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Halloween candy deliveries

Above left: Addison Trail High School principal Jack Andrews receives a big bag of Halloween candy delivered by District 88 Transition students Brenden Bieberstein (left) and Berenice Melendez-Rios. To recognize and celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month, students in the District 88 Transition Program recently ran a Halloween-candy delivery business. The students researched

prices, made a shopping list, stuck to a budget, took orders, filled out orders, distributed invoices, collected payment and made deliveries. Above right: That's D88 Transition student Alexis Juarez using his muscles to hoist that big bag of Halloween candy on the way to its final destination.

Addison Veterans Circle to be dedicated Nov. 11

Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra, members of the Board of Trustees, dignitaries from State and Federal offices, and members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7446 and Auxiliary will dedicate the new Village of Addison Veterans Circle Monument on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

The site is located immediately east of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 37 W. Army Trail Road, at the southwest corner of Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) and Addison Road. The public is invited to attend the hour-long ceremony, when the nation comes together to pay tribute to the members and veterans of the U.S. armed forces, observed on the day of the Armistice of World War I—"the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month"—in 1918.

At press time, the guest speaker at the dedication was expected to be U.S. Rep. Delia Ramirez, of Illinois' 3rd Congressional District and a member of the U.S. House

Committee on Veterans Affairs.

The Addison Trail High School Choir and Indian Trail Junior High School Band will perform.

Randy Boryscka, Commander of Addison VFW Post 7446, will offer remarks. Members of the VFW will raise the six flags of branches of the armed services along with American flag.

After the Village acquired the site through a land exchange with Panattoni Development Corporation, and the nearby house owned by St. Paul Lutheran Church, Village officials began plans to dedicate the 1.95-acre parcel as Veterans Circle, relocated from the northeast corner of the intersection.

The new site allows for easier visitor access, and includes new open space areas, brick paver walkways, lighting, flagpoles, landscaping and irrigation.

A historical marker, noting the site of the first English language public school in Addison in 1858, will be installed.

As part of a plan designed by Hitchcock Design Group of Naperville, the new corner is an extension of the Village Green immediately to the west. R.W. Duntzman Co. of Addison is the general contractor on this fifth phase of the project. Veterans Circle will be the site of future Memorial Day and Veterans Day observances.

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Addison Trail hosts Veterans Day Luncheon

On Thursday, Nov. 2, Addison Trail hosted its annual Veterans Day Luncheon to honor and thank those who have served/plan to serve in the U.S. military.

Veterans Day honors the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918 that signaled the end of World War I, known as Armistice Day. District 88 schools remain open on this day to help ensure students learn about the significance of this event.

Veterans from the Addison Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7446, the Addison Police Department and the Addison Fire Protection District attended the luncheon. Participants saw a display in the school's Library Media Center that featured photos and items of veterans from Addison.

The Addison Trail Veteran Service Organization (ATVSO) helped coordinate the event, and members Natalia Loncar and Nathaniel Elakkatt (both juniors) welcomed the crowd, along with Principal Jack Andrews.

Throughout the year, ATVSO hosts a "Flags for Addison" project. Through that fundraiser, community members can make a \$50 donation to have a flag placed in the yard at their business or home. Flags are placed from sunup to sundown on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, Sept. 11 and Veterans Day. Proceeds benefit the groups that help deliver the flags and also help fund a scholarship to send Addison Trail students to Washington, D.C., for educational programming.

For more information about "Flags for Addison," contact Addison Trail social studies teacher and ATVSO adviser LeVonne Cescolini-Boyer at lcescolini@dupage88.net or 630-628-3347.



Students greeted guests who came to Addison Trail High School for the annual Veterans Day Luncheon held on Thursday, Nov. 2.

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The Addison Police Department and the Addison Fire Protection District were well-represented at the Veterans Day Luncheon at Addison Trail High School.



Local veterans gathered at Addison Trail High School on Thursday, Nov. 2 for the school's annual Veteran's Day Luncheon.

District 88 students attend BLACKtopia Conference

Event designed to support and inspire Black teens

On Oct. 28, Addison Trail and Willowbrook students participated in an event designed for Black teens, with a focus on empowerment, education and community.

The event, called the BLACKtopia Conference, took place at Addison Trail and was coordinated by Addison Trail's BEYOND Club (which provides mentorship and academic support for Black students to enable them to thrive holistically in high school and BEYOND), Alpha Kappa Alpha

Sorority, Incorporated's Chi Sigma Omega Chapter and DuPage County Branch of the NAACP. The theme was "It's our Jordan year ('23)," playing off of basketball great Michael Jordan's number (23).

About 250 people attended the event, including students from 29 middle schools and high schools. Participants were able to engage in four sessions that discussed financial literacy, relationship standards, cultural empowerment (which featured hip-hop performances by Hinsdale South students), and mental health and wellness of African American children.

The conference also featured 30 vendors/businesses, and more than 2,000 books were donated to SCARCE (School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education) to help establish libraries in local laundromats for families to have books at home.

Valerie Humphrey, Addison Trail student success coordinator and BEYOND Club adviser, founded and organized the conference.

"The goal was to provide a supportive and inspiring environment for African American teens to explore their potential, unlock their talents and embrace their unique identity," Humphrey said.

"The event was packed with motivational speakers, engaging workshops and opportunities for personal growth, academic excellence and leadership

development. The primary mission was to nurture a sense of pride, resilience and unity within the African

American community, while fostering a commitment to academic achievement and personal success."



There was information available at the BLACKtopia event for all ages and grade levels, as well as people who could help.

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These participants got right into the spirit at the BLACKtopia event held at Addison Trail on Oct. 28.



This is one of the guest speakers who addressed the students who participated in BLACKtopia, an event designed for Black teens, with a focus on empowerment, education and community. The theme was "It's our Jordan year ('23)," referring to NBA Chicago Bulls basketball star Michael Jordan's number 23.

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Halftime entertainment

The halftime performers during Friday night's IHSA Class 7A play-off football game at Addison Trail included the school's marching band, dance team (the Blazettes) and Orchestras team. Addison Trail junior Raina Ashrafi (above) also delivered a baton-twirling performance during halftime of the game between Addison Trail and Glenbard East. The visiting Rams defeated the Blazers 28-13.



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Addison Trail senior named '88's Best'

Pictured here with Addison Trail Principal Jack Andrews is Alexander Addison, who has been named as Addison Trail's October recipient of 88's Best recognition for his outstanding academic accomplishments. Addison, a senior, was recognized during the Oct. 30 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

Addison Trail girls bowling team invites all stakeholders to fundraiser

The Addison Trail Girls Bowling Team invites all Addison Trail students, parents/guardians, alumni, staff, community members, fans and friends to its 2nd annual fundraiser on Sunday, Nov. 19 at Stardust Bowl, 37 E. Lorraine. Check in begins at 2

p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and include two games and shoe rental. Proceeds will benefit the Addison Trail Girls Bowling Team. Accepted payment methods: Cash or check (payable to ATHS). There also will be raffle prizes,

raffle baskets and a 50/50 raffle. sign up for the event, contact Addison Trail staff member Shane C. at scole@dupage88.net or 630-985-5471. The deadline to RSVP is Friday, Nov. 17.

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 match-up.

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 it [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



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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 10-1 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 ball 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) from Friday shows junior Nick Payne (No. 33) celebrating during the game's closing moments.

point. 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 their 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' girls team earned 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; 178th), freshman Rosie Callaghan (22:17.73; 220th) and junior Naomi Gonzalez (22:34.07; 226th) completed Montini's scoring lineup. Freshman Maryfaith Considine (24:49.36; 251st) and junior Yeon Park (30:45.11; 258th) 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 160th, while senior Hugh Flannery (17:07.99) finished 172nd.

Freshmen Gavin Conway (17:08.94; 175th) and Adriel Garcia

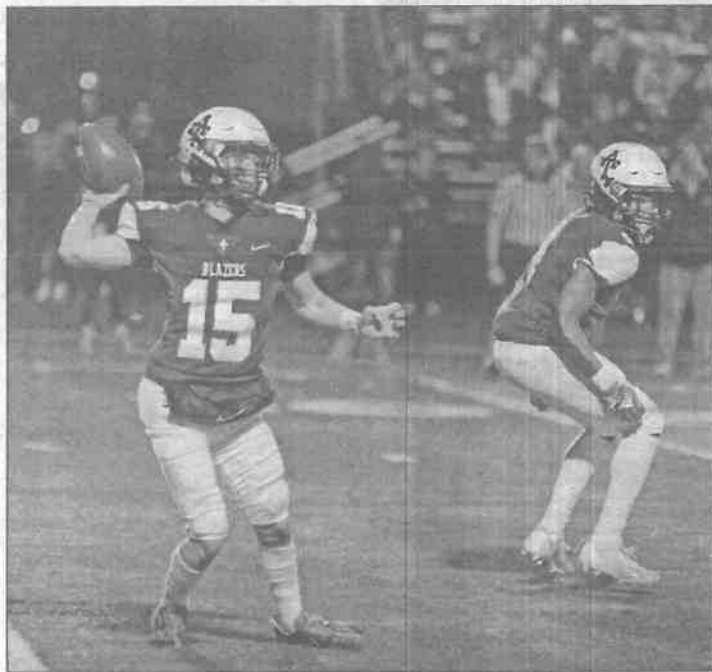
(17:41.66; 218th) rounded out the Broncos' boys team's lineup in Peoria.

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.



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Winning Warriors

Willowbrook's girls volleyball team earned a berth in the IHSA 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 Chivilio made six digs. Ramey connected for three kills, while Bruschnik and Jayner 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 (38-1) 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 37th-place finish in Saturday's IHSA Class 3A girls cross-country state meet in Peoria. Ojeda completed the 3-mile race at Peoria's Detweiller 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 12th-place finish in the sectional race at Katherine Legge Memorial Park.



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A. Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Education, Addison School District 4 on, the 30th 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

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 requirements regarding labor, including Equal Employment Opportunity Laws.

H. Bidding documents are available electronic format only from Internatic Contractors, Inc. on or after October 2023 at www.icbuilds.com and click on Plan Room tab.

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NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 79242 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on OCTOBER 20, 2023, with the business firm of MANOR SHOPS, 101 EAST FULLERTON AVENUE, DISION, IL 60101 was registered; that true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are follows:

Daisy Kalapurackal, 1864 Harvest Glendale Heights, IL 60139.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here to set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 20TH day of OCTOBER, A.D. 2023.

Jean Kaczynski
DuPage County Clerk

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Willowbrook earns first berth in state semifinals

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BOLINGBROOK - Entering the Class 4A Bolingbrook Supersectional on Nov. 3, neither Joliet West nor Willowbrook had ever advanced to the state finals.

Both teams had been on the supersectional stage before - Joliet West last season and Willowbrook two seasons ago.

It was understandable that there would be some nerves.

Willowbrook (39-1), however, showed little sign of jitters and the Warriors earned their first state appearance with a 25-18, 25-14 win over the Tigers (36-4).

"We've never done this before," said Willowbrook senior Calli Kenny, who forms a formidable one-two punch with her sister, Hannah, a junior. "It really hasn't sunken in yet. It's kind of surreal. I can't describe it."

"We were really confident after our win against Oak Park-River Forest [for the sectional title Nov. 1] and we were all super focused for this match. We were confident at the start and getting off to a strong start gave us more confidence."

The Warriors, who will play Benef (38-2) at 7 p.m. Friday in a Class 4A state semifinal at CEFU Arena in Normal, were in control for most of the match against Joliet West, breaking an early 5-5 tie in the first set and going on a 4-0 run that included kills from Calli Kenny and Lily Javier for a 9-5 lead. Joliet West countered with a 6-2 spurt before Willowbrook, behind the serving of Anna Marinier, scored the next seven points. Marinier had three aces in the run for the Warriors.

"We focused on mental toughness," Willowbrook coach Irene Mason said. "The girls stepped up and were prepared. In a match like this, a lot of time the first team that settles in comes out ahead and our girls settled in pretty quickly."

"I am proud of the way the girls worked together. If anyone made an error, they shook it off and the next person would make a play. It's been that way all season. We can't do this without everyone on the team knowing and playing their roles."

Joliet West, which won its second straight sectional title and set a program record for wins in a season, showed a spark late, getting kills from Ava Grevengeoed (10 kills) and Peyton Darguzis (3 kills) and a four-hit violation on Willowbrook to close to within 22-18. The Tigers got no closer in the first set, however, as Willowbrook scored the final three points, including a kill by Calli Kenny (8 kills).



Willowbrook celebrates winning the Class 4A Bolingbrook Supersectional against Joliet West on Nov. 3.

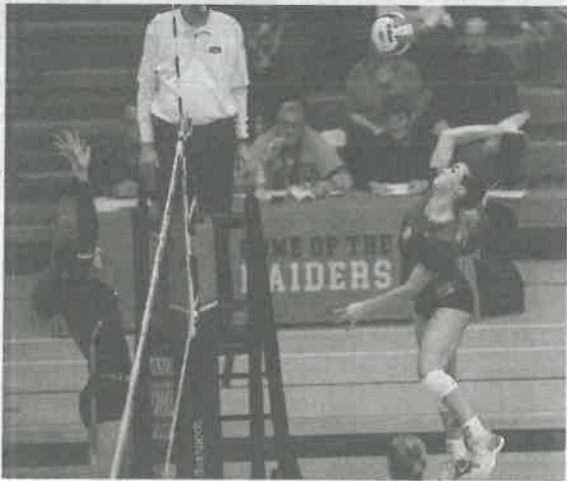
Photos by Adam Kamant for Shaw Local News Network

"The last few weeks we have really come along as a team," Kenny said. "This was a whole team effort. We showed that we aren't just a two-man show. Everyone stepped up and played great tonight. Once we got the momentum, we weren't going to give it up."

The momentum carried over into the second set as the Warriors got two kills from Hannah Kenny (7 kills) and one each by Calli Kenny and Elli Bruschuk to grab a 5-2 lead and put the Tigers in catch-up mode. The Willowbrook lead increased to 14-8 before Joliet West got an ace by Julia Adams. Willowbrook got two kills each from Marinier and Hannah Kenny to take a 18-12 lead. The advantage swelled to 23-13 on a free ball kill by Javier before Natalia Harris (4 kills) got a kill for Joliet West's final point of the season.

Despite the loss, Joliet West coach Chris Lincoln couldn't be prouder of his team.

"I couldn't have asked for a better season," he said. "It's disappointing to lose, but Willowbrook is a very good team and they played very clean volleyball. It's hard to beat a team when they play like that. The Kenny sisters are so good and they are fun to watch, but not so fun when you are on the



Willowbrook's Calli Kenny goes up for a spike against Joliet West.

other side of the net.

"This team has had so many successes this year. Back-to-back sectional titles for the first time ever, a

program record for wins, the first Southwest Prairie Conference championship. There's a lot for these girls to be proud of."

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At press time, the guest speaker at the dedication was expected to be U.S. Rep. Delia Ramirez, of Illinois' 3rd Congressional District and a member of the U.S. House

Panattoni Development Corporation, and the nearby house owned by St. Paul Lutheran Church, Village officials began plans to dedicate the 1.95-acre parcel as Veterans Circle, relocated from the northeast corner of the intersection.

to the west. R.W. Duntremer Co. of Addison is the general contractor on this fifth phase of the project. Veterans Circle will be the site of future Memorial Day and Veterans Day observances.