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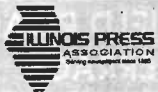
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## ACA to host 3rd annual Expressions: Art and Verse

The Addison Center for the Arts is pleased to announce our third collaboration between visual artists and the Illinois State Poetry Society (ISPS) at its upcoming program Expressions: Art and Verse. Participating poets will read poems inspired by original artworks by members of the Addison Center for the Arts.

The public is invited to attend the free art reception and poetry program on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 1 to 4 p.m.

"This exhibition is intended to celebrate the mingling of art forms," said Julie Mars, the organizer of Expressions: Art and Verse 2023. "It will showcase how visual art can inspire poetry. Visual art evokes a personal, subjective experience within the viewer's mind. In this art and poetry show, the poets have interpreted their inner experience of the artwork for us in their poems."

Illinois artists exhibiting in Expressions: Art and Verse 2023 include Tania Blanco, Margaret Bucholz, Susan Cargill, Benjamin Calvert III, Ashley Ehrhardt, Andrea Fox, Jeanne Garrett, Beth Gollan, Jennifer Hauser, Tony Il'yanov, Joan Ladendorf, David Morris, Hanh Nguyen, Sharon Peters, Nancy Staszak, Lyn Tietz, Ana Vitek, and Sindre Viano.

The Illinois State Poetry Society's featured members are Marie

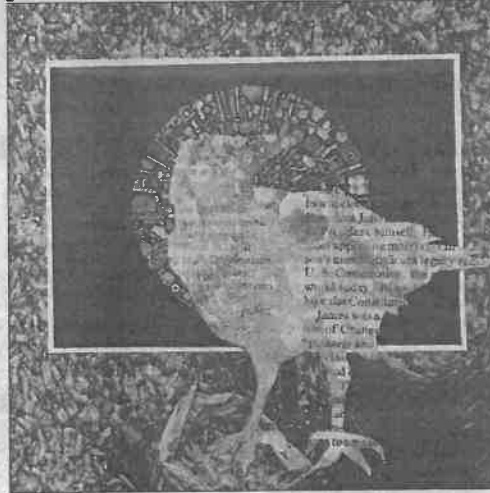
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"In the early 1970s, ISPS began as a single chapter and became a charter member of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies in 1991," said Susan Moss, ISPS president. "Presently, there are seven chapters throughout the state, and all are committed to creating and promoting poetry in all its forms."

"ISPS appreciates the opportunity to blend art and poetry that results in a collaboration of these artistic forms in order to present a greater expressive whole."

The Addison Center for the Arts is located at 213 No. Lombard Rd. inside Addison Trail High School. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m.

For more information, call 630-458-4500.



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"Crow's Feast" by Nancy Staszak will be displayed along with five haikus written by ISPS member T. H. Chockley at the upcoming exhibit, Expressions: Art and Verse 2023, coming to the Addison Center for the Arts on Saturday, Feb. 18.

## ATHS class of '73 plans reunion

Attention, members of the Addison Trail class of 1973! Save the date of Saturday, Sept. 16, as your 50-year reunion is being planned. Event details are being finalized and will be shared soon. For questions and more information, join the Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/139678219421997 or contact Maureen Palermo Katsikas at Maureen.katsikas@gmail.com.

## •Bond (Continued from front page)

tomatic weapon. It is further alleged that Lyons fired more than 30 rounds, one of which struck a nearby home, before fleeing the scene.

Officers with the Villa Park Police Department were able to locate Lyons in a residence on Cornell where, after executing a search warrant, officers found a 9 mm Glock 19 with a fully automatic switch and a laser light, a Smith & Wesson M&P Shield 9 mm, a 50-round drum magazine containing eight rounds and approximately \$7,000 in cash.

"It is alleged that Mr. Lyons put an entire neighborhood at risk when he fired more than 30 shots in a matter of seconds," Berlin said. "This type of violent, criminal conduct, as alleged against Mr. Lyons, will not be tolerated in DuPage County and will be met with the full force and effect of the law. Thankfully, no innocent bystanders or anyone in the residence were injured as a result of this alleged behavior."

"I commend the Villa Park Police Department for their outstanding work in the quick identification and apprehension of Mr. Lyons as a suspect in this case. I also thank the numerous assisting agencies as well as DuPage County MERIT for their

efforts."

"As a community and as a society, we cannot accept acts of violence regardless of circumstances," Rivas said. "Habitual violent criminals will not abide by the laws set forth in this state and federally. That is why when an act of violence occurs, the community and law enforcement must act swiftly and collaboratively to help bring all who will do harm to justice. It was an incredible amount of great police work done by Villa Park officers, detectives and support staff to quickly identify and locate the alleged offender."

"I thank the assisting law enforcement agencies of Lombard, Addison, Elmhurst, Oak Brook, DuPage County Sheriff's Office and Oak Brook Terrace as well as MERIT METRO SWAT for their actions. We would lastly like to thank DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Assistant State's Attorney Sara Henley for their invaluable assistance and counsel to help generate serious, and appropriate charges against the alleged offender."

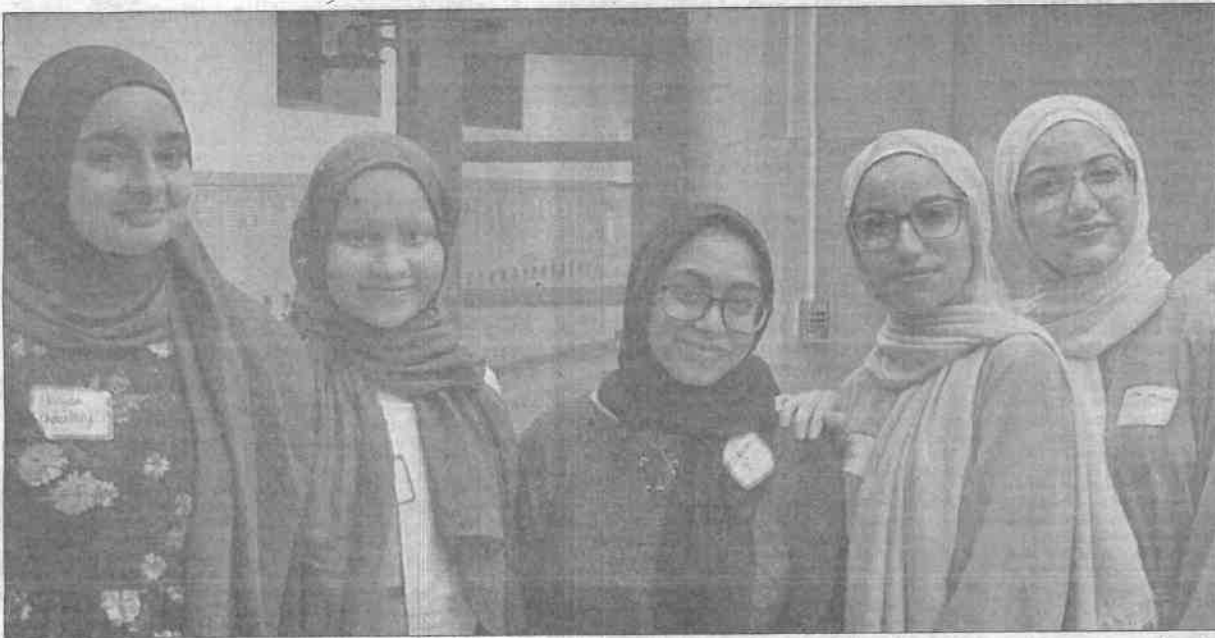
Lyons' next court appearance is scheduled Feb. 23 for arraignment in front of Judge O'Hallaren Walsh.



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## District 88 attends 'Shape of Addison'

Pictured here is (from left) District 88 Board of Education vice president Dan Olson, District 88 superintendent Dr. Jean Barbanente and Addison mayor Rich Veenstra at the 16th Annual Shape of Addison town hall meeting held on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at Village Hall.



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## Addison Trail students attend Muslim Students Association Summit

On Saturday, Jan. 21, these five Addison Trail students participated in a Muslim Student Association (MSA) Summit at Maine East High School. They are (from left): freshman Maryam Chaudhry, freshman Aamina Makki, junior Soha Siddiqui, junior Logain Nazzal and freshman Lemar Nazzal. High school students from throughout the area gathered to discuss how to grow the program within schools and how to work with administration to request and implement programs and events.

## Coming events

**Editor's note:** Unless otherwise specified, learn more about these events and programs at: [addisonlibrary.org/events](https://addisonlibrary.org/events) or call 630-543-3617.

### Friday, Feb. 3 Movement stations

From 10 a.m.-noon at the Addison Public Library, at this program for littles, we'll have out some special toys in the Children's Department for you to try. Practice yoga moves, walk the balance beam, or move across some stepping stones. No registration required.

### Sunday, Feb. 5 Resume basics

From 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library, your resume is an essential part of the job search process. This workshop will teach you how to create and format a resume to best sell your skills and experience to potential employers. Part of our technology made simple series; learn more and sign up at <https://www.addisonlibrary.org/Tech-Simple>.

### Monday, Feb. 6 Genealogy at your library

From 7-8 p.m. on Zoom via the Addison Public Library, local genealogist Suz Bates will present step-by-step directions to guide you through using the library's ge-

nealogy databases to improve your family history research.

### Tuesday, Feb. 7

#### • Celebrate Valentine's Day

From 6-7 p.m. at the Addison Public Library, join Ellie Presents and learn all about Valentine's Day in this interactive program. Ellie will tell us all about the history of Valentine's Day, who St. Valentine really was, and much more. All participants will also make their very own valentine. Open to all ages with caregivers. Co-presented with the Addison Historical Society.

#### • Computer basics (Windows)

From 6-7 p.m. at the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library, if you want to learn how to use your Windows computer, this is the program for you. We will discuss navigating the computer, managing files and folders, deleting and saving files, and more. Part of our Technology Made Simple series; learn more and sign up at <https://www.addisonlibrary.org/Tech-Simple>.

### Wednesday, Feb. 8 Google Calendar basics

From 2-3 p.m. at the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library, discover how Google Calendar can keep you on time and organized. In this introductory workshop, add events and reminders

to your calendar, and share them with others. Part of our Technology Made Simple series; learn more and sign up at <https://www.addisonlibrary.org/Tech-Simple>.

### Thursday, Feb. 9 HEAL: Health for English learners

From 10-11:30 a.m. starting Feb. 9 and each Thursday until March 23 at the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library, learn about healthy food, medicine, making doctor's appointments, talking to doctors, emergencies, and more with People's Resource Center. To participate, you will need to complete a short phone assessment with PRC. Open to students living in DuPage County.

### Monday, Feb. 13 Google Drive basics

From 7-8 p.m. in the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library, get to know how to store and share files in Google Drive. Discover how Google Drive keeps files safe and secure. Practice using your drive and get helpful tips about how to keep it organized. Part of our Technology Made Simple series; learn more and sign

### Thursday, Feb. 16 Monthly meditation

From 10-11 a.m. at the Large Meeting Room of the Addison Pub-

lic Library, join friends old and new in-person to discover the life changing effects of meditation. No experience required.

### Friday, Feb. 17 Free time Fridays

From 11 a.m.-noon at the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library, join us for crafts, games, light refreshments, conversation, and fun with friends old and new. We'll do something different each time we meet and it will always be a fun treat.

### Ongoing events Open enrollment is ongoing for the Addison Park District Preschool

The Addison Park District preschool program curriculum reflects the Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards. Visit [www.illinoisearlylearning.org](http://www.illinoisearlylearning.org) for more details. The Park District helps children develop prekindergarten skills, including letter/name recognition, listening skills, healthy habits, cooperative play, fine motor, and socialization skills. The experiences are both educational and recreational, which aid in social, physical, intellectual, and emotional growth. Registration is taken in-person at the Centennial Rec Center. Call (630) 233-7275 option 3 for registration availability. Visit

[addisonparks.org](https://addisonparks.org) for required paperwork due prior to first day of program.

### English reading circle

Starting at 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library, build your vocabulary and reading skills in a small group setting.

### English conversation groups

At 2 p.m. Mondays on Zoom, and at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library, practice listening and speaking skills in a small group setting. Learn more at: [addisonlibrary.org/events](https://addisonlibrary.org/events)

### English reading circle

At 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library, learn more at: [addisonlibrary.org/events](https://addisonlibrary.org/events)

### Heroes story time

From 10-10:30 a.m. at the Addison Public Library, join us for stories and activities about everyday heroes, superheroes, and more.

Clubs and organizations are welcome to send entries for this column to: [news1@rvpublishing.com](mailto:news1@rvpublishing.com). Please include a phone number or e-mail address to contact for information.



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## Addison Trail girls volleyball team honored for sportsmanship

On Jan. 27, the Addison Trail girls volleyball team was recognized as an Outstanding Sportsmanship Award recipient from the Zebras of Northern Illinois (ZONI), a group of Illinois High School Association (IHSA) volleyball officials. ZONI representatives pre-

sented the team with a banner during the school's Pack the Place basketball games.



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## Cheerleaders take 3rd at Invite, head to sectionals

It's competition season, and Fenton's cheerleader team is on fire. The team brought home yet another trophy after winning third place at the Marian Catholic Invite on Sunday, Jan. 22. The Lady Bison have been training hard and will put it all on the line at Sectionals on Saturday, Jan. 28.

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# Warriors place fourth in conference meet

*Blazers claim fifth in the team standings; both teams are competing in separate IHSA regionals this week*

## STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook girls gymnastics team finished fourth in the team standings of Friday's six-team West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at Leyden's west campus in Northlake. The Warriors posted an overall team total of 127.775 at the conference meet.

The Downers Grove co-op team won the meet's title with its total of 144.675. Leyden (135.675) placed second, while Hinsdale South (134.725) claimed third. Addison Trail (127.3) placed fifth. Morton (117.075) landed in sixth place.

Willowbrook sophomore Naomi

Campbell posted a fifth-place finish in the meet's all-around standings with her total of 34.775. Campbell tied for fourth on the uneven bars with her score of 8.775. She delivered a seventh-place score of 9.2 on the vault, and placed eighth on the balance beam (8.65). She placed 15<sup>th</sup> in floor exercises (8.15).

Senior Sarah Ball provided the Warriors with a seventh-place finish on the balance beam (8.7). Ball placed eighth on the vault (9.1).

Senior Hanna Mitrick of Willowbrook tied for 14<sup>th</sup> in the meet's all-around standings with her score of 31.225. Mitrick placed 14<sup>th</sup> on the

balance beam (7.8), 17<sup>th</sup> on the vault (8.45), tied for 18<sup>th</sup> on the uneven bars (7.225) and wound up 24<sup>th</sup> in floor exercises (7.75).

Willowbrook senior Molly Morris turned in a 17<sup>th</sup>-place score of 30.025 in the meet's all-around competition. Freshman Emily Hanson of the Warriors placed 18<sup>th</sup> in the all-around standings with her total of 29.025.

## Addison Trail

Addison Trail senior Maddie Mucciante earned sixth-place honors in the conference meet's all-around competition with her score of 34.125. Mucciante compiled that total after finishing eighth in floor

exercises (8.5), ninth on the balance beam (8.525), tying for ninth on the vault (9.0) and placing 12<sup>th</sup> on the uneven bars (8.1).

Junior Nicolette Franczak of the Blazers finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the meet's all-around standings with her total of 32.3. Franczak placed 10<sup>th</sup> in floor exercises and 11<sup>th</sup> on the uneven bars, receiving scores of 8.3 in both events.

Sophomore Olivia DeBeau of Addison Trail placed 16<sup>th</sup> in the all-around standings with her total of 30.975. DeBeau finished ninth in floor exercises; her routine in that event received a score of 8.35.

Addison Trail freshman Gabby Trejo contributed a 14<sup>th</sup>-place score of 8.175 in floor exercises.

Junior Brooke Greaves of the Blazers finished 21<sup>st</sup> in the all-around competition with her score of 28.675. Greaves and freshman Mickey Fricano of the Blazers both tied for 18<sup>th</sup> on the vault with scores of 8.4.

Willowbrook competed in this week's Glenbard West Regional, while Addison Trail battled in this week's regional at Wheaton Warrenville South. The Warriors and Blazers both attempted to earn berths in the Lake Park Sectional, which takes place Feb. 6.

# DuPage County a proving ground for the world stage

*Of 16 cyclocross U.S. athletes in the Netherlands, 14 competed in DuPage County in 2021*

USA Cycling recently announced the 16 athletes headed to Hoogerheide, Netherlands to represent the United States at the 2023 UCI Cyclocross World Championships taking place Feb. 2-5.

Out of the 16 athletes, 14 are familiar faces to the DuPage Sports Commission and DuPage County, having competed right here only a few years ago.

In December 2021, 14,000 spectators witnessed the grit and glory

that is championship racing at the USA Cycling Cyclocross National Championships at Cantigny Park.

These 14 athletes participated in this event, all finishing in the top six for their respective categories, several taking the top spots on the podium.

Below are details regarding the athletes, the categories they were chosen to compete in and their achievements while competing in DuPage County.

• **Elite Men**—Curtis White, finished second in the men's elite in 2021

• **Elite Women**—Clara Honsinger, finished first in women's elite in 2021 and Raylyn Nuss, finished second in 2021

• **U23 Men**—Andrew Strohmeier, finished second in 2021

• **U23 Women**—Lizzy Gunsalus, finished third in 2021 and Madigan Munro, finished second in 2021)

• **Junior Men**—Magnus White,

finished 1st in 2021; Andrew (AJ) August, finished second in 2021; Ben Stokes, he finished fifth in 2021; Daniel English, he finished sixth in 2021

• **Junior Women**—Kaya Musgrave, finished third in 2021; Samantha Scott, finished fifth in 2021; Vida Lopez de San Roman, finished first in the Junior Women's 15-16 race and has aged up into the Junior women's 17-18 race for this year including the World Championships.

Declining his nomination to Team USA was Jack Spranger who finished fourth in Men's Junior in 2021.

The 2021 event is an exciting example of the high-caliber endeavors taking place in DuPage County, which has welcomed athletes from around the United States, and in some cases the world, over the past several years.

DuPage County has even been a stop on the road to the Olympics.

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Willowbrook High School's theater department presents its winter play this week. The first of three performances of "Ripcord" takes place tonight, Thursday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. The remaining two performances begin will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3, and on Saturday, Feb. 4. "Ripcord" is a dark comedy written by David

Lindsay-Abaire. Senior Samantha Tantilla (left) portrays Marilyn Dunne. Senior Sarah Kosanda (right) plays Colleen—Marilyn's daughter. The play is rated PG-13 for strong language and mature themes. One more photo (above left) shows junior Sean O'Brochta, who portrays Scotty.

## Willowbrook presents its winter play this week

*First of three performances of dark comedy takes place tonight*

### STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook High School theater department will present its winter play—"Ripcord"—this week

in the school's Doris E. White Auditorium. The three performances will take place tonight, Friday and Saturday. Each performance will begin at

7 p.m.

A dark comedy written by David Lindsay-Abaire, "Ripcord" is rated PG-13 for strong language and mature themes.

Tickets will be available to buy at the door and cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 to 17. Admission is free for children younger than 12 years old and for those with a District 88 student ID and a District 88 Senior Gold Card.

"Ripcord" tells the story of irritable and sarcastic Abby Binder (portrayed by senior Amelia Tortorici), who has kept a room to herself for four years at the Bristol Place Senior Living Facility, through sheer force of her rude personality. Nursing disappointment at the direction her life

has taken, she has no room for distraction.

When bubbly, bright and unbearably cheerful Marilyn Dunne (played by senior Samantha Tantilla) is placed in her room, Abby tries her usual tricks, but fails to scare her annoying new roommate away. She gets no sympathy from Scotty (portrayed by junior Sean O'Brochta), the resident aide, who refuses to use any clout he might or might not have with management to remove Marilyn.

Exercising her taste for competition and her love of pranks, Marilyn makes a bet: if Abby can break her endless patience and make her angry, she will move out. But if she can successfully frighten Abby, who

claims never to get scared, she will get the bed by the window.

Marilyn has a devoted family—with a skydiving business—on her side, as well as the most dangerous thing of all: a genuine wish to see Abby happy. As this odd couple embarks upon increasingly emotionally and physically dangerous tricks in order to break each other, secrets are revealed, lives are jeopardized and peach cobbler is enjoyed.

"At the heart of the play are the topics of forgiveness and working on yourself," said O'Brochta. "I hope the audience members enjoy a laugh and leave thinking about the play's main theme—that sometimes you have to pull the ripcord to slow down and enjoy life."

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# Warriors win two, lose two

*Willowbrook will finish its conference season this week*

## STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook girls basketball team won two of four games last week. The Warriors finished the week with an overall season record of 13-13.

Senior Nina Nytko scored a team-high 14 points for the Warriors in Saturday's 56-39 loss to Libertyville. Junior Elle Bruschuk added nine points. Senior Sara Stout provided three points and a team-leading 13 rebounds.

Libertyville led the Warriors 16-4 after one quarter and 30-10 at half-time.

Willowbrook began the week with a 42-40 non-conference win at Fenwick on Jan. 23. The Warriors lost 56-30 at Maine South in a non-conference contest on Jan. 25. Willowbrook improved to 7-3 in West Suburban Gold Conference play with Friday's 53-23 win at Morton. The

Warriors finished the week with Saturday's 56-39 loss to Libertyville in a non-conference game in Villa Park.

The Warriors will finish their 2022-23 West Suburban Gold Conference schedule with this week's games against Leyden and Downers Grove South. After playing at Leyden on Jan. 31, the Warriors will meet Downers Grove South this Friday in Villa Park. Willowbrook will complete the week with this Saturday's non-conference home game against Fremd.



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Rock Valley Publishing

Willowbrook's girls basketball team played four games last week. The Warriors won two of those four games and finished the week with an overall season record of 13-13. One photo from Saturday's loss to Libertyville shows Willowbrook junior Elle Bruschuk (No. 33 - above), who scored nine points and grabbed six rebounds in the game. Another photo (left) shows senior Yazmin Setaram, who provided four points and four rebounds. The Warriors will finish their West Suburban Gold Conference season with this week's games against Leyden and Downers Grove South. Willowbrook will close out the week with this Saturday's non-conference home game against Fremd.



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## Warriors compete at state meet

Willowbrook High School's dance team performed at the IHSA competitive dance state meet on Friday in Bloomington. Competing in the 2A level, the Warriors finished 19<sup>th</sup> out of 30 teams in Friday's preliminaries at the state meet and did not advance to Saturday's finals. The 2A level's top 12 teams from Friday's preliminaries advanced to the finals. Willowbrook earned its state-meet berth by placing among the top six teams in its 13-team level at the Geneva Sectional on Jan. 21. Some of the Warriors are pictured during the team's sectional performance. The members of Willowbrook's state-qualifying team are: senior Gianna Wiegel, junior Tabitha Bernardi, junior Kira Gamble, junior Lena Wachholz, sophomore Gianna Giampaoli, sophomore Kelly Kramme, freshman Ava Jovanovich, freshman Maddy McEllin and freshman Cecilia Oddo. The team's coaches are Emily Isaacson, Maddie Schulte and Claire Creighton. All three coaches are Willowbrook graduates who were members of the school's dance team.



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Willowbrook's boys basketball team lost three straight games last week. The three losses sent the Warriors' overall season record to 6-16. Willowbrook opened the week with a 67-52 non-conference loss at Hinsdale Central on Jan. 24. The Warriors lost 63-53 to Morton in Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game in Villa Park. Willowbrook finished its week with Saturday's 62-59 non-conference loss at Deerfield. Senior Noah Campbell (No. 25 - above) of the Warriors is pictured during Friday's home game against Morton. Campbell scored a team-leading 27 points in the contest. Campbell sank a free throw in the closing seconds of the game to notch the 1,000<sup>th</sup> point of his varsity career. Moments later, Campbell hit a 3-point shot at the buzzer to account for the game's final points. Another photo from Friday shows Willowbrook senior Joey Tumilty (No. 1 - below). Tumilty scored a team-leading 19 points for the Warriors during last week's loss at Hinsdale Central.

## A rough week for the Warriors, who lose three straight games

*Campbell reaches 1,000-point mark in Friday's loss to Morton*

## STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook boys basketball team suffered three straight losses last week. The Warriors dropped a 67-52 non-conference decision at Hinsdale Central on Jan. 24. Three days later, Willowbrook lost 63-53 to Morton in a West Suburban Gold Conference battle in Villa Park. The Warriors finished the week with Saturday's 62-59 non-conference loss at Deerfield.

Willowbrook completed the week with an overall record of 6-16 and a conference mark of 1-6.

Senior Joey Tumilty scored a team-high 19 points for the Warriors in last week's loss at Hinsdale Central. Tumilty made four shots from 3-point range during the game. Seniors Luke Davis and Isaac Sobieszczyk provided 12 points each.

Hinsdale Central led the Warriors 19-12 after one quarter and 34-22 at halftime. The Red Devils maintained a 54-41 advantage at the end of the

third quarter.

Willowbrook led Morton 15-12 after one quarter of Friday's conference game.

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I would like to share my Good Samaritan story with you from Jan. 20. I was in Villa Park going to a store in the 1-100 block of E. Park. I am a 76-year-old disabled woman who walks with a walker, but I do my best to be active. My friend had dropped me off by the store while she went to park her car. Usually, I am able to manage to get into a store, but this store had a step and the door was on an angle so it was awkward for me. While I was trying to figure out how to get into the store or wait for my friend, a white service or work truck stopped and a man got out and approached me, asking if he could help me. I thought maybe he was making a delivery, or certainly had a work-related reason to be there. I accepted his help and thanked him a few times but realize now that I should have thanked him even more. He held the door while I got in. When my friend came into the store, she had seen him helping me and said he just got back into his truck and drove away. We both think that he saw me struggling, stopped his truck and came to help me. What a good person! What a kind gesture!

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Sheriff Mendrick has announced that starting now, he will decide which laws to enforce. How nice of him! You may or may not agree with the current situation, but what about when he decides not to enforce a law you may want enforced? He is so wrong, and needs to be removed from office. He was elected, and sworn in, to enforce all laws of this jurisdiction. The "Remove Mendrick" push is on! Please join in.

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I heard an economist talking about egg prices. He said the sharp increase is partly due to bird flu, so while the demand is still there, the supply is down. Plus, the cost of feed has gone up, so that cost is being passed on to the consumer. So far, understandable. However, he then said that some chicken farmers are "padding" their costs when adding in the increased cost of feed, kind of hidden in the increases they are charging. He said there are also those who are hiking prices in "anticipation" of future costs, whether or not the increases happen. He said oil companies are known for that as well. So, when you think about paying \$7 for a dozen

eggs, and I have seen it even higher, know that there is more to the story.

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If you order something online for yourself or someone else, you'll probably be able to track your order and learn where exactly it is and when it will be delivered. If you vote in person, you get a little sticker that says "I voted." Which process do you have more faith in?

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I am listening to how the liberals spin the Joe Biden-has-hidden-classified-documents debacle. Nancy Pelosi, when interviewed by Chris Wallace about Trump's stashing away documents, said how horrible and shameful it was, but when asked about Joe Biden, it was, "Well, it depends on the nature of the documents." If Trump did indeed lie about the documents, that's one thing. But if Biden forgot about them, that mental deficit is irreversible and just shows that he is not of sound mind.

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Our far-left vice president is rightfully taking heat for part of a speech she recently gave that quoted the Declaration of Independence saying, "liberty and the pursuit of happiness." However, she conveniently left out "life." While I didn't agree with overturning Roe v. Wade because I don't want the government to have control over another person's body, what about the life of the unborn, and its right to the pursuit of liberty and happiness? Here is a concept for "choice": With the exception of rape and forcible incest, how about choosing not to get pregnant in the first place? And that includes men making a choice.

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I think it is very important for all news media to publish Sheriff Mendrick's statement on gun enforcement. Once again, the politicians and mainstream media want to craft the facts for their agenda. The problem is generally people are still gullible and believe these stories. How about making tougher penalties instead of taking away guns? Maybe bring back the death penalty.

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Will more people admit that our country's COVID-19 death statistics are bogus? There's a difference in dying from COVID and dying with COVID. If COVID hadn't arrived in 2020—an election year—I think things might have been different. I think it's clear that Democrats and the media used COVID to get rid of Trump.

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Import Chicago. Elect Chicago. Become Chicago. Thanks a lot, DuPage Democrats, for contributing to our area's decline. Looking forward to more armed robberies, carjackings and catalytic converter thefts in the suburbs in 2023.

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The DuPage County sheriff made public comments about enforcement of the recently passed Protect Illinois Communities Act, assault weapons ban. Because of that, the county board chairwoman wants to formally censure him. Leave politics out this. The criminals don't care what laws are passed; they ignore all of them. These laws punish the citizens who follow the law. When the Illinois Supreme Court finds this act unconstitutional, will the chairwoman retract the censure and apologize?

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It is amazing to me how the media fawn over these politicians who have no clue what is in the U.S. Constitution. Worse yet, people voted for them. The charade of Sean Casten and other elected officials to chastise the DuPage County sheriff was a sad reflection on these elected officials. Grandstand without any knowledge of what you are saying, and the media paint you as a darling rather than a fool.

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Hi neighbors. I sure did enjoy all your holiday decorations. Holidays are over; please consider putting them away so they are something "special" for the next season. Thanks!

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Saturday morning (Jan. 21) I was watching the news on TV about the

teachers' strike at UIC. Once you hear that it's for the children, you know it all they want is more money. They came right out with it. They want more money. That's fine. But whenever you hear a politician or a teacher say it's for the children, all you know is they're most likely lying. So don't support them. That's why the count is in what it's in today. Thank you.

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Uh-oh, Big Brother is after your gas stove. They are going to come and take it away. What's next? Maybe a leaf blower? Well, if they took the leaf blowers away, that would be good. Those things are a pain in the eye. How do you think you get electricity for your electric stove and all the other electric items you have? They buy fossil fuel!

## • Warriors (Continued from page 5)

ence game in Villa Park. The Warriors led the Mustangs 28-24 at half-time. Willowbrook led Morton 37-27 midway through the third quarter, but the Mustangs closed the quarter with a 19-2 run to take a 46-39 lead with eight minutes to play.

Friday's matchup between Willowbrook and Morton marked the third time the two teams have squared off this season. The Warriors opened their conference season with a 69-67 loss at Morton on Dec. 2. Willowbrook beat Morton 65-61 on the final day of the Hinsdale Central Holiday Classic on Dec. 29.

Willowbrook senior Noah Campbell, who did not play in last week's game at Hinsdale Central, poured in a team-leading 27 points in Friday's loss to Morton.

Campbell made a free throw in the game's closing seconds to reach the 1,000-point mark in his varsity career as a Warrior. Moments later, he drained a last-second 3-point shot at the buzzer to close the game with a varsity total of 1,003 points.

Campbell made five of eight attempts from 3-point range during Friday's game.

Davis, who made three of seven shots from 3-point territory against

Morton, contributed 11 points as seven rebounds. Sobieszczyk supplied eight points and a team-leading 13 rebounds.

The Warriors lost a close battle to Deerfield in Saturday's non-conference matchup. Neither team led by more than five points during the game. Willowbrook held a 16-lead after one quarter. The Warriors owned a 35-32 lead at halftime. Deerfield outscored Willowbrook 16-9 in the third quarter to take a 44-lead with eight minutes remaining. The Warriors held a one-point lead with one minute to play, but late turnover by Willowbrook helped Deerfield gain the lead.

Sobieszczyk made nine of 13 attempts from the field and scored a team-high 20 points in Saturday's loss. He also pulled down team-leading 12 rebounds. Campbell, who made a pair of 3-point shots, added 18 points. Davis at Tumulty scored 10 and six points, respectively.

The Warriors' season continues with this week's conference games against Leyden and Downe Grove South, along with Saturday non-conference contest at Romeville.

## • Snow (Continued from page 4)

(from St. Charles to Jackson), Ardmore Avenue (from North to 13<sup>th</sup>), Summit Avenue (from Kenilworth to Harrison) and Villa Avenue (from North to Roosevelt).

The village does not routinely salt secondary streets, unless warranted due to icy conditions. Snow plowing of secondary streets will begin after the accumulation of 4 inches of snow, and mostly during normal business hours. Secondary stop intersections will be salted on an as-needed basis. The village urges motorists to use caution when navigating secondary streets.

All Villa Park residents are within two blocks of main arterial streets that will be plowed and salted for safe travel. When snow accumulation is predicted, keep garbage cans at least 4 feet back from the curb to eliminate or prevent garbage spills. In case of a major storm, when snowfall is predicted to exceed 8 inches, it may only be possible to keep a center lane open on secondary streets for emergency vehicles until the snowfall stops.

On-street parking is the major fac-

tor preventing effective snow removal. Therefore, the village is enlisting residents' cooperation in planning ahead to remove their cars from the street when 2 inches or more of snow fall occurs. This is important to allow streets to be opened for residents as emergency vehicles as quickly as possible.

The village urges residents to drive slowly and use caution during snow events. Additionally, do not drive too close to or attempt to pass snow plows.

Residents are responsible for removing snow from their driveways and sidewalks. Snow removal from commercial parking lots and sidewalks are the responsibility of the owner. The village reminds residents and owners of parking lots to avoid shoveling, pushing or plowing snow onto public streets or public sidewalks.

Residents who have questions regarding the village's procedures for snow and ice control can call the Villa Park Public Works Department 630-834-8505.



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## All-state performers

Willowbrook High School held a state send-off celebration last week for seniors (left to right) Kalli Reeves-Kohoutek, Iliana Esparza and Amella Tortorici, who were named as All-State Musicians by the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) earlier this school year. The three Willowbrook seniors performed during the Illinois Music Education Conference, which took place Jan. 25-28 in Peoria. Tortorici performed in the Honors Chorus (Alto II), while Esparza performed in the All-State Chorus (Tenor I). Reeves-Kohoutek applied for and was accepted to be part of the ILMEA All-State Future Music Educators Seminar, which is meant for students who plan to pursue a career in music education.