

## Playing on...

ELEVEN SENIOR student-athletes at Willowbrook High School signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) on Feb. 3 to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Pictured left to right are: Billy Degnan (who will play football at Lake Forest College), Collin Doherty (soccer—Northern Michigan University), Matt Garbacz (baseball—Roosevelt University), Michael Sommers (soccer—Northern Michigan University), Brandon Jones (football—University of Wisconsin-Whitewater), Samantha Wozniak (soccer—Concordia University Chicago), Matt Pizur (baseball—North Park University), Stanley Szudrowicz (soccer—Northern Michigan University), Ron Reitz (football—Valparaiso University), Teno Geritano (baseball—Trinity Christian College) and Joseph Strem Jr. (baseball—McHenry Community College). According to the National Letter of Intent Web site at [www.nationalletter.org](http://www.nationalletter.org), the NLI is a binding agreement between a prospective student-athlete and an institution. Feb. 3 marked the first NLI signing date of 2016.

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## Willowbrook stages a dramatic and touching winter play

The Willowbrook High School Theatre Department presents its winter play this week, giving three performances of the drama "To Gillian on her 37th Birthday." The presentations will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with each show at 7 p.m. in the school's Doris E. White Auditorium.

The play, which was written by Michael Brady in the 1980s and adapted into a 1996 film starring Michelle Pfeiffer, Peter Gallagher and Claire Danes, explores love and loss. David, played by junior Anthony Clampit, is struggling to cope with the death of his wife Gillian (portrayed by sophomore Isabella Ledonne). David continues his relationship with his deceased wife during late-night walks on the beach with her spirit. In the nearly two years since Gillian's death, David has neglected their daughter Rachel (played by sophomore Julia Cicero). The cast also includes Gillian's sister Esther (senior Mariana Martens). Esther joins her husband Paul (sophomore Jake Friguletto) to try to lead David out of his despair over Gillian's death.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students ages 12-17. Admission is \$3 with an activity pass and free to community members presenting a District 88 Senior Gold Card. The box office will open at 6:15 p.m. on the night of each performance.

The seven-member ensemble cast also includes sophomores Genevieve Corkery and Kathleen Gomez.

Maggie Kelly is directing the winter play at Willowbrook. While this is her directorial debut at the school, she is not a newcomer to the stage. Kelly has directed several productions with local theatre groups.

There will be one 15-minute intermission during each performance. Audience members are encouraged to visit the Willowbrook Thespian bake sale during intermission. Proceeds support the theater department.

According to Kelly, the presentation contains adult themes and emotions and is intended for a PG-13 audience.

For more information, contact Kelly at [mkelley@dupage88.net](mailto:mkelley@dupage88.net), or call 847-867-2998.



### Toasting a loved one...

Photos by Chris Fox

SOPHOMORE JAKE FRIGULETTO (above, left) joins senior Mariana Martens (center) and sophomore Julia Cicero (right) in remembering a deceased family member during a scene of Willowbrook High School's presentation of "To Gillian on her 37th Birthday." Martens and Friguletto play Gillian's sister and brother-in-law. Cicero portrays Gillian's daughter. The ensemble cast also features (below, left to right) sophomores Kathleen Gomez and Genevieve Corkery.

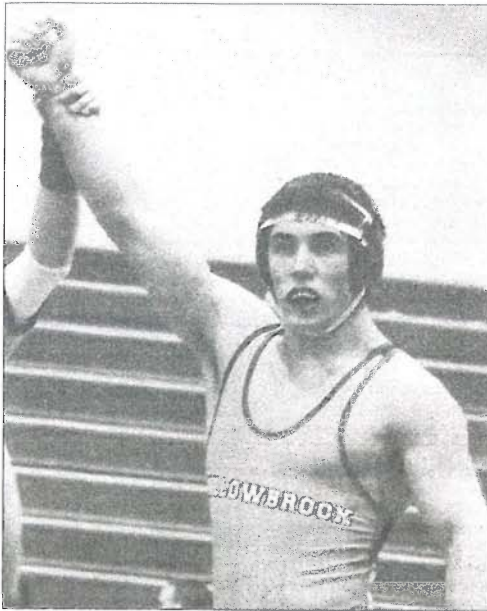


### Still in touch...

WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL'S winter play—"To Gillian on her 37th Birthday"—takes place this week. The drama will be presented on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Each performance begins at 7 p.m. Sophomore Isabella Ledonne (above, left) portrays the spirit of Gillian. Junior Anthony Clampit (above, right) plays Gillian's husband. The drama shows that while Gillian has been dead for two years, she still communicates with her grief-stricken husband.







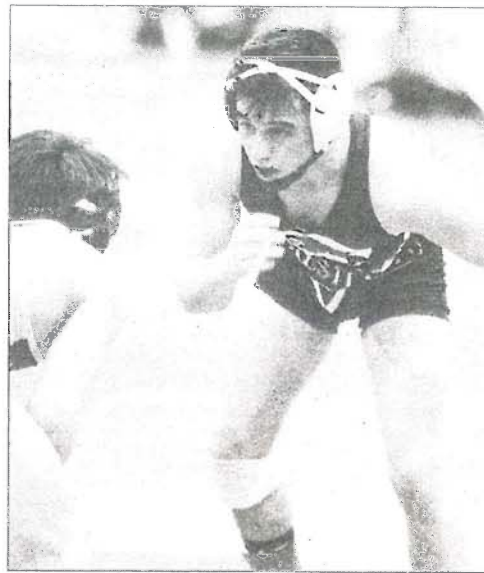
**Regional champion...** Photo by Aimee Vittorio

WILLOWBROOK SOPHOMORE Jack Jessen (above) earned three victories and captured the 182-pound title at Saturday's IHSA Class 3A individual regional at Downers Grove South. Jessen rolled to a 17-5 major-decision win in the championship match. The three victories at the regional gave Jessen an overall season record of 45-1. Jessen moves on to compete in this week's individual sectional at Batavia. A top-four finish at the sectional will earn Jessen another trip to the IHSA individual state meet. One year ago, Jessen won the second-place medal in the 170-pound level of the Class 3A state meet.

WILLOWBROOK SENIOR Matt Rowland joined Jessen in winning a regional championship on Saturday at Downers Grove South. Rowland pinned three straight opponents on his way to the 170-pound title. The three wins gave Rowland a season record of 45-1—the same mark as Jessen. Rowland will join Jessen in representing Willowbrook at this week's individual sectional at Batavia.

GLENBARD EAST WRESTLERS who advanced from the Downers Grove South Regional to the Batavia Sectional included senior Nolan Vincent, who won the championship by pinning three straight opponents in the 120-pound level. Vincent improved his season record to 32-4. The Rams' other sectional qualifiers included junior Nick Donovan, who placed third in the 106-pound weight class; senior Drew Fugiel, who was third in the 126-pound level; senior Louis Mogavero, who claimed third at 170 pounds, and senior Quantrelle Turner, who placed second in the 220-pound division.

MONTINI won the regional championship at the nine-team Downers Grove South Regional. The Broncos won six individual titles and amassed a team total of 217 points. Lyons Township finished second with 168.5 points. The Broncos' regional victory secures a trip to the upcoming IHSA Class 3A individual sectional at Argo on Feb. 23. Montini won seven straight Class 2A championships from 2009-15 before moving up to the 3A level this season. The Broncos' individual champions in Saturday's regional at Downers Grove South included sophomores Joey Melendez and Real Woods, who won titles in the 106- and 113-pound levels, respectively. Senior Jimmy Pawelski won the championship in the 126-pound weight division, while senior Dylan Duncan won the title at 132 pounds. Sophomore Will Lewan and freshman Matt Ortiz delivered championships in the 138- and 152-pound weight classes.



## The wrestling post-season begins...

Photos by Chris Fox

GLENBARD EAST SENIOR Drew Fugiel (above left photo) earned a berth in the upcoming IHSA Class 3A individual sectional at Batavia with his third-place showing in the 126-pound weight class at Saturday's Downers Grove South Regional. Fugiel won his first match of the event with a second-period pin. He lost his next match but battled back to win his next two matches, which included a 3-2 decision in the third-place match. The top three finishers in each weight level at the regional advanced to this week's sectional. Fugiel will enter the sectional with an overall season record of 34-11. The above right photo shows Willowbrook senior James Moore, who competed in the 160-pound weight class in the regional at Downers Grove South. Moore is shown reacting to his third-period pin of Glenbard East senior Matt Luttrell. Moore's season ended with a loss in his next match.

## Basketball...

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fire an attempt from 3-point range that caromed off the rim.

Senior Zach Walsh paced the Glenbard East offense by producing 12 points on four 3-point baskets. Walsh's final 3-pointer of the game gave the Rams a 41-34 lead with 6:25 to play. The Red Devils made two 3-pointers over the next two minutes to reduce the Rams' lead to 41-40. Hinsdale Central grabbed a 42-41 lead after sinking two free throws with 2:33 to play. The Red Devils completed a 10-0 run by scoring off an offensive rebound to take a 44-41 lead with 1:10 left.

Meyers ended the Rams' scoreless drought of nearly six minutes with an

inside basket that pulled his team to within 44-43 with under 30 seconds to play. Hinsdale Central then made two free throws with 16.1 seconds remaining.

Junior Michael Finley scored nine points for the Rams before fouling out late in the game. Sophomore Kenny Adams made two 3-point shots and provided eight points.

Glenbard East's schedule this week includes an Upstate Eight Valley Conference showdown with West Chicago. Both teams entered the Feb. 9 game in Lombard tied for first in the conference with 5-1 records. The Rams will play a conference game at Bartlett on Friday. Bartlett beat Glenbard East 63-46 in a conference meeting in Lombard on Jan. 8.

## Willowbrook

The Warriors fell to 10-13 overall and 3-6 in the West Suburban Gold Conference after Friday's 67-49 loss at Morton. The Warriors, who entered the battle on a three-game winning streak following victories over Hoffman Estates, Addison Trail and Hinsdale South, trailed the Mustangs 41-35 after three quarters.

Sophomore Neal Paxton led Willowbrook in scoring with 13 points. Sophomore Ethan Schuemer had nine points and a team-leading 11 rebounds. Sophomore Sikander Zafar contributed eight points.

The Warriors' schedule this week includes a non-conference game at Marian Central Catholic in Woodstock and Friday's conference contest at Downers Grove South.

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# Sports

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## Rams beat Willowbrook in back-and-forth battle

Saturday's girls basketball contest between neighborhood foes Glenbard East and Willowbrook featured dominant surges from each team. The visiting Rams produced the opening surge to take a 21-6 lead with about five minutes to play in the second quarter. The Warriors responded with a 19-2 run to take a 25-23 lead. Glenbard East then unleashed 12 straight points as part of an 18-3 burst to close out the third quarter with a 41-28 lead. The Rams proceeded to roll to a 61-47 victory in Villa Park.

The Rams improved their overall season record to 17-10, while the Warriors dropped to 7-18.

Glenbard East's senior trio of Brasia Solid, Brittany Paganucci and Amanda Chlebek accounted for nearly all of the offensive production in the win over the Warriors. Solid poured in 27 points, 19 of which came in the second half. Paganucci, who made three shots from 3-point range and drained all seven of her attempts from the free-throw line, added 20 points. Chlebek contributed 10 points.

Willowbrook regrouped from its 21-6 deficit to trim the Rams' lead to 23-17 by halftime. The Warriors then scored eight straight points to open the third period. Senior Alyssa Spada made a 3-point shot in the opening seconds of the quarter. Senior Josie Zabran drilled a 3-point shot of her own to even the score at 23-23. Spada's driving layup after a Glenbard East turnover completed Willowbrook's 8-0 run to start the third quarter and gave the Warriors a 25-23 lead with over five minutes to play in the period.

Losing the lead apparently lit a fire under the Rams, who proceeded to score 12 straight points. Paganucci's third 3-point shot of the night gave Glenbard East a 26-25 edge with about 4:55 left in the quarter. Solid's 3-point play capped off a 12-0 run and pushed the Rams' lead to 35-25 at the 2:19 mark of the quarter.

"I told them to settle down, relax and refocus," said Glenbard East

coach Don Finnie in describing his comments to the team during a timeout discussion before the Rams' third-quarter fireworks. "They're seniors. They know what they have to do. They calmed themselves down."

Paganucci made six free throws during the fourth quarter to help the Rams maintain their lead, which stood at 51-43 with over two minutes to play. Solid made six of nine free throws in the last quarter, including a pair of shots that gave Glenbard East a 51-43 lead with 2:19 remaining.

Zabran scored a team-leading 20 points for the Warriors. She made a pair of 3-point shots during the second half. Spada added 13 points, all of which came during the second half (six in the third quarter and seven in the fourth quarter).

Glenbard East and Willowbrook played respective conference games on Friday night. The Rams defeated West Chicago 45-33 in West Chicago behind Paganucci's 23-point effort. Paganucci scored all 15 of her team's points in the first quarter to lead the Rams to a 15-2 lead through eight minutes. She made three field goals, including two 3-pointers, in the opening period. She also sank seven of eight foul shots for Glenbard East, which held a 25-12 halftime lead.

Senior Ashley Brown provided 12 points for the Rams, who improved their conference record to 6-3 with the victory.

Willowbrook lost 61-49 to Morton in Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game in Villa Park. Zabran and Spada scored 15 and 11 points, respectively. The loss sent the Warriors' conference record to 3-9. Glenbard East will close out its regular season with Thursday's conference home game against East Aurora. The Rams will open the IHSA Class 4A playoffs with a game against Lake Park at the Elk Grove Village Regional on Feb. 16. A win would likely set up a regional final matchup with Montini. Willowbrook will open the Class 4A post-season by taking on Glenbard West at the Glenbard West Regional.



Photos by Chris Fox

### Explosive scorers...

GLENBARD EAST SENIORS Brasia Solid (above, left) and Brittany Paganucci (No. 3, right) combined to score 47 points in the Rams' 61-47 victory over Willowbrook in Saturday's girls basketball game in Villa Park. Solid piled up 27 points, while Paganucci (pictured with Willowbrook junior Kelssie Kraabel) scored 20 points. Solid made nine of 12 free-throw attempts, while Paganucci sank all seven of her shots from the foul line. The Rams held a 21-6 lead in the second quarter, but a 19-2 run lifted the Warriors to a 25-23 lead early in the third period. Glenbard East closed the quarter with an 18-3 run to take 41-28 lead. Saturday's win gave the Rams an overall record of 17-10. Glenbard East earned a 45-33 Upstate Eight Valley Conference win at West Chicago on Friday. Paganucci scored all 15 of the Rams' first-quarter points. She finished the game with a team-leading 23 points.

## Sluggish finish dooms the Rams

Glenbard East's boys basketball team has demonstrated a knack for making comebacks and winning close games during the 2015-16 season. The Rams were unable, however, to produce another narrow win during Saturday afternoon's non-conference game against Hinsdale Central.

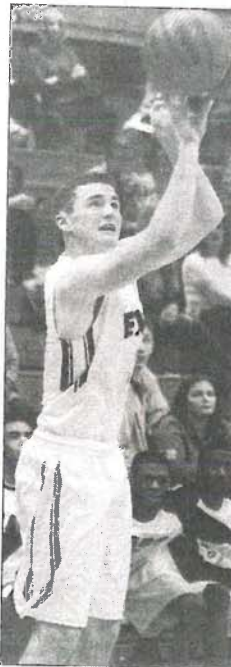
The Rams held a 36-28 lead over the Red Devils at the end of the third quarter, but Hinsdale Central mounted a fourth-quarter rally and toppled Glenbard East 46-43 in Lombard.

"They [the Red Devils] definitely executed better than we did, and that was really the difference," said Glenbard East coach Scott Miller, whose team dropped to 14-10 overall. "We really did not execute at both ends of the floor in the last four or five minutes of the game. We've got to do a better job down the stretch."

Miller said Saturday's game was the Rams' 14th game of the season that was undecided during the final possession. Glenbard East won several of those battles, including a last-second victory in their previous game—a 53-52 Upstate Eight Valley Conference win over South Elgin on Jan. 29. Sophomore Kenny Adams hit a buzzer-beating shot to give the Rams the victory.

Glenbard East launched and missed two 3-point attempts in the closing seconds as they tried to send the game into overtime. Senior Carlos Meyers missed the first of the two 3-point attempts. The Rams made an offensive rebound, giving senior Terrence Lakes a chance to

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Photos by Chris Fox

### Long-range shots...

SENIOR ZACH WALSH (above, left) shoots and makes a 3-point shot during the fourth quarter of Glenbard East's boys basketball game against Hinsdale Central. Walsh's shot gave the Rams a 41-34 lead with over six minutes to play. The Red Devils scored the next 10 points on their way to a 46-43 victory in Lombard. The above right photo shows senior Terrence Lakes trying and missing a last-second 3-point shot that would have sent the game into overtime. Saturday's loss sent the Rams' overall record to 14-10.



### Warriors vs. Rams...

Photo by Chris Fox

WILLOWBROOK SENIOR Josie Zabran (above, left) and Glenbard East senior Amanda Chlebek (right) watch a free throw during Saturday's girls basketball game in Villa Park. The visiting Rams beat Willowbrook 61-47. Zabran scored a team-leading 20 points for the Warriors. Chlebek provided 10 points for the Rams. Both teams begin post-season play in the IHSA Class 4A playoffs next week.



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Springfield still in disarray

## Tempers erupt over MAP grant funding

By Cole Lauterbach  
Illinois News Network

SPRINGFIELD — Democratic lawmakers voted to spend more money the state doesn't have in their ongoing battle with Governor Bruce Rauner.

Thursday, Feb. 4, Democrats voted to send \$721 million to the state's student-aid program, or MAP grants, as well as provide money for community colleges.

Rauner's office said he would likely veto the bill since it would pit MAP grant recipients against needy children and basic state services for limited funds.

Republicans had previously filed their own legislation that would have given \$1.6 billion to higher-ed, but it got no Democratic support because it is paired with legislation that would give the governor greater flexibility to manage the state's finances by cutting spending and shifting funding during this fiscal year.

**Comptroller: Taxpayers on hook for billions in unpaid bills and deficit**

The state can't go bankrupt, but taxpayers who stay in Illinois will have to pay for the fiscal mess which, when combining the backlog of bills with the projected deficit, is more than \$13 billion.

Illinois Comptroller Leslie

Munger says if the state had a credit card it would have already blown through its credit limit.

"The bottom line is that the state cannot go bankrupt and that we cannot print money. Taxpayers are going to have to

pay this bill."

Steve Brown, spokesman for Speaker Michael Madigan, says lawmakers already passed a budget ... in May of last year.

"The result of the growth in unpaid bills is a function of the bungled decision to veto the

budget that was passed by the General Assembly."

Governor Bruce Rauner vetoed most of that budget saying it was unbalanced to the tune of more than \$4 billion. The state is now more than seven months into the fiscal

year with no budget in place.

**Munger to lawmakers: get together, stop blaming each other and find solutions**

Meanwhile imagine you have \$100 in the checkbook

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**These three know the score**

Pictured are (from left) Michael Lev, Michael Schmidt and Aaron Nolen, all from the class of 2014, who took part in a recent Pack The Place event at Willowbrook High School. The school partnered with the District 88 Foundation to host an alumni event on Jan. 29.

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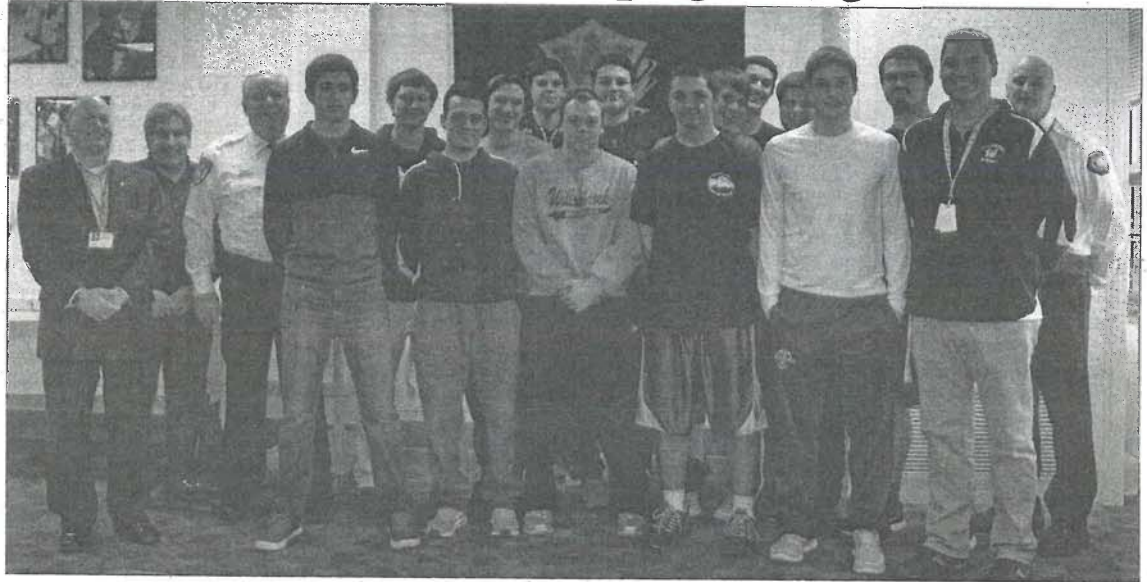
## Willowbrook Warriors recognized for helping during snowstorm

VILLA PARK — Recently, 14 Willowbrook Warriors were recognized for their example of dedication to the community.

This past December during the winter break from school, a snowstorm — complete with heavy, icy snow — hit Villa Park and the surrounding areas.

"We received a call from the Village of Villa Park to see whether our students could help, and they immediately responded to the request," said Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause. "Members of our football, boys baseball and boys basketball teams headed out in the chilly weather and spent time assisting residents in local neighborhoods with shoveling their driveways and walkways."

On Jan. 28, Villa Park Village Manager Rich Keehner, Deputy Director of Public Works Rich Salerno, Chief of Police Robert Pavelchik and Fire Chief Ron Rakosnik came to Willowbrook and enjoyed lunch with the student-athletes to thank them for their efforts and commitment to Villa Park. The students who participated are junior Dylan Wor-



den, senior Matt Pizur, senior Cameron Zunkel, senior Mark Molitor, senior Matt Garbacz, senior Ronald Reitz, senior William Degnan, senior Kevin

Miller, senior Brandon Endicott, sophomore Sikander Zafar, junior Ryan King, senior Teno Geritano, junior Lucas Olson and sophomore Sean Olson.

Village staff representatives came to Willowbrook High School recently to salute the student-athletes who helped residents shovel out following a snowstorm this past December. Pictured are the athletes and the staffers who came together for lunch on Jan. 28 to celebrate the efforts.

courtesy photo

## Deputy Chief graduates from Northwestern's safety course

**McCann takes college-level class with 27 areas of instruction**

VILLA PARK — According to a release received last week, Villa Park Deputy Police Chief Daniel McCann recently graduated from the School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) at the Center for Public Safety at Northwestern

University.

McCann successfully completed the ten-week program held in Homewood. The program, which was implemented by the Center for Public Safety in 1983, has graduated more than 15,000 students both nationally and internationally. The Villa Park Deputy Chief was a student in SPSC's 385th Class, which accommodated a total of 41 students.

The School of Police Staff and Command provides upper-level college instruction

in a total of 27 core blocks of instruction as well as additional optional blocks. The major topics of study include: Leadership, Human Resources, Employee Relations, Organizational Behavior, Applied Statistics, Planning and Policy Development, Budgeting and Resource Allocation.

The Center for Public Safety was established at Northwestern University in 1936 with the specific goal of expanding university-based education and training for the law

enforcement community. Since its inception, the Center has broadened its original objective and now provides a variety of courses and programs in the area of police training, management training, and executive development.

The Villa Park Police Department said it anticipates a variety of benefits from McCann's attendance at this program. Many of the program's graduates go on to achieve a variety of leadership positions within their respective agencies.



**DEPUTY CHIEF DANIEL MCCANN**

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and then realizing you have \$7,000 in bills. Now multiply that by one million. That's how the comptroller explained Illinois' cash crunch now seven full months into the fiscal year without a budget.

And taxes alone isn't the solution. Munger says if a tax increase was the only fix, the income tax would have to be double — putting it close to 8 percent for individuals, something not many people would tolerate.

"I don't know any legislator who would vote for that and I don't know many businesses that would stay in Illinois for that. And so as a result we must look at some reforms, some

that will help our businesses be more competitive so they can absorb some increase in taxes."

Munger says there needs to be efficiencies found in every corner of government and lawmakers need to get together, stop blaming each other and find solutions.

**Governor pushes for procurement reform to save half-a-billion dollars**

The current procurement system in Illinois is an overloaded bureaucracy, ripe for abuse, and Governor Bruce Rauner wants reforms to save taxpayers money.

Steve Brown, spokesman for Speaker Michael Madigan, says the current procurement

process was created because of scandals in the past under Republican and Democratic governors, but they're open to suggestions.

"We will take a look at all of it but we will go to the procurement policy board to offer an analysis."

However, Governor Rauner was critical of the Procurement Policy Board when talking about reducing the number of chief procurement officers.

"If they set their own rules, they set up their own regulations, they set up their own fiefdoms, then we also have a procurement policy board. They also set up rules, regulations, policies, they have the ability to

void contracts."

Rauner wants to put procurement under Central Management Services and allow the auditor general to conduct spot checks of purchases, something the governor says could save taxpayers over half-a-billion dollars a year.

**Rauner: proposed procurement savings could fund MAP grants**

Meanwhile Rauner says tax money saved from proposed procurement reform could help cover costs for tuition assistance grants.

"That's the core of what we are trying to do, streamline the bureaucracy and get the auditor general checking and making

sure we are doing what we're supposed to do instead of having dozens of people and organizations and entities involved in the process."

Rauner says the money saved could be more than enough to fund MAP grants.

However Brown wants more information on possible savings.

"I would think you would want to be very careful to document any proposed savings that are being promoted."

Brown says any proposed changes to procurement will be slow moving in the General Assembly if the Procurement Policy Board doesn't sign off on the reforms.



## OBITUARIES

### Virginia "Gini" Kenworthy, 88

Virginia "Gini" Kenworthy, nee Prost, of Elmhurst, passed away recently at the age of 88. Beloved wife of Glen A., loving mother of Mark (Debbie) and Kurt (Maggie) Kenworthy, Alec, Erika and Leanne, dear daughter of the late Bernard and Frances Prost, dearest grandmother of many. Loving foster mom of 40 years to many children. Fond sister of Jack (Suzanne) Prost, Marilyn (the late John) Krueger, Sue (the late Kevin) Sheehan, Patricia (George) Krueger, Nancy (the late Floyd) Barnum, the late Bud (the late Betty) Prost and Jimmy Prost; dear aunt and great aunt of many. Service and interment at a later date. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

### Andrew M. Mientus, 29

Andrew M. Mientus, of Villa Park, passed away recently at the age of 29. Loving son of Barbara and the late Frank Mientus, fond brother of Katie and Buddy Mientus, dear grandson of Elizabeth and the late John Mientus, and of Keith and the late Maureen Becker; dear nephew and cousin of many. Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 29, 2016, at Steuerle Funeral Home, 350 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park. Interment private. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

### State of the Village address planned for Feb. 25

VILLA PARK — All are invited to Villa Park's State of the Village address on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Willowbrook High School auditorium, 1250 So. Ardmore.

The presentation is an opportunity to review the accomplishments of last year including the approval of a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan as well as the arrival of a new, grant-funded fire engine. Included will be an overview of items on this year's agenda, such as continued street improvements and the completion of renovations at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park.

Attendees will hear about current projects in each Village department, including plans and initiatives for the future to illustrate how the Village will continue to grow.

## Speech Team competes in Regional Showcase

VILLA PARK — On Feb. 2, members of the Willowbrook Speech Team performed during the school's annual Regional Showcase.

The showcase featured the Speech Team events that will compete in the Regional contest in hopes of qualifying for Sectionals and State. Willowbrook's Regional event that took place on Feb. 6 at Elk Grove High School.

Below are the students who will perform:

Dramatic Duet Acting: Junior Timothy Wagner and sophomore Isabella Ledonne

Dramatic Interpretation: Sophomore Julia Cicero

Extemporaneous Speaking: Freshman Khizra Ashar

Humorous Duet Acting: Senior Michael Bailey and junior Anthony Clampit

Impromptu Speaking: Freshman Victoria Palma

Informative Speaking and Radio: Senior Galen Bergsten

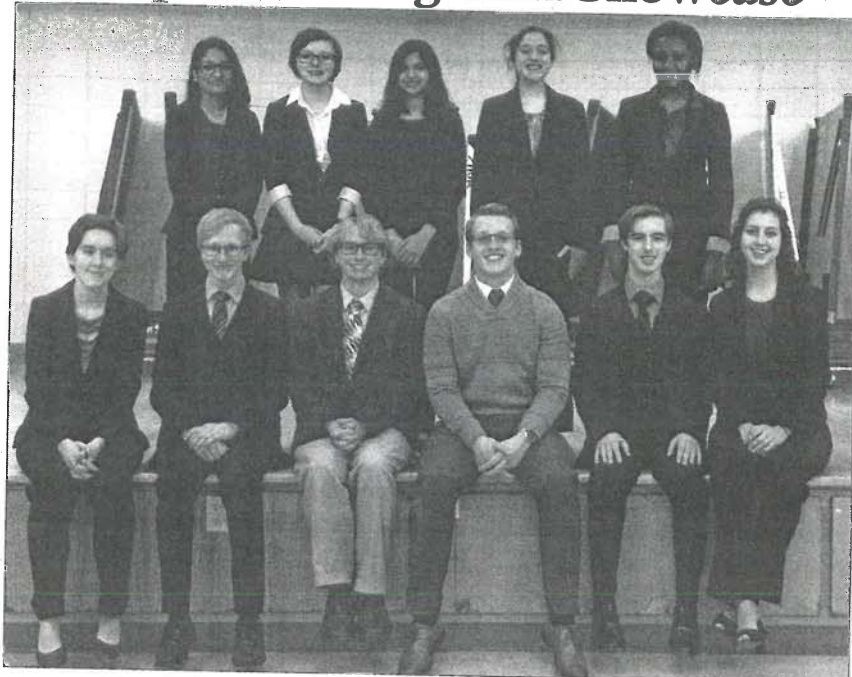
Oratorical Declamation: Junior Kyla Denwood

Humorous Interpretation and Original Comedy: Sophomore Genevieve Corkery

Original Oratory: Senior Zaakirah Mujid

Prose and Poetry: Senior Rachael Harrison

Special Occasion Speaking: Clampit



Pictured are members of the Willowbrook Speech Team who were to compete in the Regional contest held Feb. 6 at Elk Grove High School in hopes of qualifying for Sectionals and State. They are (back row, from left): senior Zaakirah Mujid, senior Rachael Harrison, freshman Khizra Ashar, sophomore Julia Cicero, junior Kyla Denwood; (front row, from left): sophomore Genevieve Corkery, senior Galen Bergsten, senior Michael Bailey, junior Anthony Clampit, junior Timothy Wagner and sophomore Isabella Ledonne. Not pictured: freshman Victoria Palma.

courtesy photo

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 11 to 13**

**WBHS presents "To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday"**

Beginning at 7 p.m. each evening, members of the Willowbrook drama department will perform its winter play, "To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday" at the high school, 1250 So. Ardmore. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and children ages 12 to 17, \$3 with an Activity Pass and are free with a District 88 Senior Gold Card. To buy tickets, go to [dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2702](http://dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=2702)

**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](http://vprd.org)

**Friday, Feb. 12**

**Princess Ball**

From 6:30-8:30 p.m., young ladies and their favorite Dad-

dy-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](http://vprd.org)

**Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12-13**

**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](http://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 younger than 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: 630-834-8525 or [vprd.org](http://vprd.org)

**Monday, Feb. 15**

**Meet live birds at the library**

At 11 a.m., representatives from the Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club will present Birds of a Feather at the Villa Park Public Library for all ages. Tickets are available for pick-up in Youth Services. Info: call 630-834-1176.

**Library Open Houses on building analysis**

The Villa Park Public Library Board of Trustees is hosting two Open Houses, one from 1-3 p.m. and the other from 7-9 p.m. At each session, you will hear about the results of the building analysis which was conducted in 2015. The

Library Board, staff, and architects will be on hand to share information about the facility, space, and service needs at the library. Any building project will require a referendum to provide the funding needed. Info: contact Sandra Hill, Library Director, at 834-1164, Ext. 111.

**Coloring classes for all ages**

From 2-3:30 p.m., tweens and teens in grades 5 and up are invited to join the Just Add Color Club at the Villa Park Library. This program will be repeated on March 29 from 2-3:30 p.m. and April 12 from 3:30-5 p.m. Drop-in, no registration required. Info: 630-834-1176.

**Thursday, Feb. 18**

**Calvary Methodist's community meal, speaker**

Beginning at 5:30 p.m., Calvary United Methodist Church, 136 E. Highland, will host its monthly "Third Thursday Community Meal and Speaker." Dinner is served at 5 p.m. followed by the speaker, Dennis Gagnon, retired principal of Villa Park-Lombard District 45, who is now with Honor Flight Chicago.



## Willowbrook inducts Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2016

VILLA PARK — On Jan. 28, Willowbrook inducted members into its Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2016 during a dinner at The Carlisle in Lombard. The 2016 inductees also were recognized before the Willowbrook Varsity Boys Basketball game on Jan. 29, during the school's annual Pack the Place event.

The 2016 Athletic Hall of Fame 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** (Coach from 1967 to 1972)

**2003-04 State Champion Pom-Pon Team.**



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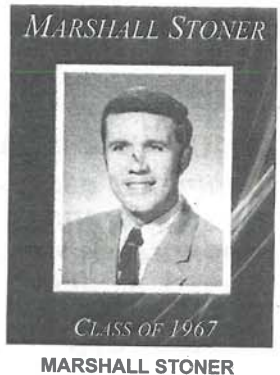


PHIL ALIANO



THE 2003-04 STATE CHAMPION POM-PON TEAM

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MARSHALL STONER

## National Letter of Intent day for WB student-athletes

VILLA PARK — On Feb. 3, Willowbrook hosted a signing day for 11 seniors who will continue to compete in their respective sport at the collegiate level. The student-athletes signed National Letters of Intent and celebrated with classmates, friends, administrators, staff members and family members. The 11 students include:

**Samantha Wozniak:** Soccer, Concordia University Chicago

**Collin Doherty:** Soccer, Northern Michigan University

**Stanley Szudrowicz:** Soccer, Northern Michigan University

**Michael Sommers:** Soccer, Northern Michigan University

**Matt Pizur:** Baseball, North Park University

**Matt Garbacz:** Baseball, Roosevelt University

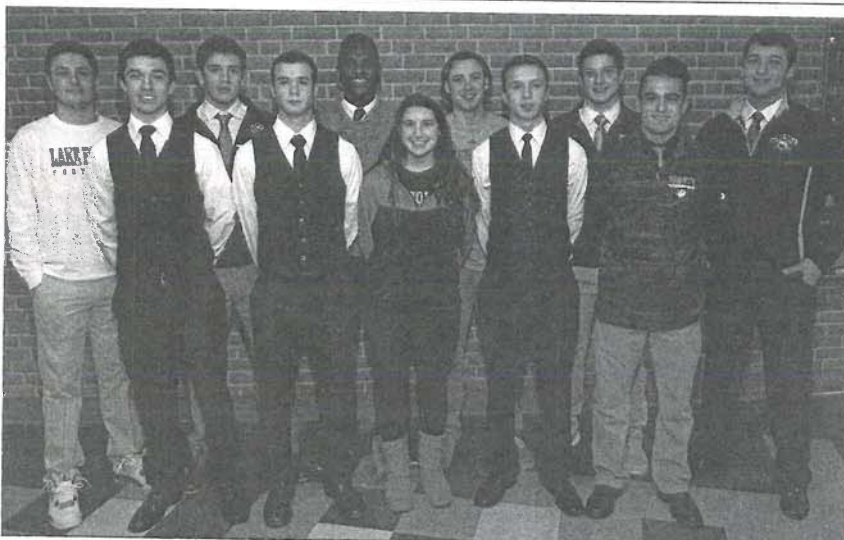
**Teno Geritano:** Baseball, Trinity Christian College

**Joseph Strem Jr.:** Baseball, McHenry Community College

**William Degnan:** Football, Lake Forest College

**Ronald Reitz:** Football, Valparaiso University

**Brandon Jones:** Football, University of Wisconsin White-water



Pictured are the 11 Willowbrook students who signed National Letters of Intent on Feb. 3 to continue to compete in their respective sport at the collegiate level. They are (back row, from left) William Degnan, Matt Garbacz, Brandon Jones, Matt Pizur, Ronald Reitz, Joseph Strem Jr., (front row, from left) Collin Doherty, Michael Sommers, Samantha Wozniak, Stanley Szudrowicz and Teno Geritano.

courtesy photo by HR Imaging

## Calvary Methodist to host monthly community meal, speaker

VILLA PARK — Calvary United Methodist Church, 136 E. Highland, will host its monthly "Third Thursday Community Meal and Speaker" on Thursday, Feb. 18 beginning with dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by the speaker.

This month's speaker is Dennis Gagnon, retired principal of Villa Park-Lombard District 45 who is now with Honor Flight Chicago. He became involved seven years ago to honor his own father, a WWII veteran. Gagnon will present a short video, followed by a discussion of the program, including some emotional stories about some of the veterans and of the pride witnessed at the Welcome Home Celebration.

Calvary UMC is located on the northwest corner of Highland and Summit. This event is free and open to the public.



# SPORTS

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## Willowbrook, Addison Trail and Fenton advance bowlers to sectionals

**Zabran scores 15 points in Willowbrook girls basketball game against Morton**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Willowbrook girls bowling team placed eighth at the recent Hinsdale South regional with a total pinfall of 4,343 and qualified two individuals for Saturday's Reavis sectional.

Sophomore Dana Sasenick qualified after rolling a 1,008 series for six games. She finished

seventh individually and had high games of 199, 186 and 178.

Sophomore Katie Pettinger also qualified for the sectional with a 938 series. Pettinger finished in 22nd place and had high games of 200 and 171. She rolled those two high games in her fifth and sixth games to finish with a 513 series for the final three games.

Earlier, Willowbrook rolled a 3,922 at the West Suburban Conference Head Pin tournament.

Anna Cuccinotto led the Warriors with an 863 series, which included a 168 high game. Sasenick had an 844 series with a 177 high game. Betsy Soriano added a 726 series with a 152 high game, while Sabrina Edwards had a 724 series with a 141 high game. Holly Helsfer had a 704 series with a 141 high game. Maria Alcalá had a 652 series.

Addison Trail girls bowling The Addison Trail girls bowling team finished fifth at the recent Lake Park regional in Roselle. The Blazers had a 4,351 total pinfall. The top four teams advanced to sectional play.

However, the Blazers advanced three bowlers to Saturday's sectional round at

Brunswick Zone in Mt. Prospect. Junior Molly Schmelter finished with a 1,022 series for six games and moved on. Senior Dinorah Cantu also advanced with an 888 series. Senior Anaiza Roman qualified with an 870 series.

### Fenton girls bowling

The Fenton girls bowling team finished sixth at the recent Lake Park regional in Roselle.

Fenton rolled a 4,224 series for six games and qualified two bowlers for Saturday's sectional round at Brunswick Zone in Mt. Prospect.

Sophomore Katherine Prejzner advanced after rolling a 968 series. She'll be joined at the sectional by senior Shelly Laughlin who had a 952 series.

The Willowbrook girls basketball team dropped a recent 61-49 West Suburban Conference Gold Division game to Morton.

Morton led 15-11 after the first quarter and 27-22 at half-time. Morton outscored Willowbrook 20-16 in the third quarter and 14-11 in the fourth quarter.

Josie Zabran led the Warriors with 15 points and 11 rebounds. Alyssa Spada added 11 points, 10 rebounds and three assists. Spada made two 3-pointers and shot 3-for-3 from the free-throw line. Kayln Konrath added six points and eight rebounds. Grace Chantos had six points, five rebounds and four assists.

## Addison Trail girls bowlers enjoy late-season surge

**Schmelter earns all-conference honors; Silva named academic all-conference**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail girls bowling team had plenty to celebrate recently.

At the varsity level, Molly Schmelter was named to the all-West Suburban Conference team after averaging a 156 in league play.

"That honor was well-deserved for Molly," said Addison Trail coach Steve Gilliam. "Molly had been sick lately and that brought her average down, but she is on the upswing and has been solid."

Senior Susana Silva was named to the all-WSC academic team thanks to her 4.03 grade-point average.

Senior Anaiza Roman earned a medal at the WSC tournament for having one of the top nine series.

"Anaiza was consistent throughout her six games in the tournament," said Gilliam. "She was picking up spares and putting the ball in the pocket. She was very solid that day."

The Blazers' junior-varsity team also enjoyed success at the WSC JV tournament. Laura Gamble rolled a personal-best 151 game and had a 118 average. Liz Cruz bowled a personal-

best 150 game and had a 112 average, while Clare O'Connell had a 131 personal best and had a 119.7 average.

"That was a very good showing for the future," said Gilliam.

Gilliam had high praise for the progress of varsity bowler Daniela Ospina.

"Daniela was a junior-varsity girl who figured it out and made it all the way up to be a varsity bowler," he said. "She's been very consistent. It's been fun to see her progress."

Gilliam also lauded the contributions of the seniors on the team. "They have been very good leaders and I'm happy with their progress," he said. "They have been here these years and I can't thank them enough for what they've done for the other girls and for me as a first-year coach."

Gilliam is thrilled with the progress the program has made this season and is looking forward to the future.

"A few things happened here," he said. "The girls stuck with it, had fun and worked hard. They continued to work at it and continued to have fun. You can see the progress they have made. We've made good strides. If some of these younger girls can add 20-30 pins to their score, they will be good varsity bowlers. Twenty to 30 pins sounds like a lot, but that's a matter of picking up 1-2 pins here and there that got by."

## Addison Trail's O'Neill overcomes injury

**Blazers' junior gymnast advances to sectional competition**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

This season has not been the easiest for Addison Trail girls gymnast Kennedy O'Neill.

Last summer while training O'Neill strained a ligament in her left elbow.

"It stretched out a lot and I had to wear an arm brace," she said.

O'Neill reinjured the arm during an invitational meet this season.

"I've spent most of the year recovering from the injury," she said. "I've worked hard to maintain my strength and skills. You tape it up and deal with it and make the best of it."

O'Neill certainly has made the best of it. She recently advanced to sectional competition on bars, beam, floor exercise and the all-around competition.

At the recent Geneva regional, O'Neill took second on beam with an 8.675. She placed third on bars with an 8.55, tied for third on floor with a 9.15 and finished third in the all-around competition with a 35.05.

Prior to doing well at regionals, O'Neill placed third on bars and took fourth on floor, beam, vault and in the all-around competition at the West Suburban Conference Gold Division meet.

"I've probably improved the most on beam and floor," said O'Neill. "I'm getting more confident."

O'Neill said she missed seven weeks with the injury. "It's been tough, for sure," she said. "I had a lot of new skills that I trained on over the summer and I couldn't use them in new routines."

**"I'm very proud of what I have done in getting over the injury. I'm happy with how everything has gone this season."**

—Kennedy O'Neill

It's hindered me in adding new skills. I had to get all my skills back since I wasn't training."

O'Neill had the option of rehabbing the injury or undergoing Tommy John surgery (popular with baseball pitchers).

"The injury is painful depending on the day. The doctor said either deal with the pain and get through it until I'm done or undergo Tommy John surgery and miss the year," she said. "Since I'm probably not going to do college gymnastics I'm working through the injury and dealing with the pain. Right now it feels OK. After practice or a competition it gets sore. I'm probably at 70 percent, but that depends on the day. Technically it is never going to be 100 percent again. I work with it and try not to overuse it and get the most out of it that I can."

This season has been an emotional roller coaster for O'Neill.

"This year has been hard for me because of the injury," she said. "It made me get down on myself because I was not getting better than last year. I'm very proud of what I have done in getting over the injury. I'm happy with how everything has gone this season."

O'Neill will compete in the Glenbard West sectional tonight with a chance to advance to the state finals meet next weekend.



# Three Willowbrook football players sign national letters of intent

**Degnan, Reitz and Jones to continue careers at the collegiate level**

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Last week, 11 Willowbrook student-athletes signed national letters of intent to continue their careers at the collegiate level, including three from the Warriors' football team.

That trio included Ronnie Reitz (Valparaiso), Billy Degnan (Lake Forest College) and Brandon Jones (Wisconsin-Whitewater).

## Reitz inks with Valparaiso

Reitz is headed to play wide receiver at Football Bowl Sub-committee school Valparaiso University in Indiana.

"It's a great school beyond football," said Reitz, who also is a pitcher on the Willowbrook baseball team. "It's a good fit academically. After four years of football I have to go out and get a job. It's a real good fit



**RONNIE REITZ  
VALPARAISO**

education-wise."

Reitz said he's planning on majoring in business and is leaning toward an accounting emphasis.

"It's a nice school," he said. "I went on a visit there and hung out with the guys. They all have their heads on straight. It's a Lutheran school and they have a nice chapel. It's a smaller school with 5,000 people so you aren't going to get lost in the crowd."

Reitz, an academic all-



**BRANDON JONES  
WISCONSIN-WHITewater**

conference selection this past season with a 3.8 grade-point average so far senior year, is thankful for the opportunity at the next level.

"This means a lot to me," he said. "It's been a goal of mine for a while. All the hard work has paid off. I just went out there and played for my teammates to benefit the team more than just myself."

Reitz started playing football in eighth grade. His family moved from Cicero prior to his



**BILLY DEGNAN  
LAKE FOREST COLLEGE**

freshman year at Willowbrook

"They took me in here and I fit right in," he said. "The coaches here have taught me more than the game of football. They helped me get my name out there and now I have the opportunity to play at the next level."

Reitz is ready to contribute at Valparaiso in any way he can

"I'm going to work as hard as I can and try and get on the field as a freshman," he said. "I'm going to get used to

the program and work to get a starting spot as soon as possible. I will do whatever the team needs and help them out."

## Jones to Whitewater

Jones, a defensive lineman, is headed to well-regarded Division III school University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

"I sent them some tapes and they gave me a call and said they'd like me to come for a visit. They were interested," said Jones. "The campus has a great feel. I felt like I belonged there. The coaches are great guys and the players I met are great. I felt Whitewater was the best place for me."

Jones, who plans to study psychology, also was impressed with Whitewater's strong football tradition.

"I love Whitewater's football program," he said. "What also drove me there is they have the right mindset to win games. I've been waiting for this for a long time."

Jones said basketball was his original passion when he was younger.

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"When I first started playing I wasn't interested in football and now I have a passion for it," said Jones, who is a graduate of the Warriors youth football program in Villa Park. "This means the world to me to be able to play football in college."

Jones said gaining muscle mass over the last year has

helped his game.

"I put on a little weight over the summer—muscle mass," he said. "I wanted to be versatile and play defensive end or defensive tackle, but I wanted to maintain my speed while putting on some more pounds."

Jones lauded the work of the Willowbrook coaching staff during his time in the program.

"They taught me how to be a good man and a good person in general," he said. "They taught

me about adapting to the team and how important team chemistry is and how that carries onto the field. I learned a lot from them."

Jones has one major goal in mind once he gets to White-water.

"My goal is to get a national championship," he said.

**Degnan to Lake Forest**

Degnan is headed to play quarterback at Lake Forest College. Lake Forest and Willow-

brook have a past connection.

"My coach (Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth) is an alumni," said Degnan. "I also went to one of their summer camps. I like all the opportunities that are there. They have great teachers, it's a great school, there are good opportunities for internships and there is a great opportunity to play sooner rather than later."

Degnan said possible fields of study for him include pre-

health or pre-med. One possible vocation would be in oral surgery.

"I'm interested in being a doctor," he said. "I'm not sure I would enjoy the stress of being a main surgeon, but oral surgery is something that interests me."

Degnan is following in the footsteps of his father, who played college basketball.

"This means a lot," he said. "My dad played college basketball and said he loved the experience. I have the opportunity to play football. Not too many people have that opportunity."

Degnan, an all-conference and academic all-state selection this past season, saw himself improve in various categories this past season.

"My decision-making got a lot better," said Degnan, who has a 3.8 grade-point average. "I felt my arm strength was there and I was making the right reads. I knew the situations and would take what the defense would give me."

Degnan, who played youth football for the Lombard Falcons for a year and then with the Warriors youth program, also had high praise for the Willowbrook coaching staff, particularly Hildreth and quarterbacks coach Mike Marotta.

"Coach Marotta helped me all four years and helped make me who I am today," said Degnan. "Coach Hildreth gave me every opportunity to get to this point."

Next week: Meet Willowbrook's baseball and boys soccer players who signed their national letters of intent.



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**Wozniak signs with Concordia University in River Forest**

Willowbrook's Samantha Wozniak will continue her soccer career at Concordia University Chicago in River Forest.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DUPAGE COUNTY - WHEATON, ILLINOIS  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PLAINTIFF  
VS  
CHRISTOPHER G. DRENTH; AMANDA F. DRENTH A/K/A AMANDA DRENTH; BRANDYWINE TOWNE HOUSES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION; VILLAGE OF OAK BROOK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;  
DEFENDANTS

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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 November 20, 2014, DUPAGE COUNTY SHERIFF IN DU PAGE County, Illinois, will on March 8, 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:

PARCEL 1: LOT 7, AREA 11, UNIT 3 IN DANBY SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 7, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 19, 1968, AS DOCUMENT R68-25836, AND CERTIFICATE OF ADJUSTMENT FILED FEBRUARY 19, 1969, AS DOCUMENT R69-6930, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PARCEL 2: EASEMENTS APPURTENANT TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AS SET FORTH IN DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS DATED APRIL 12, 1965 AND RECORDED APRIL 19, 1965 AS DOCUMENT R65-12236 AND DECLARATION OF INCLUSIONS DATED OCTOBER 4, 1968 AND RECORDED OCTOBER 9, 1968 AS DOCUMENT R68-47000, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 06-21-216-081 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1S295 WINDSOR LANE VILLA PARK, IL 60181 Description of Improvements: BROWN, BRICK, TOWNHOUSE, NO GARAGE The Judgment amount was \$179,158.01. 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 #PA1313341 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 OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

New Penn Financial LLC DBA Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing; Plaintiff, VS. La Verne Tinubu; Tamarac of Addison Townhomes Association, Inc.; Defendants.

15 CH 995  
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a judgment heretofore entered by the said court occurred in the above entitled cause, John E. Zaruba, Sheriff of DuPage, Illinois, will on March 15, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 AM at DuPage County Sheriff's Office, 501 North County Farm Road, Southwest Lobby, Wheaton, IL 60187, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate in the said judgment mentioned, situated in the County of DuPage, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy such judgment to wit:

PARCEL 1: UNIT 4 IN BUILDING X, TAMARAC TOWNHOME ASSESSMENT PLAT NO. 6 OF PART OF LOTS 1 AND 2 OF TAMARAC SUBDIVISION, BEING PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 AND THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF

SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 10, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO SAID TAMARAC ASSESSMENT PLAT NO. 6 RECORDED JUNE 16, 1992 AS DOCUMENT R92-114233, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2: NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT APPURTENANT TO PARCEL 1 FOR ACCESS AND INGRESS AND EGRESS AS CREATED BY DECLARATION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT R89-0131720.

C/K/A: 861 Tamarac Boulevard, Addison, IL 60101  
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The real estate, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and tenements, hereditament and appurtenances thereunto belonging shall be sold under such terms.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DUPAGE COUNTY - WHEATON, ILLINOIS

Christiana Trust, a Division of Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee for GFT Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2014-1 PLAINTIFF

VS. Noel N. Diaz; et. al. DEFENDANTS

2014 CH 001907

RESIDENTIAL 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 10/5/2015, John Zaruba, the Sheriff of DuPage County, Illinois will on 3/22/16 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:

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29, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED NOVEMBER 8, 1965 AS DOCUMENT R65-44232 AND CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED JANUARY 19, 1966 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER R66-2266, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN 03-29-418-013  
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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-14-18243.

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# IC Catholic Prep boys basketball takes highly touted R-B team to wire

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Riverside-Brookfield boys basketball team has been ranked among the best teams in the Chicagoland area for much of the season.

And IC Catholic Prep gave R-B all it could handle and then some in a recent 71-66 Metro Suburban Conference West Division loss.

R-B led 18-14 after the first quarter, but the Knights used a 22-16 second quarter to take a 36-34 lead into halftime. R-B outscored IC Catholic Prep 19-13 in the third quarter and 28-27 in the fourth quarter.

Austin Reed led the Knights with 19 points. He hit five 3-pointers. Will Lyles had 18 points (4-for-5 free throws), while Matt Sutton had nine points (3 three-pointers) and Troy Burrows had eight points (two 3-pointers). Garrett Cheng had six points. The Knights made 10 three-pointers in the game.

"R-B has been ranked in the state in Class 4A and we battled," said IC Catholic Prep

coach TJ Tyrrell. "We played one of our best games of the year. We were up two at half and the kids slowed things down and let the game come to them. We had a lot of different guys contribute. They played their hearts out against R-B. I'm extremely proud of their effort and the enthusiasm from our bench. This shows we can play with anybody if we play the game the right way."

IC Catholic Prep was down by two points with 38 seconds left in the game. R-B missed the front end of a pair of 1-and-1 free-throw opportunities and grabbed the rebound both times.

"We had two chances there," said Tyrrell. "They got the rebound both times and ended up going up by five."

Reed also had six assists in the game, while Cheng had seven points and four assists. Jordan Rowell had six rebounds and three assists.

"Even though it was a tough loss, the coaches all are extremely pleased with the effort and focus of the kids," said Tyrrell. "It was a fun game to be involved with."

The Knights were 11-11 overall through late last week and were 2-6 in MSC West play.

IC Catholic Prep played Fenton earlier this week and heads to Wheaton Academy for another conference game Friday.

"We have the talent to compete with anybody," said Tyrrell. "Our regional (Class 2A) is wide open. Getting the guys to believe it and click at the right time is the challenge of the coaching staff and the team. Hopefully we are in line for a strong playoff run here."

Earlier, IC Catholic Prep lost to St. Edward in a MSC West game in Elgin.

"We got in a hole early against St. Ed's," said Tyrrell. "That was the third time we played them. The first quarter set the pace for the rest of the game. We were able to cut it to five in the fourth, but they knocked down their free throws. It was a tough outing for us. We shot 4-for-28 from three and had 12 turnovers in the first half. We only had two turnovers in the second half. We played much better in the second half, but the first half put us in a bad situation."



courtesy photo

## Addison Trail senior signs National Letter of Intent

Pictured is Addison Trail senior Matt Domek, who signed a National Letter of Intent on Feb. 3 to play football for Minnesota State University Moorhead. Feb. 3 was a National Letter of Intent Signing Day and Domek celebrated with classmates, friends, administrators, staff members and family members.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE  
18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
DUPAGE COUNTY - WHEATON, ILLINOIS  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
PLAINTIFF

VS.  
CHRISTOPHER G. DRENTH; AMANDA F. DRENTH AKA AMANDA DRENTH; BRANDYWINE TOWNE HOUSES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION; VILLAGE OF OAK BROOK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;  
DEFENDANTS

15295 WINDSOR LANE  
VILLA PARK, IL 60181

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 November 20, 2014, DUPAGE COUNTY SHERIFF IN DU PAGE County, Illinois, will on March 8, 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. 06-21-216-081 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 15295 WINDSOR LANE VILLA PARK, IL 60181 Description of Improvements: BROWN, BRICK, TOWNHOUSE, NO GARAGE The Judgment amount was \$179,158.01. 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 #PA1313341 Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. 1681966

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT,  
CHANCERY DIVISION

New Penn Financial LLC DBA Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing;  
Plaintiff,  
VS.

La Verne Tinubu; Tamarac of Addison Townhomes Association, Inc.;  
Defendants.

15 CH 995  
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a judgment heretofore entered by the said court occurred in the above entitled cause, John E. Zaruba, Sheriff of DuPage, Illinois, will on March 15, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 AM at DuPage County Sheriff's Office, 501 North County Farm Road, Southwest Lobby, Wheaton, IL 60187, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate in the said judgment mentioned, situated in the County of DuPage, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy such judgment to wit:  
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DEFENDANTS

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*Springfield still in disarray*

## Tempers erupt over MAP grant funding

**SPRINGFIELD** — Democratic lawmakers voted to spend more money the state doesn't have in their ongoing battle with Governor Bruce Rauner.

Thursday, Feb. 4, Democrats voted to send \$721 million to the state's student-aid program, or MAP grants, as well as provide money for community colleges.

Rauner's office said he would likely veto the bill since it would pit MAP grant recipients against needy children and basic state services for limited funds.

Republicans had previously filed their own legislation that would have given \$1.6 billion to higher-ed, but it got no Democratic support because it is paired with legislation that would give the governor greater flexibility to manage the state's finances by cutting spending and shifting funding during this fiscal year.

**Comptroller: Taxpayers on hook for billions in unpaid bills and deficit**

The state can't go bankrupt, but taxpayers who stay in Illinois will have to pay for the fiscal mess which, when combining the backlog of bills with the projected deficit, is more than \$13 billion.

Illinois Comptroller Leslie Munger says if the state had a credit card it would have already

blown through its credit limit.

"The bottom line is that the state cannot go bankrupt and that we cannot print money. Taxpayers are going to have to pay this bill."

Steve Brown, spokesman for Speaker Michael Madigan, says lawmakers already passed a budget ... in May of last year.

"The result of the growth in unpaid bills is a function of the bungled decision to veto the

budget that was passed by the General Assembly."

Governor Bruce Rauner vetoed most of that budget saying it was unbalanced to the tune of more than \$4 billion. The state is now more than seven months into the fiscal year with no budget in place.

**Munger to lawmakers: get together, stop blaming each other and find solutions**

Meanwhile imagine you

have \$100 in the checkbook and then realizing you have \$7,000 in bills. Now multiply that by one million. That's how the comptroller explained Illinois' cash crunch now seven full months into the fiscal year without a budget.

And taxes alone isn't the solution. Munger says if a tax increase was the only fix, the income tax would have to be double — putting it close to 8

percent for individuals, something not many people would tolerate.

"I don't know any legislator who would vote for that and I don't know many businesses that would stay in Illinois for that. And so as a result we must look at some reforms, some that will help our businesses be more competitive so they can

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**ATHS visits Loyola University**

On Feb. 3, 31 Addison Trail students traveled to Loyola University Chicago during one of Addison Trail's college visits. Students received a tour of the university, had lunch on campus, and learned about the admissions process and financial aid opportunities.

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## District 4 registration for Ks starts March 11

**ADDISON** — Addison School District 4 will be holding kindergarten registration for the 2016-17 school year for children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2016. Registration for all kindergarten students will take place Army Trail School, 346 Army Trail Blvd., on the following days:

Friday, March 11 from 8-11 a.m. and from 12-3 p.m.

Thursday, March 17 from 4-7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6 from 4-7 p.m.

Registration packets will be available by the end of February in all District 4 school offices and at the District Administration Center, 222 N. Kennedy Dr., Door 18. Parents should pick up packets in advance so they have time to read and complete the required paperwork before coming to register. Forms will also be available on the district website at [asd4.org](http://asd4.org).

All students whose primary

language is not English will be screened at registration to determine proper class placement for the upcoming year.

State law requires that students attend school in the district in which they reside. At the time of registration, parents/guardians must prove residency by providing materials documenting residency and showing current address.

All kindergarten classes are full-day classes.

All future kindergarten parents should also mark their calendars for ASD4's Kindergarten University on May 18 from 6-8 p.m. Kindergarten University is designed to show parents what skills their child should have before school begins in August. The event will feature a presentation on Kindergarten Readiness skills along with fun, easy educational ideas families can use to make sure their child is ready for kindergarten.

For more information, visit the website or call 630-458-2500.

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absorb some increase in taxes."

Munger says there needs to be efficiencies found in every corner of government and lawmakers need to get together, stop blaming each other and find solutions.

#### Governor pushes for procurement reform to save half-a-billion dollars

The current procurement system in Illinois is an overloaded bureaucracy, ripe for abuse, and Governor Bruce Rauner wants reforms to save taxpayers money.

Steve Brown, spokesman for Speaker Michael Madigan, says the current procurement process was created because of scandals in the past under Republican and Democratic governors, but they're open to suggestions.

"We will take a look at all of it but we will go to the procurement policy board to offer an analysis."

However, Governor Rauner was critical of the Procurement Policy Board when talking about reducing the number of chief procurement officers.

"If they set their own rules, they set up their own regulations, they set up their own fiefdoms, then we also have a procurement policy board. They also set up rules, regulations, policies, they have the ability to void contracts."

Rauner wants to put procurement under Central Management Services and allow the auditor general to conduct spot checks of purchases, something the governor says could save taxpayers over half-a-billion dollars a year.

#### Rauner: proposed procurement savings could fund MAP grants

Meanwhile Rauner says tax money saved from proposed procurement reform could help cover costs for tuition assistance grants.

"That's the core of what we are trying to do, streamline the bureaucracy and get the auditor general checking and making sure we are doing what we're supposed to do instead of having dozens of people and organizations and entities involved in the process."

Rauner says the money saved could be more than enough to fund MAP grants.

However Brown wants more information on possible savings.

"I would think you would want to be very careful to document any proposed savings that are being promoted."

Brown says any proposed changes to procurement will be slow moving in the General Assembly if the Procurement Policy Board doesn't sign off on the reforms.

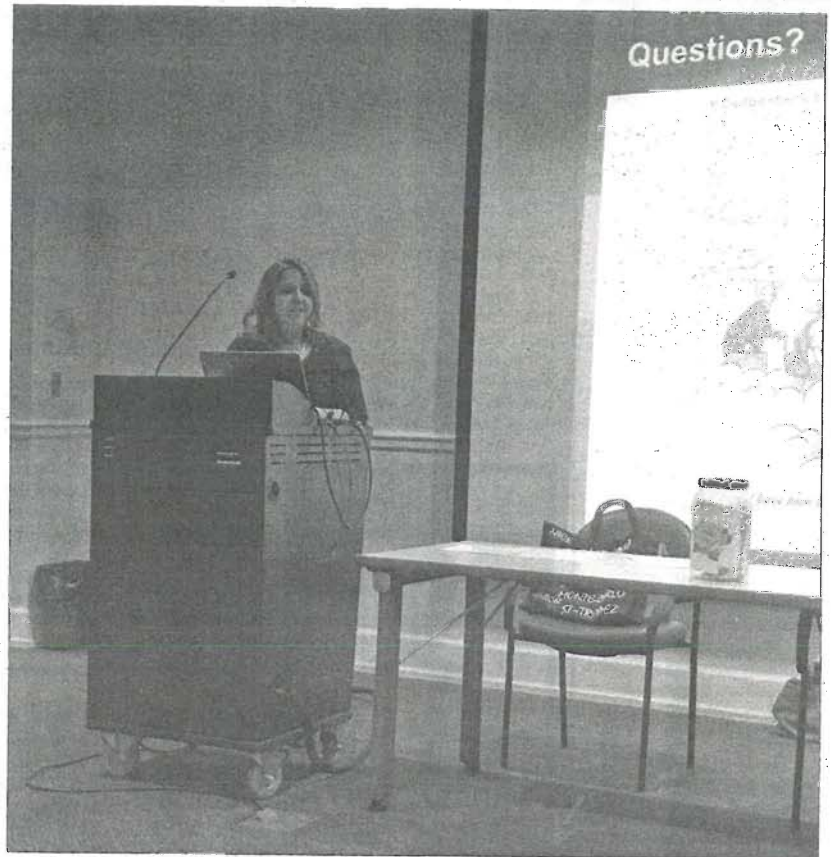


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### Women's health expert visits local club

Pictured is Dr. Christine Gresik, who shared her knowledge and expertise in breast health and screening techniques with the members of the Women's Club of Addison at their February meeting. Affiliated with Edward Cancer Center in Naperville and Elmhurst Cancer Center in Elmhurst, she encouraged women to recognize the risk factors for breast cancer, understand the different types of screening and discuss treatment options with their doctor. For more information about the Women's Club of Addison, contact Karen at 630-878-6305.

## Center for Arts presents photography of William North

**ADDISON** — The Addison Center for the Arts will present "Simple Elegance: Photographs by William North," now through March 19 at the ACA Gallery located inside Addison Trail High School on the north side (enter Door #4). An artist's reception will be held on Friday, Feb. 12 from 7-9 p.m.

Featuring many of North's black and white photographs of 19th century architecture, "Simple Elegance" offers images from Chicago, Washington D.C. and Hobart (Australia), as well as the architecture of Blanchard Hall on the campus of Wheaton College. In his photographs, he explores the character and gracefulness of older structures through compositions focusing on various elements or unusual perspectives. Taking details out of their context, North emphasizes the aesthetic content and offers a different interpretation of a familiar building by showing its aesthetic form.

Although he began photographing many years ago, North is a relative newcomer to the field of professional photography. It wasn't until the digi-

tal era that fine art photography came into focus for him and led him to the photo program at the College of DuPage in 2010. Soon after, he began capturing images of architecture with emphasis on cathedrals.

Influenced by his degree in English Literature and his prior work with architectural drafting and design, North shoots in black-and-white to be consistent with the historic theme. Inspiration for these works came from such respected artist-photographers as Lucien Herve, who photographed the work of French architect LeCorbusier, and Frederick H. Evans, known for his images of French and English cathedrals. His photographs celebrate a heritage that reaches beyond the moment.

For more about North and his photographs, visit [wn-photography.weebly.com](http://wn-photography.weebly.com).

The ACA Gallery is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Wed. – Sat. from 1-4 p.m. Private showings are available by appointment by calling 630-458-4500.



# Addison Trail recognizes AT's Best

**ADDISON** — The AT's Best award recognizes students who have achieved a "personal best." The following categories have been used to recognize students: service, Blazer Pride, cooperation, dependability, initiative, leadership, humanitarian spirit or unique contributions. Students receive a pin or a T-shirt for their efforts and are honored during a breakfast.

## AT's Best students are:

Seniors Jacob Bartkiewicz, Michael Bellino, Amalia Bouzarelos Kopta, Cab Callaway, Courtney Cechini, Destenye Davis, Ellyanne Eaves, Michael Grojec, Michael Kroll, Victoria Robles, Heidi Scheleski and Alexandria Toay

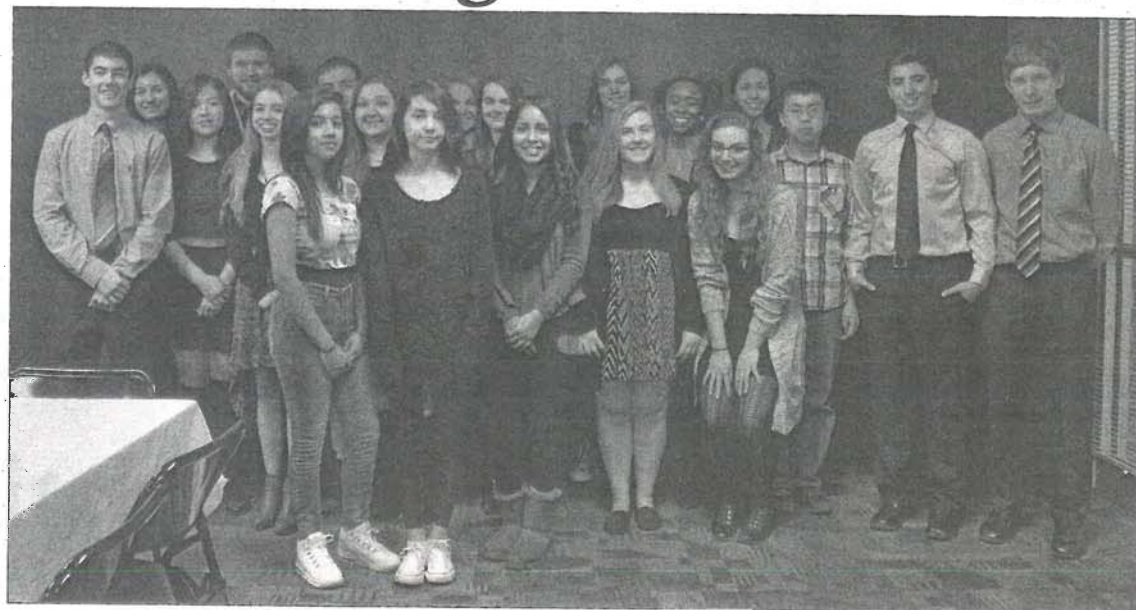
Nominated by: Addison Trail English teacher and Theatre Director Anna Jakubka.

Reason: For taking a leadership role during Addison Trail's winter musical, "Jesus Christ Superstar."

## Junior Ariana Calderone

Nominated by: Addison Trail special education teachers Jessica Sokolowski and Stacey Puccini.

Reason: For her positive attitude and for helping another



Pictured are Addison Trail students who were recognized as AT's Best on Feb. 2.

courtesy photo

student in need.

Freshmen Jennifer Reyes, Serena Gilliam, Karime Martinez, Nico Nasti, Mirella

Bruno, Hannah Rodrigues, Terry Thompson, Benny Zhao and Sayaka Trufasu

Nominated by: Addison

Trail English teacher Patty Subers, science teacher Aileen Sullivan and social studies teacher Mark Olson.

Reason: For their dependability, leadership in their academic achievement, Blazer Pride and cooperation in class.

## January recipient of 88's Best is Nicole Pudlo

**ADDISON** — Nicole Pudlo has been named as Addison Trail's January recipient of 88's Best recognition for her stellar involvement in extracurricular activities. Pudlo, a senior, was recognized during the Jan. 25 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

Even before she became a Blazer, Nicole knew the importance of being involved. Nicole also is successful academically and has taken 12 Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses and nine Honors courses. She also speaks fluent Polish and has taken six years of Spanish, making her trilingual. She has participated in Polish school competitions. She also was a member of the group of District 88 students who traveled to Spain for an educational trip last year.

But where Nicole has really made her mark is in athletics and activities. Nicole started her involvement at her junior high school, Indian Trail, through peer mediation. Then, during her eighth-grade year, she participated in Addison Trail's Pay It Forward program, which helps incoming freshmen prepare for high

school. That program also provides students with their first taste of leadership experience.

"She is a great role model of leadership, stewardship and goodwill toward her peers and her community," said Jorge de Leon, Social Worker and Pay It Forward Sponsor.

Nicole's involvement and leadership includes volleyball, basketball, Pay It Forward, International Dance, National Honor Society, Student Council, Key Club and Student Advisory Team. She also has had leadership positions in many extracurricular activities, including Historian and Sergeant of Arms for Student Council and Pay It Forward CORE team member and CORE leader. She also has been a Blazer Ambassador, mentoring freshmen and getting them acclimated to high school life. Pudlo has participated in many leadership conferences as well, namely CORE trainings and many West Suburban Conference Leadership symposiums.

"Pudlo is a stellar student, who excels both in and outside of the classroom," said Kevin Redding, Director of Guidance. "Her work ethic is second to none among her peers. However, her strongest asset

is her positive attitude toward life. Her commitment to the classroom is matched by her commitment to extracurricular activities. Pudlo is an extremely likeable student, with innate leadership skills."

Girls Volleyball Head Coach Dan Styler said Nicole's ability to stay focused and determined in the face of adversity is an attribute that helps her succeed.

"Pudlo proved to be resilient by overcoming an ACL surgery (after an injury her sophomore year)," he said. "While others would cower away from this setback, Pudlo overcame her fears and was able to embrace competition once again during the latter half of her high school career. The high expectations Pudlo set for herself on the court and in the classroom will guide her path to success beyond the walls of Addison Trail."

Nicole has applied to many universities, and her current top choice is Northwestern University. Nicole plans to major in kinesiology or exercise science and would like to be a physical therapist. She also has considered teaching, but will wait to start courses to see what interests her the most.



Pictured is Addison Trail senior Nicole Pudlo, who has been named as Addison Trail's January recipient of 88's Best recognition.

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