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## Fall musical at Willowbrook

Willowbrook High School's theater department presented its fall musical—"Anything Goes"—last week in the school's Doris E. White Auditorium. The cast and crew gave three performances of the musical, which made its debut on Broadway in 1934 and features music and lyrics by Cole Porter. Cast members are pictured during the finale of Saturday evening's performance.

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# District 88 receives honors at IASB-DuPage meeting

During the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) DuPage Division meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 2, the District 88 Board of Education was recognized with the following three honors: the School Board Governance Recognition and two Board Leader recognitions.

The School Board Governance designation acknowledges school boards that have engaged in activities that lead to excellence in local school governance in support of quality

public education. Boards are honored for learning and practicing effective governance behaviors, through participation in and support for board development programs and events.

District 88 Board of Education President Donna Craft Cain was named as a Distinguished Board Leader. This program recognizes school board members for individual time and effort devoted to learning and leadership activities provided by the IASB and for service to the public

education community. Craft Cain has served on the District 88 Board of Education since 2004 and has been Board President since 2011. She also is an alumna of Willowbrook (class of 1981), is the parent of three District 88 graduates and is a longtime resident and business owner in the

District 88 community.

District 88 Board of Education Member Diana Stout was named as an Established Board Leader. This program recognizes school board members for individual time and effort devoted to learning and leadership activities provided by the IASB

and for service to the public education community. Stout has served on the District 88 Board of Education since 2021. She is the parent of two Willowbrook graduates and a current senior and also served as a member of the District 45 Board of Education for eight years.



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Members of the School District 88 Board of Education were honored recently at the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) DuPage Division meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 2. Pictured are (from left) District 88 Board of Education member Diana Stout, Board secretary Amy Finnegan, Board member Jean Taylor, Board president Donna Craft Cain and Board vice president Dan Olson. (Not pictured: Board members Lisa Knauf and Christine Polrier.)



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## 'Anything Goes' at Willowbrook

Willowbrook High School's theater department presented its fall musical last week. The cast and crew offered three performances of "Anything Goes" from Nov. 3-5. One photo from Saturday's performance shows senior Amella Tortorici (foreground), who played the lead role of Reno Sweeney, leading the cast in "Blow, Gabriel, Blow."

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# Warriors' post-season run ends with loss in a sectional final

St. Charles East defeats Willowbrook at the Proviso West Sectional; Warriors close season with a 36-3 record

## STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team's season ended with last week's 25-23, 25-17 loss to St. Charles East in the championship match of the IHSA Class 4A Proviso West Sectional in Hillside.

The Warriors finished their season with an overall record of 36-3.

The Nov. 2 battle between Willowbrook and the Saints featured the sectional's top two seeds. The Warriors were the No. 1 seed, while St. Charles East was the No. 2 seed.

After claiming the sectional title, the Saints advanced to Friday's super-sectional at Hinsdale Central. St. Charles East beat Loyola Academy 25-22, 25-18 to win the super-sectional and earn a berth in this week's Class 4A state semifinals at Redbird Arena in Normal. The Saints, who will travel to Normal with a season record of 33-7, will meet Mother McAuley in one of this Friday's Class 4A semifinals. The winner of that match will face Benet Academy or Barrington in this Saturday's Class 4A state final.

"They were a very solid team," said Willowbrook coach Irene Mason of the Saints following the sectional final at Proviso West. "That's a very aggressive team. They have a lot of options."

St. Charles East jumped to an 8-2 lead over Willowbrook in the first game of the sectional final, which was played in front of loud and spirited student sections from both schools. The Warriors rallied to tie the first game at 10-10. A kill by sophomore Hannah Kenny gave Willowbrook an 11-10 lead.

The Warriors held a 13-11 lead in the back-and-forth first game, but

the Saints scored four straight points to take a 15-13 lead. Willowbrook, which evened the score at 15-15, eventually took a 21-19 lead after an ace by junior Calli Kenny.

The Warriors held 22-20 edge, but the Saints won the next two points to deadlock the game at 22-22. Willowbrook took a 23-22 lead on a kill by Hannah Kenny, but the Saints won the next three points to earn their 25-23 win in the opening game.

The Saints maintained their momentum in the second game, taking a 6-1 lead. St. Charles East held leads of 13-8, 16-9 and 19-12 during the second game. Willowbrook trimmed the lead to 20-16, but the Saints then won five of six points to close out the match.

"Their [the Saints'] execution was a little bit better tonight; a lot better tonight, I should say," stated Mason after the match. "That was the difference. At this point in the season, I tell the girls it's belief and execution. They showed up and executed more efficiently than we did."

Calli Kenny provided six kills, 12 assists, nine digs and three aces in the sectional final. Hannah Kenny delivered 11 kills, 10 assists and five digs. Senior Natalie Cipriano hit four kills and made four digs. Senior Grace Conley supplied six digs and two assists. Junior Elisa Chivilo contributed four digs. Sophomore Anna Marinier hit three kills, while junior Elle Bruschuk connected for two kills. Senior Hope Reckamp added one block and one dig.

The Warriors opened the post-season by winning two matches to claim the title at the Downers Grove North Regional. Willowbrook was one of four teams to advance to the Provi-

so West Sectional. The Warriors advanced to the sectional final when they beat York 25-15, 25-19 in a sectional semifinal on Oct. 31. St. Charles East defeated Glenbard West 31-29, 25-18 in the sectional's other Halloween-night semifinal.

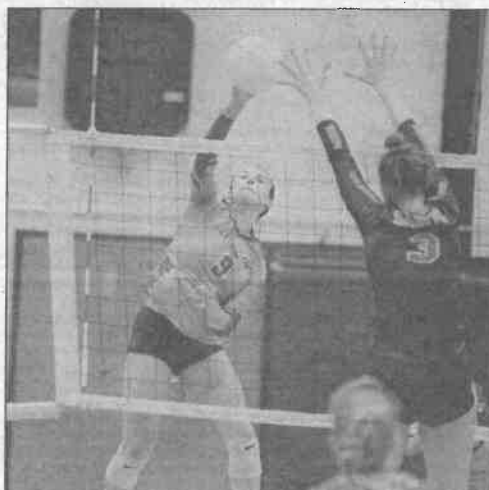
Hannah Kenny piled up nine kills, nine assists and eight digs in Willowbrook's post-season win over York. Calli Kenny provided eight kills, eight assists and eight digs. Cipriano contributed five aces, three kills and two digs. Conley made 10 digs and handed out five assists. Chivilo made 10 digs, while Reckamp supplied two kills and two blocks. Bruschuk added four digs and two blocks. Marinier had two digs, one kill and one block.

One year ago, Willowbrook won regional and sectional titles before losing a super-sectional battle to Mother McAuley. Last week's loss to St. Charles East marked a disappointing end of the 2022 season for the Warriors, who had hoped to make a trip downstate. But in a post-match huddle after the loss to the Saints, Mason delivered a positive message.

"I just told them we have a lot to be proud of, and this team accomplished a lot," said Mason in describing her comments to the team. "It wasn't until last year that Willowbrook [volleyball] even got on the map and was recognized and known."

Mason also thanked the team's seniors for their contributions in building the Warriors' program, and she told the underclass players to remember the feeling of losing in a sectional final.

"When we get back in the gym to train for next year, this is where we want to be; coming out with a win."



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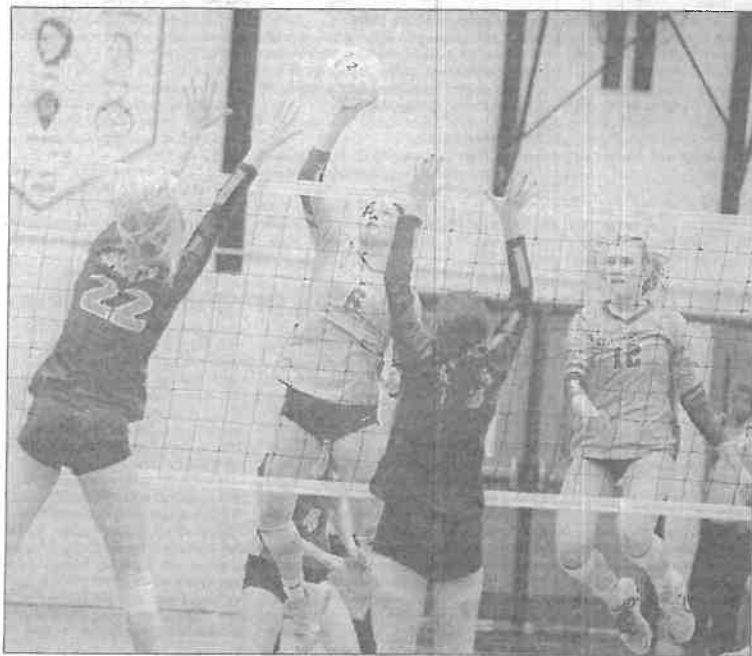
Willowbrook's girls volleyball team finished its season with a 25-23, 25-17 loss to St. Charles East in the championship match of the IHSA Class 4A Proviso West Sectional. The Warriors completed their season with an overall record of 36-3. One photo (above) from the Nov. 2 sectional final against the Saints shows Willowbrook junior Calli Kenny (No. 9). Another photo (bottom left) shows sophomore Hannah Kenny (No. 6) and junior Elle Bruschuk (No. 12). The Warriors, who were the No. 1 seed in the Proviso West Sectional, won three post-season matches before losing to St. Charles East. The Saints were the sectional's No. 2 seed. After winning the sectional, St. Charles East went on to win Friday's super-sectional match against Loyola Academy at Hinsdale Central. The Saints earned a berth in this week's Class 4A state semifinals with that victory.

## State qualifier

Willowbrook sophomore Audrey Morgan will compete in two events at this week's IHSA girls state swimming and diving meet at the FMC Natatorium in Westmont. Morgan, who is a member of the Willowbrook/Addison Trail girls co-op team, earned her state-meet berths by winning two individual titles at Saturday's Elk Grove Sectional. Morgan won the 200-yard freestyle, which she completed in 1 minute, 57.66 seconds. She also won the sectional's 500-yard freestyle, which she finished in 5 minutes, 23.43 seconds. The first-place winner in each individual event at each of the state's 16 sectionals automatically qualified for the state meet. All swimmers who met state-qualifying standards also secured berths in the state meet. The Willowbrook/Addison Trail team finished fifth in the team standings of the 12-team Elk Grove Sectional. York won the sectional title. In addition to Morgan, the Willowbrook/Addison Trail team's top sectional performers included Willowbrook sophomore Abigail Schnittker, who swam to a second-place finish in the sectional's 100-yard butterfly. Schnittker completed the race in 59.18 seconds. The state-qualifying standard in the 100-yard butterfly was 57.89 seconds. Schnittker also delivered a sixth-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke, which she completed in 1:01.29.



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This is Villa Park calling. I would just like to say that I have thrown out so much political advertising. Perhaps instead of giving someone a piece of paper with their name on it, these politicians could send you a garbage bag for your leaves so that you could throw out the leaves and they can put their name on it. I don't care, because it's going in the garbage anyway—like the political paraphernalia that they're sending you. They're spending more money on that. They could help a lot of people with the money they're spending on this garbage they're sending you about their opponent in the mail. It's a waste of money. Maybe they could figure out a better way to portray themselves than sending me mail that I throw in the garbage can; it's all in the recycle bin again today. Every day, there were five pieces of mail. I throw it in the garbage. Why not give me something useful? They used to give you fly swatters from a real estate place. Maybe they could do something like that. This is ridiculous. Thank you. Goodbye.

Our leaders in Washington, D.C., are supposed to serve the people, as we pay them well to do the job. Biden is out demonstrating and selling electric cars while our country is falling apart. He and his handlers are not held accountable for anything. What's wrong

with this picture?

The attack on the speaker's husband is no accident, and not a random attack. The guy has posed dozens of hate messages and says the election was stolen. This is the direct result of Trump's statements and all those who continue to lie about our elections. This needs to stop now as it will only get worse if Republicans happen to lose some positions this month.

Inflation is transitory. The border is secure. The economy is strong. "Climate change" is an existential threat. The Democrats are full of nonsense and at war with reality. They have no credibility.

I read in the *Daily Herald* that Gov. Pritzker was quoted as saying he would raise gas taxes to fund projects. So, if you voted for more tax-and-spend Democrats who just throw money at a problem instead of getting to the root causes and finding efficient solutions, then you are just as much to blame for our Illinois debacle as the Democrats who mismanage our tax dollars.

When you get right down to it, does it matter which party controls Congress? You would think Congress could find consensus on something as simple as making daylight saving

time permanent. I don't know of anyone who likes it when it gets dark at 5 o'clock. Congress can't even agree on daylight saving time!

I am all for earmarking money for mental health, in part because it needs to be considered under the umbrella of "health," and also because in the long run it is less costly to be proactive than to be reactive. But I don't think taxpayers should be forced to dig any deeper into our pockets. The powers that be can budget funds for mental health through our county health department, and look for ways to reduce redundancy and duplicative services.

Not to sound like a "Karen," but is it too much to ask that people be considerate and rake their leaves instead of letting the wind blow them into my yard, making it my problem? I am a senior citizen who can't do the raking, and I have a limited income to pay somebody to do it for me. It is just the neighborly thing to do; or maybe offer to come rake them up for me.

I received a flyer from a female candidate for an important judicial office in which she stated that she would be "an advocate for women." Interesting. I thought justice was supposed to be blind? Lady Justice wears a blindfold. I guess she took the blindfold off and is now choosing sides. So much for judicial impartiality.

It's amusing to see leftists in the media and elsewhere so rattled by Elon Musk's acquisition of Twitter. Leftists love free speech as long as you agree with them. If you don't agree with them, they're all for censorship and controlling the narrative. Twitter has suppressed news and opinions about Hunter Biden, the origin of COVID-19, issues regarding the COVID-19 vaccines, so-called "cli-

mate change" and more. Hopefully that's about to change.

Did you hear Biden suggest that high food prices aren't a big deal because people will just buy generic brands instead of name brands? He used raisin bran cereal as an example, stating that people will buy a generic brand instead of Kellogg's to save a dollar. What about the people who are already buying generic brands? What about things that might not have "generic" options—things like meat, milk, fruit and eggs? Biden and the Democrats love to claim they are for the middle class and the poor. The middle class and the poor are getting crushed by inflation.

Do you realize the U.S. has around a 25-day supply of emergency diesel fuel because this administration has been depleting supply? The media tells you it is because they are trying to lower gas prices. Production lowers prices, not depleting your piggybank. Check and see that the U.S. exports oil to foreign countries. Why do people continue to vote for people who are harming our country?

We need to get big money out of politics and renew the Fairness Doctrine in broadcasting. Messaging to promote the billionaires' agenda prevents voters from making an informed decision when casting their ballots. If you believe in protecting democracy and America, then demand truth and accountability from your representatives and news sources. Trust must be earned and opposing viewpoints must be stripped of fear and rage. Then solutions can be found.

Since the attack ads seem to think every abortion is due to rape or incest, let's check the facts. One percent of all abortions in U.S. occur because of rape

and .05 percent occur due to incest matter what side you are on, pl don't vote because of some TV ad. Iticians seem to imply we cannot t for ourselves.

While our leaders are debating al pronouns and freebies, we may be the verge of a nuclear war with our versaries. If that happens, forget al global warming. That will be pu the back burner.

I'm sorry, but as a former Demo the only thing that makes any sen the Democratic establishment sold out to the Chinese and Russ for an easier takeover. Divide and quer is how the saying goes, bec the Democrats are doing their be pit the American citizens against t other. Americans are facing a poli revolution and a civil war.

This is a question for all the De crats out there crying: I'm crying because I'm a Republican and he why I'm crying. I lost \$100, \$200,000 when Obama was pi dent. Then Trump came and my 4 skyrocketed. Now we have ano Democrat in office and I lost alr \$600,000 in my 401K. I'm thanl you Democrats for destroying Ai ca and destroying how people v to retire. I mean, can any Demc honestly tell me how come when they get into office, we lose mor And the United States goes down. Republican gets in office and we higher cash values and everyth And don't say it's inherited bec the numbers don't lie. I think it is, is the Democrats have to looking at running government li business, and not like a free-fall ing everybody charity money. So votes were 100 percent Republi for the 401K money and also f crime. Thank you.



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## Spooky fun in Villa Park

Actor and comedian Matt Kissane hosted the fun family 2022 Halloween Costume Contest at Veterans Memorial Park over the Halloween weekend in Villa Park, along with members of the Villa Park fire and police departments and Village President Nick Cuzzone as the contest judges. There were several hundred people at the contest that coincided with the Villa Avenue Business District Trick or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 29. Kissane will be part of the Black Friday Concert on Nov. 25 at the Arcadia Theatre in Saint Charles with Chicago's Own Plano Man Band starring Nick Psychogios.



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## Warrior competes at state meet

Senior Kevin Diederich (No. 1451) of the Willowbrook boys cross-country team finished his season by running in Saturday's IHSA Class 3A state meet at DeWeller Park in Peoria. Diederich completed the 3-mile state-meet race in 16 minutes, 30.33 seconds. He finished in 165th place in Saturday's Class 3A boys event, which included 234 finishers. Diederich is pictured while running at the Waubesa Valley Sectional on Oct. 29. He earned an individual berth in the state meet with his solid performance at that sectional. The sectional's top 10 runners who weren't members of state-qualifying teams advanced to the state meet as individuals.



## Diederich will run in Peoria

### Willowbrook senior earns an individual berth in this week's IHSA Class 3A state meet

## STAFF REPORT

Senior Kevin Diederich of the Willowbrook boys cross-country team will compete in this Saturday's IHSA Class 3A state meet in Peoria. Diederich earned his berth in the state meet with his strong effort in Saturday's Waubonsie Valley Sectional in Aurora.

Diederich completed the 3-mile race at the sectional in a 29<sup>th</sup>-place time of 15 minutes, 30.8 seconds.

The sectional's top 10 runners who weren't members of state-qualifying teams advanced to the state final as individuals. Diederich placed among those 10 runners.

The top seven teams in each of the state's four sectionals earned berths in the state meet. Willowbrook's boys team placed 14<sup>th</sup> in the team results of Saturday's sectional, which included 18 full teams.

In addition to Diederich, the Warriors' sectional lineup included sophomore Adriano Quintero, who finished the race in a 96<sup>th</sup>-place time of 16 minutes, 49.1 seconds. Sophomore Jake Skibbie (16:52.4) finished in 98<sup>th</sup> place, while sophomore Kasen Blain (17:04.2) wound up in 106<sup>th</sup> place. Senior Charlie Hayes (17:21.6; 112<sup>th</sup>), senior Henry Sloan (17:27.3; 114<sup>th</sup>) and sophomore Patrick Haczos (17:59.9; 125<sup>th</sup>) rounded out Willowbrook's sectional lineup.

Two members of the Warriors' girls cross-country team competed as individuals in Saturday's girls race at the Waubonsie Valley Sectional. Sophomore Amelie Ojeda completed the 3-mile race in a 73<sup>rd</sup>-place time of 19 minutes, 55.1 seconds. Sophomore Malin Meeker (21:57.7) posted a 113<sup>th</sup>-place finish. Neither of the Warriors advanced to this week's state meet.



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Senior Kevin Diederich (No. 1451) of the Willowbrook boys cross-country team is pictured as he approaches the finish line during Saturday's IHSA Class 3A Waubonsie Valley Sectional in Aurora. Diederich, who completed the 3-mile race in a 29<sup>th</sup>-place time of 15 minutes, 30.8 seconds, earned an individual berth in this week's IHSA Class 3A state meet in Peoria. The sectional's top 10 runners who weren't members of state-qualifying teams advanced to the state meet as individuals. Willowbrook's boys team posted a 14<sup>th</sup>-place finish in the team standings of the sectional, which included 18 full teams.

Yes, Villa Park calling. I have a nephew who's in athletics at a local high school and they actually play soccer in the rain. I'm trying to figure out why this is, why they would endanger the kids to get pneumonia and get sick; playing soccer when there's hard rain. This is outrageous. And I wonder how many schools in the area actually have their students play when it's cold and raining outside, and if athletics are that important, the disregard for the kids is not a priority.

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I continue to read in Speak Out about some people's distaste and dissatisfaction for former President Trump and his advocates. Guess what? President Trump is no longer president. Stop looking in the rear-view mirror; draw your attention to what is happening in our country. People throughout the United States are being robbed, raped, shot and stabbed at alarming levels on the heels of the defund-the-police police ideology. Illegals are streaming across the southern border in the thousands. We know nothing about them. Gas and heating prices are alarmingly high. Grocery prices are skyrocketing. Forget about Trump. What is the direction of the U.S. under the existing administration, his followers and their ideology?

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This is a 71-year-old Vietnam veteran calling. Many Trump supporters get upset when they are called racist, fascist and the like. When you were a kid, your parents didn't want you to hang out with certain kids because you would get a bad reputation. Same thing applies when you become an adult; every fascist, racist, ultra right-wing group in the country supports Trump. These are the people Trump supporters are in bed with, so don't be surprised when you get lumped in with these anti-democratic groups.

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So glad to see my fellow common-sense neighbors adding to this column. Trump is on film saying he never loses—never, and would do anything he needed to, to win. Now we know that even before the 2020 election, he planned to declare a win, no matter what the votes were. What a terrible traitor to our democracy. How can people continue to believe anything that he says? Check for yourself; Trump reportedly cheated dozens of companies and put dozens out of business by declaring bankruptcy. He said before the election that, I quote, "I want to be king." And he tried, but lost.

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Please keep in mind Deb Conroy, according to a campaign ad from her opponent for DuPage County Board chair (Greg Hart), partnered with corrupt Mike Madigan to raise income taxes four times. We don't need that type of politics in DuPage County.

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I can't believe that Amendment 1 is even on the ballot in November. The state is reeling under unfunded pension debt to public sector union employees. Amendment 1 would give public sector unions even more power! Wake up Illinois!

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The present ruling administration has no accountability on how they are spending our tax dollars with Ukraine and our tax dollars in other ways. Vote for performance, not personality when voting for your representatives on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Your voice in voting is your future.

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My 26-year-old daughter watching her cost of living continue to increase with inflation felt it was very important to get her vote counted. She requested a mail-in ballot and filled in and signed. The ballot was returned because the signature did not match. I watched her fill it out and it is the same signature she has

had since learning cursive. It made me wonder if it had anything to do with the straight Red ticket she filed out. Now she has to get this notari in order to be counted. I have to wonder what side of the aisle the person who makes these decisions sits or

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When you see the media gang up against Darren Bailey, you know he might be the right guy compared to the guy in office now.

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Halloween is a holiday where celebrate death, the occult and grotesque. What does that say about us as a culture? Where are we going as a culture?

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I see Greg Hart is running county board chairman, and I get mailer from him telling me all stuff he's going to do for education. I am a little confused. I didn't know the DuPage County Board chairman had much to do with schools. I do really think that's a function of county board chairman. Either I'm confused or he is. Thank you. Go bye.

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I was wondering: Do people never use their turn signals ever angry at other people who never their turn signals?

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I have to give Democrats and I credit this election cycle. I know how to stay on script. I've been nothing but pro-abortion, I voted 6<sup>th</sup> and Trump, but when I think about it, who can blame me for sticking to these talking points. They certainly can't run on their record the last two years, with inflation at a 40-year high, more taxes (especially in this state), high gas prices, a stagnant economy, crime that's out of control, spending that's out of control, children falling behind in school, COVID lockdowns, vaccine mandates, a crisis along southern border, and the list goes



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## Warriors complete perfect season with a state title

Willowbrook High School's girls flag football team completed an undefeated inaugural season by winning the title at the Girls Flag Football State Championship, which took place on Saturday at the Chicago Bears' facility at Halas Hall in Lake Forest. The Warriors were one of four teams to advance to Saturday's action in Lake Forest. Willowbrook edged Chicago's Kenwood Academy High School 18-14 in a semifinal game. The Warriors then beat Chicago's Taft High School 20-0 in the championship contest. The Willowbrook program finished its first season with a perfect 9-0 record.

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# Warriors begin post-season surge by winning a regional title

## Willowbrook advances to this week's Proviso West Sectional

## STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team captured a regional championship last week. The Warriors won the IHSA Class 4A Downers Grove North Regional title on Oct. 27. Willowbrook beat Downers Grove North 25-20, 25-16 in the regional final.

The Warriors, who improved their overall season record to 35-2 with their win over the Trojans, advanced to this week's Proviso West Sectional. If the Warriors win two matches at Proviso West to claim the sectional title, they will advance to this Friday's super-sectional at Hinsdale Central. The winner of that super-sectional will earn a berth in the IHSA Class 4A state semifinals in Normal.

Willowbrook is the No. 1 seed in the Proviso West Sectional. The Warriors met York (the sectional's No. 4) seed in one of this week's sectional semifinals. The winner of that match faced Glenbard West (the No. 3 seed) or St. Charles East (the No. 2 seed) in the sectional final.

The Warriors won regional and sectional titles last season before losing to Mother McAuley in a super-sectional.

Junior Calli Kenny delivered seven kills, seven assists and seven digs for the Warriors in their win over Downers Grove North in last week's regional final. Sophomore Hannah Kenny provided six kills, six assists, five digs and three aces. Senior Natalie Cipriano contributed six kills and four digs. Senior Grace Conley piled up 12 digs and handed out four assists.

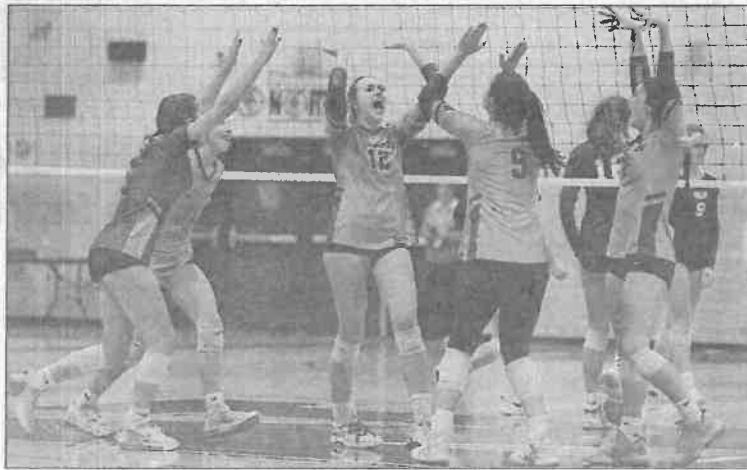
Junior Elisa Chivilo made five digs, while sophomore Anna Mariner connected for two kills.



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Willowbrook opened the post-season with a decisive 25-6, 25-8 win over Proviso West in a regional semifinal match at Downers Grove North on Oct. 25. Calli Kenny tallied three kills, eight assists, six digs and two aces. Hannah Kenny supplied five kills, 10 assists and four digs. Cipriano added eight kills and five digs. Conley had seven digs and two assists. Senior Hope Reckamp and Mariner hit five and four kills, respectively. Chivilo had three digs and two aces. Senior Caroline Radomski provided two aces and one kill.

Willowbrook's girls volleyball team won two matches last week to capture the championship of the IHSA Class 4A Downers Grove North Regional. After opening the regional with a victory over Proviso West on Oct. 25, the Warriors defeated Downers Grove North 25-20, 25-16 in the regional final on Oct. 27. One photo (below) from the regional final shows junior Elle Bruschk (No. 12) celebrating with junior Calli Kenny (No. 9) after the Warriors won a point. Willowbrook improved its overall record to 35-2 with its victory over the Trojans. The Warriors advanced to this week's Proviso West Sectional. If Willowbrook wins two matches to claim the sectional title, it will play in this Friday's super-sectional at Hinsdale Central High School. The winner of that super-sectional will advance to the IHSA state semifinals in Normal.



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Willowbrook's football team opened the IHSA Class 7A post-season with Friday's 35-14 loss at Wheaton North. The Warriors completed their season with an overall record of 5-5. Wheaton North improved to 9-1 and advanced to this week's second-round game against Lake Zurich. The Falcons built a 21-0 halftime lead over the Warriors. Wheaton North's lead grew to 35-0 by the end of the third quarter. Willowbrook scored its two touchdowns during the closing minutes of the fourth quarter. Junior Jimmy Degnan of the Warriors is pictured during his touchdown reception, which provided Willowbrook's first points of the night. Sophomore K.J. Rhodes made the team's second touchdown reception of the game. Junior quarterback Arthur Palicki threw the touchdown passes to Degnan and Rhodes.

## Warriors' season ends with a first-round loss to Wheaton North

The Willowbrook football team's 2022 season ended with Friday's 35-14 loss at Wheaton North in a first-round game in the IHSA Class 7A playoffs.

The Warriors completed their season with a 5-5 record.

Wheaton North, which improved its record to 9-1, will face Lake Zurich (9-1) in this week's

second-round battle in Wheaton.

Wheaton North led the Warriors 21-0 at halftime. The Falcons intercepted a Willowbrook pass and returned it for a touchdown early in the third quarter to push their lead to 28-0.

Wheaton North added one more touchdown in the third quarter to increase its lead to 35-0.

The Warriors scored their two touchdowns in the game's last few minutes. Junior quarterback Arthur Palicki completed a touchdown pass to junior Jimmy Degnan to provide Willowbrook's first score of the game.

The Warriors scored their second touchdown on a pass from Palicki to sophomore K.J. Rhodes.