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Willowbrook High School's cheerleading program recently held its winter cheer camp for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade. The young campers took the court to perform during halftime of Saturday's boys basketball game against Addison Trail. Some of the campers are pictured during the halftime performance.

Warriors complete regular season with a loss to Downers Grove North

Trojans earn a 46-34 win in a conference crossover matchup; post-season begins this week

The Willowbrook girls basketball team closed out its regular season with last week's 46-34 loss to Downers Grove North in a West Suburban Conference crossover game in Villa

Park.
The Warriors finished their regular season with an overall record of 14-16.

The Feb. 7 matchin between the Warriors and Downers Grove North featured the third-place teams from the conference's Gold and Silver divisions. Willowbrook placed third in the Gold standings, while the Tro-

jans claimed third in the Silvér level. Both teams turned in records of 8-4 in their respective divisions.

Downers Grove North led the Warriors 7-3 after one quarter of last week's contest. The Trojans owned a 22-10 halftime lead. Their lead grew to 37-21 by the end of the third quar-

Junior Elle Bruschuk scored 11 points and pulled down nine re-bounds for the Warriors last week's loss to the Trojans. Willowbrook senior Sara Stout provided nine points and 10 rebounds. Senior Yazmin Setaram added five points. Three

Warriors—senior Rimon Kari, senior Nina Nytko and sophomore Halie

hrens—scored three points each, Willowbrook began the IHSA Class 4A post-season earlier this week, when it faced Wheaton North at the St. Charles North Regional. The winner of that game will be playing in tonight's regional final.

In last week's crossover game between the Silver and Gold champions, Lyons Township beat Downers Grove South 68-45 on Feb. 8 at Addison Trail.

The Lions had won the Silver title with an unblemished 12-0 re

cord. Downers Grove South claimed the Gold championship with a 10-2

The crossover matchup of sec-ond-place teams featured Hinsdale

South of the Gold level against York—the runner-up in the Silver level. York beat the Hornets 57-25 in the Feb. 6 crossover contest in Elm-





CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Rock Valley Publishing
Willowbrook's girls basketball team finished its regular season with last week's 46-34 loss to Downers Grove North in Villa Park, Senior Sara Stout (No. 15 - above left) scored nine points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Warriors in the loss. Senior Nina Nytko (No. 21 - above right) scored three points. Willowbrook completed the reguseason with an overall record of 14-16. The Warriors opened the IHSA Class 4A post-season with this week's game against Wheaton North at the St. Charles North Regional.





CHAIS FOX PHOTOS Rock Valley Publishing
Willowbrook's boys basketball team won two of three games last week. The Warrlors infinished their
week with Saturday's 82-60 West Suburban Gold Conference victory over Addison Trail in Villa Park.
Willowbrook Improved to 10-18 overall and 4-7 in conference play with the win over the Blazers. Senior Noah Campbell (No. 25 - above right) scored 18 points for the Warriors in Saturday's victory. He is pic-tured while driving to the hoop to score a basket during the third quarter. Another photo (above left) shows (left to right) senior Luke Davis (No. 5), senior Jimmy Degnan (No. 21), Campbell and senior Isaac Sobieszczyk cheering from the sideline after one of their teammates—senior Stanton Turner—scored a fourth-quarter basket. The Warriors will complete their regular season with two home games this week. Willowbrook, which is hosting an IHSA Class 4A regional, will open the post-season by facing Metea Valley in a regional semifinal game in Villa Park on Feb. 22.

Warriors win two of three games as regular season winds down

Willowbrook delivers dominant victories over York and Addison Trail;

Warriors drop a one-point decision at Proviso East

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook boys basketball team posted two decisive wins and suffered a one-point loss at Proviso East during last week's action. The Warriors finished the week with an overall season record of 10-18 and a West Suburban Gold Conference mark of 4-7.

Willowbrook opened its week with a 65-50 non-conference win over York on Feb. 7 in Elmhurst. The Warriors lost 71-70 to Proviso East in Friday's conference battle in Maywood. Willowbrook completed its week with Saturday's convincing 82-60 conference victory over Addison Trail in Villa Park.

The Warriors will finish their regular season with a pair of home games this week—a conference con-test against Hinsdale South (on Feb.

14) and tonight's non-conference matchup against Plainfield Central.
Willowbrook jumped out to a 21-5 lead over York after one quarter.
After missing a couple of last week's game in Elmhurst. The Warriors owned a 33-19 halftime lead and a 48-33 advantage at the end of the third quarter.
Willowbrook senior Joey Turnilty

made four 3-point shots in the first half of last week's contest against the Dukes. Turnilty scored a team-lead-ing 16 points in the victory. Senior Luke Davis, who made three 3-point baskets, added 15 points for the War-riors, while senior Isaac Sobieszczyk scored 12 points and pulled down 16

Willowbrook trailed Proviso East 17-11 after one quarter of Friday's contest. The Pirates led the Warriors 39-33 at halftime and 54-46 at the

Willowbrook trailed Proviso East Willowbrook trailed Proviso Lab.
71-68 in the game's closing seconds.
After missing a couple of attempts from 3-point range, the Warriors scored a 2-point field goal to deliver the game's final points.

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Senior Noah Campbell scored a
team-high 21 points and grabbed
eight rebounds for Willowbrook in
Friday's loss. Sobieszczyk supplied
20 points and 12 rebounds. Davis and Turnilty scored nine and seven points, respectively. Senior Tyler Royal contributed five points. Proviso East, which has clinched

the West Suburban Gold Conference title, improved its conference record to 9-1 with Friday's win. The Pirates raised their conference record to 10-1

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Warriors punch their ticket for the state meet

Willowbrook delivers a second-place sectional finish; Warriors will join 23 other teams at this week's state meet in Rockford

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook girls bowling team is headed to the IHSA state

The Warriors earned their statemeet berth with a second-place fin-ish in Saturday's Hinsdale Central Sectional at Suburbanite Bowl in Westmont. The top four teams in the 12-team sectional secured berths in the state meet, which takes place this Friday and Saturday at the Cherry Bowl in Rockford.

A total of 24 teams-the top four teams from each of Saturday's six IHSA sectionals—will compete at the state meet in Rockford. The top five individuals from each sectional who aren't members of state-qualifying teams also advanced to the state

Leyden won the team title at the Hinsdale Central Sectional with its overall score of 5,442. The Warriors landed in second place with their to-tal of 5,381. Addison Trail locked up a state-meet herth with its third-place pin count of 5,206. York earned a trip to the state meet with its fourth-place sectional score of 5.087.

Junior Jacquelyn Porro led Willowbrook to its second-place sectional finish with her six-game total of 1,263. Senior Brianna Smalling contributed a six-game score of 1,125 for the Warriors. Junior Olivia Williams rolled a six-game total of 1,053 for the Warriors, while junior Lauren Carson provided a score of 1,007 in her six games. Junior Annabelle Thompson, who fired a six-game total of 933, rounded out Willowbrook's sectional lineup.

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Addison Trail sophomore Grace
Cannizzo delivered her team's
best six-game total of the sectional—a 1,128. Senior Kylie Fiermuga
(1,087), sophomore Amelia Leslie (1,023), senior Hannah Melone
(987) and sophomore Val Pizzoferrato (981) also contributed to the Blazto (981) also contributed to the Blazers' third-place finish.

The 12 teams with the highest pin counts in this Friday's action at the state meet will advance to Saturday's finals. See photo on page 12.

D88 students urged to consider college prep, apprenticeship programs

As District 88 students in the classes of 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027 continue to plan and select courses for (including expanded Advanced the 2023-24 school year, District 88)

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Placement, dual-credit and college of DuPage's gram provides on-the-job training so participants can get paid while learned day, April 13. For more information, visit dupage88.net/site/page/15374. the 2023-24 school year, District 88 Placement, dual-credit and college orfdicials are reminding families that its highest priority is to ensure there are rigorous – yet flexible and individualized – programming to meet the needs of the student population. It is the focus to have each student working toward a viable college and career integrated pathway, including access to college coursework, while at District 88, along with real-life career opportunities in the field of that of more information, visit duvage 88. career integrated pathway, including access to college coursework, while at District 88, along with real-life career opportunities in the field of that student's choice.

To that end, in addition to District

more information, visit dupage88. net/site/page/15309

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Willowbrook honors its counselors

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Smith's season ends at an individual sectional

Warrior earns one win at Hinsdale Central before losing two matches

STAFF REPORT
Senior Isaiah Smith of the Willowbrook wrestling team competed in the IHSA Class 3A individual sectional at Hinsdale Central High School, which took place on Friday and Saturday. The top four finishers in each weight class at the sectional qualified for the IHSA Class 3A individual state meet, which begins

today in Champaign.
Smith, who competed in the 132-pound weight class at the sectional, did not earn a state-meet

berth. He opened the sectional with an 11-4 victory. Smith was pinned in of those Blazers advanced to the inround's semifinal contests; Valdez an 11-4 victory. Smith was pinned in the second period of his quarterfinal match. Smith's season ended after his next contest—a 12-11 loss in a consolation-round match.

Smith completed the season with an overall record of 25-14.

Addison Trail

Four Addison Trail wrestlers competed in the IHSA Class 3A in-dividual sectional at Conant High School, which took place Friday and

dividual state meet.

Addison Trail freshman Josh Amorn-Vichet, who competed in the sectional's 120-pound weight brack-et, lost his first match at the sectional. He then lost in the consolation round. Amorn-Vichet finished the season with a record of 21-13.

Junior Arjay Valdez of the Blazers lost his first match in the 132-pound level of the sectional. Valdez won his next two matches in the consolation

completed the season with a 27-12

Junior Martin Duarte of Addison Trail competed in the sectional's 160-pound weight class. Duarte suffered an overtime loss in the quar-terfinal round. He then earned one win in the consolation round before his season ended with a loss in that round. Duarte ended the season with

a 25-7 record.

Junior Elmer Olascoaga of the

Blazers lost his quarterfinal match in the sectional's 195-pound division. Olascoaga then delivered a first-period pin in a consolation-round match. His season ended when he lost his next match in the consolation round. Olascoaga finished the season with a record of 17-8.

Duarte and Olascoaga both won individual titles at the Feb. 4 individ-ual regional at Oak Park/River Forest High School. The top three finishers in each weight class at the regional advanced to the sectional.

Three Warriors contend at the L ake Park Sectional

Addison Trail's Maddie Muccianti secures a statemeet berth in floor exercises

STAFF REPORT

Three members of Willowbrook High School's girls gymnastics team competed in last week's IHSA Lake Park Sectional. None of the those three Warriors advanced to the IHSA state meet, which takes place this Friday and Saturday at

place this Friday and Saturday at Palatine High School. Senior Sarah Ball, junior Mia-McBride and sophomore Naomi Campbell represented Willow-brook at the Lake Park Sectional in

Roselle on Feb. 6.
The three Warriors earned their sectional berths with solid performances at the Glenbard West Regional on Jan. 31.

All gymnasts who earned top-five finishes in the regional auto-matically qualified for the section-al. Some gymnasts also secured at-large sectional berths. Similarly, the gymnasts who turned in top-five finishes in the sectional automatically advanced to the state meet.

ome sectional competitors who finished outside of the top five in the meet's events earned at-large berths in the state meet.

Ball competed in three events at the sectional. She finished 13th in floor exercises: her routine in that event received a score of 8.85. Ball tied for 13th on the vault (9.15) and tied for 29th on the balance beam

(7.6).
Ball's sectional score of 8.85 in floor exercises fell a bit short of what she needed to secure a berth in the state meet. Four gymnasts, including Addison Trail senior Maddie Muccianti, posted sectional scores of 8.925 in floor exercises to earn the last available at-large berths in the state meet in that

Muccianti finished in a threeway tie for 10th in floor exercises at the Lake Park Sectional. The other state qualifier who turned in a sectional score of 8.925 competed at the Conant Sectional.

McBride competed on the bal-ance beam and the uneven bars at the sectional. She also battled in the

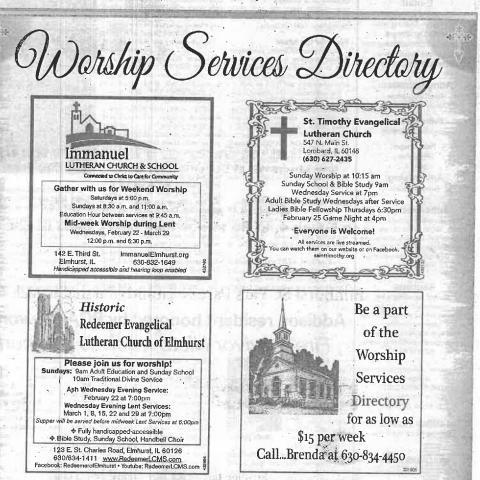
ctional's all-around competition. McBride placed 28th on the balance beam (7.65) at the sectional. She added another 28th-place finish on the uneven bars (7.75). McBride finished 26th in the sectional's allfinished 26th in the sectional's all-around standings with her total for the Lake Park Sectional's all-

score of 32.55. In addition to her scores on the balance beam and uneven bars, McBride's all-around total included scores of 8.6 on the vault and 8.525 in floor exercises.

around competition, delivered a 22nd-place total of 32.975. Her allaround score included an 8.95 on the vault, a 6.875 on the uneven bars, an 8.525 on the balance beam and an 8.625 in floor exercises.

. Campbell also contended in the

individual competitions in floor exercises and on the balance beam. She finished 15th on the balance beam with her score of 8.525. Her 8.625 in floor exercise yielded a 19th-place finish in that



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Lettia Hoda receives 88's Best honors for January

stellar involvement in extracurricular activities. She was recognized at the District 88 Board of Education meet-

Throughout her four years at Addison Trail, Hoda has proven to be a great role model for her peers and has spent her high school career balancing all of it with a positive attitude and a contagious Blazer spirit that has had a lasting effect on her teachers and classmates.

Hoda said her grandparents have

contributed greatly to her success.

"Ever since I was a kid, they taught me to prioritize school and always encouraged me to do my best," she said. "They always asked me about my grades and loved hear-ing about my accomplishments. My grandpa passed away (recently), and I wish he could have been around to hear about this award, because he would have been extremely happy. I just told my grandma about it and she was very excited."

Her involvement at Addison Trail includes as a member of the girls cross-country team, the girls track and field team and as a performer in the Addison Trail Orchestra.

Plans for the future

Hoda's plans following graduation include attending Lake Forest College to major in neuroscience. She also hopes to continue participating in cross-country and track as well. She said her favorite class at Addi-

son Trail has been Medical Careers, because, Hoda said, "it provides an opportunity to shailow doctors and other health care professionals at a local hospital."

"I really value this [experience], because I want to work in medicine one day," she said, "Being exposed to the hospital environment as a senior (in high school) is really rare and I really love it."

Staff members weigh in

"Hoda was a great student in AP Physics 1, and I am so grateful I was able to be her teacher. She is mature, respectful and focused - those qualities and more will take her far in

-Kira Bonk, ATHS science teacher "I have had the pleasure of having Hoda in my orchestra for four years. During her time in the Music Depart-

Lettia Hoda was selected for her ment, Hoda has shown hard work and dedication to being a fantastic musician. She has taken on leadership roles in the orchestra, demon-strating her ability to work well with others and help foster a warm and welcoming classroom environment. I can always count on her to give her best effort every day. The Addison Trail Music Department is very lucky to have Hoda as a musician.

- Alex Stombres, ATHS Orchestra Director

"Hoda embodies what District *,88's Best is all about. She has a long list of impressive accomplishments, both in the classroom and during extracurriculars. As one of her coaches for cross-country and track & field, I would like to share some of what she has achieved while running. In the past year, Hoda has done all of the following: broke 6 minutes in the mile, finished 11th at Regionals (which qualified her for Sectionals) and ran the fourth-fastest 3-mile time in Addison Trail history.

"These are all tremendous achievements, but it is Hoda's atti-tude, work ethic, humility and sense of humor that truly set her apart and make her so deserving of this award." —Michael Barnd, ATHS girls

cross-country and track and field assistant coach

"I have been privileged to see Hoda in both the classroom as her Precalculus Honors teacher, as well as watching her grow during her junior and senior years as an exceptional cross-country athlete.

"As a student, she was disciplined, organized and extremely dedicated to learning the material. All of these traits were evident in cross-country as well. Hoda began running as a cross-country athlete her junior year. She started the season with a time of 26:57 for 3 miles and, by the end of the season, had improved by 4 minutes and 30 seconds with a season-best time of 22:27, plac-ing her 24th on the all-time fastest Blazers list. During her senior year, she kicked it up another notch. She trained and prepared consistently during the summer and racked up many accolades throughout the sea-She placed 1st in the Conference dual meets against Proviso East, Willowbrook and Downers Grove South. At the Conference Championship, she placed 6th overall. The next



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Lettia Hoda has been named as Addison Trail's January recipient of 88's Best recognition. The ATHS senior was honored during the District 88 Board of Education meeting held on Monday, Jan 30.

week, she placed 11thoverall at Regionals and qualified as an individual for Sectionals. She closed the season with yet another personal record and finished her cross-country career as the fourth-fastest Blazer in school

> -Kirsten Olson, ATHS girls cross-country head coach

The District 88 Board of Education created the 88's Best award to highlight the success of outstanding student individuals. Recipients are honored in one or more of the fol-lowing areas: academics, improved performance, extracurricular activi-ties, service work or performing arts/

Addison resident honored by PGA for work at Oak Meadows Fire survivor Nieto receives 'Deacon Palmer' award

Addison resident Jamie Nieto, PGA head golf pro at The Preserve at Oak Meadows, h receive the 2023 Deacon Palmer Award, .



a PGA

professional who displays outstanding integrity, character and leader-ship in the effort to overcome a mafor obstacle in their life.

On his 20th birthday, Nieto was

lighting a fire pit in his backyard Membership in 2012. When the can of accelerant exploded, engulfing his body in flames. He sustained third degree burns over 65 up." He challenges him to live by the repercent of his body.

Nieto spent six weeks in the ICU at Loyola University Medical Center—three weeks in an induced coma— as surgeons performed skin-graft operations to save his life.

Four years after working with doctors to rebuild his injured right hand so he could play golf again, Nieto registered as a PGA of Amer-ica Associate (then known as an "Apprentice") and earned his PGA

Nieto has a simple, three-word motto that he lives by - "Never give up." He challenges those around him to live by it as well. He spreads this message when volunteering his time and counseling other burn pa-tients, sharing his story and relating

it back to the game of golf.

In the Illinois PGA Section, Nieto won the Distinguished Service Award in 2016, and the Deacon Palmer Award in 2020.

Prior to arriving at Oak Meadows, he spent seven years as the PGA head pro at Pheasant Run Resort. In

addition to his golf career, Nieto has dedicated 17 years as a volunteer with the Survivors Offering Assis-tance in Recovery (SOAR) as a patient counselor through the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors.

Besides Nieto, there were 12 other recipients of PGA national awards such as PGA Golf Pro of the Year, Teacher and Coach of the Year, Player Development Award and others.

All honorees were recognized at the 2023 PGA Conference and Show held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando.



The Daily Herald recently wrote that a "rarity" in the state budget revealed budget surpluses in the "billions of dollars," one source of which was sales tax. But my skeptical self says to nonetheless brace myself for tax increases and of course, no break or rebate for those of us who pay those taxes. Like, when the gas tax goes back up this summer, and who knows what other taxes and fees will

be imposed on us. Instead of paying debts and managing existing pro-grams, I bet they will look for new ways to spend that money. "Tax-and-spend" seems to be the Democrats'

When Donald Trump was president, I routinely heard the left refer to Trump as a king. If Trump was a king, what does that make JB Pritz-

• Warriors (Continued from page 5

with Saturday's win over Downers Grove South.

Willowbrook, which lost 58-56 to Addison Trail in the teams' first meeting of the season on Jan. 20 in Addison, pounded the Blazers in Saturday's rematch in Villa Park. Willowbrook poured in 29 first-quar-ter points to build a 29-12 lead after eight minutes of action. The Warriors led Addison Trail 51-26 at halftime.

Sobieszczyk scored a team-high 27 points for the Warriors in Sat-urday's win. He also snared 13 rebounds. Sobieszczyk scored 11 points in the first quarter and added nine points in the second quarter to tally 20 points in the opening half. He added six more points in the third

quarter and sank one free throw in

the fourth quarter.

Campbell provided 18 points, six assists and four steals in Saturday's victory. Davis contributed nine points. Royal and senior Jaylin

nine points. Royal and senior Jaylin Brown scored five points each.

After finishing its regular season with two home games this week, Willowbrook will open the post-season with another home contest. The Warriors, who are hosting an IHSA Class 4A regional, will meet Metea Valley in a regional semifinal in Villa Park on Feb. 22.

The winner of that game will face either Lake Park or Wheaton North in the regional championship on Feb. 24.



Willowbrook airls bowling team headed to state

Willowbrook's girls bowling team qualified for the IHSA state bowling meet when it finished second in Saturday's Hinsdale Central Sectional at Suburbanite Bowl in Westmont. The top four teams at the sectional advanced to state meet, which takes place this Friday and Saturday in Rockford. Willowbrook will compete against 23 other teams at the state meet. The Warriors' sectional lineup (pictured left to right) included: junior Annabelle Thompson, junior Lauren Carson, junior Maddie Wolf, junior Jacquelyn Porro, junior Olivia Williams and senior Brianna Smalling.

ker? I noticed Pritzker extended his fore! I smell greed. COVID emergency orders until May 11. This is the 39th time he's extended these orders, and yet the media gives him a pass. Imagine if Trump had done something similar to what Pritzker gets away with here. Even Gavin Newsom has announced that California's emergency orders will end at the end of February—and we all know how far left California is. Pritzker is apparently more of a radical leftist than Newsom, if that's

Schools in the Arlington Heights area are banding together about the proposed Bears stadium and a possible TIF-style agreement. From what little I know about TIFs, it is not like the village would be taking an existthe village would be taking an exist-ing area and creating a TIF district that would take away tax dollars from other taxing bodies. This would be a "new" zone of development, separate from the stadium itself (for which Bears officials said they would not ask for tax breaks), and while a new TIF would put a ceiling on what the school districts could get in taxes for a given time, do they not realize that any development of that proper-ty would still create a new revenue source? More than what they had be-

I agree with the call about Vice President Kamala Harris conveniently not including the pursuit of "life" in her speech. The Senate Working Group's Leslie Ann Robertson said it best: "When you have to omit entirely one of the most integral parts of the Declaration of Independence in attempts to further your argument, said argument is immediately and objectively powerless." Or GOP operative Matt Whitlock: "This point obvious but when the 'right to life' blows up your message so bad on have to pretend it doesn't exist, then maybe your message isn't very good." So, Democrats, let us hear you defend the vice president's omission of the word "life," in her speech.

The media spent years pushing the Trump-Russia collusion hoax. It was all untrue, and the media knew it. The media suppressed the Hunter Biden laptop story, or claimed it was "Russian disinformation." It wasn't. The laptop is his. It's no wonder that people's opinion of the media is at an all-time low.

Just a wonderful production of the play "Ripcord" was put on by the stu-

dents of Willowbrook High Schtheater department. The acting just delightful and the stage, st and lighting were first class. (job kids and staff! ***-

What is Trump's problem? presidential election is still a way away, and Ron DeSantis heven announced he's going to for president. But Trump is so ty and insecure that he has to re to calling attention to a website showed a photo of DeSantis several young women during brief time as a high school tea more than 20 years ago. Trumphis Truth Social website, question without evidence, whether DeSa was inappropriate with his fer students. This coming from some who has been accused of rape, ual assault, and sexual harassn including non-consensual kissin groping, by at least 25 women s the 1970s. I voted for Trump tv and have since come to regre If he's the Republican nomine 2024, I will likely not vote for one on the ballot in the general e tion. I certainly will not vote for kook leftist the Democrats happe nominate. Why Melania stays 1 ried to him is anybody's guess.

Willowbrook speech team competes in IHSA events

Willowbrook High School's speech team competed in an IHSA regional at Fenton High School in Bensenville on Feb. 4. Willowbrook finished third in the regional's team standings with its total of 58 points. Fenton claimed first-place onors with its total of 63 points. Oak Park/River Forest earned second place variance Forest earned second place with 62 points. The top four finishers in each category of the Fenton Regional advanced to the Hinsdale Central Sectional, which took place on Saturday, Feb. 11. The top three finishers in each category at the sectional advanced to the state meet, which takes place this Friday and Saturday in Peorla. Unfortunately, no members of the Willowbrook team qualified for the



Willowbrook's sectional qualifiers Included Neerala Kumar (left), who won first-place honors in the regional's Impromptu Speaking category. Kumar earned another

berth with her second-place regional performance in Extemporaneous Speaking. Willowbrook's tandem of senior Amelia Tortorici and Junior Sean O'Brochta (above) teamed up to place second in the regional's Humorous Duet and junior Sean O'Brochta (above) teamed up to place second in the regional's Humorous Duet Acting category, Tortorici earned another sectional berth with her second-place effort in Original Comedy. Willowbrook's other second-place finishers at the regional included junior Sophia Marino (Humorous Interpretation) and sophomore Margaret Brennan (Oratorical Declamation). The team's third-place finishers in the regional included Brennan (Dramatic Interpretation), senion Lia Galindo (Informative Speaking), sophomore Nuha Ashar (Poetry Reading) and the tandem of sophomore Evan Lundgren and senior Robert Ernst (Dramatic Duet Acting). Willowbrook's fourth-place regional finishers included Galindo (Original Oratory), Ernst (Prose Reading) and senior Gabriella Taglia (Special Occasion Speaking).

