited to the Iowa Center for a Magic Class, to learn tricks with cards, ropes, coins, mind-reading and more from a professional magician, All materials provided; each participant gets a magic kit to take home. Pre-registration is required. Info: 630-834-8525 or go online to: vprd.org Thursday, Feb. 11

Make greeting cards

Discover the fading art of snail mail. From 4-5 p.m., the Villa Park Library invites tweens and teens in grades 4 and up to create greeting cards for friends or family, using card-making supplies and two postage stamps provided. Registration required. Info: call 630-834-8525 or go online to: vprd.org
Friday, Feb. 12

Princess Ball

From 6:30-8:30 p.m., young ladies and their favorite Daddy-Date are formally invited to the Princess Ball at the Iowa Center Castle, 338 N. Iowa. Includes a visit from a very special Princess. Wrist corsages and boutonnieres can be ordered at time of registration for pick-up at the Ball. Couples will also receive a keepsake photo. The Princess Ball is \$33 per couple, \$11 each additional daughter. Info: call 630-834-8525 or go online to: vprd.org

Friday, Feb. 12 and Saturday, Feb. 13 Valentine's Day Craft Open House

The Villa Park Library invites kids to Craft Open House on Friday from 3-4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 2:30-4 p.m. Make a special Valentine's Day craft to share with loved ones. Young children will need some adult help. Registration is not required; supplies are limited. Info: call 630-834-8525 or go online to: vprd.org

Saturday, Feb. 13 • Ice Fishing Derby From 9 a.m.-12 noon at the North Terrace Lagoon, Parks and Rec and the Villa Park Sportsmen's Club are holding a free Ice Fishing Derby. All ages are invited to come out to learn about ice fishing safety, how to drill holes in the ice and how to catch fish. Prizes will be awarded to kids. Bring your own bait. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult; age 16 and older must have a valid fishing license. Refreshments served indoors. Pre-register so you can be contacted if the event date changes due to inadequate ice thickness. Info: call 630-834-8525 or go online to: vprd.org

Thursday, Feb. 18 Utility Bill Clinic at the library

Representatives from the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) will be at the Villa Park Public Library at 6:30 p.m. to discuss ways to save money on your utility bills. Get tips on how to avoid common pitfalls and scams, and sign up for efficiency programs designed to save you money. Please bring current copies of your gas, electric, and telephone bills for review. Registration is required. Info: call 630-834-8525 or go online to: vprd.org

Ongoing events

 Homework help available at library Need some extra help with homework? Students in grades K-12 can attend Drop-In Homework Help at the Villa Park Public Library on Tuesdays from Feb. 2-April 26. Volunteers from College of DuPage will be available from 6-8 Tuesday nights to provide help on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, visit the library's website or call 630-834-1176.

· Resume Review and **Interviewing Strategies**

Resumé Review and Interviewing Strategies sessions will continue at p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 3, March 2, and April 6. Polish your resumé and learn interviewing tips. Make an appointment for a one-on-one review of your resumé. Registration required. Ínfo: 630-834-1164.

District 88 students win awards at high school art exhibition

ELMHURST — The results are in from Elmhurst College's 17th Annual High School Art Exhibition, and Addison Trail and Willowbrook students were recognized and honored for their talent and work.

The exhibit was displayed from Jan. 9 to 19 in the Founders Lounge of the Frick Center on the campus of Elmhurst College. Showcased

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were hundreds of paintings, prints, sculptures, videos and computer art, as well as works in other media, created by students from ten local high schools.

Award recipients from Addison Trail were: Distinction

- · Senior Nina Capuani: "Tupac Toucan" (Ceramics)
- · Senior Lauren Zanin:
- "Butterfly Effect" (Acrylic Painting) Excellence
- · Senior Sara De la Rosa: "Once Upon A Time" (Ceramics)
- Senior Angelene Ori: "Flower Study" (Watercolor

Special Award/Scholarship

Senior Dalvin Garcia: "Meaning of Happiness"

(Digital Photography) Judge's Choice

 Junior Gina Salinas: "Still Life" (Charcoal)

Junior Uriel Martinez:

"Horse" (Wire Sculpture)

• Sophomore Yingyu Zhang: "Melody' (Cartooning)

• Freshman Danielle Fernandez: "Future Pumpkin Pie" (Charcoal) Honors

- Senior Destenye Davis: "Helen" (Watercolor)
- Senior Alexis Villarreal: "Candy" (Ceramics)

Award recipients from Willowbrook were: Distinction

- Junior Kaitlyn Mainz: "Audrey Hepburn" (Drawing)
- Junior Jacob Leazott: "Dungeon Defenders" (Game Design)
- Junior Lauren Martin: "Agent Carter" (Graphite/ Colored Pencil) Excellence
- · Senior Melissa Lopez:

"Abstract With Eyes And Hands" (Micron Pen)

• Freshman Sydney Wilson: "Ruby Rose" (Drawing)

• Junior Beatrice Zilius: "Kitchen Wars" (Cartoon Strip)

Special Award/Scholarship Senior Laima Licitis: "Delicious ..." (Acrylic) Judge's Choice

Senior Riley McFarlane:
"Longing" (Graphite)
Senior Kalei Hyde: "Boys

Will Be Boys" (Pen/Colored

· Senior Adam White: "Become Absorbed" (Mixed Media Sculpture)

 Senior Ĉesia Garcia: 'Rose Pendant" (Jewelry)

 Junior Isis Perez: "Bob The Creep" (Ceramics)

 Junior Lisa Wallace: "Jitter Bug" (Micron Pen)
• Senior Natalie Caswell:

"A Single Thought Of Infinite Consciousness" (Water Color/ Micron Pen)

· Junior Claudia Schmidt: "Girl With Cat" (Multimedia)



Pictured are four of Willowbrook's winning entries from Elmhurst College's 17th Annual High School Art Exhibition. They are (top row, from left) junior Lisa Wallace: "Jitter Bug" (Micron Pen), senior Natalie Caswell: "A Single Thought Of Infinite Consciousness" (Water Color/ Micron Pen), (bottom row, from left) senior Cesia Garcia: "Rose Pendant" (Jewelry) and Freebman States Wilson: "Rights Pea" (Day 100) and Freshman Sydney Wilson: "Ruby Rose" (Drawing). The exhibition took place from Jan. 9 to 19.



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Checking out the competition

(From left) Willowbrook juniors Olivia Pennebaker and Alexandra Zaldivar admire the artwork displayed during Elmhurst College's 17th Annual High School Art Exhibition.

Top left: Kaitlin Coulter, a senior at Montini Catholic High School, gives blood at the school's LifeSource blood drive held on Friday, Jan. 15. It was one of many service projects organized by Montini's National Honor

Society.
Bottom left: Montini senior Melissa Hull gives blood at the National Honor Society's recent LifeSource blood drive. The endeavor produced 67 pints of blood.

Montini's NHS hosts successful blood drive

LOMBARD — Montini Catholic High School's National Honor Society (NHS) hosted a successful Blood Drive with LifeSource on Friday, January 15. The group of volunteers hosts the blood drive with LifeSource every school year as one of their many community service projects. Montini Catholic NHS students with the guidance of Moderator Larraine Parker encouraged all students to donate blood. At day's end, 67 pints of blood was donated, up from last year's totals.



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