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## District 88 receives \$249,000 grant to support mental health services for students

*Plans are to expand use of 'ReferralGPS'*

District 88 Superintendent Dr. Jean Barbanente and school officials of District 88 announced last week that the district had recently received a \$249,000 grant to support post-pandemic child and adolescent health.

The grant was awarded by Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). The funding is primarily from the CDC's COVID-19 Public Health Workforce Supplemental Funding program authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), plus \$500,000 in state dollars, according to the state's web site. It is being offered to help schools and local agencies improve student care through workforce enhancements, developing frameworks to prevent adverse childhood experiences, interventions to assist children suffering from trauma and training for medical and school staff to expand adolescent mental health resources.

"At District 88, the safety, health and well-being of students and staff is our No. 1 priority," Barbanente said.

She said the district would use funds from the grant to further connect students and their families with community mental health services through expanding its use of ReferralGPS, a free service that assists students, staff and community members in finding local treatment for mental health and substance use needs. Along with a searchable database, ReferralGPS provides bilingual Care Navigation to guide families through

processes related to insurance, provider availability, wait times and scheduling. The program accepts a variety of private and public insurance and also is available to those who are uninsured or underinsured.

To access ReferralGPS, District 88 students and families can contact the Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) staff at Addison Trail or Willowbrook, or go to [referralgps.com/fiad-help/duplicate88](http://referralgps.com/fiad-help/duplicate88) (a secure, confidential web site).

"We know building relationships precedes learning, and we continue to focus on connecting with all students," said Barbanente. "For students to achieve academically, we must first meet their needs outside of the classroom — including providing mental health and social-emotional assistance. This grant will help fill that critical need, and we're grateful to receive this funding to support our learning community."

To read about available mental health and social-emotional supports/services at District 88, go to [dupage88.net/Supports](http://dupage88.net/Supports).

"We are committed to revolutionizing the way students connect with mental health resources during tough times," said Amit Thaker, founder and CEO of ReferralGPS. "We understand the challenges schools and families face in accessing mental health care, and it's our mission to lighten that load, enabling them to focus on the most important thing — the path to wellness."



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## Addison Trail Jazz performs at historic club

On Wednesday, Oct. 18, members of the Addison Trail Jazz Ensemble performed at Jazz Showcase, the oldest historic jazz club in Chicago. The student-musicians had the opportunity to open for Shout Section Big Band, "Chicagoland's own professional jazz big band."

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## Addison Trail advances in Class 7A football playoffs

Addison Trail's football team, playing in its first postseason contest since 2014, traveled to Lane Stadium in Chicago last Friday and upended Chicago Lincoln Park, 21-18, in the first round of the Class 7A playoffs.

The Blazers, who won four of their last five regular-season contests to punch their ticket to the postseason, host Glenbard East (9-1) at 6 p.m. Friday in a second-round matchup.

Glenbard East is the No. 9 seed in Class 7A, while the Blazers are seeded 25<sup>th</sup>.

Lincoln Park, which won the Chicago Public League's White-Northwest Conference, entered last Friday's contest with an 8-1 record and had been averaging over 28 points per game while holding its opponents to an average of 7.4 points per game. AT's victory last Friday also was its first postseason win since 2014. That year, the Blazers defeated Lake Zurich in a first-round game.

Addison Trail had the second-best overall record among West Suburban Conference Gold Division teams this season at 7-3. The 2014 playoff squad finished with a 9-2 record.

Additionally, this year marks the first time since 2014 that the Blazers have won more than four games in a season.

Chris Bazant took over as the Blazers' head coach in 2020, and endured three tough campaigns prior to 2023. The past three seasons, AT was a combined 3-21, and had a winless season in 2021 (0-9).

Bazant was named Chicago Bears High School Coach of the Week for Week 8.

Leading the way this season for the Blazers offensively has been sophomore quarterback Nico Dill, senior running backs Arturo Quiroga and Damari Jones, and junior wide-outs Casey Carlson and Raja Corbin.

Dominic Renc, a junior, has been a mainstay defensively in the secondary.

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# Montini Catholic students get a delicious 'taste' of Chicago history

Students in Andrew Weisenburger's History of Chicago class got a 'taste' of The Windy City's cultural history on Thursday, Oct. 19 when students were treated to Vienna Beef hotdogs and all the traditional Chicago toppings. (A proper Chicago dog is an all-beef frankfurter (such as Vienna Beef) in a poppy seed bun, topped with yellow mustard, neon-green sweet pickle relish, chopped white onion, tomato slices, a dill pickle spear, pickled sport peppers and celery salt.)

"The Chicago Dog both encapsulates how Chicago was built, and what makes this city great," said Matthew Spina in his article, "A History of the Esteemed Chicago-Style Hot Dog."

The iconic style hotdog has an interesting story beginning around the end of the 19th century, when Chicago was experiencing a growing German population leading to its domination of the meat packing industry.

"This was an opportunity for my students to learn about the cultures that have contributed to Chicago's history and how those are represented through the various toppings," said Weisenburger, who challenged the students to 'Chicago hotdog trivia' while they ate. "There are so many ways of reaching students and being impactful and food is one of those avenues. It's not just a novelty but rather gives the students something tangible to connect with what they have learned."



Montini Catholic high school seniors Gianna Luna, Cecily Polanco and Stephani Hoellrich try out authentic Chicago-style hot dogs when Andrew Weisenburger's History of Chicago class got a 'taste' of The Windy City's cultural history on Thursday, Oct. 19. Cecily and Stephani are both residents of Addison.

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## Addison Trail hosts annual Fine Arts Showcase Music department head Mark Corey honored

On Wednesday, Oct. 25, Addison Trail hosted its annual Fine Arts Showcase.

The event featured performances by Guitar Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Blazer Choir, Concert Choir, Marching Blazers and Orchestras, and members of the Theatre Department served as emcees for the evening. An exhibition of student artwork also was displayed.

It was a highlight of the showcase when AT Music department head and band director Mark Corey was recognized by District 88 superintendent Dr. Jean Barbanente for his nearly 30 years of service to the District 88 learning community. Corey will retire at the end of the 2023-24 school year. He was named as an Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Those Who Excel award winner last year (he

received an Award of Meritorious Service in the Teacher category).

During Corey's time with the school, enrollment in band has nearly tripled, and two jazz ensembles have been added. Under Corey's direction, Addison Trail ensembles have performed at numerous festivals and venues throughout the U.S.

Along with teaching at Addison Trail, Corey leads a music education course at Elmhurst University that focuses on integrating technology with music instruction. He also serves as a consultant, facilitator and trainer for integrating curriculum design with the internet, developing online content to supplement the traditional classroom experience.

As a freelance musician, Corey's performing credits include numerous local engagements as

a sideman for various bands, as well as jingles for national campaigns. He has played with Nelson Riddle, Curtis Mayfield, Tony Bennett, Natalie Cole and Aretha Franklin.

Corey has been awarded the Chicagoland Outstanding Music Educator Award and is a member of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), National Band Association (NBA) and Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA), where he has been an audition and festival host, All-State Auditions Chair, District Band Representative, District President and State President. He is on the Teachers Advisory Panel for MusicFirst Classroom as well, which is an online suite of music applications designed to deliver instruction and assessment of musical skills in an online format.



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During the Addison Trail Fine Arts Showcase on Wednesday, Oct. 25, Addison Trail music department head and band director Mark Corey (right) was recognized by District 88 Superintendent Dr. Jean Barbanente and Addison Trail Principal Jack Andrews for his nearly 30 years of service to the District 88 learning community. Corey will retire at the end of the 2023-24 school year.



Last year, Mark Corey was a recipient of a 'Those Who Excel' award given by the Illinois State Board of Education. He received an Award of Meritorious Service in the Teacher category. During Corey's time at Addison Trail, enrollment in band has nearly tripled.

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Willowbrook's girl Amarlee Ojeda (pictured) will run in this week's IHSA Class 3A girls state cross-country meet in Peoria. Ojeda earned an individual berth in the state meet with her excellent performance in Saturday's Hinsdale Central Sectional at Katherine Legge Memorial Park. Ojeda finished the 3-mile sectional race in a 12<sup>th</sup>-place time of 18 minutes, 57.47 seconds. The sectional's top 10 individuals who weren't members of state-qualifying teams earned individual berths in the state meet. Willowbrook's girls team finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the team standings of the sectional. The top seven teams at the sectional advanced to the state meet.



# Warriors kick off playoffs by beating Yorkville

## Willowbrook will play at Hononegah in this Saturday's second-round game

The Willowbrook football team began the 2023 IHSA Class 7A playoffs with Friday's 21-13 victory over Yorkville in Villa Park.

The Warriors will meet Rockton's Hononegah High School (10-0) in this Saturday's second-round game in Rockton. The contest will begin at 2 p.m. The winner will meet either Batavia or Lincoln-Way Central in the Class 7A quarterfinals.

Hononegah is the No. 2 seed in the 32-team Class 7A playoff field. The Warriors are the No. 15 seed.

Willowbrook improved its overall season record to 8-2 with Friday's win over Yorkville (6-4), which was seeded No. 18 in the Class 7A field.

"Our guys just kept battling," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth

after Friday's victory. "Yorkville is a really good, physical program. I'm proud of our guys for continuing to come back and battle."

Senior quarterback Arthur Palicki threw three touchdown passes for the Warriors during their first-round victory. Palicki threw a pair of first-half touchdown passes to senior Carter Ferguson. He connected with junior K.J. Rhodes on a 70-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter.

Palicki completed 18 of 24 pass attempts for 350 yards and three touchdowns. He also rushed for 91 yards on 21 carries. Rhodes made 11 receptions for 206 yards.

"It was a great team win," said Palicki following the Warriors' first-round triumph. "A lot of guys made

plays."

Yorkville scored the game's first touchdown on a 10-yard run early in the second quarter to take a 6-0 lead. The Foxes missed the extra-point kick.

About one minute later, Ferguson caught a short pass from Palicki and raced into the end zone for a 70-yard touchdown reception. Junior Brandon Lopez made the extra-point kick to give the Warriors a 7-6 lead.

Palicki and Ferguson connected on a 29-yard touchdown pass with a

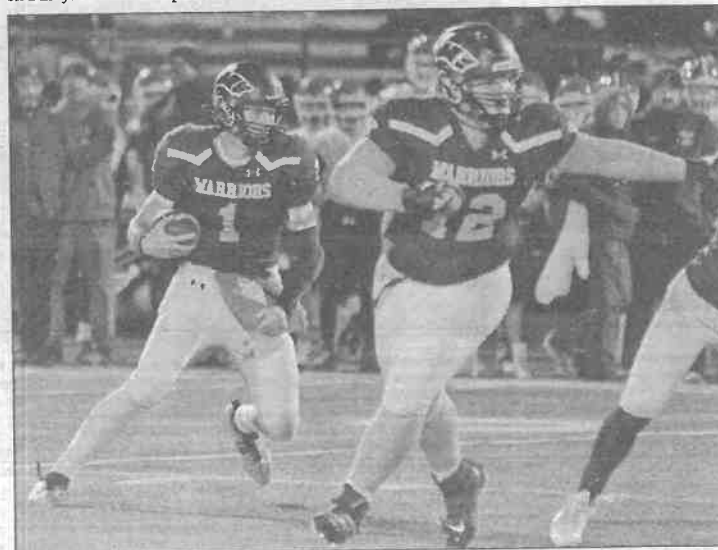
little more than two minutes left in the first half. Lopez converted the extra-point kick to give Willowbrook a 14-6 lead.

Palicki's 70-yard scoring pass to Rhodes pushed the Warriors' lead to 20-6 with about three minutes remaining in the third quarter. Lopez added the extra-point kick to raise the lead to 21-6.

Yorkville cut the Warriors' lead to 21-13 with a short touchdown run and extra-point kick with about nine minutes left in the game.

The Foxes' final drive of the evening ended on an incomplete pass a fourth-down play near midfield. Moments later, Palicki ran for a 1 down, which locked up the victory. The Warriors then ran out the clock.

"We get another week together said Palicki while discussing benefits of Willowbrook's first-round victory. "Our main goal is to get far as we can with our brothers, spend as much time together as possible. Everybody loves everybody this team. Everybody's together."



CHRIS FOX PHOTO Rock Valley Pub

Willowbrook's football team advanced to the second round of the IHSA Class 7A playoffs following Friday's 21-13 first-round win over Yorkville in Villa Park. The Warriors, who improved their overall season record to 8-2 with the victory, will meet undefeated Hononegah High School (10-0) of Rockton in Saturday's second-round contest. The game will begin at 2 p.m. in Rockton. Willowbrook senior quarterback Arthur Palicki (No. 1) completed 18 of 24 passes for 350 yards and three touchdowns in Friday's victory. Palicki threw two touchdown passes to senior Carter Ferguson. He fired one touchdown pass to junior K.J. Rhodes. Palicki also gained 81 rushing yards during Willowbrook's win over Yorkville. Palicki (No. 1) is pictured while following the blocking of sophomore John Koterba (No. 72) during fourth quarter of Friday's game.

## • Warriors (Continued from page 18)

The Warriors earned a berth in the nine-team state event by winning the championship of their conference tournament.

Willowbrook opened the state tournament in Lake Forest with Saturday's 32-0 quarterfinal victory over Chicago's Resurrection College Prep High School. The Warriors led the Bandits 20-0 at halftime.

Sophomore quarterback Marli Smrz of the Warriors threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to freshman Lillian Macias to produce the first touchdown of the quarterfinal contest.

Smrz shoveled a 1-yard touchdown pass to senior Emma Anderlik later in the first half. Smrz intercepted a Resurrection pass and raced 28 yards into the end zone for a touchdown that helped the Warriors to their 20-0 halftime lead.

Smrz threw two more touchdown

passes in the second half of the quarterfinal contest. She connected with Anderlik on a 4-yard scoring pass. The Warriors scored their final touchdown of the game on a 5-yard pass from Smrz to freshman Liz Pettinger.

Willowbrook then faced Chicago's Wendell Phillips Academy High School in Sunday's semifinal round. Phillips edged the Warriors 10-8 in double overtime.

Smrz launched a 40-yard touchdown pass to freshman McKenzie Edison to tie the semifinal battle at 6-6 in the second half. The game remained tied at 6-6 at the end of regulation.

Phillips completed a two-point pass in overtime to take an 8-6 lead. Willowbrook responded with a two-point pass from Smrz to Pettinger that forced a double-overtime period.

The Warriors couldn't convert a two-point pass in the second over-

time. Phillips then won the game completing a two-point pass.

Lane Tech defeated Phillips in Sunday's state championship game.

Willowbrook closed out year's appearance at the state tournament with Sunday's 12-0 victory over Guilford High School of 11th grade.

Smrz completed a 43-yard touchdown pass to Anderlik on the play of the first half of Sur third-place game.

Smrz fired a 16-yard touchdown pass to Anderlik in the second 11th the third-place game.

The Warriors shut out all five of their opponents during the season. Willowbrook delivered other shutout effort in its season victory at its conference tournament before adding two more shutouts in Lake Forest.

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/s/ Anna Hessel

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### LEGAL NOTICE/PUBLIC NOTICE

### VILLAGE OF LOMBARD PROPOSED FY 2024 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Lombard will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2023, in the Board Room of the Village Hall, 255 E. Wilson Avenue, Lombard, Illinois for the purpose of hearing written and oral comments from the public concerning the proposed annual budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

A copy of the proposed FY 2024 budget has been available since October 25, 2023 at the Village Hall, 255 E. Wilson Avenue, Lombard, Illinois during normal business hours and on the Village of Lombard's website [www.villageoflombard.org](http://www.villageoflombard.org), and will remain available for public inspection up to the time of the public hearing.

All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting and may present either written or oral comments. Written comments should be addressed to: Timothy Sexton, Director of Finance, Village of Lombard, 255 E. Wilson Avenue, Lombard, Illinois

ELIZABETH BREZINSKI  
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# Warriors roll to third straight regional title

*Willowbrook moves to 36-1 and advances to Hinsdale Central Sectional*

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team won an IHSA Class 4A regional title on its home court last week. The Warriors beat Nazareth Academy 25-13, 25-15 in the regional final in Villa Park on Oct. 26.

Willowbrook improved its overall season record to 36-1 with its win over the Roadrunners. The Warriors advanced to the Hinsdale Central Sectional, which took place earlier this week. Willowbrook faced Lyons Township in one sectional semifinal. The winner of that contest battled either Hinsdale Central or Oak Park and River Forest in the sectional final on Nov. 1.

Oak Park and River Forest handed the Warriors their only loss of the regular season on Sept. 29. The Huskies defeated Willowbrook in three games in that match, which took place in Oak Park.

Oak Park and River Forest is the No. 1 seed in the Hinsdale Central Sectional. Willowbrook is the No. 2 seed. Lyons Township and Hinsdale Central are seeded third and fourth, respectively.

The Willowbrook girls volleyball program never won an IHSA regional title until two years ago. In addition to winning a regional title, the 2021 Warriors won a Class 4A sectional title before their season ended with a super-sectional loss.

"It feels good to win on our home court, in front of our fans," said Willowbrook coach Irene Mason after last week's victory over the Roadrunners. "This [winning a regional] was one of our goals from the beginning of the season. What this group has done for Willowbrook volleyball is something really special."

One year ago, the 2022 Warriors won a regional title before losing in a sectional final.

Willowbrook opened this year's post-season with a dominant 25-4, 25-12 victory over Proviso West in a regional semifinal in Villa Park on



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS/Rock Valley Publishing

Willowbrook's girls volleyball team defeated Nazareth Academy 25-13, 25-15 in last week's IHSA Class 4A regional final in Villa Park. The Warriors improved their overall season record to 36-1 with their Oct. 26 victory over the Roadrunners. Willowbrook advanced to this week's Hinsdale Central Sectional following its regional triumph. The Warriors faced Lyons Township in a sectional semifinal earlier this week. One photo from last week's regional shows the Willowbrook team posing with its championship plaque (above). The Warriors' girls volleyball program won its first regional title in 2021. Willowbrook has now won three straight regional championships. Another photo (bottom right) shows the Warriors celebrating after the final point of the regional final. One more photo from the match against Nazareth shows Willowbrook senior Elisa Chivilo preparing to send the ball toward one of her teammates (bottom left).

Oct. 24.

Junior Hannah Kenny supplied seven kills, 10 assists, four aces and three digs for the Warriors in last week's win over Proviso West. Senior Calli Kenny contributed four kills, 12 assists and four digs. Junior Lily Javier and senior Elle Brus-chuk bashed five and four kills, re-

spectively. Junior Anna Marinier delivered six digs, two kills and two aces. Senior Elisa Chivilo piled up six digs and four assists. Senior Keri Ostrowski made three digs. Senior Eliza Ramey and junior Ellie Branch hit two kills each.

Calli Kenny amassed eight kills, 13 assists, 13 digs and three aces

in last week's regional final against Nazareth Academy, which took place in front of a large audience, including a sizable crowd in the Willowbrook student section. Hannah Kenny contributed five kills, 11 assists and six digs. Marinier hit five kills and made four digs. Chivilo made eight digs, while Ostrowski tallied three digs and three aces. Ramey hit three kills, while Brus-chuk and Javier smashed two kills each.

"At this point, everyone's going

to be competitive," said Mason while speaking about Willowbrook's prospects at the sectional. "What's important is who is mentally prepared to show up and play at their peak potential when it's time to shine."

In addition to celebrating their regional title after their victory over Nazareth, the Warriors honored Hannah Kenny, who recently delivered the 1,000<sup>th</sup> assist of her varsity career. She's been a member of the varsity squad since her freshman year.



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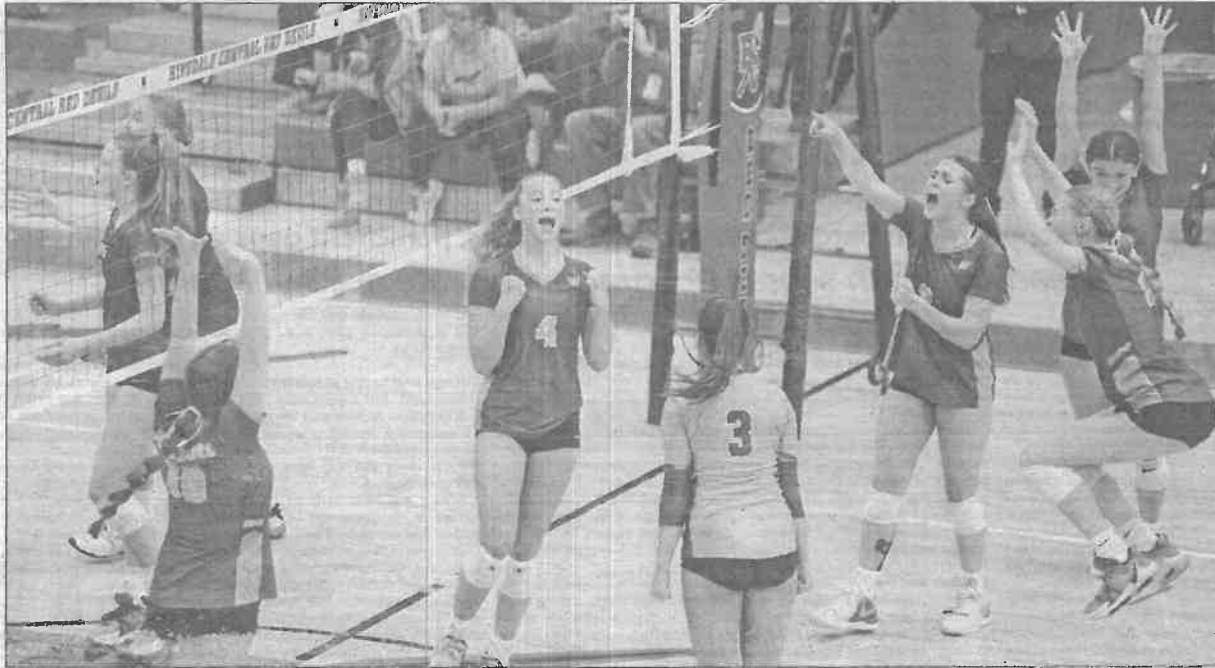
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## The Warriors are going downstate

Willowbrook's girls volleyball team will play in this week's IHSA Class 4A state semifinals in Normal. The Warriors advanced to the state semifinals with three wins last week. Two days after beating Lyons Township in a semifinal match at the Hinsdale Central Sectional, Willowbrook faced Oak Park and River Forest in the sectional final. The Warriors lost the opening game to the Huskies in the sectional final, but rallied for a three-game win. With that victory, Willowbrook avenged its only loss of the season. The Warriors qualified for the state meet with Friday's super-sectional win over Joliet West at Bolingbrook High School. Willowbrook improved its overall

season record to 39-1 with that victory. The Warriors will face Benet Academy in one of this Friday's Class 4A semifinals in Normal. The winner will face Mother McAuley or Barrington in Saturday's state-championship match. The photo from last week's sectional final shows Willowbrook senior Eliza Ramey (No. 4) and some of her teammates, including senior Elisa Chivilo (No. 3), senior Calli Kenny (No. 9, pointing) and junior Anna Marinier (jumping in the air) reacting after the team won a point during the third game. This is the Willowbrook girls volleyball program's first downstate trip to the state semifinals. The program won its first regional title in 2021.

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## Two Venezuelan migrants charged with burglary from Oak Brook Macy's Two other Venezuelan migrants were charged with burglary at the same store 8 days earlier

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Oak Brook Deputy Chief of Police Reid Polyniewicz have announced that charges have been filed against two individuals for allegedly stealing more than \$2,800 worth of merchandise from the Oak Brook Macy's store Oct. 31.

Luis Mendez-Gomez, 28, and Frank Montez-Davila, 23, both of Venezuela currently staying in Chicago, appeared at First Appearance Court where Judge Joshua Dieden denied the state's motion to deny pre-trial release for both defendants.

Both defendants are charged with one count of burglary (Class 2 felony) and one count of retail theft (Class 3 felony). Additionally, Mendez-Gomez was cited for misdemeanor driving without a valid driver's license.

These alleged burglaries occurred eight days after two other Venezuelan migrants, Abel Barrios-Estava, 20, and Rafael Mata-Torres,



Luis Mendez-Gomez

25, allegedly stole more than \$1,700 worth of merchandise at the same store Oct. 23.

On Oct. 31 at approximately 1:42 p.m., Oak Brook police officers were on patrol at the Oak Brook Center parking lot when they allegedly observed suspicious behavior by two individuals, later identified as Mendez-Gomez and Montez-Davila, as they exited the Macy's store carrying a "happy birthday" bag and a backpack containing merchandise.

It is alleged that the pair entered a car and left the area. A short time later, officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle during which officers allegedly found 16 high-end fragrances and one pair of pants with a total approximate value of \$2,832.50.

Following an investigation into the matter, it is alleged that Mendez-Gomez and Montez-Davila entered the Macy's store together and that once inside the store, Mendez-Gomez



Frank Montez-Davila

removed the "happy birthday" bag and backpack from under his shirt. It is alleged that the pair then filled the bag and backpack with the fragrances and pants and then exited the store without paying for the items.

"With the holiday shopping season fast approaching, I want to assure the public that in DuPage County we are 100 percent committed to protecting our retail establishments, their employees and patrons, and anyone accused of robbing, burglarizing or shoplifting from any DuPage County business will be apprehended, charged and prosecuted," Berlin said.

"According to the National Retail Federation, from 2021 to 2022, retail theft nationwide increased by approximately \$16 billion to more than \$112 billion. These losses not only cause significant financial hardship to businesses and their employees, but also result in higher prices for shoppers and loss of tax revenue for the entire community."

"I commend the Oak Brook Police Department for their work apprehending the defendants in this case."

## Obituary

### NORMA A. TAYLOR

Norma A. Taylor nee Berger, of Villa Park, formerly Maywood, died on Nov. 1 at Oak Brook Care Center.

Norma grew up in Maywood, Illinois, the daughter of the Fred and Alice, nee Hahn, Berger. Norma was quite an athlete growing up, and was fond of baseball. After she graduated high school, her dad Fred took her to try out for the All-American Girls Baseball League. She made the team as a pitcher and her sister Barbara made the team as catcher.

Norma's team, the Springfield Sallys, traveled across the country and she even got to pitch a game in Yankee Stadium. Later in life she was asked to be a consultant

on the movie "A League of Their Own" starring Tom Hanks, which highlighted the All-American Girls Baseball League. Norma was flattered but politely declined that request.

When Norma finished her baseball days, she started her career in banking. She began at Melrose Park Bank before working 25+ years at Villa Park Bank as a bookkeeping supervisor. Her friend set her up on a blind date where she met Bobbie R. Taylor, the love of her life. They were married on April 16th 1955 and were married for 56 years. Norma would go on to become the mother of two daughters, Bonnie and Vickie. Her two daughters would go on

to marry brothers Bert Dale and Jeff Dale.

Norma is the proud grandmother of Traci (Dennis) Maher, Allie (Dan) Walters, Bryan Dale, Steven Dale, and Zach Dale; great-grandma of Aubrey Maher, Emily Maher, Benjamin Walters and Nicholas Walters. Norma is the loving aunt, relative and friend of many. She will be truly missed.

Norma is predeceased by her siblings and in-laws, Fred (Lois) Berger, Audrey (Tony) Annarino, and Barbara (George) Brown.

In her free time, Norma liked to drive and was famous for her lead foot. Her family jokingly nicknamed her Shirley "Cha Cha" Muldowny,

after the famous drag car racer.

In more recent years, Norma was the host of Christmas Eve dinner, where the family would all get together. She'd order pizza for everyone.

Funeral Services were held Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, with Visitation from 9 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Service at 11 a.m. at Brust Funeral Home, 135 S. Main St., Lombard. Interment followed at Mount Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst.

Donations in Norma's memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023.

Info 888-629-0094 or www.brustfuneralhome.com.

## Willowbrook presents fall musical next week

Performances of Disney's 'The Little Mermaid' take place nightly from Nov. 16-18

Willowbrook High School invites the community to take a journey under the sea and experience the school's fall musical, Disney's "The Little Mermaid," next week.

There will be three performances of the musical in the school's auditorium—one on Thursday, Nov. 16, one on Friday, Nov. 17, and one on Saturday, Nov. 18. Each performance will begin at 7 p.m.

The story tells the classic tale of transitioning from youth to adulthood—discovering who you are and where you belong, falling in love and finding your voice.

Ariel is a 16-year-old mermaid who longs for adventure and to explore the world beyond her home in the waves. While on an excursion to the shore, Ariel saves a young man (Prince Eric) during a shipwreck, and an instant connection forms between the two.

When Ariel's father, King Triton, finds out she disobeyed his orders to stay away from land and humans, he destroys her precious collection of items from the world up above. Devastated, Ariel makes a dangerous deal with the sea witch,

Ursula, and risks it all for the life she desires.

Junior Gillian Falco plays Ariel and said she's thrilled to portray her "favorite princess."

"I hope the children in the audience feel a connection to the character like I had growing up and that I can provide them with a sliver of the joy I always experienced when I watched this show," Falco said. "We're able to add a level of depth and humanness by bringing the story to life on stage. It's an opportunity to rediscover that childhood wonder, and we can all relate to Ariel trying to figure out her path—especially after the impact of COVID-19."

Senior Sean O'Brochta, who plays Prince Eric, said he recently watched the cartoon version of "The Little Mermaid" for the first time.

"People can expect to see the story they know and love, but it will be an enhanced version, with expanded scenes and music," O'Brochta said. "When people leave, I want them to have the iconic songs stuck in their head for days."

Tickets cost \$10 for adults (13 years old and older) and \$5 for children (12 years old and younger). Admission is free for those with a District 88 Student ID or a District 88 Senior Gold Card.

Tickets for the musical can be ordered online at <https://www.dupage88.net/site/page/15745>. Tickets will also be available outside of the auditorium.

For more information about the musical, contact Willowbrook Theater Director Regina Wathier at [rwathier@dupage88.net](mailto:rwathier@dupage88.net).

## Willowbrook Parent Organization holds its craft fair this Saturday

The Willowbrook High School Parent Organization (WPO) will hold its annual craft fair in the school's field house this Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event will feature more than 100 crafters and vendors.

Admission is \$5 for adults. Admission is free for children 12 years old and younger.

Proceeds from the event will ben-

efit the WPO scholarship program for graduating Willowbrook students.

The Brook Catering Co., which is comprised of Willowbrook culinary students, will offer a special menu of breakfast, lunch and snack items, along with beverages, at Saturday's event.

For more information about this Saturday's craft fair, contact Anne Goodhart at [wbhsraffair@gmail.com](mailto:wbhsraffair@gmail.com), or call/text 630-779-6774.

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# Sports

## Rams beat Blazers to earn a trip to Class 7A quarterfinals

*Larson runs for 296 yards and four touchdowns to carry Glenbard East to its first quarterfinal playoff game since 1999*

The Glenbard East football team advanced to the IHSA Class 7A quarterfinals following Friday's 28-13 victory over Addison Trail in a second-round playoff game in Addison.

The Rams, who improved their overall season record to 10-1 with Friday's victory, will face Normal's Community High School (11-0) in this Saturday's quarterfinal game in Lombard. The contest will begin at 2 p.m. The winner will face either Downers Grove North or Lincoln-Way West in a semifinal matchup.

The Glenbard East football program has not played in a quarterfinal playoff game in 24 years. The 1999 Rams won three playoff games before losing to Naperville Central in a Class 8A semifinal contest.

Glenbard East made its first-ever playoff appearance during the 1999 season. After winning three playoff contests in 1999, the Rams didn't win another playoff game until 2018, when they picked up a first-round win in the Class 7A level.

Community High School of Normal is the No. 1 seed in this year's 32-team Class 7A playoff field. Glenbard East is the No. 9 seed. Community High School advanced to the quarterfinal round by edging Bradley-Bourbonnais (the No. 16 seed in the Class 7A field) 31-30 in overtime in Saturday's second-round game in Normal.

Senior running back Matt Larson led the Rams to Friday's victory in Addison by rushing for 296 yards on 28 carries. He scored all four of Glenbard East's touchdowns.

"This was a statement game for me," said Larson after the victory. He also praised the effort of his team's offensive line.

"The O-line was moving; it all starts with them," said Larson. "We were planning on running the ball a lot."

The Rams led the Blazers 14-7 at halftime. Larson broke a 66-yard touchdown run in the first minute of the second half. The ensuing extra-point kick raised Glenbard East's lead to 21-7 with 11:09 left in the third quarter.

Addison Trail, which finished its season with an overall record of 7-4, scored a touchdown late in the third quarter to cut the Rams' lead to 21-13. The Blazers missed the ensuing extra-point kick.

Glenbard East sealed its victory with a 77-yard scoring drive that ended with Larson's 1-yard touchdown

run with 1:47 to play. Senior Ryan Snell added his fourth extra-point kick of the night to account for the game's final point.

"Matt's a very good player," said Glenbard East coach John Walters while speaking about Larson after Friday's win. "Our offensive line did a great job all game. If you've got a guy who can get it done, you kind of feed the beast. Matt was kind of the beast tonight."

Larson's spectacular night didn't start very well. On the Rams' third offensive play of the game, Larson turned the ball over on a fumble—his first of the season. The Blazers recovered the ball at their own 22-yard line.

"I haven't fumbled all year," said Larson. "I think a helmet just hit the ball. I went into the game very confident. I think [the fumble] happened for a reason, to settle me down a little bit. I knew I was going to come out and get it back."

A few plays later, Glenbard East's defense forced Addison Trail to punt. The Blazers weren't able to execute a clean snap to their punter, who was tackled at his team's 14-yard line before he could kick the ball.

Larson then completed a two-play drive with a 12-yard touchdown run with 7:05 left in the first quarter. Snell's extra-point kick increased the lead to 7-0.

Addison Trail evened the score on its next drive, which covered 62 yards. On a fourth-and-eight play from the Rams' 16-yard line, sophomore quarterback Nico Dill broke a 13-yard run to Glenbard East's 3-yard line. Senior Damari Jones then capped the drive with a 3-yard touchdown run. Sophomore Franco Mangione made the extra-point kick to even the score at 7-7 with 1:49 left in the opening quarter.

The Blazers turned the ball over on a second-quarter fumble. Glenbard East senior Dakota Smith recovered the fumble at the Rams' 30-yard line. Moments later, Larson broke a 55-yard run to advance the ball to the Blazers' 14-yard line. Larson then delivered a 14-yard touchdown run with 3:51 left in the second quarter. Snell's extra-point kick raised the Rams' lead to 14-7.

Senior Gianbiagio Brusca of Glenbard East intercepted an Addison Trail pass late in the second half. On the next play from scrimmage, Addison Trail senior Arturo Quiroga intercepted a Glenbard East pass. The Blazers' next drive ended with a



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS/Rock Valley Publ

Glenbard East's football team advanced to the quarterfinals of the IHSA Class 7A playoffs following Friday's 28-13 second-round win at Addison Trail. The Rams improved their overall season record to 11 with their victory over the Blazers. Glenbard East will face Normal's Community High School in this Saturday's quarterfinal game in Lombard. The Glenbard East program has not played a quarterfinal contest since 1999, when the Rams advanced to the Class 8A semifinals. Senior running back Matt Larson carried the Rams to Friday's victory over the Blazers by rushing for 296 yards on 28 carries. Larson scored all four of his team's touchdowns during Friday's game. He is pictured (above) during a 55-yard run in the second quarter. One play later, Larson ran 14 yards for a touchdown. Another photo (below) Friday shows junior Nick Payne (No. 33) celebrating during the game's closing moments.

punt. Glenbard East then ran out the last few seconds of the half to hold its 14-7 halftime lead.

Larson gave the Rams' large crowd of supporters a reason to cheer when he unleashed his 66-yard touchdown run in the opening minute of the third quarter. Snell's kick raised the Rams' lead to 21-7.

Dill's 5-yard touchdown run cut Glenbard East's lead to 21-13 with 1:18 left in the third quarter.

The Rams turned the ball over on downs early in the fourth quarter. Glenbard East's drive ended with an incomplete pass on a fourth-and-five play from the Blazers' 32-yard line.

A long run by Dill moved the ball into Glenbard East territory, but the Blazers then fumbled the ball. Senior Daniel Zlatanov of the Rams recovered the loose ball at his team's 23-yard line.

Glenbard East then delivered the game-clinching drive, which ended with Larson's 1-yard touchdown run with 1:47 to play.

"We knew we had the caliber of team to make it this far," said Larson.



"That's our real motivation; to keep making a deep playoff run to create an even bigger historical season."

In addition to praising his own team, Walters noted the effort of the Blazers in Friday's playoff battle.

"That team played their hearts out," said Walters of the Blazers. "They have nothing but respect for Addison Trail, their coaching staff and kids. They played a great football game tonight."

## Broncos roll into Class 3A quarterfinals with an impressive road win

*Marre returns opening kickoff for a touchdown to ignite Montini's 44-20 triumph over Prairie Central*

The Montini Catholic football team earned a trip to the IHSA Class 3A quarterfinals following Saturday afternoon's 44-20 victory over Fairbury's Prairie Central High School in a second-round playoff game in Fairbury.

The Broncos will play another road game in the quarterfinal round. They will travel to Princeton to meet the Tigers in this Saturday's post-season showdown. The game will begin at 1 p.m.

Montini will enter the game with an overall season record of 8-3. Princeton's record is now 10-1. The Tigers are the No. 2 seed in the 32-team Class 3A playoff field. Montini is the No. 6 seed.

The winner of the Montini-Princeton clash will meet either Byron (11-0; the No. 1 seed in the 3A field) or Durand-Pecatonica (9-2; the No. 5 seed) in the semifinal round.

"We were the better team, but we kept shooting ourselves in the foot," said Montini coach Mike Bukovsky while discussing Saturday's second-round win.

"We had some penalties that elon-

gated their drives. We've got to clean some things up for next week."

Senior Alex Marre gave the Broncos an immediate jolt in Saturday's second-round game in Fairbury by returning the opening kickoff 82 yards for a touchdown.

Senior Cole Stumbaugh made the extra-point kick to move Montini's lead to 7-0.

Nearly two months ago, Marre returned the opening kickoff 91 yards for a touchdown in Montini's home game against Nazareth Academy. The Broncos went on to beat the Roadrunners 24-23 in that contest in Lombard on Sept. 8. On Sept. 22, Marre returned a kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown during his team's 35-26 victory at Marian Catholic.

The Broncos extended their lead over Prairie Central with a 77-yard scoring drive later in the first quarter. Marre completed the drive with a 12-yard touchdown run. Stumbaugh added the extra-point kick to give Montini a 14-0 lead.

Prairie Central, which dropped to 6-5 with its loss to the Broncos, scored a touchdown early in the

second quarter of Saturday's second-round game. The Hawks made the ensuing extra-point kick to trim Montini's lead to 14-7.

Moments later, Prairie Central intercepted a Montini pass at the Broncos' 44-yard line. The Hawks' offensive unit proceeded to drive for a touchdown—a 3-yard run. Prairie Central's holder rolled to his right and passed the ball into the back of the end zone on the extra-point play. The Broncos broke up the pass to maintain a 14-13 lead.

Montini junior Santino Florio delivered a 25-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. Florio danced around a couple of Prairie Central defenders and broke a couple of tackles near the 5-yard line on his way into the end zone. Stumbaugh's extra-point kick pushed the Broncos' lead to 21-13.

Stumbaugh kicked a 22-yard field goal in the closing seconds of the first half to give Montini a 24-13 halftime lead.

In the opening minute of the third quarter, Montini junior Jeremiah Peterson intercepted a Prairie Central

pass and raced 22 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point kick from Stumbaugh raised the Broncos' lead to 31-13.

Marre's 2-yard touchdown run later in the third quarter sent Montini's lead to 37-13. Stumbaugh missed the ensuing extra-point kick.

The Broncos scored their sixth and final touchdown of the day on a 5-yard pass from junior Gaetano Carbonara to Florio in the middle of the fourth quarter. Stumbaugh added the extra-point kick to push the lead to 44-13.

Marre rushed for 128 yards and two touchdowns on 19 carries during Saturday's win in Fairbury. Senior George Asay provided the Broncos with 24 rushing yards on three carries. He also made three receptions

for 44 yards.

"I was happy with the way we ran the ball," said Bukovsky, whose team piled up 403 yards of offense, including 243 rushing yards, in Fairbury. "You've got to be able to run the ball to have success in the playoffs."

Carbonara completed 14 of 23 pass attempts for 160 yards and one touchdown. He threw one interception.

Prairie Central scored its third touchdown of Saturday's game with about one minute to play.

Bukovsky said the Broncos will need a sharper performance to beat Princeton in this week's quarterfinal game.

"Princeton is tough; we definitely need to step up and clean some things up," he said.

## Broncos close out season at IHSA Class 1A state meet

*Sydney Gertsen earns All-State honors with her eighth-place finish in the girls race; Nolan Ferris leads the Broncos' boys team with his 35th-place effort*

Montini Catholic's girls and boys cross-country teams both competed at Saturday's IHSA Class 1A state meet in Peoria. The Broncos raced to a 21st-place finish in the team standings of the girls race. Montini earned an 18th-place finish in the boys race.

Montini sophomore Sydney Gertsen delivered an All-State performance in Saturday's Class 1A girls race. She completed the 3-mile race in an eighth-place time of 17 minutes, 27.29 seconds. The top 25 individuals in the race, which included more than 250 finishers, earned All-State recognition.

Sophomore Ashlynn Lindt posted a 37th-place finish for Montini at the state meet. She completed the race in 18 minutes, 35.55 seconds.

Junior Annalee DeFeo (21:18.13; 178<sup>th</sup>), freshman Rosie Callaghan (22:17.73; 220<sup>th</sup>) and junior Naomi Gonzalez (22:34.07; 226<sup>th</sup>) completed Montini's scoring lineup. Freshman Maryfaith Considine (24:49.36; 251<sup>st</sup>) and junior Yeon Park (30:45.11; 258<sup>th</sup>) also represented the Broncos in Saturday's state meet.

Montini's girls team compiled a score of 507 points in its 21st-place finish in Peoria. The Broncos were one of 30 teams that participated in the event's team competition. Unity High School of Tolono won the Class 1A team title with its winning score of 109 points.

Junior Nolan Ferris led the Broncos in Saturday's Class 1A boys race in Peoria. He finished the 3-mile race in a 35th-place time of 15 minutes, 44.86 seconds.

Montini freshman Nino Pesola (16:19.19) sprinted to an 87th-place finish in Saturday's race, which featured 256 individual finishers. Freshman Andrew Vreeland (16:57.26) posted a 158th-place effort for the Broncos. Montini junior Conor Kaefer (16:59.41) placed 160<sup>th</sup>, while senior Hugh Flannery (17:07.99) finished 172<sup>nd</sup>.

Freshmen Gavin Conway (17:08.94; 175<sup>th</sup>) and Adriell Garcia

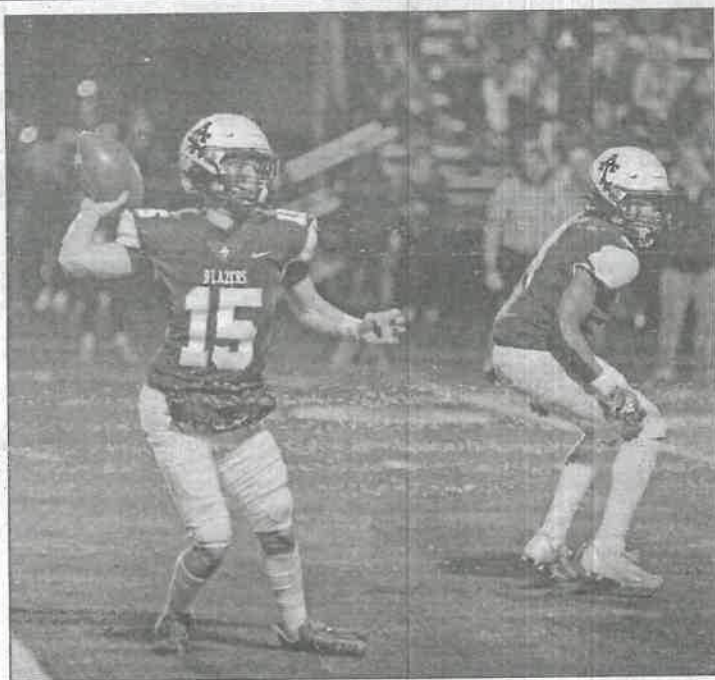
(17:41.66; 218<sup>th</sup>) rounded out the Broncos' boys team's lineup in Peoria.

Montini's boys lineup earned a team score of 460 points in its 18th-place finish in the 30-team Class 1A team event in Peoria. Tuscola's boys team raced to the Class 1A state title with its score of 97 points.



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Sophomore Sydney Gertsen of the Montini Catholic girls cross-country team delivered an All-State performance during Saturday's IHSA Class 1A girls state meet in Peoria. Gertsen finished the 3-mile race in an eighth-place time of 17 minutes, 27.29 seconds. The top 25 finishers in the race earned All-State honors. Gertsen, who is pictured after Saturday's race, led the Broncos to a 21st-place finish in the team standings of this year's Class 1A girls state meet. Gertsen also earned All-State recognition as a freshman when she ran to a 21st-place finish in the individual standings of the 2022 Class 1A state meet.



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## Blazers battle Rams

The Addison Trail football team's season ended with Friday's 28-13 loss to Glenbard East in an IHSA Class 7A second-round playoff game in Addison. The Blazers finished the season with an overall record of 7-4. Addison Trail sophomore quarterback Nico Dill (No. 15) is pictured during Friday's game. Dill broke a 13-yard run on a fourth-and-eight play from the Rams' 16-yard-line in the first quarter. The Blazers scored their first touchdown of the game on the next play—a 3-yard run by senior Damari Jones. They made the extra-point kick to tie the score at 7-7. Dill delivered a 5-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter to cut Glenbard East's lead to 21-13. The Rams scored their final touchdown of the game with less than two minutes to play.



# Red-hot Warriors punch their ticket to Normal

*Willowbrook advances to Class 4A state semifinals; Two days after winning sectional title, Warriors capture super-sectional championship*

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team is headed downstate.

The Warriors won three post-season matches last week to earn a berth in this week's IHSA Class 4A state semifinals in Normal.

On Monday, Oct. 30, Willowbrook edged Lyons Township 26-24, 25-22 in an exciting semifinal match at the Hinsdale Central Sectional.

Two days later, on Wednesday, Nov. 1, the Warriors rallied for a thrilling 23-25, 25-23, 25-12 victory over Oak Park and River Forest in the sectional final in Hinsdale. Willowbrook avenged its only loss of the season with that victory.

On Friday, Nov. 3, the Warriors defeated Joliet West 25-18, 25-14 to win the super-sectional title at Bolingbrook High School.

Before the 2021 season, Willowbrook's girls volleyball program had never won a regional title. The Warriors' 2021 team won regional and sectional titles before losing a super-sectional contest. One year ago, Willowbrook's 2022 team won a regional title before losing in a sectional final.

The Warriors improved their overall season record to 39-1 with Friday's win over Joliet West. Willowbrook will finish its historic season with two matches at CEFU Arena (formerly Redbird Arena) at Illinois State University in Normal. The Warriors will face Benet Academy (38-2) in one of this Friday's Class 4A state semifinals. The winner will meet Mother McAuley (35-5) or Barrington (also 35-5) in Saturday night's state-championship match.

The losers of Friday's semifinal matches will square off in Saturday's third-place contest.

Willowbrook senior Calli Kenny provided eight kills, 14 assists, 10 digs and four aces in last week's win over Lyons Township. Her sister—junior Hannah Kenny—contributed 10 kills, 12 assists and eight digs.

Junior Anna Marinier of the Warriors delivered four kills, 10 digs and two aces in last week's victory over the Lions. Senior Elisa Chivilo supplied eight digs, three aces and two assists.

Senior Elle Bruschuk added three kills and two digs, while senior Keri Ostrowski made five digs. Junior Lily Javier and senior Eliza Ramey added three and two kills, respectively.

Last week's sectional final between the Warriors and the Huskies featured an egregious error by the scoring crew at Hinsdale Central. Willowbrook held a 21-20 lead late in the tight first game.

Oak Park and River Forest won the next point to tie the score at 21-21, but the Huskies received two points on the scoreboard, which showed them with a 22-21 lead. The Warriors noticed the error and alerted the officials, who apparently weren't keeping track of

the score. The Huskies went on to win the first game by a score of 25-23, even though they only won 24 points during the game.

"That was just going to add fuel to our fire," said Willowbrook coach Irene Mason of the scoring blunder. "We were going to use it, stay composed and come back from it. We got a little deficit [in the sectional game]. But the confidence they have in themselves and in each other is what helped get us through."

The Huskies, who finished their season with a 31-7 record, took a quick 5-0 lead in the second game of the sectional final. Their lead grew to 7-1 before the Warriors rallied to even the score at 8-8. Willowbrook won the next four points to build a 12-8 lead.

The Warriors held a 17-12 lead in the second game, but the Huskies won five straight points to even the score at 17-17.

The Huskies owned a 20-19 lead, but the Warriors won the next point to tie the score at 20-20. Willowbrook won three of the next four points to take a 23-21 lead.

The Warriors closed out the second game on a finesse play, with Calli Kenny tapping the ball into an open spot on the Huskies' side of the court.

Willowbrook caught fire in the third game, building a 12-6 lead that grew to 19-7. As the lead grew, so did the excitement of the Warriors' fans in the stands.

While every Warrior on the court made a contribution during the team's victory over the Huskies, Calli Kenny was exceptional. It seemed she refused to let her team's season end in the sectional final.

"She went into a different mode," said Mason of the team's senior standout. "She has that in her. She's a clutch type of player. She has that refuse-to-lose mentality."

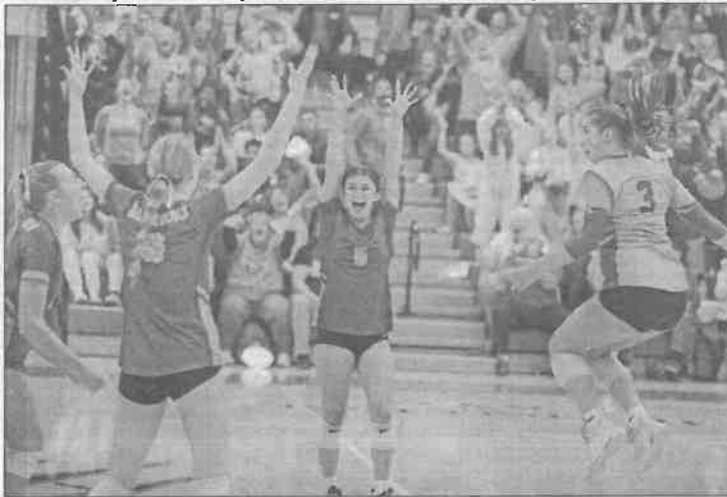
Calli Kenny piled up 21 kills, 20 assists, four digs and two aces in the Warriors' win over the Huskies in the sectional final. Hannah Kenny delivered seven kills, 20 assists, 15 digs and four blocks in the intense match.

"We already lost to them, so we kind of had nothing to lose," said Calli Kenny after her team's win over the Huskies.

"This has been such a special season. We want to get to state. After the second set and going into the third, we just had the confidence and the momentum. Everyone stepped up. It was just a great team win."

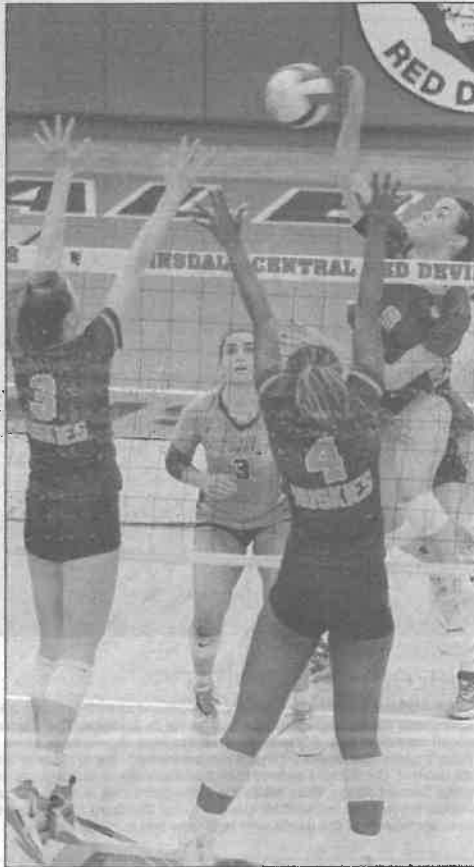
Chivilo made 17 digs and handed out three assists for the Warriors in the sectional final. Marinier provided three kills, eight digs and three blocks.

Bruschuk hit six kills and made five digs. Ramey delivered three kills and four blocks. Javier hit four



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Willowbrook's girls volleyball team won three post-season matches last week to earn a berth in the IHSA Class 4A state semifinals in Normal. The Warriors defeated Oak Park and River Forest in a three-game battle in the championship match of the Hinsdale Central Sectional on Nov. 1. Willowbrook lost the first game of the sectional final, but rallied for a three-game victory. One photo (above) from the match shows junior Hannah Kenny (No. 6) and senior Elisa Chivilo (No. 3) celebrating after the Warriors won a point in the decisive third game. Another photo (right) from the sectional final shows Willowbrook senior Calli Kenny (No. 9), who supplied 21 kills and 20 assists in the match. The Warriors qualified for the state semifinals when they beat Joliet West in Friday's super-sectional match at Bolingbrook High School. Willowbrook improved its overall season record to 39-1 with Friday's win. The Warriors will face Benet Academy in one of this Friday's Class 4A semifinals. This will be the Willowbrook program's first appearance in the state semifinals. "Going to state was one of our goals this year," said Willowbrook coach Irene Mason, who has guided the Warriors to Class 4A regional titles in each of the last three seasons. The 2021 team also won a sectional title before losing a super-sectional contest. "We've known that in order to be the greatest volleyball team that Willowbrook has ever seen, we had to accomplish this. It feels amazing to be a part of another historic season."



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## Winning Warriors

Willowbrook's girls volleyball team earned a berth in the IHSAA Class 4A state semifinals following Friday's victory over Joliet West in a super-sectional match at Bolingbrook High School. The Warriors, who improved their overall season record to 39-1 with the victory, are pictured with their super-sectional plaque. Willowbrook will face Benet Academy in one of this Friday's Class 4A semifinal matches in Normal. The winner will play in Saturday's state-championship match. The Willowbrook program won its first regional title in 2021. The 2021 team also won a sectional title before losing a super-sectional match. One year ago, the Warriors won a regional title and lost in a sectional final. This year's team set a new program record for victories in a season with last week's win over Oak Park and River Forest in the championship match of the Hinsdale Central Sectional. The Warriors' 2021 team won 37 matches.

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kills and made two digs. Ostrowski contributed four digs and an ace.

"I think we all just wanted it so bad," said Hannah Kenny after Willowbrook's win over Oak Park and River Forest. "We had such a good team effort. Everybody had really key, important moments. We came out with so much fire and energy [in the third game]. We just shut them down. Our energy and our vibe was insane."

Oak Park and River Forest defeated the Warriors 25-17, 24-26, 25-10 during the teams' regular-season match in Oak Park on Sept. 29. Willowbrook slipped to 19-1 with that loss. The Warriors have won 20 straight matches since that loss.

In addition to avenging their

regular-season loss to Oak Park and River Forest, the Warriors set a new program record for wins in a season when they beat the Huskies last week. Willowbrook's 2021 team posted 37 victories. The Warriors won 36 matches during the 2022 season.

Calli Kenny supplied 10 kills, 12 assists and eight digs in Friday's super-sectional victory over Joliet West in Bolingbrook. Hannah Kenny provided seven kills, 10 assists and seven digs.

Marinier had eight digs and three aces, while Chivito made six digs. Ramey connected for three kills, while Bruschuk and Javier bashed two kills each. Ostrowski made two digs.

"I think we all just wanted it so bad. We had such a good team effort. Everybody had really key, important moments. We came out with so much fire and energy [in the third game]. We just shut them down. Our energy and our vibe was insane."

- Hannah Kenny



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## Supporting the Warriors

The fans of Willowbrook's girls volleyball team had plenty to cheer about during the third game of last week's match against Oak Park and River Forest at the IHSA Class 4A Hinsdale Central Sectional. After losing the first game of the Nov. 1 sectional final against the Huskies, the Warriors won the second game to even the match. Willowbrook then pulled away in the third game to earn a 23-25, 25-23, 25-12 victory. The photo shows some of Willowbrook's supporters after the team won a point during the third game. The Warriors avenged their only loss of the season with their victory in the sectional final. Willowbrook advanced to Friday's match against Joliet West at the Bolingbrook Super-Sectional. The Warriors beat Joliet West 25-18, 25-14 to earn a trip to this week's Class 4A state semifinals in Normal. Willowbrook (39-1) will face Benet Academy (38-2) in one of this Friday's semifinal matches. The winner will play either Mother McAuley or Barrington in Saturday's Class 4A state-championship match.

## Ojeda runs at the state meet

Willowbrook junior Amelle Ojeda ran to a 37<sup>th</sup>-place finish in Saturday's IHSA Class 3A girls cross-country state meet in Peoria. Ojeda completed the 3-mile race at Peoria's Detweiler Park in 17 minutes, 49.1 seconds. She is pictured just before the race. The Class 3A girls state meet included 234 finishers. Ojeda earned her individual berth in this year's state meet with her strong performance at the Class 3A Hinsdale Central Sectional on Oct. 28. She delivered a 12<sup>th</sup>-place finish in the sectional race at Katherine Legge Memorial Park.



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## LEGAL NOTICES

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID-2024 Capital Improvements

#### 1.1 BID INFORMATION

A. Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Education, Addison School District 4 on, the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. prevailing time for the 2024 Capital Improvements at Addison School District 4.

B. Lump sum bid proposals will be received for this project at the scheduled time of receipt bids and will be publicly opened at that time.

C. A Pre-Bid Conference has been scheduled on November 7, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. at Fullerton Elementary School, 400 S. Michigan Avenue, Addison, Illinois 60101. There will be the opportunity to go to Stone Elementary following Fullerton Elementary. Please Note: All Contractors that plan on attending must present a valid Drivers License or State ID to gain access to the School at this time.

D. Bid security in the form of a bid bond only in an amount equal to 10 percent of the base bid amount shall be submitted with the bid. Bid security shall be made payable to the Board of Education Addison School District 4.

E. Bids shall be submitted on or before the specified closing time in an opaque sealed envelope addressed to: Ms. Melissa Morgese, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Addison District 4, 222 North Kennedy Drive, Addison, Illinois 60101. The Bid Package # must be clearly marked on the envelope.

F. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, or waive any irregularities or informalities, and to make the award in the best interest of

the District.

G. All bidders must comply with applicable Illinois Law requiring the payment prevailing wages by all Contractors working on public works. Bidder must con with the Illinois Statutory requirement regarding labor, including Equal Employer Opportunity Laws.

H. Bidding documents are available electronic format only from Interacti Contractors, Inc., on or after October 2023 at [www.icibuilds.com](http://www.icibuilds.com) and click on Plan Room tab.

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