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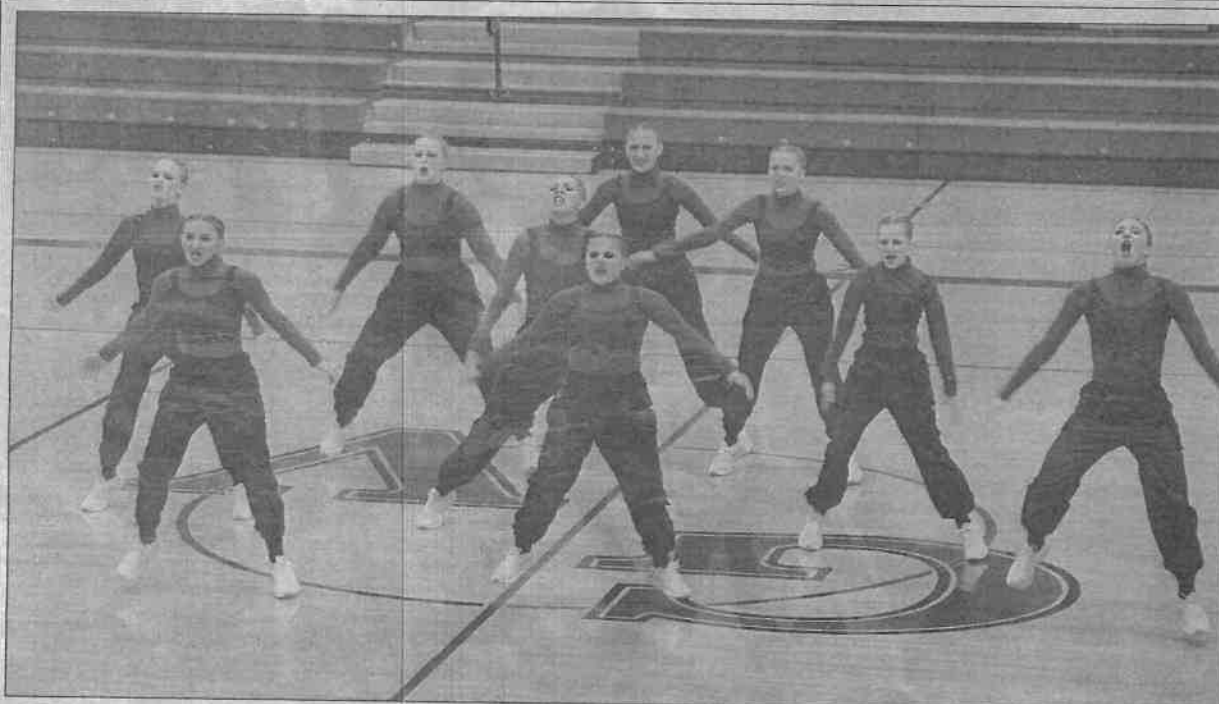
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Dance team qualifies for the IHSA state meet

Willowbrook High School's dance team earned a berth in the upcoming IHSA state meet with its performance at Saturday's sectional competition at Geneva High School. Willowbrook was one of 15 teams to compete in the sectional's 2A-2 level. The Warriors earned a fourth-place finish in Geneva; their sectional routine earned a score of 84.77. The level's top six teams advanced to the state meet, which will take place this Friday and Saturday at Grossinger Motors Arena in Bloomington. Willow-

brook's dance team also qualified for last year's IHSA state meet, which took place virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead of traveling to Bloomington last year, Willowbrook and all other state-qualifying teams recorded their performances at their own schools and submitted the recordings to the IHSA's panel of judges. Willowbrook placed 16th out of 30 qualifying teams in the 2021 state meet's 2A division.

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Warriors win 3 of 4 games

Willowbrook's boys basketball team won three of four games last week to improve its overall season record to 14-9. The Warriors began the week with a 73-69 victory over Libertyville in the championship game of Lake Zurich High School's Martin Luther King Jr. holiday tournament on Monday, Jan. 17. One night later, the Warriors beat Addison Trail 73-61. Willowbrook extended its winning streak to nine games with last week's West Suburban Gold Conference win over the Blazers. The Warriors' winning streak ended with Friday's 82-74 conference loss at Proviso East. Willowbrook bounced back from Friday's loss to beat Glenbard East 72-40 in Saturday's non-conference game in Villa Park. The Warriors led the Rams 27-13 at the end of the first quarter and 54-26 at halftime. Senior Marquel Saleek (above - No. 3) scored all of his team-leading 17 points during the first half. See story on page 19.

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New laws benefit veterans, service members

Recently passed laws to help support veterans across Illinois went into effect Jan. 1.

"Prioritizing our veterans who have given so much for our country is always a top priority," state Sen. Tom Cullerton (D-Villa Park), a veteran and chair of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, said. "I'm proud of the bipartisan work conducted during the spring and fall sessions to bring us these new laws to help our military members and veterans thrive in Illinois."

Legislation that took effect in the new year includes:

- HB 3865: To defend veterans from malicious and deceptive service providers, veteran and military service benefits must be advertised clearly by service providers.

- HB 3716: Starting this year, veterans will be given preference for employment with the Illinois Department of Transportation for snow removal services in the winter.

- HB 2776: To help members of the military stationed in Illinois, the time

frame for an expedited review for professional licenses is now shortened to 30 days from 60 days for service members and their spouses.

"The past year has demonstrated just how easy it can be for those with malicious intent to take advantage of Illinois residents," state Sen. Mike Hastings (D-Frankfort) said on HB 3865. "It is our obligation to protect our veterans from these nasty scams."

"Service members and spouses who come to Illinois, but are licensed in another state, should not have to

face lengthy delays when trying to continue in their profession," state Sen. Christopher Beitz (D-Swansea) said on HB 2776. "This legislation is crucial for the men and women who serve our country."

To view a full list of new laws that went into effect Jan. 1, visit the Illinois Senate Democratic Caucus website.

Editor's note: This was submitted by the office of State Sen. Tom Cullerton.

Obituaries

JOELENE A. LOEW, 88

Joelene A. Loew, (nee Chryst), age 88, of Menomonie, WI, was called to her eternal heavenly home on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, with her family by her side.

Joelene was born Nov. 5, 1933, in Menomonie, WI, to Neil and Hazel Chryst (Adams). She always said she went from cradle to college growing up in Menomonie, attending grade school, high school and graduating with an education degree in home economics from UW-Stout.

Joelene married her college sweetheart, Allan R. Loew, on June 16, 1956, at the Congregational Church in Menomonie. They traveled to North Carolina where Allan served in the Marine Corp and she had the first of their two children, Sue Ellen (Halama) in May 1957. They relocated to Illinois to follow their teaching

careers, both teaching at Willowbrook High School in Villa Park, IL, until their retirement. Joelene had their second daughter, Tamara (Clarke) in September 1959 and they remained in Villa Park for 52 years. In 2009 they moved to Sarona, WI, exploring the area and enjoying each day of their retirement. Joelene loved to travel and over the last 25-plus years they traveled to many places together including snow-birding each winter to their home in Florida.

Joelene is survived by her husband, Allan, of Rice Lake, WI, two daughters, Sue (David) Halama of Menomonie, WI and Tammy (Ray) Clarke of Villa Park, IL. She is also survived by her four grandchildren, the "lights of her life", Michael (Allison) Clarke, Christina (Tom) Spring, Katelyn Halama, and Andrew (Chelsey) Halama, as well as one great-grandchild, 2½ year old Vincent Clarke. She is also survived by her sister Jackie (John) Dotseth of Menomonie, WI, as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, Neil and Hazel Chryst, her in-laws, Austin and Irene Loew, and her brothers and sisters-in-law, Dwayne (Marjorie) Chryst, Dallas (April) Chryst, and Clinton (Connie) Loew.

Funeral services will be private with a memorial and celebration of life service to be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that random acts of kindness be shown in Joelene's memory, remembering always the kindness and compassion she showed to all who knew and loved her.

ROY JOSEPH RUTH, 96

Roy Joseph Ruth passed away on Jan. 15, 2022, at the age of 96. Roy was born on July 9, 1925 in Lombard. He served his country in the Marine Corps 5th Division in World War II and fought in the battle of Iwo Jima. He married Mary Eileen Cummings (his beloved "Irish") in 1948 and they spent 69 years together until

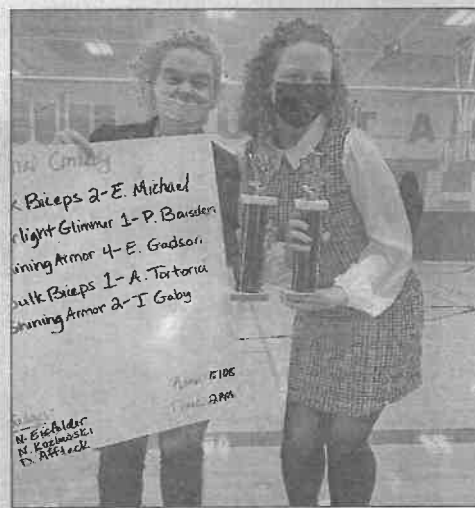
her death in 2017.

He built their home in Villa Park in 1953 and lived there happily until 2021.

Roy loved his wife and family dearly. He enjoyed storytelling, eating sweets, and doing woodworking projects for his kids and grandkids. He took up golfing in his retirement after a long career at Fisher Body. Roy was a lifetime member of the Villa Park VFW Post 2801.

He is survived by his children Cathy (Steve) Jevne, Mike Ruth, Connie Collins and Deb (Bob) Svoboda, his four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and many in-laws.

Roy will be interred at Forest Hill Cemetery in Glen Ellyn. The family will host a memorial in the spring. Arrangements were handled by Steuerle Chapel. Info: 630-832-4161.



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Speech team standouts

The Willowbrook Speech Team recently competed in a tournament at Rolling Meadows High School. Willowbrook finished in fifth place out of 30 schools. One photo shows the duo of (pictured left to right) sophomore Sean O'Brochta and junior Amella Tortorici; the tandem of Willowbrook students won the first-place trophy in the Humorous Duet Acting category. Additionally, senior Elizabeth Michael delivered a first-place performance for Willowbrook in Original Comedy, while Tortorici placed second in the same category. Another photo shows Michael (left) and Tortorici (right) with their trophies.

High-flying Warriors finish brilliant week by winning an invitational title

Successful week also includes a team score of 138.95 in a win over Addison Trail

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook High School girls gymnastics team completed a superb week by winning the team title at Saturday's Bulldog Invite at Riverside-Brookfield High School. The Warriors earned a first-place team score of 135.325 at the event, which included nine teams.

The host team from Riverside-Brookfield earned second in the team standings with its total of 130.850.

Senior Bella Naumovsky led Willowbrook to the team title at Saturday's event by winning the first-place medal in the individual all-around competition with her score of 35.750. Junior Sarah Ball of the Warriors finished third in the all-around standings with her total of 34.675. Senior Tess Placek of Willowbrook claimed fourth in the all-around standings with her score of 33.90. Junior Hanna Mitrick contributed an all-around total of 30.75, which was good for 17th place.

Naumovsky turned in first-place efforts on the uneven bars (9.1) and balance beam (8.9) at Saturday's meet. She placed fourth in both the vault (8.85) and floor exercises (8.9).

Ball won the event's vault competition with her score of 9.4. She also placed third in floor exercises (8.95), sixth on the uneven bars (8.075) and eighth on the balance beam (8.25).

Placek provided the Warriors with second-place performances on the uneven bars (8.3) and the balance beam (8.7). She claimed sixth in floor exercises (8.6) and tied for eighth on the vault (8.3).

Willowbrook began the week with a 136.7-128.05 victory over Leyden in a West Suburban Gold Conference dual meet in Villa Park on Jan. 18. Two days later, the Warriors beat Addison Trail 138.95-109.85 in a conference dual meet in Addison.

Willowbrook's total of 138.95 reportedly earned the program's highest meet score in over 25 years.

The Warriors improved their season dual-meet record to 6-2 with their win over Addison Trail. The victory gave Willowbrook a conference dual-meet record of 4-1.

Naumovsky won the all-around title at the Jan. 20 meet in Addison with her score of 36.65. That total included a first-place performance in floor exercises that received a score of 9.5—a score that tied Willowbrook's all-time program record in that event.

Naumovsky also posted a first-place score of 9.3 on the uneven bars in the Jan. 20 meet against the Blazers.

Ball earned the top vault score (9.2) in last week's meet at Addison Trail. She also delivered a second-place score of 9.35 in floor exercises. She and Placek tied for second on the balance beam with their scores of 8.8.

Mitrick's first-place effort on the balance beam (8.9) helped the Warriors to their score of 138.95 in Addison. Placek's contribution to that team total included an 8.5 on the bars, an 8.8 on the balance beam, an 8.65 in floor exercises and an 8.4 on the vault.

Sophomore Mia McBride joined Naumovsky, Ball, Placek and Mitrick in the Warriors' varsity lineup during last week's victory at Addison Trail. McBride recorded scores of 8.4 on the vault, 7.7 on the uneven bars, 7.7 on the balance beam and 7.4 in floor exercises for an all-around total of 31.2.

The Warriors will compete in this Saturday's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at Downers Grove South.



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Willowbrook's girls gymnastics team earned victories in three separate meets last week. The Warriors began the week with a 136.7-128.05 win in a West Suburban Gold Conference dual meet against Leyden on Jan. 18. Two days later, Willowbrook defeated Addison Trail 138.95-109.85 in a conference dual meet at Addison Trail. The Warriors completed the week by winning the team title in Saturday's Bulldog Invite at Riverside-Brookfield High School. Willowbrook produced a first-place team score of 135.325 at Saturday's nine-team meet. Senior Bella Naumovsky of the Warriors won the individual all-around title at Saturday's Invite with her score of 35.750. Naumovsky's routine in floor exercises earned a first-place score of 9.5 during the Warriors' Jan. 20 win over Addison Trail. That score tied Willowbrook's all-time program record for the best score in that event. One photo (above) from the Warriors' Jan. 18 competition against the Eagles shows junior Sarah Ball at the end of her performance in floor exercises. Senior Tess Placek is pictured (top right) on the uneven bars, while junior Hanna Mitrick is shown (right) on the balance beam.



Warriors stay perfect in conference play with a win over Addison Trail

Victory over Blazers sends Willowbrook's conference record to 10-0

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook girls basketball team won two of three games last week to run its season record to 19-3. The Warriors finished the week with Friday's 69-34 West Suburban Gold Conference victory over Addison Trail in Villa Park.

Willowbrook improved its conference record to 10-0 with that win, while Addison Trail fell to 15-8 overall and 8-2 in conference play. The Blazers' only two conference losses have come against the Warriors.

Willowbrook needs to win its last two conference games to post a perfect 12-0 West Suburban Gold record. The Warriors will play a conference home game against Hinsdale South this Friday. Willowbrook will close out the conference season with a Feb. 1 contest at Downers Grove South.

The Warriors began their week with a 58-51 loss to Libertyville at the Coach Derril Kipp's Hoopfest event at Benet Academy. Willowbrook held a double-digit lead during the second half, but Libertyville overtook the Warriors with a huge fourth-quarter surge.

Willowbrook rebounded from the Jan. 17 setback against Libertyville by earning a 51-46 win at York on Jan. 19. The Warriors overcame a 29-23 halftime deficit against the Dukes.

Sophomore Calli Kenny provided a team-leading 19 points for the Warriors in their win over York. She also handed out five assists. Senior Sophie Sullivan supplied 13 points and four rebounds. Freshman Hannah Kenny contributed 10 points and three steals, while sophomore Elle



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Willowbrook's girls basketball team improved its overall season record to 19-3 with Friday's 69-34 West Suburban Gold Conference win over Addison Trail in Villa Park. The Warriors moved to 10-0 in conference play with their win over the Blazers, who fell to 15-8 overall and 8-2 in conference play. One photo from Friday's game shows sophomore Calli Kenny (above left - No. 15), who scored 14 points in the victory. Two days earlier, Kenny scored a team-leading 19 points in the Warriors' 51-46 victory at York. Senior Sophie Sullivan joined Calli Kenny and sophomore Elle Bruschk to score 14 points each in Friday's win over the Blazers. One more photo from the contest shows (above right - left to right) Willowbrook junior Angie Lizasualz (No. 14), Addison Trail senior Juliana Nastl (No. 33) and Willowbrook sophomore Eliza Ramey (No. 3). Nastl scored a team-leading 13 points for the Blazers in Friday's contest.

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This is to the people of Villa Park. It has come to my attention that the property which is known as Lions Park is being considered by the board and whoever else is over there, to turn that into a parking lot and an apartment building. However, please note that that land was given to Villa Park by the Lions Club. It was stipulated that it will be permanently used as a recreational facility that was in the paper. It's an old paper and it goes back. But if you can, please contact anyone you know over there and let them know that is a permanent park facility. I thank you.

The Village of Villa Park submitted the following response to this call: "There was a consideration for a private development on that land which went up to the board for its review, but the board did not approve it. The only project that might be in consideration for use of that land is the community recreation building, and that is still under the board's review. No direction has been given as of late."

This is Villa Park calling. I would just like to say that all those who want this rec center built and all the money that would be spent: why don't they do like they did when they originally built Lufkin Pool? The people who wanted it bought stock in the pool because it was going to be such a profitable thing. And have them pay for those who want it; buy stock in the pool and build whatever you want. But why should you be charging the taxpayers of Villa Park who don't want anything done? If you want it, why don't you get together, have a stock company and build it with that because you're going to make so much profit off

it that people of Villa Park will be thrilled. Thank you. Goodbye.

The Village of Villa Park submitted the following response to this call: "In September of 2021, the village received a \$10 million grant from the IDNR to be used towards building a recreation center, which is where the funds would be coming from. The services offered at the proposed community center would be a quality-of-life component for all village residents, which is why it is being reviewed."

President Biden is right. What do Republicans stand for? All they do is obstruct and criticize. They offer no solutions; other than having their savior, the grange-haired blowhard Donald Trump, run again in 2024.

I really hope we can one day get back to shaking hands when we greet each other instead of this stupid fist-bumping. When you think about it, isn't there as much of a chance your fist will have COVID germs on it as well as the palm of your hand? I'm sure most of us carry hand sanitizer by now. If you're freaked out about shaking someone's hand, then use hand sanitizer after you shake their hand instead of this fist-bumping nonsense.

Biden and the regressive left's continuous hyperventilating about pushing through a voting rights bill is really getting tiresome. If there is voter suppression, as these regressive left shills claim, then how do they explain the record number of voters who voted in the 2020 presidential election (more than 159 million)? There were around 17 million more people who voted in 2020 than in 2016. That's according to U.S.

Census statistics. It was the highest voter turnout by percentage since 1900.

Please keep printing the comments from conservatives. Their sadness and desperation may someday help them find peace by getting both sides of a story.

I'm a Bears fan. I'm glad they fired Ryan Pace and Matt Nagy, but I have this sinking feeling George McCaskey and the Bears are going to screw up hiring a new head coach and G.M.

If President Biden, who represents the Democratic electorate, can't communicate to the American public, how in the heck can he communicate to the president of China on our behalf to secure the future of our country?

I got two COVID-19 vaccinations last spring. Six months later, in December 2021, I got a COVID-19 booster shot. Guess what I got in January 2022? COVID-19. In my case, I'd compare it to a very mild cold. I stayed home for a few days and was fine. It seems like millions of others like me had a similar experience. I suppose some people would claim the shots saved me, or prevented my case from being worse. How would they know? A lot of those same people said the vaccination would prevent me from getting the virus in the first place.

Social Security gave me the "biggest" cost of living increase—like a raise in my "allowance" from my own earnings—since I have been on it. Great, but after taking out almost half of the increase to pay for the higher Medicare premiums, what little is left will now have to pay for the higher water, gas and electric bills. Well, government, I guess you won't see much spending power going back into the economy from me and other seniors. And add to that, news reports say that Medicare will not cover the "free" COVID-19 tests being mailed out. Of all the people who need it free the most? Wait, aren't the Democrats known for wanting things to be free? Oh, the humanity.

Are more Illinois residents finally waking up to our state's ridiculous mask mandate? Drive an hour or two to Wisconsin, Indiana or Iowa. There are no mask mandates there, and people aren't dropping like flies. COVID-19 is a seasonal virus. It rose and will fall at similar rates in neighboring states, regardless of mask mandates. Wearing a 2-cent blue napkin over your face is useless in stopping COVID-19, but some people are clinging to

Pritzker's mandate and claiming it's saving us. I support the idea that's been proposed that on Feb. 1, we the public are done with all COVID-19 restrictions.

The need for blood never stops. Blood donors and the people who organize and work at blood drives are heroes. They'll never get the credit or thanks they deserve. It must be especially tough to operate blood drives and attract donors during the pandemic. Thank you to all blood donors. You are genuine life-savers!

I'm confused: Jan. 17 was a federal holiday, so trash pick-up is usually delayed for one day, and we didn't put the trash out, but they picked up trash on the holiday! I don't mind having to hold my trash for another week (in cold weather), but what happened?

Editor's note: Since you did not name your town of residence, it is suggested that you contact your service provider for a response.

Who else is laughing at Team Biden's effort to provide COVID-19 tests? As many have accurately predicted, the Omicron variant rose like a rocket and will fall like a rock. By the time Team Biden gets the tests out, the variant will have run its course. What's next for the geniuses in this administration? Will they make an effort to provide fireworks by mid-August, and Christmas trees by the end of January?

I can't wrap my head around this so-called voting rights reform. It seems so many elements have been crammed into the bill so as to make it an unrecognizable stew. Concerning the idea that voters must show an ID, how does that suppress voters from being able to vote? Those same people likely have to show a driver's license or state ID elsewhere that requires one: buying alcohol or tobacco, firearms and ammunition, going through security at an airport, buying or renting a residence, registering kids for school, applying for a credit card and the list goes on. As for mail-in ballots, I understand there may be reasons that someone cannot get to the polling place, but I think it just opens up the door for voter fraud to just let anybody do it. Just look no further than Chicago, where the motto is "Vote early and vote often."

According to the UK Office for National Statistics, as of December 2021, there were about 140,000 deaths from COVID-19 in England and Wales. Over 97 percent of those deaths involved people 65 and older with comorbidities. Would it be

a surprise if a similar percentage COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. involved people 65 and older with comorbidities? No. Why have our public health "experts" been pointing this out? Why are we focusing on masking and vaccinating healthy young people including little kids?

Joe Biden's illegal, immoral attempt to use OSHA to force us into the arms of Americans for profits of the greedy pharmaceutical industry must rank as one of the most all-time ridiculous tyrannical decisions ever attempted by a government. Joe Biden is a disturbed individual and is someone who should be thrown out of office along with all members of his administration. As long as he stays within government structure, this country's potential and future are doomed.

Two words that will convince; to support term limits: Dick Durbin has been an office 30 years. What has he ever done for Illinois? The only time we even hear from him or see him is around election time.

Why are American Democrats putting Joe Biden in charge of negotiating with Russia and Putin? Would you put your 6-year-old child in charge of putting food on the table? Think about it?

The old saying used to be "I don't talk religion or politics." Well, if you don't, this country is going to go down in our lifetime. People love to talk and argue sports, which is fine, but it doesn't change our lives but when the day is over.

I'm in my 70s. When I was in high school, I read a book that said that if you want total control over people, control their health, their food. First, Amazon is doing both food and drugs online, as well as 23 bricks and mortars. Now Facebook is coming after Jewel Mariano's, cutting their prices. Of course, that's until they put them under; then watch what happens. We just had a bank who stated they'll give you a loan if your politics match theirs. If we keep opening online, soon we won't have stores left; stores that won't compete when we are allowed order. Thank you.

If the present administration wasn't so obsessed with revenge against President Trump, they could focus on their jobs as politicians, which what they are paid for. They do focus on the southern border, China, Russia or getting our people out of Afghanistan, to name a few. Thank you.

• Warriors (Continued from page 9)

Bruschuk delivered seven points, six rebounds and three assists.

The Warriors led Addison Trail 13-11 through one quarter of Friday's game, and 30-23 at halftime. Willowbrook outscored the Blazers 18-4 in the third quarter to build a 48-27 lead.

Sullivan, Bruschuk and Calli Kennedy each scored 14 points in Friday's win. Hannah Kenny provided eight points, while junior Nina Nytko scored seven points. Junior Rimmon Kari added five points.

"It was close for awhile," said Willowbrook coach Terry Harrell after Friday's game. "They [the Blazers] show up spirited against us. Our

girls kind of made an attitude adjustment in the second half. We came out a lot more aggressive in the second half. We played a good second half defensively."

While disappointed with last week's loss to Libertyville, Harrell said the game should provide valuable experience for the Warriors in the upcoming post-season.

"We came out in the second half and we played really good defense, and then it was like we hit a wall," said Harrell of last week's loss. "Our girls are talented. I think we learned a lot from the game. That will go a long way, especially when we get into the playoffs."

COVID testing available at Odeum Expo Center

DuPage County offers community-based COVID-19 testing at the Odeum Expo Center in Villa Park. Testing is free but limited tests are available per day. This is a drive-thru testing site where individuals will give themselves a nasal swab test with instructions from staff.

Individuals are encouraged to get tested if they are

experiencing symptoms or were in close proximity to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

The Odeum Expo Center testing site is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and now on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The facility is located at 1033 N. Villa Ave. in Villa Park.

Warriors' nine-game winning streak ends with an 82-74 loss at Proviso East

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook boys basketball team completed a busy week with Saturday's decisive 72-40 win over Glenbard East in Villa Park. The Warriors improved their overall record to 14-9 with the non-conference win over their neighborhood rival from Lombard.

One night before playing the Rams, Willowbrook traveled to Proviso East for a West Suburban Gold Conference battle with the Pirates. Proviso East defeated the Warriors 82-74. The loss snapped Willowbrook's nine-game winning streak.

The Warriors began last week's action by defeating Libertyville 73-69 in the championship game of Lake Zurich's Martin Luther King Jr. holiday tournament on Monday, Jan. 17. Willowbrook won all three of its games in the holiday event.

The Warriors pushed their winning streak to nine with a 73-61 conference win at Addison Trail on Jan. 18.

Friday's loss at Proviso East moved the Warriors' conference record to 5-2.

Saturday's game marked the Warriors' 10th game of January. Willowbrook has won nine of those games, which were played in a span of 19 days. After the Warriors built a 54-26 halftime lead over Glenbard East, Willowbrook head coach Chris Perkins rested the team's starters for the entire second half.

"Ten games in 19 days; that's a

lot of minutes on those legs," said Perkins, whose team continues its season with this Friday's conference game at Hinsdale South.

Senior Noah Campbell and junior Joey Tumilty both scored 21 points in Willowbrook's win over Libertyville in the title contest of Lake Zurich's holiday tournament. The Warriors held a 31-28 halftime lead over Libertyville. Willowbrook's lead stood at 50-49 at the end of the third quarter.

Tumilty's 21-point output featured five 3-point baskets. He made at least one long-range shot in each quarter and connected on a pair of 3-point attempts during the second period.

Campbell, who drained a 3-point shot in the first half, scored 18 of his 21 points in the second half. He provided five baskets, including a 3-point field goal, in the third quarter. Campbell, who grabbed five rebounds in the game, made two field goals and sank three free throws during the fourth quarter.

Senior Marquel Saleek contributed 12 points and five rebounds in Willowbrook's win over Libertyville. Junior Isaac Sobieszczyk provided 11 points and seven rebounds.

The Warriors led Addison Trail 19-8 through one quarter of last week's conference game in Addison. Willowbrook led the Blazers 38-27 at halftime and 57-49 at the end of the third quarter.

Campbell provided 20 points in

the Warriors' victory over their District 88 rival. Saleek added 17 points, while Sobieszczyk delivered nine points and nine rebounds. Senior Terrell Walker contributed nine points.

Proviso East, which beat Willowbrook 75-60 in the championship game of St. Charles East's Thanksgiving tournament on Nov. 27, held a 39-32 halftime lead over the Warriors in Friday's conference game. The Pirates maintained a 62-51 edge at the end of the third quarter.

Campbell scored 22 points in Friday's loss at Proviso East. Saleek supplied 19 points, eight rebounds and five assists, while Sobieszczyk piled up 15 points and 16 rebounds. Senior Evan Stubblefield contributed 11 points and six rebounds.

The Warriors overpowered Glen-

bard East in the first half of Saturday's contest between area schools. Senior Mc'Kal Thompson converted a 3-point shot at the end of the first quarter to give Willowbrook a 27-13 lead through eight minutes. The Warriors also outscored the Rams 27-13 in the second quarter to build their 54-26 halftime lead.

Saleek, who made a pair of 3-point shots in the first quarter and added one more long-range shot in the second quarter, scored 17 first-half points before sitting out the entire second half. Stubblefield scored 12 of his 13 points in the first half. Campbell scored nine points on four first-half baskets, including one 3-point field goal. Walker contributed seven points, all of which came during the first half.

"We had a tough loss last night [against Proviso East]," said Perkins after Saturday's win over the Rams. "We came out tonight and tried to get things back on track. Our goal was to try to apply pressure without fouling. We were able to force a lot of turnovers in the first half, and we only had six fouls."

Willowbrook, which scored only four points in the third quarter to take a 58-32 lead with eight minutes to play, pushed its lead to 30 points early in the fourth quarter. That lead of at least 30 points triggered a running clock for the remainder of the game.

Willowbrook's recently concluded nine-game winning streak began with a 64-27 win over Glenbard East in the final round of the Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic on Dec. 29.

Answers

PUZZLE 1

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PUZZLE 2

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

CALLI KENNY

Willowbrook, sophomore, basketball

Why she was selected: Kenny had 19 points, eight rebounds and five assists in Willowbrook's come-from-behind 51-46 win over York. Kenny was voted by readers as the Suburban Life Athlete of the Week. Here is her interview with Sports Editor Joshua Welge.

Welge: Your team has had a challenging stretch of games lately. What have you all taken from those experiences?

Kenny: I think that we have talent, especially on offense, but we have realized that we need to move the ball more and start finding openings. Defense, too, especially recently in practice we have worked on help defense and recovering and boxing out. We have learned that those are some of our weaknesses from the few losses we've had. We've worked hard in practice to become better at those.

Welge: It seems like you're driving and creating more for your offense than you did when you were a freshman. Is that an aspect of your game you've developed?

Kenny: Especially this year driving and going up strong and getting fouls called - is something that I have tried to do the most.

Welge: What are conversations with your sister like after games?

Kenny: We do talk about the game, we sometimes talk about what we did good. Mostly we talk about plays that worked and didn't work and things that we could do better for the next game.

Welge: What is your schedule like right now between basketball and club volleyball?

Kenny: It's pretty busy. Like three days during the week I have club volleyball after basketball. Then I have volleyball

practice on Sunday and tournaments on weekends. It has worked out pretty well. I haven't had to miss too much club and that's good.

Welge: Willowbrook recently honored your mom as part of a Title IX celebration and you and your sister were a part of the presentation. What was that experience like?

Kenny: It was really cool to see her acknowledged after so many years. Most of my family was there. It was cool to be there celebrating her.

Welge: A lot of kids specialize in one sport, but you play three sports. Can you imagine giving one up?

Kenny: Not really. It's hard for me to play one sport and focus on that sport. I feel like mentally it would be exhausting. If I am struggling in one sport I know I always have one more sport to go back to, to have a mix of everything.

Welge: Your volleyball team had a great postseason run. What will it take for the basketball team to have success in the playoffs?

Kenny: I think it's just everyone coming together and playing their best game. Everyone from now until the end of the season preparing for the teams we'll play, watching film, learning what their weaknesses are and taking advantage of it, putting that together and playing well. We have to have confidence in knowing we can do it.

• WRESTLING NOTES

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Wilma (220) and heavyweight Alex Pasquale.

State-ranked seniors Alex Tagler and Mo Khalil were the other champions for Lemont in consecutive weights at 170 and 182.

The Lemont road to another state

championship is filled with roadblocks.

Six of the top eight teams in the state - Lemont, JCA, Washington, Geneseo (No. 6), Aurora Christian (No. 6) and Rock Island (No. 8) - all feed into the Sycamore individual regional and Washington team sectional as the Class 2A sectional complex encompasses a geographical swath from the southwest suburbs to Peoria, Rockford and the Quad Cities.

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