

## Students honored...

TEN WILLOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL students were recognized as Outstanding Students during Thursday's breakfast in their honor. In order to be chosen for the school's Outstanding Students award, students must demonstrate extraordinary achievement, outstanding effort and commendable attitude and motivation. Those students must also show the ability to overcome obstacles and maintain a continuous exemplary performance. Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause joined Assistant Principal Doug Wildes in welcoming the students and their family members to the breakfast in the school cafeteria. The students were nominated for the award by a staff member from one of the school's various departments. Each of the recognized students received a certificate of honor. Pictured left to right are: (front row) senior Meghan Foley (world languages), junior Grace Guthrie (social studies), senior Natalie Caswell (art) and senior Mariana Martens (music); (back row) senior Galen Bergsten (math), sophomore Noah Kamm (science), sophomore Isabella Ledonne (English), junior Kyle Flores (learning services) and senior James Moore (career and technical education). Not pictured is senior Lorenzo Delgado (physical education).



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## Program provides heart screenings for Willowbrook students

More than 850 Willowbrook High School students received free electrocardiogram (ECG) screenings at a recent Young Hearts for Life (YH4L) cardiac screening program event. District 88 teamed up with YH4L to hold the Feb. 11 screenings in the school's field house. Edward-Elmhurst Health sponsored the screening program.

Parents and guardians registered their students for the screenings. According to YH4L, an electrocardiogram is a completely painless test that evaluates the health of the heart. The test, which measures heart rate and electrical activity, may indicate a serious cardiac condition that would require follow-up testing and treatment by a physician.

None of the results of the screenings will

be shared with the school. Parents and guardians who are told their child needs additional follow-up were provided with a copy of the ECG results. No diagnosis was made based exclusively on the ECG findings.

Young Hearts For Life is a not-for-profit organization affiliated with Advocate Charitable Foundation. For more information about YH4L, visit its Web site at [www.YH4L.org](http://www.YH4L.org).

Over 70 volunteers provided assistance by spending up to nine hours at the event. The volunteers attended a training session prior to the screenings. Anyway's and Jersey Mike's Subs donated lunch for the volunteers. The Odeum Expo Center provided the privacy stations used during the screenings.



### Screenings for students...

THE RECENT ELECTROCARDIOGRAM SCREENING event at Willowbrook High School provided free screenings to more than 850 students. The screenings, which measure heart activity, may indicate a serious condition requiring treatment. The above photo shows Willowbrook sophomore Ariana Rosado with volunteers at the event. The photo below shows (left to right) Edward-Elmhurst Health Community and Government Relations Coordinator Diane McGinnis, District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton, Elmhurst Hospital President/CEO Mary Lou Mastro, Dr. Ziad Sinno and Dr. Joseph Marek. Dr. Marek is the founder and medical director of Young Hearts for Life.



### Third in state...

Photo by Jim Izzo

WILLOWBROOK SOPHOMORE Jack Jessen (above) competed in the IHSA Class 3A individual state wrestling meet, which took place last week at the State Farm Center in Champaign. Jessen earned a third-place finish in the 182-pound weight class. He finished the season with an overall record of 51-3. One year ago, Jessen placed second in the 170-pound weight level. Willowbrook senior Matt Rowland won this year's 170-pound state title. He pinned Deerfield's Sage Heller 22 seconds into Saturday's championship match.





## District 45 holds open house for educators on March 18

The School District 45 Human Resources Department will conduct an open house on Friday, March 18, for educators interested in helping the district create a diverse teaching force. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon. School District 45 is located at 225 W. Vermont Street, Villa Park.

"In District 45, we are working hard to hire staff that reflects the diversity we have among our student population," said Nancy Munoz, the district's assistant superintendent for human resources. "District 45 is a K-through-eight district with 500 staff members and over 3,500 students. In three of our eight buildings, the student population is 10 to 15

percent Black and at least 50 percent Hispanic."

Interested educators who attend the open house will hear about upcoming vacancies in the district. They will also be able to speak with a panel of principals for tips on interviewing. Participants should make sure to bring a copy of their current resume. There will also be an opportunity to schedule a mock interview.

RSVP for the open house by contacting Linda Wright by March 16 at lwright@d45.org or at 630-516-7393. For more information, visit the District 45 Web site at [www.d45.org](http://www.d45.org).

## Villa Park residents invited to Thursday's State of the Village

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.

## Donations still accepted for foundation's annual fundraiser

While ticket sales have ended for the Partnership for Inspired Education (PIE) Foundation's 2016 fundraiser, which will take place Sunday, Feb. 28, at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace, community members can still support the event by donating online at <http://piefoundation.org/donations.html>.

The PIE Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that serves public school students in District 88, Addison Elementary School District 4, School District

45 and Salt Creek School District 48. Founded in 2009, the PIE Foundation is designed to be the foundation that supports a long-term partnership with the community, businesses and schools.

PIE's mission is to provide innovative educational projects that are not ordinarily provided through a school district's operating budget. All donations to PIE are placed in the General Fund unless otherwise specified by the donor.

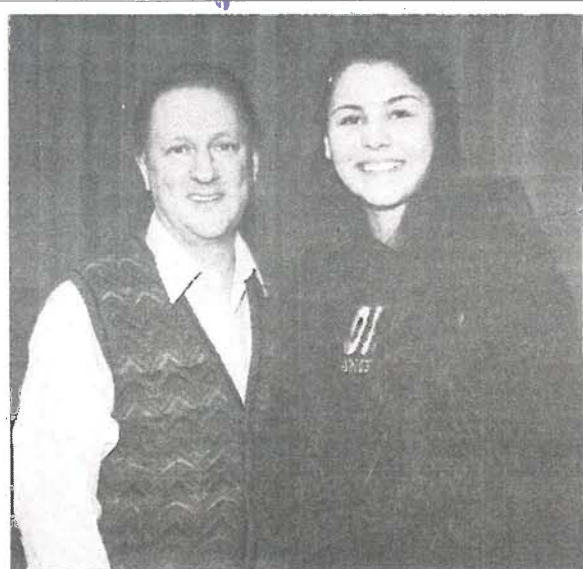
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### A championship finish...

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WILLOWBROOK SENIOR WRESTLER Matt Rowland (above) wrapped up his high school career by winning a state championship on Saturday. Rowland captured the 170-pound title at the IHSA Class 3A individual state meet in Champaign. He delivered a lightning-fast victory in the title match against Deerfield senior Sage Heller. Rowland pinned Heller 22 seconds into the first period, setting a new Class 3A record for the fastest pin in a state-championship match. Rowland earned a second-place finish in the 152-pound weight division of last year's state meet. He placed fifth in that same weight class in the 2014 state meet. Rowland completed his senior season with an overall record of 52-1. He is the fourth Willowbrook wrestler to win an individual state championship. His older brother Dan placed second in the 170-pound weight class at the 2013 state meet.



### Outstanding Teacher award...

WILLOWBROOK SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER Chuck Sheridan (above, left) received the school's Outstanding Teacher award during last week's breakfast at the school. In addition to honoring Sheridan, Thursday's breakfast presented 10 students with the Outstanding Students award. Junior Milena Sogura (right) presented Sheridan at the breakfast. According to the school, staff members who receive the Outstanding Teacher award must treat teaching as a passion—not just a job—and create a positive learning environment where students feel encouraged and supported. Additionally, teachers who earn the award must demonstrate a variety of strategies to engage students, be willing to offer extra support when needed, provide prompt and effective feedback, and relate to and understand the viewpoints and perspectives of students.

## Willowbrook's Matt Rowland closes out his Warrior career with a state title

Willowbrook senior Matt Rowland finished his high school wrestling career by winning the 170-pound championship at the IHSA Class 3A individual state meet. Rowland pinned Deerfield senior Sage Heller 22 seconds into the opening period of Saturday's championship match at the State Farm Center in Champaign. The speedy victory set a new Class 3A record for the shortest state final.

"When you get on that floor, look up and see 10,000 people screaming and yelling, that gets you moving around," said Rowland of the experience of competing at the individual state meet. "I had goosebumps before the [championship] match."

A three-time qualifier for the event, Rowland placed fifth in the 152-pound weight class as a sophomore. One year ago, he was the runner-up in the same weight class, dropping a 9-3 decision to Oak Park/River Forest's Walter White in the state final. Rowland finished his junior season with an overall record of 47-3. His only three losses came to White in their meetings in the regional, sectional and state finals.

Rowland finished his senior season with a 52-1 record. His only loss came in a triple-overtime battle against a standout from Florida at the Dvorak Invitational in December.

Since losing last year's state championship match, Rowland focused on capturing a title in his senior season.

"It never left my mind," said Rowland of his dream of winning a state title this season. "It was on my mind 24/7—when I went to bed, when I woke up. I never stopped thinking about it."

Rowland began this year's state meet with a first-period pin on Thursday. He added a pair of wins on Friday—an 8-5 decision in the quarterfinal round followed by a 20-5 technical-fall victory in the semifinals.

As he prepared to take the floor for Saturday's state-championship match, Rowland warmed up in the tunnel of the arena with Willowbrook head coach Brandon Murphy and Murphy's father—former Willowbrook head coach Bryan Murphy. Heller, who pinned his first three opponents in Champaign, was warming up nearby. The Murphys observed Heller warming up and suggested that Rowland utilize an inside cradle move during the match. Rowland wasted little time in deploying the move, which resulted in

the pin 22 seconds into the match.

"I wrestled that [title] match 30 times in my head," said Rowland. "My coaches walked me through it. They kept me calm."

Rowland is the fourth Willowbrook wrestler to win an individual state title. Matt Roth claimed the heavyweight title in 2001. Mike Behnke won the 215-pound championship in 2001 and added a heavyweight title in 2002. Steve Congenie, another two-time winner, claimed the 152-pound title in 2010 and won the 171-pound championship in 2011.

Rowland's older brother Dan finished third in the state meet's 160-pound weight class in 2012. In 2013, he placed second in the 170-pound level. Dan was on hand to celebrate his younger brother's victory on Saturday.

"He was so happy," said Rowland of his older brother's reaction to Saturday's result. "He was crying like a baby."

Rowland may be an individual state champion, but he gave several other people credit for the title. He gave special credit to his parents—Dave and Anne Rowland—who both graduated from Willowbrook.

"I couldn't do it without all their dedication and support and all the time and money they invested in me," said Rowland. "If kids are going to be elite, they have to have support from their parents."

Rowland has been wrestling since he was a second-grader, when he joined the Villa Park Young Warriors program. As a fourth-grader, he moved on to train with a wrestling club in St. Charles. Rowland remembers his mom driving him to practice in St. Charles. Four days a week, she would drive him about one hour to St. Charles, stay for the two-hour practice, and drive him back home.

"That's a lot of dedication," Rowland said of his mother.

Rowland also praised the coaching contributions of the Murphys—Brandon, Bryan and Bryan Jr., and of assistant coaches Tim Ortiz, Gary Walker and Dale Lewis. He also thanked his teammates and friends, many of whom made the trip to Champaign and cheered him on to the title.

"I think it's anybody's dream to go out on that note," said Rowland of the conclusion his high school wrestling career. Next season, Rowland will wrestle for the University of North Carolina.



# Sports

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## Fast-acting Rowland wins state title in record time

Matt Rowland waited a full year to return to the championship round of the IHSA Class 3A individual state wrestling meet. Once he did return, the Willowbrook senior did not wait long to make a big move.

Rowland, who lost the 152-pound state title match one year ago, pinned Deerfield senior Sage Heller just 22 seconds into the opening period of Saturday's 170-pound championship match at the State Farm Center in Champaign. The victory, which set a new state record for the fastest Class 3A state final, closed out a nearly perfect senior season for Rowland, who will wrestle for the University of North Carolina. Rowland completed the 2015-16 season with a 52-1 record.

"The support I had was awesome," said Rowland of his championship experience. That support group in Champaign included family members, coaches and a crew of about 50 fellow students—many of whom were Rowland's Willowbrook wrestling teammates. "Looking up right after I won to see them and hear them chanting my name...it was amazing."

Heller advanced to the championship match by pinning his first three opponents in Champaign. There aren't many first-round pins in the title round—which obviously features two skilled wrestlers. Moments before the 170-pound battle, Rowland's coaches cemented a game plan.

"I was in the tunnel warming up with the Murphys," said Rowland, referring to current Willowbrook head coach Brandon Murphy and his father, former head coach Bryan Murphy. "He [Heller] was warming up right next to me. The Murphys both said I should go with the inside cradle. That's the move I hit. I went right for it."

Rowland, who had never faced Heller before Saturday, estimated that

he pinned about 30 opponents with his inside cradle move during the season.

"I think it's anybody's dream to go out on that note," Rowland said. "Not many kids get to end their high school career that way, and it was awesome to celebrate with all my family and friends and coaches."

Rowland's only setback of the season was a triple-overtime loss to Elijah Cleary of Florida's Lake Highland Prep at the Dvorak Invitational, an elite meet that took place in Machesney Park in December. Cleary will wrestle for Ohio State University.

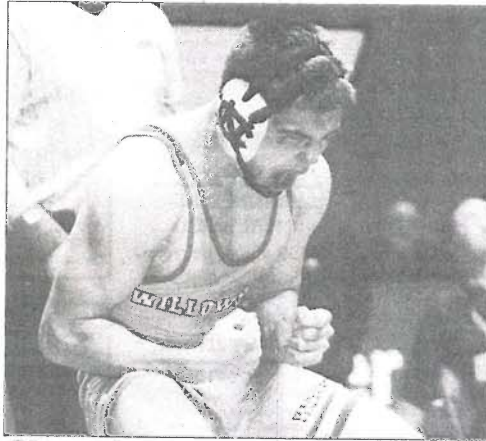
Rowland opened this year's state meet by earning a first-period pin on Thursday. He then won two matches on Friday—an 8-5 decision in the quarterfinal round followed by a 20-5 technical-fall victory in the semifinals.

After spending most of Saturday in his hotel room, Rowland headed to the State Farm Center in the afternoon. He joined the other finalists in what's known as "the grand march" onto the arena floor. Rowland said going through the same experience last season (he lost a 9-3 decision in the 152-pound title match in 2015) made him calmer before this year's title contest.

"I wasn't going to get denied two years in a row," said Rowland.

Willowbrook sophomore Jack Jessen, who was the runner-up in the 170-pound weight class as a freshman at the 2015 Class 3A state meet, claimed third place in the 182-pound level of this year's meet. Jessen opened the state meet with a pair of wins before losing a 3-1 decision in the semifinals. Jessen won his next two matches, which included a 9-2 victory in the third-place match. Jessen completed his season with a record of 51-3.

Sophomore Joey Melendez of Montini captured the Class 3A state



**Champions...**

Left photo—Clark Brooks ©2016 PhotoNews; right photo by Jim Izzo

WILLOWBROOK SENIOR Matt Rowland (above, left) celebrates his victory in Saturday's 170-pound championship match at the IHSA Class 3A individual state wrestling meet in Champaign. Rowland pinned Deerfield's Sage Heller 22 seconds into the title match. Montini sophomore Joey Melendez (above, right) also won a Class 3A state title in Champaign. Melendez captured the 106-pound championship with a 2-1 win in the final.

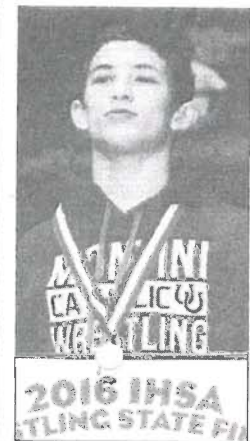
championship in the 106-pound weight class. Melendez improved his season record to 42-4 when he edged Plainfield North senior Marcus Povlick 2-1 in Saturday's final.

Montini sophomore Real Woods fell just short of his attempt to win a second straight individual state title. As a freshman, Woods captured the 106-pound title in Class 2A state meet. He entered Saturday's Class 3A 113-pound final with a 40-0 record. Woods' unbeaten season ended with a 2-1 loss to Sandburg senior Louie Hayes. The result in Champaign reversed the outcome of the championship match at the Batavia Sectional one week earlier. Woods beat Hayes 5-2 to claim the sectional title on Feb. 13.

Montini senior Dylan Duncan, who won individual state championships at the Class 2A level as a sophomore and junior, placed second in the 132-pound weight class of this year's Class 3A meet. Rudy Yates, an undefeated senior from Sandburg, scored a 3-2 win over Duncan in the title match.

Sophomore Will Lewan earned a third-place finish in the 138-pound weight division. Lewan, who completed the state meet with a 36-3 record, won his first match in Champaign before losing in the quarterfinal round. He then won four straight matches, including a 3-2 triumph in the third-place contest.

Montini's other competitors at the individual state meet included senior



Jimmy Pawelski, who placed fourth in the 126-pound weight class. Pawelski won his first two matches of the meet before losing to the eventual champion in the semifinal round. Senior Caleb Fortuna, a state-meet qualifier in the 145-pound level, lost his first match in Champaign. Freshman Matt Ortiz won one match and lost twice in the 152-pound division.

The Broncos competed in this week's Class 3A dual-meet team sectional in Summit. A victory over Brother Rice at the Feb. 23 sectional would send Montini to this weekend's state meet in Bloomington. Eight teams will compete in Saturday's state meet, which will include the quarterfinals, semifinals and finals.

## Broncos display firepower in regional win over the Rams

Friday's IHSA Class 4A girls basketball regional final at Elk Grove Village High School featured two Lombard schools—Glenbard East and Montini. The formidable Broncos, who moved to the Class 4A level this season after several successful years in the 3A division, crushed Glenbard East 79-17.

The Broncos, who advanced to the Schaumburg Sectional, improved their overall season record to 29-2 with Friday's dominant victory. Glenbard East closed out its season with a record of 19-11.

Montini drained 13 attempts from 3-point range in the regional final. The Broncos built a 24-6 lead by the end of the first period. The lead expanded to 48-8 by halftime.

Senior Lea Kerstein sank a 3-point attempt to account for Montini's final points of the opening quarter. Junior Kaylee Bambule opened the second period by sinking another 3-pointer. Montini made all four of its 3-point attempts in the second quarter. Senior Emily Cochrane made a pair of those 3-pointers, while Bambule and sophomore Illyse Pitts each connected on one long-range shot.

The Broncos, who applied full-court defensive pressure throughout the first half, overpowered the Rams with a combination of speed, outside shooting and tenacious defense.

"We haven't been playing well lately," said Montini coach Jason Nichols after Friday's victory. "I thought our focus and intensity was a lot better. We shot the ball well. We

played with pace and tempo. I think we can shoot even better."

The Rams and Broncos played a fairly even third quarter, which ended with Montini holding a 60-17 lead. The Broncos outscored Glenbard East 19-0 in the final period.

"We couldn't stop their 3-point shooters," said Glenbard East head coach Don Finnie after the game. "Their speed is a little bit more than ours, and we didn't hit any shots from the outside."

Bambule and Kerstein each made three 3-point shots. Bambule scored all 12 of her points during the first half. Kerstein added 11 points. Junior Nikki Oppenheimer also scored 11 points. Senior Tiara Wallace provided eight points.

Thirteen Montini players scored during the game. Four Glenbard East players broke into the scoring column. Senior Brasia Solid led the team with 10 points.

"I'm so happy with the way these kids have played this year," said Finnie. "I can't say enough for our outgoing seniors. They have definitely helped build the program."

Glenbard East endured several losing seasons before the current group of seniors began a rebuilding effort that yielded 16 wins last season and 19 victories in the 2015-16 campaign. The senior standouts include Solid, Ashley Brown, Brittany Paganucci, Amanda Chlebek and Meghan Ryan. Solid and Brown were named to this season's Upstate Eight Valley Conference's all-

conference team.

The Rams advanced to the regional final with a thrilling 51-50 victory over Lake Park in a regional semifinal game on Feb. 16. Brown lifted Glenbard East to the victory by sinking a 3-point shot at the buzzer. The Rams trailed the Lancers by 11 points with less than three minutes to play, but 3-point shots from junior Dana Plotke and Solid helped the Rams close the gap. Trailing 50-48 with time winding down, Glenbard East brought the ball up the court. Finnie elected not to call a time out. As time wound down, Brown fielded a pass and launched a 3-point shot from the top of the key. The shot banked off the backboard and dropped through the hoop as the buzzer sounded.

Montini opened the post-season with its own Feb. 16 victory in Elk Grove Village. The Broncos defeated Conant 55-27.

Three days after beating the Rams, the Broncos improved to 30-2 with Monday's 64-32 victory over Bartlett in a sectional semifinal game in Schaumburg. The win propelled Montini into Thursday's sectional championship game against Geneva, which edged Batavia in overtime. The winner of the Montini-Geneva sectional final in Schaumburg will move on to the Hoffman Estates Supersectional on Feb. 29. The supersectional winner will qualify for the IHSA Class 4A state semifinals, which take place March 3 at Redbird Arena in Normal.



**Broncos vs. Rams...**

Photo by Chris Fox

MONTINI SENIOR Tiara Wallace (above, left) drives to the hoop during Friday's IHSA Class 4A girls basketball regional final against Glenbard East. The Broncos overpowered Glenbard East 79-17 to win the regional title and advance to the Schaumburg Sectional. Pictured on the right is sophomore Briana Raysby of the Rams. Montini improved to 29-2 with the win. Glenbard East completed its season with a record of 19-11. Montini moved to 30-2 with Monday's win over Bartlett at the Schaumburg Sectional. The Broncos will meet Geneva in Thursday's sectional championship game.



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## Young Hearts for Life comes to Willowbrook

By Dee Longfellow  
For The Independent

On Thursday, Feb. 11, Elmhurst Hospital came to Willowbrook High School for a Young Hearts for Life® (YH4L) Cardiac Screening Program.

"Our No. 1 priority at District 88 is the safety and well-being of our students, and this event allowed us to provide students with free electrocardiograms (EKGs) to identify those at risk for heart conditions," said Principal Dan Krause. "It was amazing to see the field house filled with hundreds of students, and we're incredibly thankful to Young Hearts for Life for offering us this opportunity to help ensure our students' health."

The purpose of the event is to get early screenings of young people's hearts that will serve as a baseline for the rest of their lives. It is also a chance to catch any irregularities or potential problems that could lead to something more serious. We've all heard the tales of teens in their junior or senior year of high school who suddenly drop dead from a heart attack, sometimes after a sports event, and no one really knows why until it's too late.

At the YH4L event held at York High School in Elmhurst about a year ago, the Independent spoke to John Regalado, who lost his son Robert in



When Willowbrook High School hosted a Young Hearts for Life cardiac screening event on Feb. 11, sophomore Jack Jensen (on the table) was screened with the assistance of parent volunteer Michael Ledonne. Observing are (from left): Diane McGinnis, Community and Government Relations for Edward-Elmhurst Health, and Mary Lou Mastro, (center) President and CEO of Elmhurst Hospital.

2009. "I call it the 'Silent Killer,'" he said. "[Robert] had no symptoms, and had passed three

physicals — the regular back-to-school physical, a physical to play football and another to run track. All the physicals

found nothing wrong. Then one day, he came home a little tired, went to lie down in his room and about 10 or 15 minutes

later, his brother found him unconscious. The paramedics

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# KC Council #8365 names winners of free-throw contest

**Among eight players, three advance to regionals**

VILLA PARK — Five boys and three girls from Villa Park and Lombard were named council champions for the 2016 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship and earned the right to compete at the district level. Fr. John Barrett Council # 8365 of Villa Park sponsored the local competition in the gym of St. Alexander's School. All youngsters ages 9 to 14 were eligible to participate.

Winners by division were:

9-year-old girls - Elizabeth Trentina

9-year-old boys - Jack Barrett

10-year-old girls - Abbey Martin

10-year-old boys - Isaac

Sobiesczyk

11-year-old boys - Noah Lftner

12-year-old girls - Meghan Martin

12-year-old boys - John Swastek

13-year-old boys - Caden Mielke

Each contest was allowed 15 free throws in the contest after taking three warm-up shots. The winners were presented with an engraved plaque with a gold-finished basketball net with their name on it.

Winners earned the right to participate in the district competition that was held on February 7, 2016 at St. Isidore's Parish Center, Bloomingdale. Jack Barrett, Abbey Martin, and Meghan Martin won their divisions at the District level competition and will be advancing to the regional contest to be held at Benedictine University Monday, March 21.

## Willowbrook seniors honored by District 88 Board

**Recognized for state-level achievements**

VILLA PARK — District 88 Board of Education recently recognized students at Willowbrook High School for their state-level achievements during the fall season. They were presented with certificates at the Feb. 8 meeting of the Board. Honorees include:

**Senior Elijah Rochel:** IHSFCA Academic All-State Football

**Senior William Degnan:**

IHSFCA Academic All-State Football

**Sophomore Jack Jessen:** IHSFCA Academic All-State Football

**Senior Mark Molitor:** IHSFCA Academic All-State Football

**Senior Kyle Martyniuk:** IHSFCA Academic All-State Football

**Senior Lucas Betts:** Chicago Fire Soccer Club Academic All-State 2nd Team

**Senior Allison Rodwell:** ILMEA All-State Future Music Educators Seminar

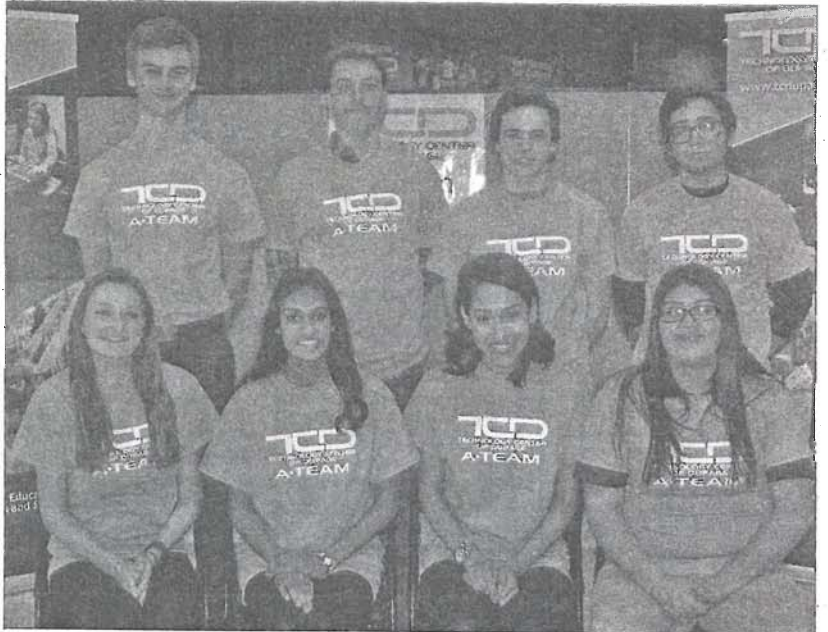
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## WB students make TCD's A-Team Honor Roll

Fourteen Willowbrook students have been named to Technology Center of DuPage's (TCD) A-Team Honor Roll for the first semester of the 2015-16 school year. They are (top photo, from left) senior Kailey Wright, senior Calvin Milas, junior Miguel Morz, senior Carter Witt, senior Meghan Koterba and senior Alexis Hernandez; (bottom photo, back row, from left) senior Joseph Egan, senior Benjamin Gruchaiski, senior David Naughton, senior Joshua Santiago, (front row, from left) senior Shelby Wayne, senior Shiipa Satsangi, senior Stephanie Ortega-Reyes and senior Clarissa Flores. A-Team members were recognized during a ceremony in their honor on Feb. 5 at TCD, attended by family members and school administrators.



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were unable to help him.

"Robert had played sports for nine years and never showed any signs of a heart problem. Unfortunately, his first symptom was his death."

Regalado and his wife Laura have managed to channel their grief in part by volunteering at YH4L events. They also started "Bobbo's Fund for Young Hearts," where Laura serves as

president, to raise funds and awareness for the cause.

"We just don't want anyone to ever have to go through what we did with Robert," Regalado said.

"It just takes a couple of minutes to help and it could save a life," said Mary Woods, who lost her son in 2007. Woods' son had a condition called HCM and passed away at 29

years old.

"The doctor said that those who are diagnosed with the condition usually die before they are 30 years old," she said. "My son died at 29."

Like the Regalados, Woods only wants to help any other families who might have to go through what she did.

"If we could have had someone help our child, if only we

had testing like this back then," she said.

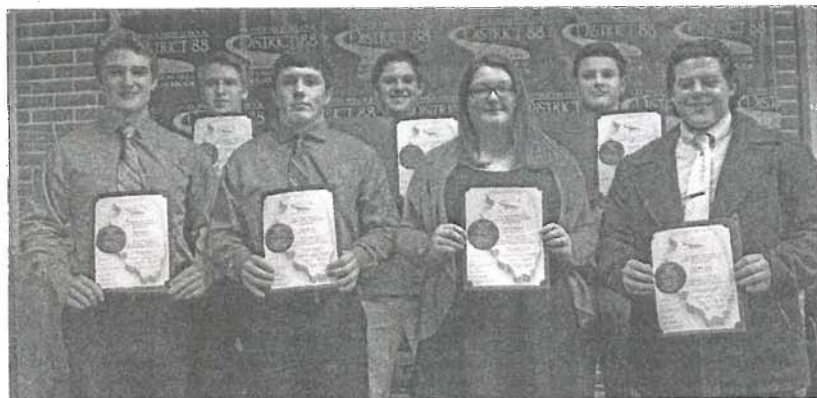
More than 850 students were screened that Thursday, helped by the staff and volunteers at Young Hearts for Life as well as more than 70 community volunteers, who attended a training session and assisted for part of the day.

Willowbrook extended thanks to Anyway's and Jer-

sey Mike's Subs, who donated lunch for the workers, paid and volunteer. Also, thanks to The Odeum Expo Center, who provided the privacy stations. And the biggest thanks to Edward-Elmhurst Health, who sponsored and conducted the program.

For more information about Young Hearts for Life, go to YH4L.org.





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## Outstanding students honored by District 88

Students from Willowbrook High School were honored at the Feb. 8 District 88 Board of Education meeting for their state-level achievements during the fall season. Pictured are (back row, from left) Lucas Betts, Mark Molitor, William Dagnan; (front row, from left) Elijah Rachel, Jack Jessen, Allison Rodwell and Kyle Martyniuk. All are seniors except Jessen, who is a sophomore.

## OBITUARIES

### Sharon E. Murphy, 71

Sharon E. Murphy 71, of Villa Park, passed away recently at the age of 71. Wife of John B. Murphy, loving mother of John J. Murphy (Raniá) and Michael S. Murphy (Renee), grandmother of Gavin M. Murphy and Morgan A. Murphy, sister of Scott M. Drabant (Gayle) and Cindy P. Deuth (John), loving aunt to many. Visitation will be held on Friday February 19, 2016, from 3-9 p.m. at Steuerle Funeral Home 350 S. Ardmore Ave. Villa Park. Viewing on Saturday Feb. 20 at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Alexanders Catholic Church 300 S. Cornell Ave. Villa Park. Interment private. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial donations made to either the American Diabetes Association (diabetes.

org/donate) or to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (jdrf.com). Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

### Jeanette L. Hickey

Jeanette L. Hickey, of Villa Park, passed away recently. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016, at Community Congregational Church, 410 S. Cornell, Villa Park. Interment to follow at Arlington Cemetery in Elmhurst. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.

### Keith L. Becker, 78

Keith L. Becker, of Villa Park, passed away recently at

the age of 78. Beloved husband of the late Maureen, loving father of Barbara (late Frank) Mientus, Angela (Rodney) Fox, Jennifer Unger, Bridget (Scott) Welninski, dear grandfather of Kathleen, Frank Mientus, Kevin, Adam Unger, Rita, Tessa Welninski, and the late Andrew Mientus, Visitation was held on February 15, 2016, with a Masonic service held later in the day at Steuerle Funeral Home, 350 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park. Interment private. Mr. Becker was the former owner of the Ardmore Lounge and a member of Villa Park Masonic Lodge #1113 AF & AM. In lieu of flowers memorials to would be appreciated to shrinershospital-forchildren.org. Arrangements provided by Steuerle Funeral Home. Call (630) 832-4161 or visit steuerlefh.com for more information.



## Willowbrook senior named finalist for NMS program

VILLA PARK — Willowbrook senior Sally Nijim has been named as a finalist in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. Nijim is a member of Willowbrook's Math Team, Science Olympiad, Scholastic Bowl, Model United Nations, the Principal's Leadership Team and a variety of academic honor societies. She also is a chairperson for Relay For Life.

Nijim is applying to top-tier universities, including Stanford University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and California Institute of Technology (Caltech), where she plans to major in biology and chemistry and pursue a career as a physician-scientist. Nijim thanks the Willowbrook staff members for their support and guidance.



SALLY NIJIM

## Willowbrook honors Outstanding students, teacher

VILLA PARK — On Feb. 18, 10 Willowbrook students were recognized as Outstanding Students during a breakfast in their honor.

During the event, Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause and Assistant Principal Doug Wildes welcomed the recipients and their families, as well as the staff members who nominated them. The students were then recognized and given a certificate in honor of their efforts.

The Outstanding Students include:

**Art:** senior Natalie Caswell  
**Career and Technical Education (CTE):** senior James Moore

**English:** sophomore Isabella Ledonne

**Learning services:** junior Kyle Flores

**Math:** senior Galen Bergsten  
**Music:** senior Mariana Martens

**Physical education:** senior Lorenzo Delgado

**Science:** sophomore Noah Kamm

**Social studies:** junior Grace Guthrie

**World languages:** senior Meghan Foley

**Sheridan named Outstanding Teacher**

Willowbrook social studies teacher Chuck Sheridan received the Outstanding Teacher award and was presented by junior Milena Sogura. To earn the Outstanding Teacher award, a staff member must treat teaching as a passion — not just a job, create a positive learning environment where students feel encouraged and supported.



photos provided

(Above) Social studies teacher Chuck Sheridan was named recipient of the Outstanding Teacher award. He was presented by junior Milena Sogura (right) during a breakfast on Feb. 18.

(Left) Pictured are Willowbrook students who were recognized as Outstanding Students during a breakfast in their honor on Feb. 18. They are (back row, from left) senior Galen Bergsten, sophomore Noah Kamm, sophomore Isabella Ledonne, junior Kyle Flores, senior James Moore; (front row, from left) senior Meghan Foley, junior Grace Guthrie, senior Natalie Caswell and senior Mariana Martens. Not pictured: senior Lorenzo Delgado.



# WBHS Speech Team heads to Sectionals

VILLA PARK — On Feb. 6, the Willowbrook Speech Team competed in the Regional contest at Elk Grove High School. Six members of the Willowbrook Speech Team qualified for the Sectional competition, that took place on Feb. 13 at Downers Grove South High School.

The team finished in 5th place (out of 13 schools), and six students qualified to compete in the Sectional contest on Feb. 13 at Downers Grove South High School. They are:

**Humorous Duet Acting:** Senior Michael Bailey and junior Anthony Clampit (3rd place at Regionals)

**Informative Speaking and Radio:** Senior Galen Bergsten (3rd place and 1st place, respectively, at Regionals)

**Oratorical Declamation:** Junior Kyla Denwood (4th place at Regionals)

**Original Comedy:** Sophomore Genevieve Corkery (3rd place at Regionals)

**Original Oratory:** Senior Zaakirah Mujid (4th place at Regionals)

**Special Occasion Speaking:** Clampit (4th place at Regionals)



courtesy photo  
Willowbrook Speech Team members are pictured here at the regional competition. They are (Above, from left): Michael Bailey, Anthony Clampit, Galen Bergsten, Kyla Denwood, (bottom, from left) Genevieve Corkery, Zaakirah Mujid, and Clampit. The team has qualified to go to the sectional competition held on Feb. 13.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Thursday, Feb. 25

#### • State of the Village address

Beginning at 7 p.m., the Village of Villa Park will present the State of the Village address at the Willowbrook High School auditorium, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave. Learn about current projects in each Village department, including plans and initiatives for the future which will illustrate how the Village will continue to grow. Free and open to the public.

### Monday, Feb. 29

#### • Library presents Chicago on the Big Screen

At 7 p.m., take a tour of the Windy City with movie clips from Chicago's greatest cinematic moments as the Villa Park Library presents Sweet Home Chicago: Chicago in the Movies. Registration required. Info: 630-834-1164 or vppl.info.

#### • Library presents Winter Fun for kids

From 3:30-4:30 p.m., students in grades 1-5 are invited to the Villa Park Library for Snow Tired, a program of fun and games which includes making your own snowman to take home. Registration required. Info: 630-834-1164 or vppl.info.

### Wednesday, March 2

#### • The Cat in the Hat at the Library

The Cat in the Hat will be at the Villa Park Public Library 7 p.m. Come see him juggle and entertain, then get your photo taken with him. Enjoy a variety of fun activities and giveaways while we celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday, now known as Read Across America Day. Space is limited. To attend, you must pick up a ticket in Youth Services starting on Wednesday, Feb. 24. This special all-ages event is sure to be a hit with children and parents alike! Info: Call 630-834-1164.

#### • Resume Review and Interviewing Strategies

Beginning at 7 p.m., polish your resumé and learn interviewing tips. Make an appointment for a one-on-one review of your resumé. Registration required. Info: 630-834-1164

### Monday, March 14

#### • Special Storytime at Cornerstone Books

From 9:30-10 a.m., the Villa Park Library's Storytime will be held at Cornerstone Books (22 S. Villa Ave.) once a month to tell stories and bring enthusiasm for reading to a new setting. Snacks provided by Mike's Market. Info: call 630-834-1176.

### Tuesday, March 16

The Presidential and Illinois State Primary Election Day is on this date. Don't forget to vote!

### Saturday, March 19

#### • Career workshop at the Library

From 9:30-11:30 a.m., looking for a new career but don't know where to start? Attend a Saturday morning Career Re-Launcher Workshop (The CREW™) at the Villa Park Library, led by Tom Somora, an employment services representative with IDES (Illinois Department of Employment Services). Registration is required for each session. Info: 630-834-1164 or vppl.info.

### Tuesday, March 29

#### • 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

### Wednesday, April 6

#### • Resume Review and Interviewing Strategies

Beginning at 7 p.m., polish your resumé and learn interviewing tips. Make an appointment for a one-on-one review of your resumé. Registration required.

Info: 630-834-1164.

### Monday, April 11

#### • Special Storytime at Cornerstone Books

From 9:30-10 a.m., the Villa Park Library's Storytime will be held at Cornerstone Books (22 S. Villa Ave.) once a month to tell stories and bring enthusiasm for reading to a new setting. Snacks provided by Mike's Market. Info: call 630-834-1176.

### Tuesday, April 12

#### • Coloring classes for all ages

From 3:30-5 p.m., tweens and teens in grades 5 and up are invited to join the Just Add Color Club at the Villa Park Library. Drop-in, no registration required. Info: 630-834-1176

### Saturday, April 16

#### • Career workshops at the Library

From 9:30-11:30 a.m., looking for a new career but don't know where to start? Attend a Saturday morning Career Re-Launcher Workshop (The CREW™) at the Villa Park Library, led by Tom Somora, an employment services representative with IDES (Illinois Department of Employment Services). Registration is required for each session.

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# SPORTS

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## Addison Trail's O'Neill competes at state gymnastics meet

### Blazers' girls basketball team wins opening playoff game

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Addison Trail girls gymnast Kennedy O'Neill recently competed in the all-around competition at the state meet held at Palatine High School.

O'Neill, a junior, scored an 8.725 on vault, an 8.475 on bars, an 8.325 on balance beam

and a 9.15 on floor exercise. O'Neill finished 32nd in the all-around standings at state.

### Willowbrook girls basketball

The Willowbrook girls basketball team concluded its season after a 50-23 loss to Glenbard West in Class 4A Glenbard West regional action.

Glenbard West led 14-6 after the first quarter and 27-10 at halftime. Glenbard West outscored Willowbrook 14-8 in the third quarter and 9-5 in the fourth quarter.

Alyssa Spada led the War-

riors with seven points and five rebounds. Josie Zabran added six points and nine rebounds (6 offensive rebounds). Kelsie Kraabel had six points, while Kalyn Konrath had two points and four rebounds.

### Addison Trail girls basketball

The Addison Trail girls basketball team opened postseason play with a 54-47 win over Hoffman Estates in Class 4A Batavia regional action.

The Blazers then lost 65-35 to host Batavia in the semifinals.

### Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming

The Addison Trail-Willowbrook boys swimming team finished in 10th place at the recent Lyons Township sec-

tional. AT-Willowbrook did not advance any swimmers to the state finals meet.

AT-Willowbrook placed 10th in the medley relay with a time of 1:51.82. That team included Evan Zimmerman (freshman), Lucas Walsh (sophomore), Jake Roucka (junior) and Jack Burns (freshman).

Mikey Strycharz was 14th in the 200 with a time of 1:57.45. Zimmerman was 10th in the 200 IM with a time of 2:10.86. Ethan Wallace placed 10th in the 50 with a time of 22.27. Wallace also was 13th in the 100 with a time of 49.90. Jacob Grygo was 14th in the 500 with a time of 5:17.34.

AT-Willowbrook took ninth in the 200 relay with a time of

1:33.54 with Strycharz, Zimmerman, Grygo and Wallace.

Zimmerman was 11th in the backstroke with a time of 59.72. AT-Willowbrook took seventh in the 400 relay with a time of 3:28.70 with Grygo, Burns, Strycharz and Wallace.

### Willowbrook girls track

The Willowbrook girls track team recently took fifth place at the York indoor invitational.

Olivia Pennebaker took third in the 400 with a time of 1:11.1. She also placed sixth in the 300 with a time of 47.6.

Emily Kreiman was fourth in the high jump with a leap of 4-6.

Willowbrook's 3,200 relay team placed fifth with a time of 11:43.1.

## Addison Trail girls indoor track team performs well at York invite

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

The Addison Trail girls track team had a promising showing at the recent York indoor invite.

The Blazers 800 relay team ran 1:54.3 to win the race. It was the squad's best 800 time to start off the season. That time was good enough to earn a Top 12 ranking in the state as of earlier last week, Addison Trail coach Dave Pytko pointed out.

"We can only improve with good handoffs and competition," said Pytko. "With competition at our level and good handoffs we probably are capable of 1:51 or lower. We will not run another 4-by-200 until we get outside, even then we won't run our best team in that event until the second week of outdoor, so I hope for a lot of growth in two months. Our goal is to get down to a 1:44 or lower by sectionals."

The 800 team includes junior Lauren Kroll, junior Klea Gjonaj, junior Suhei Valbuena and senior Lynette Banuelos. Pytko pointed out only Valbuena is new to the relay team. Banuelos, Kroll and Gjonaj have experience running at state in the 400 relay.

In other action at York, Kroll won the 55 hurdles and 200 dash, "handily," Pytko said.

Valbuena placed second in the 300, while Gjonaj was second in the 55 dash and fourth in the 200. Alyssa Vierra was second in the shot put.

### Addison Trail boys track

The Addison Trail boys track team has competed in a pair of indoor meets thus far, but no scores were kept.

"We have a large freshman group and several older athletes who are running track for the first time. Our total numbers are in the low 60s," said Addison Trail coach Bruce Kelsay.

Top performers for the Blazers include seniors Rayan Baig (sprints) and Stefano Favuzzi (sprints), juniors Jordan Carr-Jones (hurdles), Alex Pizzo (sprints), Demetrio Cervantes (distance) and Zach Mikaliska (throws), sophomore Marco Flores (distance) and Chris Purdy (jumps).

Addison Trail's first indoor invitational is March 4 at Glenbard North.

## Willowbrook's Rowland wins Class 3A state wrestling championship

### Finishes career with three state medals; Jessen takes third at 182 pounds

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Matt Rowland accomplished exactly what he set out to do.

The Willowbrook senior wrestling standout recently won the Class 3A 170-pound state championship in Champaign.

In doing so, Rowland became the fourth Willowbrook wrestler in school history to win a state championship, joining Mike Behnke (titles in 2001 and 2002), Steve Congenie (titles in 2010 and 2011) and Matt Roth (title in 2001).

Rowland, the No. 1 seed at 170 pounds, finished the year with a 52-1 record and leaves Willowbrook as the all-time winningest wrestler with 184 career wins. That 184 mark ties him for ninth-highest in state history.

Rowland started the state finals tournament with a pinfall win in 1:21 over Fox Lake Grant's Jacob Melton (18-12), who was the 16th seed.

Rowland then scored an 8-4 win over No. 8 seed Logan Gruszka (41-4) of Schaumburg.

In the state semifinals, Rowland was a technical fall winner in 3:38 (score of 20-5) over No. 4 seed DJ Penick (26-11) of Highland Park.

In the championship match, Rowland recorded a pinfall win in only 23 seconds over Deerfield's Sage Heller (44-5), the No. 7 seed in the tournament.

The 23-second pin is the quickest ever recorded in a 170-pound match at the state tournament and is the third-quickest fall ever in an IHSA wrestling state-championship match.

Rowland also finished fifth in the state in 2014 at 152 pounds and second in the state in 2015 at 152 pounds.

Rowland's teammate sophomore Jack Jessen took third in the state at 182 pounds.

Jessen opened the tournament with a pinfall win in 1:02 over Harlem's Dalton Hambrook (31-

13), the No. 11 seed in the tournament. Jessen was the No. 6 seed.

Jessen then scored a 5-1 win over Yorkville's Bryce Shewan (45-8), who was the No. 3 seed.

In the semifinals, Jessen lost 3-1 to Sanburg's Patrick Brucki, the No. 10 seed. Brucki (47-3) ended up taking second in the state.

In the back draw, Jessen scored a 10-1 major decision over Lincoln-Way East's Brian Burns (40-9), who was the No. 8 seed.

In the third-place match, Jessen was a 9-2 winner over Schaumburg's Tony Vezzetti (34-8, No. 5 seed).

Jessen finished the season with a 51-3 record. He took second in the state last year at 170 pounds.

Jessen already has surpassed the 100-career win mark at Willowbrook. In just two seasons, Jessen is 103-7.

### Room of Champions

Willowbrook's wrestling program has produced 4 individual state champions.

Name	Year	Weight
Mike Behnke	2001	215 (Class AA)
Mike Behnke	2002	275 (Class AA)
Matt Roth	2001	275 (Class AA)
Steve Congenie	2010	152 (Class 3A)
Steve Congenie	2011	171 (Class 3A)
Matt Rowland	2016	170 (Class 3A)



# Area girls basketball players advance in three-point contest

By Mike Miazga  
Correspondent

Three area girls basketball players have a shot this week to advance to the state 3-point shooting finals.

Willowbrook's Alyssa Spada and Bridget Garner and Fenton's Krysta Wilson all

advanced out of the regional portion of the Class 4A state 3-point shooting competition.

Spada and Garner advanced out of the Class 4A Glenbard West regional, while Wilson made nine 3-pointers and advanced out of the Class 4A Bartlett regional.

Spada, Garner and Wilson will be part of this week's Class 4A Schaumburg sectional field.

Qualifiers out of the Schaumburg sectional head to next weekend's Class 4A state finals in Normal at Redbird Arena on the campus of Illinois State University.



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## REAL ESTATE

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:

PIN 03-29-418-013

Improved with Single Family Home

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 425 W. Park Avenue Addison, IL 60101

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

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

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

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

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

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (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: 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. 1683639

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE  
18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
DUPAGE COUNTY - WHEATON, ILLINOIS  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
LUIS CORRAL A/K/A LUIS M CORRAL; RAMONA CORRAL; CITY OF ELMHURST;

DEFENDANTS

15 CH 000506

41 SOUTH IOWA AVENUE  
ADDISON, IL 60101

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO  
JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE  
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE  
FORECLOSURE ACT

\*\*\*THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT ON A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE\*\*\* PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by said Court in the above entitled cause on January 5, 2016, DUPAGE COUNTY SHERIFF IN DU PAGE County, Illinois, will on April 7, 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. 0328401009 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 41 SOUTH IOWA AVENUE ADDISON, IL 60101 Description of improvements: WHITE, ALUMINUM SIDING, SINGLE FAMILY, NO GARAGE The Judgment amount was \$189,506.53. 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 #PA1500855 Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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## ATHS plans 50th anniversary celebration

*Milestone to be recognized in 2016-17 year*

**ADDISON** — Addison Trail High School will be celebrating its 50th anniversary during the 2016-17 school year, and several special events and programs are planned to honor the school's rich history.

Events on the books at this time include the 50th anniversary golf outing scheduled for July 29 at Indian Lake Golf Course in Bloomingdale and an anniversary alumni hockey game on July 30 at the Addison Ice Rink, 475 So. Grace St. Next fall, there will be a 50th anniversary Homecoming celebration over the period of Sept. 26 and Oct. 1. The game is Sept. 30 with the dance on Oct. 1.

Alumni should mark their calendars now to plan to attend the festivities.

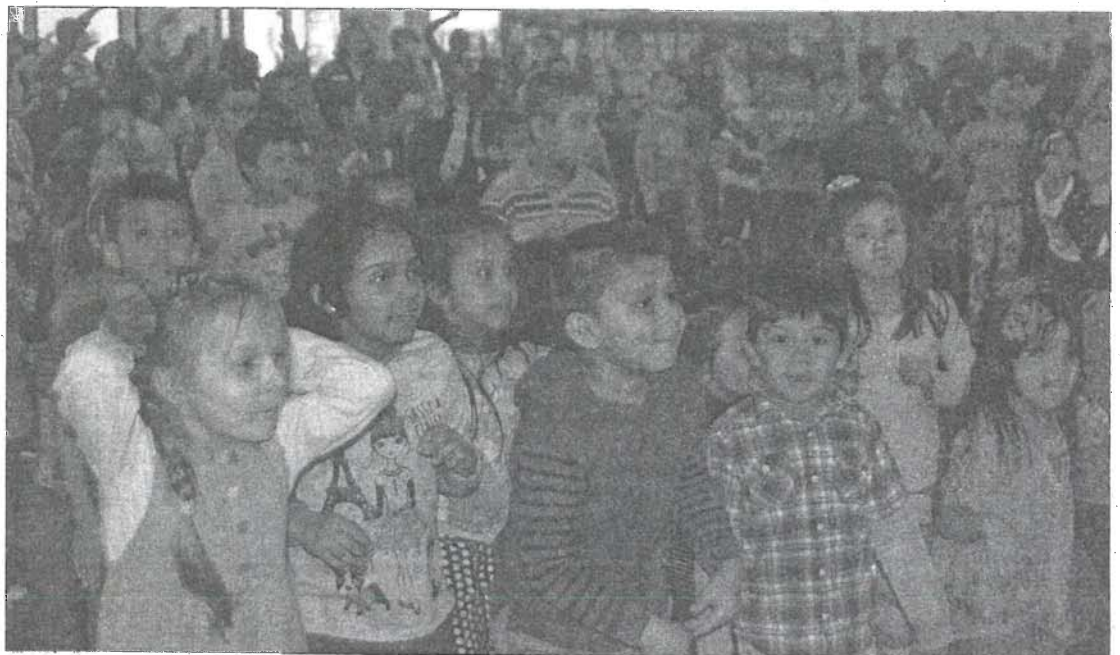
Built in 1966, Addison Trail is still home to the Blazers 50 years later. The high school has a rich tradition of student achievement in all areas — academics, athletics, extracurricular activities and community service.

The school has consistently been recognized as "Top High Schools" by Newsweek and as "America's Most Challenging High Schools" by The Washington Post. Addison Trail also has been named as one of the "Best High Schools" by U.S. News & World Report.

For more information, call 30-530-3989 or send an e-mail to: dbrink@dupage88.net.

## Addison students make ICCP Honor Roll

**ELMHURST** — IC Catholic Prep in Elmhurst has released its second quarter and semester honor roll. The following students from Addison earned their indicated High Honor Roll/Honor Roll status on their second quarter grade and/or semester. Mia Valenzuela made High Honor Roll; Honor Roll was achieved by Alayna Fernandez, Troy Simonides, Abraham Salazar.



courtesy photo

### The Army Trail dragon slayers

At an assembly held last week, these Army Trail students jump in the air to slay their "dragons" at an all-school assembly led by Stacey Glorioso, author of the book *Joshua's Dragon*, the story of a boy dealing with a dragon in his life — a fear of loud noises. Full story and more photos elsewhere in this issue.



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it may have been a noisy way to start school, but it certainly put a smile on the face of every Indian Trail student — a great way to start the day.

## Indian Trail does good deeds through Project POP

**ADDISON** — Indian Trail Junior High School celebrated International Random Acts of Kindness Week the week from Feb. 16-19.

A variety of activities were organized by the students and sponsors of Project POP (People Offering Positivity), a club that was created last year with the goal of creating a positive attitude and culture at the junior high. The culminating event, scheduled for Friday morning, was a "Kindness Tunnel" — a tunnel of high fives and positive encouragement which

greeted students and staff as they entered the school.

Project POP students made signs and decorated for the event. Indian Trail Band members played music. Representatives from the Addison Police Department, Addison Fire Protection District, ASD4 Education Foundation, administrators, teachers and students with noisemakers, balloons, and purple hats formed a tunnel of greeters who welcomed students as they arrived at school.

It was a loud and happy way to start the school day!

## • PRESIDENT

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special year for us. Let's envision it now and make it the next chapter in Elmhurst College history."

VanAken said he and Annette were first-generation college students, the first member of their families to attend an institution of higher learning.

"We know we could not do this without our own education."

He noticed right away that

Elmhurst was a fine community.

"This is a school with a strong reputation right in the center of a vibrant suburb, next to a great city."

In the past, he has been active in economic and community development and has started three successful technology-related companies. Dr. and Mrs. VanAken have two children, Trey and Gabriella.



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On the dais set in the Founders Lounge of the Frick Center on the campus of Elmhurst College, Annette VanAken beams a smile at her husband Troy, recently named the institution's 14th President. On Thursday, Feb. 18, the Board of Trustees held a reception to introduce the VanAken family to the community. VanAken doesn't officially begin his tenure until summer.



## Addison Trail seniors honored by District 88 Board

### Recognized for state-level achievements

ADDISON — District 88 Board of Education recently recognized students at Wil-lowbrook High School for their state-level achievements during the fall season. They were presented with certificates at the Feb. 8 meeting of the Board. Honorees include:

**Senior Zachary Atiyeh:** Illinois High School Football Coaches Association (IHSF-CA) Academic All-State Football

**Senior Nicholas Fugarino:** IHSFCA Academic All-State Football

**Senior Jeshua Simko:** IHSFCA Academic All-State Football

**Senior Daniel Nowosad:** Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) All-State Musician-Concert Band

**Senior JT Bonilla:** ILMEA All-State Musician-Orchestra

**Senior Arthur Lee:** ILMEA All-State Musician-Concert Band

**Junior Ryan Cabildo:** ILMEA All-State Musician-Jazz Ensemble



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Students from Addison Trail High School were honored at the Feb. 8 District 88 Board of Education meeting for their state-level achievements during the fall season. Pictured are (back row, from left) senior Joshua Simko, senior Nicholas Fugarino, senior Zachary Atiyeh, (front row, from left) junior Ryan Cabildo, senior Daniel Nowosad and senior JT Bonilla. Not pictured is senior Arthur Lee.

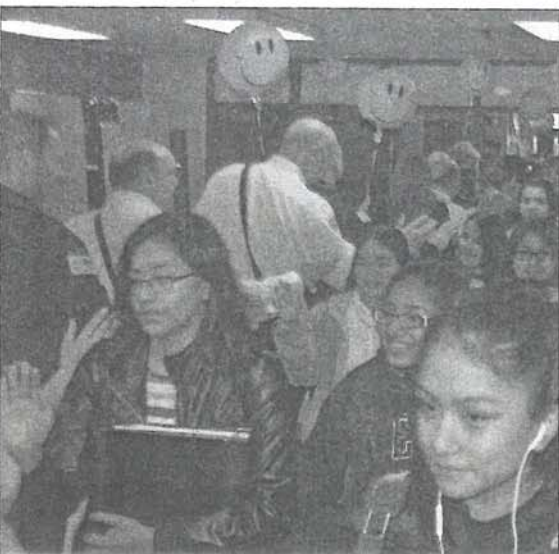


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### High-five a big surprise

Above: Students of Indian Trail Junior High got a big surprise when they came to school on the morning of Feb. 19 — a Kindness Tunnel.

Below: The Kindness Tunnel, made from students and sponsors of the Project POP Club, provided the entrance to school on the morning of Feb. 19. At times, it was a tight squeeze!



## Author helps Army Trail kids 'conquer their dragons'

ADDISON — Army Trail School students had an inspirational assembly on Friday afternoon, when author and occupational therapist Stacey Glorioso came to talk to the students about "overcoming their dragons." Her book, *Joshua's Dragon*, is about a young boy who has to deal with a dragon in his life—in his case, a fear of loud noises.

While the book's character deals with a dragon that is autism-related, Glorioso explains that

everyone has dragons to deal with and she shared ways the students could become True Dragon Slayers. The goal of the program is to build self-awareness, build social-awareness, acknowledge positive qualities in others, empower students to set goals, and increase awareness of others with disabilities. The interactive assembly included a DJ, a huge dragon, lights, bubbles, and a strong emphasis on learning how to "conquer the dragons in their lives."

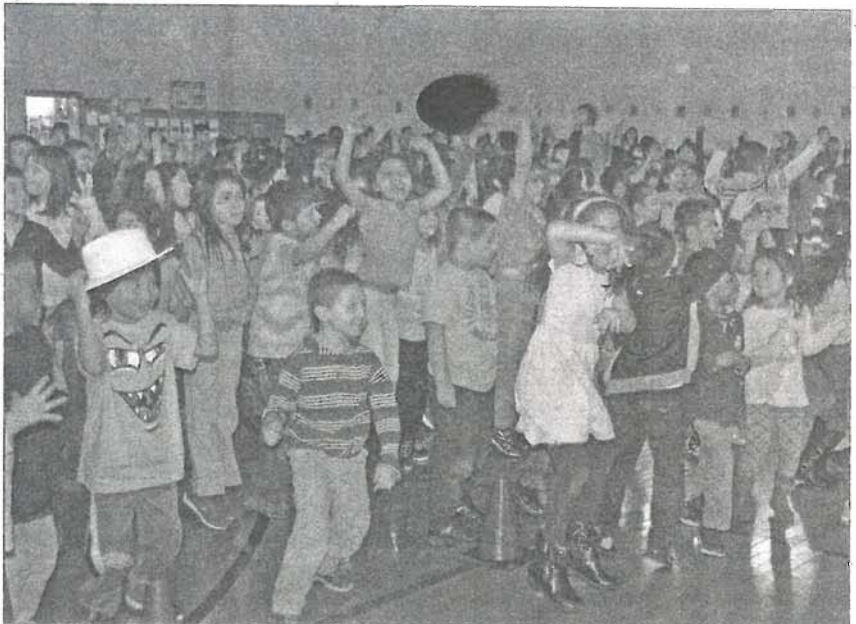
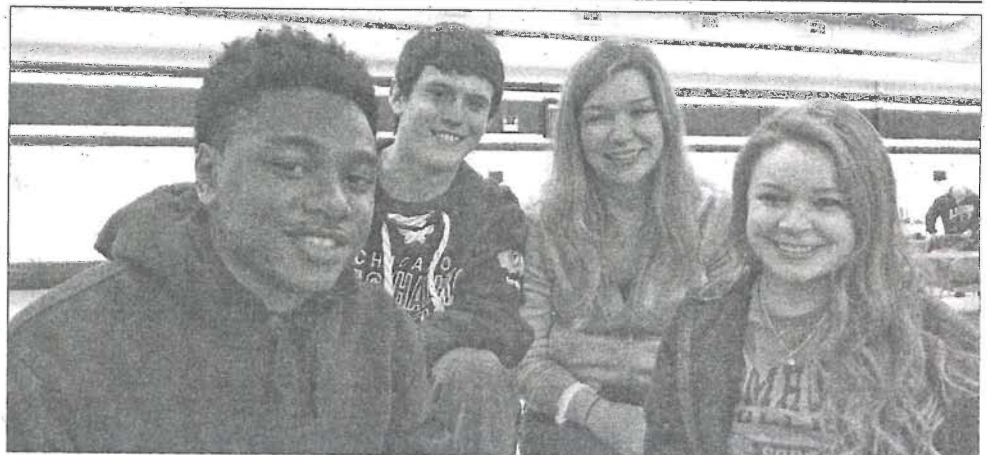


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During an all-school assembly at Army Trail School, kids were able to dance their dragons away. The presentation was given by Stacey Glorioso, author of the book *Joshua's Dragon*.





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## Addison Trail hosts annual Pack the Place event

On Feb. 5, Addison Trail hosted its annual Pack the Place night during the girls and boys basketball games. The school partnered with the District 88 Foundation to host an alumni area during the event. (top left): Pictured from left are Katherine (Tomaszewski) Ruffolo (class of '83), Sergio Ruffolo (class of '83) and Mary (Cesario) Piscopo (class of '92).

(top right): From left Ronald Duling (class of '14), Kevin Andrews (class of '15), Niki Marinelli (class of '11) and Crystal Marinelli (class of '14) catch up during the game.

(bottom): A group of alumni connect with Addison Trail during the school's Pack the Place event.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Thursday, March 3 Author to speak at Women's Club of Addison meeting

Cindy Crosby—writer, editor, speaker, teacher and naturalist—will speak to members of the Women's Club of Addison at their meeting on Thursday, March 3, at the Addison Village Hall Room, 1301-A, 1 Friendship Plaza. Guests are welcome. Crosby teaches adult natural history classes at the Morton Arboretum and will present "There's Gold in Your Garbage: Composting for Beginners." She will explain how to transform leftovers and yard waste into good news for plants. The Women's Club of Addison is primarily a service organization that works to support worthwhile charitable causes, enhance our local community, and contribute to the personal growth of its members. Info: call Karen at 630-878-6305.

### Tuesday, March 16

The Presidential and Illinois State Primary Election Day -- don't forget to vote!

### Ongoing events ...

#### • ACA hosts photography of William North

Now through March 19, the Addison Center for the Arts is displaying "Simple Elegance:

Photographs by William North," at its gallery located inside Addison Trail High School on the north side (enter Door #4). Free and open to the public, gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, from 1-4 p.m. Private showings are available by appointment. Info: 630-458-4500.

#### • 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](mailto:QuestPublishing@aol.com). Please include a phone number or e-mail address to contact for information.



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## Things are bubbling over!

These Army Trail students chase bubbles around the gymnasium during an interactive assembly designed to build self-awareness and to recognize positive qualities in others.