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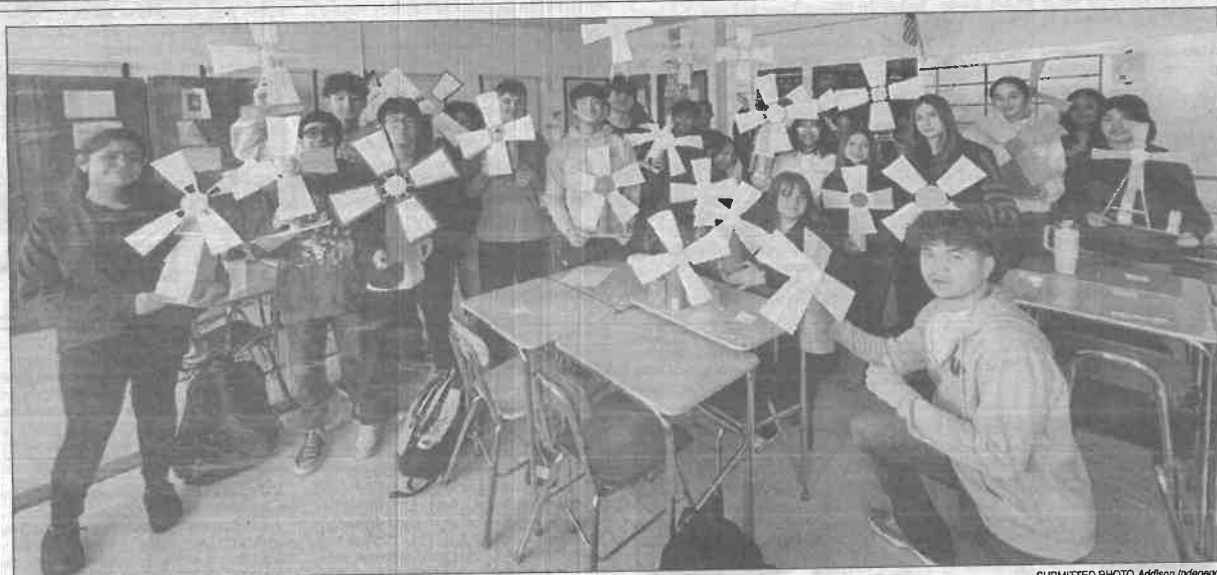
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Everyone knows it's 'windy'

Addison Trail students in English 10 Honors recently created a windmill/wind turbine project (pictured above) as their final assessment after reading "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope," by William Kamkwamba. Born in Malawi, a land withered by drought and hunger, the author

read about windmills and dreamed of building one to bring his small village a set of luxuries that only 2 percent of Malawians could enjoy: electricity and running water. His neighbors called him misala - crazy - but William refused to let go of his dreams.

Jury finds man guilty of sexual assault of elderly woman during home invasion

Addison police help bring suspect to justice

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin has announced that a jury has found a Glendale Heights man guilty of breaking into an elderly woman's home and sexually assaulting her in November 2021.

The jury returned their verdict early this evening following a three-

day-long trial and approximately two hours of deliberations. In all, the jury found Anthony Lane guilty of one count of home invasion (Class X felony) and three counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault (Class X felony). On Dec. 6, 2021, Judge Ann Celine O'Hallaren Walsh set bond at \$5 million with 10 percent to apply. Lane has been held in custody at the DuPage County Jail since that time.

On Nov. 22, 2021, at approximately 6 p.m., the 92-year-old vic-



Anthony Lane

tim entered her attached garage after returning home from her dialysis appointment. As the victim turned to close the garage door, she saw an individual, later identified as Lane, standing in her doorway. When the victim tried to close the door to her home, Lane forced the door open and pushed her into the residence. Lane then bound the victim's hands with duct tape, carried her upstairs, placed her on a bed in her bedroom and sexually assaulted her.

After the assault, Lane fled the home at which time the victim called 911 and was transported to a local hospital for medical attention. Through the course of their investigation, authorities identified Lane as

a suspect in the case.

On Dec. 2, 2021, Addison police took him into custody. He has remained in custody at the DuPage County Jail since that time.

"After breaking into an elderly woman's home, Mr. Lane duct taped her hands and sexually assaulted her," Berlin said.

"The level of depravity exhibited by Mr. Lane is extraordinarily disturbing. With the jury's guilty verdict, he now faces 120 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. I thank the jury in this very upsetting case for their service."

Lane's next court appearance is scheduled Feb. 28 for post-trial motions.

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District 88 names first director of Student Career Development

Iridia Nevarez to assume new position effective July 1

At District 88 Board of Education meeting scheduled for Monday, Jan. 22, the administration expects to recommend that Iridia Nevarez be named as the district's first director of Student Career Development, effective Monday, July 1.



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While Nevarez is new to that position, she is certainly a familiar face in the district and community, as she has been with Addison Trail for more than 18 years. Her link to "Blazer Nation" goes even deeper, as she's an alumna of Addison Trail's class of 1992.

"I see this role as an opportunity that will allow me to motivate our students to explore their interests, as well as assist them in shaping their professional paths," Nevarez said. "I feel this will be a rewarding experience that positively impacts students' futures."

After beginning her professional career as a juvenile probation officer with DuPage County, Nevarez then taught bilingual education at School District U-46. She joined Addison Trail in 2007 as a dean and later served as a school counselor, before being named as an assistant principal. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Benedictine University, her Master of Education degree from National Louis University, her professional

educator license from Aurora University and her master's degree in school counseling from University of West Alabama. Nevarez also is bilingual (English and Spanish).

"My plan is to use my counseling background to provide personalized career counseling sessions to help students identify their strengths, interests and career goals and assist families in understanding the career development process," she said.

"I also plan to facilitate networking events, alumni meetings and industry connections to help students and families understand the importance of professional connections. I believe career planning is

crucial for students today, simply because it helps them align their skills and interests with current market demands, enhancing their employability. Additionally, career planning also can build confidence and empower our students."

In her position as director of Student Career Development, Nevarez plans to:

1. Enhance career resources: "With the collaboration of our school counselors, my plan is to expand our current resources such as workshops, career fairs and online tools for our students."

2. Establish and strengthen relationships with diverse employers: "The goal is to create internship

opportunities, job placements and networking events for students."

3. Foster alumni engagement: "I would love nothing more than to engage our alumni and organize alumni mentorship programs, networking initiatives and guest-speaker opportunities for them to offer insights to our current students."

"Nevarez is connected with our community and our families, which will allow her to find and build pathways for our students," said Dr. Jean Barbanente, District 88 superintendent. "She's a natural fit for this position, as she has the skills to help our students succeed in their future endeavors."

District 88 shares important information regarding 2024-25 course registration

Police Reports

The Addison and Bensenville police departments recently reported the following arrests and citations. Persons who are charged with domestic battery are not named in order to protect the victim's privacy.

Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a conviction, and that suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Juveniles age 17-or-younger are not named.

Addison

Jan. 2
Anger O. Escalante-Perez, 19, of Westmont, was charged with two counts of DUI and consumption of liquor by a minor near Krage and Central at 7:29 a.m.

Seferino Ricardo Calderon, 38, of Addison, was charged with two counts of DUI and driving while license suspended near Lake and Rohlwing at 8:24 p.m.

Dec. 30

Axel J. Bibiano Carmona, 24, of Addison, was charged with two counts of DUI at Cricket Creek at 8:15 p.m.

Andres C. Chavez, 41, of Glendale Heights, was charged with DUI, possession of a controlled substance, stopping/standing/parking in a non-business district and no insurance in the 300 block of E. Lake at 5:35 a.m.

Police said Kate A. Lugardo, 21, of Addison, was issued a warrant for driving while license suspended near Army and May at 2 p.m.

Charles J. Mathew, 26, of Addison, was charged with DUI near Lake and Ellsworth at 1:23 a.m.

A 50-year-old Addison man was charged with two counts of domestic battery in the 100 block of S. Vista at 2:03 a.m.

A 35-year-old Addison woman was charged with two counts of domestic battery in the 1700 block of W. Jo Ann at 9:17 p.m.

Dec. 29

A 26-year-old Addison man was charged with two counts of domestic battery and one count of battery

in the 100 block of S. Lincoln at 2 p.m.

Dec. 27

A 22-year-old Elmhurst man was charged with two counts of domestic battery.

Bensenville

Jan. 9, 10:18 a.m. in the 100 block of George Street, a complainant reported the theft of a package. This case is under investigation. BEPC2400021

Jan. 8, 2:05 p.m. in the 900 block of Fairway Drive, a complainant reported unknown suspect fraudulently cashed five checks. This case is under investigation. BEPC2400018

Jan. 8, 6:29 p.m. in the 100 block of Eastview, a complainant reported a vehicle license plate stolen. This case is under investigation. BEPC2400019

Jan. 7, 8:06 p.m. in the 400 block of Industrial Drive, a complainant reported a delayed theft from an unsecured tractor trailer. This case is under investigation. BEPC2400016

Jan. 6, 12:18 p.m. near Thorndale Avenue and York Road, a complainant reported witnessing a vehicle hijacking in another town. The complainant followed the car, and while doing so, the unknown suspect struck the complainant's vehicle. This case is under investigation. BEPC2400014

Jan. 5, 12:46 a.m. near W. Irving Park Road and Spruce Avenue, there was an aggravated fleeing and eluding report from a Bensenville officer. Three vehicles with unknown suspects. These vehicles reportedly fled from the Northbrook Police Department 20 minutes prior. This incident is under investigation. BEPC2400012

Jan. 5, 2:52 a.m. in the 300 block of N. Route 83, Elmhurst, a Bensenville police officer assisted Elmhurst police with a hotel shooting. BEP24000167

Jan. 4, 3:09 p.m. in the 200 block of Barron Street, a complainant reported a domestic disturbance. This incident is under investigation. BEPC2400011

The administration of School District 88 recently released the following information to assist students and their families to with course registration.

District 88 is focused on meeting the needs of all D88 students, providing multiple and flexible pathways for them to find success after graduation. District 88 continues to work with colleges, universities and local area businesses to enhance these options. These collaborations and pathways are critical to assist with the labor shortage and to connect students to hands-on, immersive experiences, as well as certifications, internships, credentials and scholarships. The focus is to connect students with viable short-term and long-term career options, as well as work-based learning opportunities to provide a supported

pathway through their future pursuits.

- District 88 students have access to college-level and dual-credit classes, as well as externally credentialed and dual-credit career pathways, in areas such as automotive technology, culinary arts, business careers, engineering, medical careers, teacher preparation, building trades and more. These courses allow students to potentially earn college credit while in high school.

- District 88 students earn more than 1,000 career certifications each year in the areas of agriculture, food and natural resources; human and public services; manufacturing, engineering, technology and trades; finance and business services; and health sciences and technology.

- District 88 encourages students

to explore and take advantage of the apprenticeships, internships and vocational trainings offered in the district, including the CTB Youth Apprenticeship Program, CNC Machining Fundamentals, the Education Teacher Preparation Program and Heritage Spanish Career Fluency.

Course selection is a vital part of a student's high school career, and parental involvement is essential to assist students in making successful academic choices.

Families are encouraged to research the district's Course Listing Guide via SchoolLinks (at dupage88.net/site/page/19), a comprehensive college-and-career planning and tracking tool.

For more information about pathways at District 88, visit dupage88.net/Pathways.

Pair charged with multiple vehicular hijackings

Court grants state's motion to detain

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Hanover Park Chief of Police Andrew Johnson have announced that Judge Joshua Diéden granted the state's motion to detain pre-trial a Hanover Park man and a Palatine woman charged with carjacking and crashing multiple vehicles in Hanover Park and Itasca.

Ricardo Ortega, 26, and Alicia Merlin-Barrera, 24, appeared in First Appearance Court, each charged with two counts of vehicular hijacking (Class 1 felony), one count of aggravated unlawful restraint (Class 3 felony), one count of aggravated reckless driving causing great bodily harm or disfigurement (Class 4 felony) and multiple misdemeanors including criminal damage to property and battery.

On Jan. 6 at approximately 11:58 a.m., the Hanover Park Police Department received a call regarding a crash of a hijacked vehicle at Arlington Drive and County Farm Road. After speaking with the victim, it is alleged that the victim, a female, and another woman were in the victim's car when they were approached by two individuals, later identified as Ortega and Merlin-Barrera, asking for a ride to a nearby train station.

It is alleged that the victim agreed at which time the defendants entered her car, a Dodge Journey. It is also alleged that as the women drove to the train station with the defendants in the back seat, Merlin-Barrera told the driver to stop and reached from the back seat for the car key, which she was able to get after a brief struggle with the driver.

It is further alleged that at the same time, Ortega began hitting the other woman about her head and face. It is alleged that after the vehicle came to a stop at a spotlight, the driver exited the vehicle and one of the defendants got into the driver's seat and drove away with the second victim still in the car. It is further alleged that a short distance down the road, the car struck a tree, ejecting the victim from the car causing several fractured ribs, bruises to her face, a broken finger and a fractured ankle.

A passing motorist who witnessed the crash stopped his vehicle, a Chrysler Pacifica van, to help. It is alleged that when the driver of the van was helping the victim involved in the crash, both defendants entered the van, with Ortega in the driver's seat, and drove away. It is alleged that after driving a few blocks, Ortega crashed the

van into a pole, turned the van around and drove past the original crash at which time officers who were now on the scene observed the van drive by.

It is alleged that the defendants entered I-390 eastbound and crashed the van near I-390. It is further alleged that when a passing motorist stopped to assist, Ortega and Merlin-Barrera carjacked his truck, a Toyota Tundra, and fled. On Jan. 7, officers with the Hanover Park Police Department located the stolen Toyota in Forest Park. Officers with the Forest Park Police Department responded to the location and took both defendants into custody at this time.

"The brazen, lawless crime spree allegedly committed by these two defendants is astonishing," Berlin said. "What I find particularly disturbing however, is that on two separate occasions, good Samaritans who stopped to help were allegedly victimized by Ortega and Merlin-Barrera as well. Violent crimes, such as alleged in this case, have no place in a civilized society and will not be tolerated in DuPage County."

The next court date for both defendants is scheduled Jan. 29 for arraignment in front of Judge Michael Reidy.

Coming event

Celebrate eagles along the Fox River and on Geneva Lake Jan. 20

Celebrate the eagles of the Fox River Valley on Saturday, Jan. 20. Winter is a perfect time to see eagles in the wild as they congregate to feed near the open waters at dams along the Fox River and at other open spots on our lakes, rivers and streams. An "In Search of Eagles" outdoor event will be held at four sites on Saturday morning.

"In Search of Eagles" will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. at the McHenry Dam, the Algonquin Dam and the Carpentersville Dam on the Fox River in Illinois and at the Williams Bay Boat Launch on Geneva Lake in Wisconsin. Representatives from Friends of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge, Geneva Lake Environmental Agency, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Kettle Moraine Land Trust, McHenry County Conservation District, McHenry County Audubon and Friends of Moraine Hills State Park will help search for eagles and identify other birds using the river and the lake. Attendees are asked to dress for the weather and to bring their own binoculars if they have a pair, but binoculars are not needed to enjoy seeing birds in the wild. Detailed maps to all locations can be found at tinyurl.com/InSearchofEagles2024.

There will be scopes and binoculars available for use at each location. Visit the site closest to you or visit them all! This is a free all-ages event. No registration is required. If you have any concerns on Saturday morning about the weather, please call the Friends of Hackmatack phone line at 262-448-3558 where there will be a message regarding the status of the event.



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An exciting finish

Glenbard East's girls basketball team earned a thrilling 39-38 victory over Glenbard South in Saturday's Upstate Eight Conference game in Glen Ellyn. Both teams entered the battle with conference records of 9-0. Senior Catey Carney scored 21 points for the Rams in Saturday's win. Carney scored what turned out to be the game-winning basket with about six seconds to play. The photo above shows the Glenbard East bench reacting to Carney's late field goal. After a couple of timeouts, Glenbard South drove down the court and missed a last-second shot.

The Ramders and Willowbrook advance to sectional action

The Glenbard East/South and Willowbrook boys bowling teams earned berths in an upcoming IHSA sectional with their performances at Saturday's regional in Glendale Heights.

Twelve teams competed in Saturday's Glenbard East/South Regional at Bowlero in Glendale Heights. The top four teams at the regional advanced to this weekend's Warren Sectional at Bertrand Bowling Lanes in Waukegan. The top six teams at the 16-team sectional will qualify for the IHSA state meet, which will take place Jan. 26-27 at St. Clair Bowl in O'Fallon.

Glenbard North won the team title at Saturday's regional in Glendale Heights with its total score of 6,111. Morton posted a second-place total of 6,075. The combined team of players from Glenbard East and Glenbard South, known as the Ramders, advanced to the sectional with its third-place score of 5,916. Willowbrook secured its sectional berth with its fourth-place total of 5,796. The Warriors, who did not have a boys bowling program before this season, outscored eight teams at the regional, including fifth-place Fenton (5,685), sixth-place Lake Park (5,156) and seventh-place Addison Trail (5,080).

Junior Zack Poling led the Ramders to their third-place finish at the regional with his six-game total of 1,238. Poling fired his best game of the regional in his first game, when he rolled a 241.

Sophomore Justin Kay delivered a six-game regional total of 1,162 for the Ramders. Kay rolled a 246 in his fourth game of the day. Junior Landon Giron's six-game regional total of 1,156 included a 237 in his fifth game. Freshman Geovanni Clayton contributed a six-game score of 1,143. Clayton bowled his best game of the day—a 226—in his sixth and final game of the regional.

Glenbard East junior Josh Roimicher bowled five games at the regional and compiled a total score of 1,040. Roimicher fired a spectacular 286 in his first game of the event.

Junior Cooper Wooldridge of Glenbard East bowled one game at the regional, posting a score of 177.

Junior Nathan Dodmead led Willowbrook's regional effort with his six-game total of 1,313. Dodmead won the regional's individual title with that score. After bowling a 194 in his first game of the event, he fired a 256 in his second game. Dodmead completed the regional with game scores of 201, 214, 215 and 233.

Willowbrook junior Dean Romano compiled a six-game total of 1,179 at the regional. Romano fired his best game of the day in his third game, when he bowled a 237.

Junior Cole Williams of the Warriors contributed a six-game regional score of 1,139 that included a 246 in his fourth game of the day. Willowbrook junior Tommy Whiting, who opened the regional with a 216 in his first game, delivered

a six-game score of 1,103 on Saturday. Junior T.J. Radomski, who fired a 209 in his second game of the regional, posted a six-game score of 1,062 for the Warriors.

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Warriors drop three straight non-conference games

Willowbrook will play home games against Addison Trail and Glenbard East this week

The Willowbrook boys basketball team's overall season record fell to 6-12 with three non-conference losses last week.

The Warriors lost 76-50 to Lockport in a non-conference game in Villa Park on Jan. 9. Willowbrook then opened Wheaton Warrenville South's Martin Luther King Jr. tournament with a pair of losses on Saturday. In its first game of the day, Willowbrook lost 80-68 to Joliet Central. About four hours later, the Warriors lost 76-56 to Carmel.

Willowbrook sophomore Otis Powell scored 20 points and made eight rebounds in last week's loss to Lockport. Junior Filip Palutkiewicz provided eight points and four rebounds for the Warriors, who trailed Lockport 19-18 after one quarter and 38-28 at halftime. The Porters led Willowbrook 55-41 at the end of the third quarter.

Senior Andrew Ciesinski contributed seven points, five rebounds, three assists, two blocks and two steals for Willowbrook in its loss to Lockport.

Sophomore Jaylen Griffin supplied four points, four rebounds, four assists and two steals. Senior Kenyon Rhodes scored four points. Junior Feim Alka tallied three points. Senior Justin Wade and junior Jaden Royal scored two points each.

Powell provided 20 points and seven rebounds in Saturday's loss to Joliet Central. Powell scored 15 of Willowbrook's 25 first-half points. Joliet Central led the Warriors 20-10 after one quarter, 39-25 at halftime and 61-43 at the end of the third quarter.

Griffin scored nine points in Willowbrook's loss to Joliet Central. Rhodes and Palutkiewicz supplied eight points each. Royal contributed seven points. Junior Jesus Gomez scored six points and pulled down six rebounds.

Powell scored 15 points and grabbed seven rebounds in Saturday's loss to Carmel. Griffin and Rhodes provided 12 and 10 points, respectively. Royal added seven points, while junior Anthony Porter supplied six points. Carmel led the Warriors 24-13 after one quarter and

40-22 at halftime.

The Warriors were supposed to play a West Suburban Gold Conference game at Proviso East on Friday, Jan. 12, but that contest was rescheduled to Jan. 24. Willowbrook was scheduled to play two more games at Wheaton Warrenville South's Martin Luther King Jr. tournament on Monday, Jan. 15. The Warriors will play a conference home game against Addison Trail this Friday. Willowbrook will meet Glenbard East in this Saturday's non-conference clash in Villa



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Willowbrook's boys basketball team lost a pair of games at Wheaton Warrenville South's Martin Luther King Jr. tournament on Saturday. The Warriors began the day with an 80-68 loss to Joliet Central. Later on Saturday, Willowbrook lost 76-56 to Carmel. Sophomore Otis Powell (No. 2 - above) scored 20 points and grabbed seven rebounds for the Warriors in their loss to Joliet Central. Willowbrook junior Filip Palutkiewicz (No. 23 - below) made a pair of 3-point shots and scored eight points in his team's first game on Saturday. Junior Jaden Royal (No. 11 - left) contributed seven points for the Warriors in their contest against Joliet Central. Powell supplied 15 points in the loss to Carmel. Willowbrook's overall season record dropped to 6-12 with Saturday's pair of losses. The Warriors' schedule this week includes Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference home game against Addison Trail, along with this Saturday's non-conference home contest against Glenbard East.



Warriors outscore Addison Trail Blazers in girls gymnastics

Campbell wins two events for Willowbrook; Franczak places first on the balance beam and claims the all-around title for the Blazers

The Willowbrook girls gymnastics team earned a 132.15-129.15 victory over Addison Trail in last week's dual meet in Addison.

Junior Naomi Campbell delivered two first-place performances for the Warriors in the Jan. 11 meet against the Blazers. Campbell earned one of her victories on the vault with an effort that earned a score of 8.9. She picked up another win on the uneven bars with a routine that received a score of 8.7.

Campbell tied for second in floor exercises (9.05) in last week's meet between West Suburban Gold Conference and District 88 rivals. She finished eighth on the balance beam (7.1) and claimed third in the all-around standings with her four-event total of 33.75.

Willowbrook senior Mia McBride won the first-place medal in floor exercises in last week's meet in Addison. McBride earned a score of 9.1 in her winning performance on the floor. She placed second on the vault (8.6), third on the uneven bars (8.4) and third on the balance beam (8.0). McBride finished second in the meet's all-around standings with her score of 34.1.

Addison Trail senior Nicolette Franczak won

the meet's all-around title with her overall score of 34.9. Franczak earned first-place honors on the balance beam (8.85).

She finished second on the uneven bars (8.6), tied for second in floor exercises (9.05) and placed third on the vault (8.4).

Willowbrook sophomore Kaia Capulong finished fourth in the meet's all-around competition with her score of 32.1. Capulong's all-around total included her second-place score of 8.3 on the balance beam and her ties for fourth on the vault (8.3) and in floor exercises (8.4).

Freshman Lillian Macias of Willowbrook secured a fourth-place finish on the balance beam (7.8). Macias finished eighth in the all-around standings (30.8).

Addison Trail junior Olivia DeBeau posted a fifth-place score of 31.95 in the meet's all-around standings. DeBeau finished fourth on the uneven bars (7.9) and fifth on the balance beam (7.65).

Sophomore Gabriela Trejo of Addison Trail posted a sixth-place all-around total of 31.35 in last week's meet against the Warriors. Trejo tied for fourth on the vault (8.3). She also tied for fourth in floor exercises (8.4).



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Warriors in action

Willowbrook's girls basketball team faced Conant in last week's non-conference game in Villa Park. The visiting Cougars rallied for a 56-53 victory over the Warriors in the Jan. 10 contest. Willowbrook led Conant 18-13 after one quarter and 34-25 at halftime. The Warriors led the Cougars 43-40 at the end of the third quarter. Conant, which sank three 3-point baskets in the third quarter, made two more 3-point baskets in the fourth quarter. Senior Elle Bruschuk (No. 33 - top right) made two 3-point shots and scored a team-high 14 points for the Warriors in the contest. She also snared 10 rebounds. Willowbrook junior Kendall Medinger (No. 14 - above) made four shots from 3-point range and provided 13 points. Senior Tia Kelly drained three 3-point attempts to score nine points for the Warriors. Junior Ayaanl Gusman contributed seven points for Willowbrook. Senior Lillian Vish and Junior Loralai McIntyre scored four points each for the Warriors, while junior Kristin Woods added two points. Willowbrook improved to 10-12 overall and 6-2 in West Suburban Gold Conference action with Saturday's 45-35 victory at Addison Trail. The Warriors' schedule this week includes a non-conference battle at York, as well as this Saturday's conference game at Hinsdale South.

Answers

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Request of: SAMANTHA ALEXANDRI HEDGLEY

Case Number: 2023MR000733

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from SAMANTHA ALEXANDRIA HEDGLEY to the new name of SAMANTHA ALEXANDRIA. The court date will be held February 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at 505 N. County Farm Rd Wheaton, IL., DuPage County, in Courtroom #2005.

/s/ Samantha Hedgley
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Swept off her feet

In a scene from *The Sound of Music*, Rolf sweeps Liesl off her feet, as the two fall in love. Addison Trail is performing the musical on Feb. 8, 9 and 10, featuring Junior Alexandra Mertz in the role of Liesl and senior Jack DiDomenic as Rolf. Story and another photo inside.

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Cowboys Cheer squad performs at Village Hall



SUBMITTED PHOTO Addison Independent

The Addison Cowboys U11-Div. 2 football team and the Addison Cowboys cheer squad were celebrated at the Village Board meeting on Monday, Jan. 15 for their recent accomplishments. Pictured here, the Pee Wee 9-12 cheer squad performs a few steps. More photos inside.

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ATHS to present winter musical, 'The Sound of Music'

The Addison Trail Theatre Department invites you to experience a beloved, classic story that shows the healing power of music and the importance of family and standing up for your beliefs. The school will present its winter musical, "The Sound of Music," on Feb. 8, 9 and 10 at 7 p.m., as well as a 2 p.m. performance on Sunday.

Addison Trail theatre director Anna McSweeney is happy to bring this production to the school's stage, as it offers students the opportunity to experience a different and challenging genre.

"The Sound of Music" is such a traditional show, filled with beautiful

and nostalgic songs," she said. "It's the perfect way to recognize and celebrate the final musical of Music Department Head Mark Corey, who will retire at the end of this school year."

McSweeney added that along with the 30 Addison Trail students who comprise the cast, eight children from the community also will take the stage as some of the younger Von Trapp family members.

Addison Trail junior Alexandra Marcinkowski, who plays Maria, junior Nathan Redmann in the role of Captain Von Trapp and senior Jack DiDomenic portraying Rolf, are enjoying the change of pace provided by this show and are happy to be part

of the production.

Tickets to the Addison Trail production of The Sound of Music are \$7 for adults and \$5 for ages 5-17; children younger than 5 are free. It is also free for those with a D88 student ID or a D88 Senior Gold Card.

Tickets can be ordered online at attheatre.ludus.com/200447957. Tickets can also be purchased at the box office 30 minutes before the per-

formance.

Fundraiser dinner

On Sunday, Feb. 10 from 4-6:30 p.m., Addison Trail's Energy Rush dance club will host a fundraiser dinner in the cafeteria before the show. Choose from beef, chicken or veggie fajitas, served with rice and beans, as well as a soda. Tickets are \$7 a person. For more information, call 630-628-3365.



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Students rehearse a scene from Addison Trail's upcoming winter musical, "The Sound of Music." Performances will take place on Feb. 8, 9 and 10 at 7 p.m., as well as a 2 p.m. performance on Sunday. Also on Sunday, Feb. 10, AT's Energy Rush dance club is holding a fundraiser dinner in the cafeteria from 4-6:30 p.m. Call 630-628-3365 for tickets and information.



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Cowboys football wins national trophy

At the Addison Village Board meeting on Monday, Jan. 15, Mayor Rich Veenstra joined members of the Village Board and the entire community in congratulating the Addison Cowboys 11U-Division 2 football team for their championship season. The team brought home the Pop Warner national trophy to Addison for the first time in more than 60 years.



Cheer squad earns two championships

Also, on Monday, Jan. 15, the Village Board recognized the Cowboys Pee Wee 9-12 cheer squad for their first place Conference Championship as well as a first place Regional Championship. Congratulations to all the athletes and their families!



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Congresswoman, State Rep. address AT students

On Jan. 22, U.S. Rep. Delia C. Ramirez (right) and State Rep. Norma Hernandez visited Addison Trail to have a conversation with students. The legislators shared their personal experiences and paths that led and inspired them to get involved with politics. They provided updates on current events and legislation, spoke about how the federal government and the state government operate and answered questions from the audience.

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Police Reports

The Addison Police Department recently reported the following arrests and citations. Persons who are charged with domestic battery are not named in order to protect the victim's privacy. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a conviction, and that suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Juveniles age 17-or-younger are not named.

Jan. 23

Police said Miguel A. Gomez Lopez, 31, of Bensenville, was issued two warrants near Lincoln and Dale at 11:53 p.m.

Jan. 22

Mark A. Castro, 51 (homeless), was charged with violation of a sex offender registration at 1:25 a.m.

Rafael Ralóris, 48, of Addison, was charged with burglary, criminal damage to property under \$300 and theft of a school or church under \$300 at 8:31 p.m.

Jan. 21

Darrell Leroy Johnson, 24, of Chicago, was charged with assault in the

600 block of Meadows at 3:21 a.m.

Antolin Mendoza-Carmen, 44, of Addison, was charged with obstructing justice, DUI and two counts of endangering the life of a child in the 800 block of W. Fullerton at 9:24 p.m.

Jose Vargas Cruz, 58, of Chicago, was charged with DUI, no valid driver's license, improper lane usage and no insurance near Lake and Briar Hill at 4:02 a.m.

Jan. 20

A 28-year-old Addison man was charged with two counts of domestic battery and possession of a controlled substance in the 1-100 block of W. Elizabeth at 8:30 p.m.

Jan. 19

A 39-year-old Addison man was charged with four counts of domestic battery in the 500 block of N. Macie.

Jan. 18

A 56-year-old Addison man was charged with two counts of domestic battery and aggravated assault/use of a deadly weapon in the 100 block of W. Elizabeth at 2:46 a.m.

Four D88 coaches honored by Board of Education

During its Jan. 22 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education recognized the four coaches below for their outstanding accomplishments, state/national/international recognitions and positive impact on the students and entire learning community of District 88.

• Chris Bazant, Addison Trail football head coach: Recognized by the Chicago Bears, who named him as the "High School Coach of the Week" for week 8.

• Angel Vega, Addison Trail Varsity boys soccer assistant coach: Named as an Assistant Coach of the Year by the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association (IHSSCA).

• Irene Mason, Willowbrook girls volleyball head coach: Selected as a 2023 Girls High School Region Coach of the Year by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA).

• Rachel Karos, Willowbrook flag football co-head coach: Recognized

as a catalyst for the growth and development of Flag Football at the state, national and international levels (Karos was invited to travel to Spain to further promote the sport).

To read more about the coaches, visit dupage88.net/RecognitionOfCoaches.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS Rock Valley Publishing
Addison Trail football head coach Chris Bazant was recognized by the Chicago Bears, who named him as the "High School Coach of the Week" for week 8. Bazant spoke during the Jan. 22 meeting of the District 88 School Board of Education.



Willowbrook Girls volleyball head coach Irene Mason (right) receives a certificate from District 88 Board of Education President Donna Craft Caln during the Jan. 22 Board meeting. Mason was recognized for being selected as a 2023 Girls High School Region Coach of the Year by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA).



Rachel Karos, Willowbrook flag football co-head coach, gets a laugh from the group gathered at the District 88 Board of Education meeting, where she was among four coaches to be honored. Recognized as a catalyst for the growth and development of flag football at the state, national and international levels, Karos was invited to travel to Spain to further promote the sport.



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Haywood named 88's Best for January

Pictured here with Addison Trail principal Jack Andrews is Mekalah Haywood, who has been named as Addison Trail's January recipient of 88's Best recognition for her stellar involvement in extracurricular activities. Haywood, a senior, was recognized during the Jan. 22 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

DuPage Care Center to host Valentine's Balloon fundraiser to benefit residents

The DuPage Care Center will host a fundraiser for the community to send Valentine wishes to Center residents.

For a \$5 donation, community members may send a balloon to a Care Center resident to spread cheer and warm wishes. In the past, the public sent nearly 1,000 heart-shaped, helium balloons to line the corridors and rooms on Valentine's Day. Volunteers and staff deliver the balloons to the residents living at the

Center, brightening their days, and bringing lots of smiles along the way.

"This fundraiser provides a great way to warm the hearts of residents at the DuPage Care Center, bringing a smile to their face and lifting their spirits," said Greg Schwarze, Chair of the Human Services Committee. "This is an incredible tradition we look forward to every year."

Balloon donations will be accepted until Feb. 10, and may be sent to: DuPage Care Center, Attn: Valentine's

Balloons, 400 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187. Balloons may also be sent by visiting dpccfoundation.org. Balloons will be delivered on Feb. 14.

Funds from the sale of balloons will benefit the Resident Recreation Fund, which provides programs and activities to improve the quality of life of residents living at the Center.

For more information, Linda Gray at (630) 784-4303 or email linda.gray@dupagecounty.gov.

Broncos deliver strong finish to beat Schaumburg

Montini outscores Saxons 9-0 in closing minutes to earn 50-41 win

The Montini Catholic girls basketball team won four straight games last week to raise its overall season record to 21-5.

The Broncos began the week with a 63-37 victory at Marist on Jan. 22. One day later, Montini beat Saint Ignatius 62-39 in Lombard. The Broncos pounded Rosary 85-31 in Lombard on Jan. 25. Montini completed its week with Saturday's 50-41 home victory over Schaumburg.

The Broncos extended their winning streak to six games with Saturday's victory.

Montini senior Victoria Matulevicius scored 21 points in last week's win over Marist. Junior Nikki Kerstein added 12 points for the Broncos, while senior Alyssa Epps provided six points. Juniors Shea Carver, Natalie Gartlan and Lily Spanos supplied five points each. Junior Peyton Farrell contributed four points, while senior Riley White and junior Audrey Kinney scored three and two points, respectively.

Montini led Marist 14-9 after one quarter. The Broncos' lead grew to 28-14 at halftime. Montini's lead swelled to 48-27 by the end of the third quarter.

Kerstein drained a pair of 3-point attempts and scored 16 points for the Broncos in last week's Girls Cath-

olic Athletic Conference (GCAC) Red Division win over Saint Ignatius. Matulevicius piled on 14 points, while Carver, who made two 3-point shots in the second quarter, contributed 13 points. Spanos made three 3-point baskets in the first half to supply nine points. Spanos sank her first 3-point basket of the game during the first quarter. She made two more 3-point baskets to provide six straight points for the Broncos in the second quarter.

Epps scored eight points in last week's win over the Wolfpack, while Kinney provided two points.

The Broncos led Saint Ignatius 12-6 after one quarter, 33-17 at halftime and 52-33 at the end of the third quarter.

Montini led Rosary 27-14 after one quarter of last week's game in Lombard. The Broncos, who sank 12 attempts from 3-point range during the game, led the Royals 46-19 at halftime and 65-29 at the end of the third quarter.

Matulevicius made 11 baskets, including one 3-point field goal, and scored a team-leading 23 points for Montini in its win over Rosary. Kerstein, who connected on five 3-point shots during the game, added 19 points. Spanos, who sank four 3-point attempts, supplied 14 points.

Epps and Gartlan scored eight and seven points, respectively.

The Broncos made four shots from 3-point range in the first quarter of Saturday's battle against Schaumburg. Montini led the Saxons 22-8 at the end of the opening quarter. Kerstein netted a pair of 3-point baskets in the first quarter. Epps and Carver made one 3-point basket each during the game's first eight minutes.

Schaumburg, which entered the game with a season record of 22-4, cut the Broncos' lead to 26-21 by halftime. Montini held a 39-35 lead at the end of the third quarter.

A Schaumburg basket evened the score at 41-41 with about 4:20 left in the game. Epps fired and made an outside shot to give the Broncos a 43-41 lead with about 3:40 remaining. Her basket began Montini's 9-0 run to finish the contest.

Kerstein drove the length of the court before passing to Matulevicius, who scored a layup to push Montini's lead to 45-41 with 1:55 to play.

Kerstein made a pair of free throws with 52.4 seconds on the clock to boost Montini's advantage to 47-41.

Kerstein returned to the free-throw line with 28.1 seconds on the clock. She made one of two attempts to raise the Broncos' lead to 48-41.

Kerstein scored the game's final points when she made two free throws with 10.7 seconds to play.

Epps, who made a pair of 3-point shots during the game, scored a team-high 17 points for the Broncos in Saturday's victory. She also contributed 10 rebounds and six steals in the game, which took place in front of an energetic Senior Night crowd. Montini honored its three seniors—Epps, Matulevicius and White—before the game.

Kerstein made two 3-point shots in the first quarter and sank five of six free throws in the fourth quarter to contribute 11 points in the Broncos'

win over Schaumburg. She also supplied seven assists and five rebounds. Carver and Matulevicius scored 10 points each. Farrell provided two points with a third-quarter basket. She also contributed six rebounds and two steals.

Montini, which raised its GCAC

Red Division record to 6-2 with its Jan. 23 win over Saint Ignatius, will play four games in this week's GCAC Tournament.

Three Broncos—Epps, Kerstein and Matulevicius—were named to the 2023-24 GCAC Red Division First Team last week.



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Montini Catholic's girls basketball team improved its overall season record to 21-5 following Saturday's 50-41 victory over Schaumburg in Lombard. The Broncos and the visiting Saxons were tied at 41-41 with a little more than four minutes left in the game. Montini senior Alyssa Epps is pictured while launching and making an outside shot that gave the Broncos a 43-41 lead with about 3:40 remaining. The basket from Epps started Montini's 9-0 run to end the game. Epps scored a team-leading 17 points in Saturday's contest to lead the Broncos to their sixth straight victory. She also grabbed 10 rebounds and made six steals. "Alyssa had a huge game," said Montini coach Shannon Spanos after Saturday's win. "We talk about different kids stepping up every night. Tonight was her opportunity, and she really stepped up to the challenge. She made some big shots, got some huge rebounds and played really good defense."

Rams finish their regular season at Upstate Eight Conference Meet

Glenbard East is taking part in this week's IHSA regional at Glenbard West

Glenbard East's girls gymnastics team completed its regular season by competing in Saturday's Upstate Eight Conference Meet in Oswego. The Rams posted a team score of 115.0 to finish fifth in the meet's team standings.

Oswego won the title at the five-team meet with its score of 138.5. Glenbard South (125.5) finished second, while Riverside-Brookfield (124.5) and Elgin's U-46 team (120.15) placed third and fourth, respectively.

Glenbard East senior Olivia Broyles finished fifth in the meet's all-around competition with her score of 31.95. Broyles delivered a fourth-place finish on the balance beam (8.35). She earned an eighth-place score of 7.6 for her routine on the uneven bars.

Senior Emma Iwaniszyn of the Rams placed eighth in the all-around competition at Saturday's conference meet with her score of 31.2. Iwaniszyn finished in a tie for third on the vault (8.5). She also earned a fifth-place score of 8.6 in floor exercises.

Junior Dalia Daoud of the Rams posted a 15th-place all-around score of 26.05 at Saturday's conference meet. Glenbard East freshman Mylee Janisch (25.7) finished 16th in the all-around standings, while sophomore Keira Nelson placed 18th with her total of 23.5.

Three days before taking part in the Upstate Eight Conference Meet, the Rams earned a 123.4-82.85 victory over Elgin's U-46 team in a meet in Lombard. Broyles delivered team-leading scores on the vault (8.9), uneven bars (8.25) and balance beam (8.8) during the Jan. 24 meet. She added a score of 8.45 in floor exercises.

Iwaniszyn gave the Rams' best performance in floor exercises in last week's meet in Lombard. Her routine on the floor received a score of 8.55.

Iwaniszyn earned a score of 8.6 on the vault during last week's home meet. She posted a score of 8.4 on the balance beam and added a score of 7.05 on the uneven bars.

Senior Ashley Macias of Glenbard East contributed a score of 8.6 on the vault in the Jan. 24 meet against the U-46 team.

Earlier this week, the Rams competed at an IHSA regional at Glenbard West. The regional featured three other full teams—Geneva, Glenbard South and Glenbard West.

Willowbrook and Montini dance teams compete at IHSA state meet

The Willowbrook and Montini Catholic dance teams performed at the IHSA competitive dance state meet, which took place on Friday and Saturday at Grossinger Motors Arena in Bloomington.

Both teams performed during Friday's preliminary round. Neither team advanced to Saturday's finals.

Willowbrook needed to place among the top 12 teams in the 2A division on Friday. Montini Catholic needed a top-12 finish in the 1A division during Friday's preliminaries. Willowbrook placed 25th in the 2A division on Friday, while Montini finished 16th in the 1A division.

Willowbrook was one of 30 teams to qualify for the state meet in the 2A division. The state meet's 1A division also featured 30 teams.

Area cheerleading teams compete at IHSA sectionals

The Glenbard East, Willowbrook and Montini Catholic cheerleading teams participated in IHSA sectionals on Saturday. The three teams attempted to qualify for the IHSA competitive cheerleading state meet, which will take place this weekend in Bloomington.

The Rams, Warriors and Broncos were unable to qualify for the state meet.

Glenbard East needed a top-five finish in its co-ed division at the Dundee-Crown Sectional to qualify for the state meet. The Rams finished seventh in their division.

Willowbrook competed at Saturday's sectional at Rolling Meadows High School. The Warriors needed a top-five finish in their division to earn a state-meet berth. They earned a 13th-place finish.

Montini participated at the Hinsdale South Sectional on Saturday. The Broncos needed to finish among the top five teams in their division to qualify for this week's state meet. Montini placed sixth in its division.

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Warriors place third at conference meet

Campbell takes third in the all-around standings

The Willowbrook girls gymnastics team hosted the six-team West Suburban Gold Conference Meet on Saturday. The Warriors earned a third-place finish in the team standings.

The Downers Grove co-op team won the title at the meet with its total score of 144.45. Hinsdale South

landed in second place with its score of 133.0. Willowbrook posted a third-place total of 130.35, while Addison Trail (127.675) finished fourth. Leyden (126.2) and Morton (113.225) placed fifth and sixth, respectively.

Junior Naomi Campbell of Willowbrook finished third in the conference meet's all-around standings

with her total of 35.65.

Campbell's all-around total included her second-place score of 9.2 in floor exercises, her fourth-place score of 8.775 on the balance beam, her sixth-place score of 8.725 on the uneven bars and her seventh-place score of 8.95 on the vault.

Willowbrook senior Mia McBride finished in a tie for seventh in the all-around standings with her score of 32.925. McBride finished 10th on the uneven bars (8.45), 13th on the balance beam (7.85), 14th in floor exercises (8.175) and 16th on the vault (8.45).

Freshman Mallory Yeazel of Willowbrook placed 13th in the conference meet's all-around standings with her total of 30.8. Another Willowbrook freshman—Lillian Macias—finished 14th in the all-around competition with her score of 30.625. Macias tied for eighth on the vault (8.9).

Willowbrook sophomore Kaia Capulong contributed an 18th-place finish in the meet's all-around standings with her total of 29.55.

Addison Trail senior Nicolette Franczak compiled a sixth-place all-around total of 34.275 at the conference meet. Franczak delivered a third-place score of 9.125 in floor exercises. She placed fifth on the vault (9.15), ninth on the balance beam (8.0) and 11th on the uneven bars (8.0).

Addison Trail sophomore Mia Trombatore joined McBride to tie for seventh in the all-around standings with her total of 32.925. Trombatore finished sixth in floor exercises (8.8) and tied for 11th on the balance beam (7.9). She placed 12th on the uneven bars (7.9).

Sophomore Mickey Fricano of

the Blazers tied for 12th on the vault (8.5). Junior Olivia DeBeau provided Addison Trail with a 13th-place score of 7.775 on the uneven bars. DeBeau finished 15th in the all-around competition with her total of 30.625.

Addison Trail senior Brooke

Greaves placed 20th in the all-around standings with her score of 28.8

Willowbrook and Addison will join two other teams (Lake and Maine East) in today's IHS. gional at Lake Park High School in Roselle.

Warriors pick up conference win at Morton

Powell supplies 27 points and 13 rebounds to lead Willowbrook to victory over the Mustangs

The Willowbrook boys basketball team split a pair of West Suburban Gold Conference road games last week. The Warriors suffered a 66-56 loss at Proviso East on Jan. 24. Two days later, Willowbrook defeated Morton 66-55 in Cicero.

Friday's victory over Morton gave the Warriors an overall record of 8-16 and a conference mark of 3-4.

Willowbrook led Proviso East 16-5 at the end of the first quarter of last week's game in Maywood. The Warriors held a 27-22 halftime lead. The Pirates delivered a 26-11 burst in the third quarter to take a 48-38 lead with eight minutes to play.

Sophomore Otis Powell scored 21 points for Willowbrook in last week's loss at Proviso East. Junior Jaden Royal scored 12 points, while sophomore Jaylen Griffin provided eight points. Junior Filip Palutkiewicz and senior Andrew Ciesinski supplied six and four points, respectively. Ciesinski also blocked 10 shots and made seven rebounds.

The Warriors raced out to a 23-7

lead over Morton after one quarter of Friday's conference battle. Willowbrook led the Mustangs 33-14 at halftime and 50-31 at the end of the third quarter.

Powell piled up 27 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Warriors to Friday's conference road victory over Morton. Palutkiewicz provided 10 points and seven rebounds. Senior Noah Boyd scored nine points, while Griffin and senior Kenyon Rhodes scored seven points each. Ciesinski contributed four points and nine rebounds, and for the second straight game, he blocked 10 shots. Royal added two points, five rebounds and three assists.

Willowbrook won both of its conference games against Morton this season. The Warriors opened their West Suburban Gold Conference schedule with a 59-50 win over Morton in Villa Park on Dec. 1.

The Warriors' schedule this week includes conference games against Leyden and Downers Grove South, along with a non-conference contest against Christ the King.



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Willowbrook's girls gymnastics team battled five other teams in Saturday's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet in Villa Park. The Warriors earned a third-place finish in the meet's team competition. Downers Grove's co-op team won the title at the conference meet. Hinsdale South posted a second-place finish. Willowbrook junior Naomi Campbell delivered a third-place finish in the meet's all-around competition. Campbell is pictured during performance on the balance beam at Saturday's meet. She placed fourth in the all-around standings. Earlier in the meet, she delivered a second-place effort in floor exercises. Another picture from Saturday's meet shows senior Mia McBride of the Warriors who is pictured during her 10th-place performance on the uneven bars. McBride finished in a tie for seventh in the meet's all-around competition. Willowbrook is competing in tonight's IHS Regional at Lake Park High School in Roselle.



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Warrior cheer

Willowbrook High School's cheerleading team competed in Saturday's IHSA sectional at Rolling Meadows High School. The Warriors needed to finish among the top five teams in their division at the sectional to qualify for the IHSA state meet, which takes place this week in Bloomington. Willowbrook earned a 13th-place finish in its division at the sectional and did not advance to the state meet. Several members of the team are pictured after Friday's girls basketball game in Villa Park. Pictured left to right are: (front row) junior Ava Venegas, sophomore Gianna Datoli, junior Kinsey Crawford, sophomore Veronica Suero, junior Cassie Yépez and sophomore Allah Ramirez; (back row) junior Trinity Smith, junior ShaNia Lawson, junior Mariah Green, senior Camryn Jerome, senior Samantha Arroyo and junior Sophia Glataslo. Not pictured are sophomore McKenna MacDonald, senior Mason MacDonald and senior Brenda Martinez.

Broncos defeat Trojans 40-35

Shepherd delivers
22 points in Montini's
home win

The Montini Catholic boys basketball team raised its overall season record to 9-16 following Saturday's 40-35 victory over Timothy Christian in Lombard.

The Broncos led the visiting Trojans 6-2 after one quarter and 20-16 at halftime. Montini led Timothy Christian 29-25 at the end of the third quarter.

Senior Maddox Shepherd scored a team-leading 22 points for Montini in Saturday's win. Shepherd made nine field goals, including one 3-point shot, and drained all three of his free-throw attempts during the game.

Montini junior Max Bell supplied eight points in Saturday's victory. Senior Danny Petersen added five points for the Broncos. Senior Tyler Pavlik and junior Drew Church provided three and two points, respectively.

The Broncos' schedule this week includes this Friday's home game against IC Catholic Prep.

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The Village of Lombard is now accepting sealed bid proposals for FY2024 Water/Sewer System Supplies.

Bid proposals must be received prior to 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 23, 2024 at the Department of Public Works, 1051 S. Hammerschmidt Ave., Lombard, Illinois, 60148, marked "Attention: Carl S. Goldsmith" and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Each proposal should be placed in a sealed envelope and the envelope labeled with the bidder's name, address, bid item name and bid opening location, room number, time, and date. Only sealed bids will be accepted.

Bid specifications and specific instructions to bidders may be obtained from the Director of Public Works at the Department of Public Works. All questions concerning the bid document or specifications must be submitted in writing to the Director of Public Works. A written response will then be provided to all known bidders and made available to the public. No interpretations, clarifications or addenda will be issued after three (3) working days prior to the scheduled bid opening.

The Village of Lombard reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all technicalities or to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the Village.

Elizabeth Brezinski
Village Clerk

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VILLAGE OF LOMBARD NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR FY2024 Snow and Debris Hauling

The Village of Lombard is now accepting sealed bid proposals for FY2024 Snow and Debris Hauling.

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Elizabeth Brezinski
Village Clerk

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NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 79327 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on JANUARY 19, 2024, wherein the business firm of ABIGAIL ANNE PHOTOGRAPHY, 230 DUANE STREET APT 2D, GLEN ELLYN, IL 60137 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows: Abigail Hine, 230 Duane Street Apt 2D, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 19TH day of JANUARY, A.D. 2024.

Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk
(Published in The Lombardian
Feb. 1, 8 & 15, 2024) 450510

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR Coarse Aggregate Material

The Village of Lombard is now accepting sealed bid proposals for Coarse Aggregate Material.

Bid proposals must be received prior to 10:00 AM, February 23, 2024 at the Lombard Public Works, 1051 S. Hammerschmidt Ave., Lombard, Illinois, 60148, marked "Attention: Carl S. Goldsmith" and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Each proposal should be placed in a sealed envelope and the envelope labeled with the bidder's name, address, bid item name and bid opening location, room number, time, and date. Only sealed bids will be accepted.

Bid specifications and specific instructions to bidders may be obtained from the Utilities Superintendent at Lombard Public Works or by requesting them electronically at www.villageoflombard.org/bids. All questions concerning the bid document or specifications must be submitted in writing to the Utilities Superintendent. A written response will then be provided to all known bidders and made available to the public. No interpretations, clarifications or addenda will be issued after the fourth day prior to the scheduled bid opening.

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CERTIFICATE NO. 79311 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on January 8, 2024 wherein the business firm of T2DO Home Repair, 254 BOBWHITE LANE, BLOOMINGDALE, IL 60108 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the

person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows:

PAUL B. TARMAN, 254 BOBWHITE LANE, BLOOMINGDALE, IL 60108

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 8TH day of January, A.D. 2024.

Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk
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NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 79321 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on JANUARY 18, 2024, wherein the business firm of VILLA PARK KARYATE, 341 S. ARDMORE AVENUE, VILLA PARK, IL 60181 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows:

Devin Patrick Andrekus, 302 Pine Street, Villa Park, IL 60181; Carter James Kampert, 175 E. Van Buren, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 18TH day of JANUARY, A.D. 2024.

Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk
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NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 79305 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on DECEMBER 28, 2023, wherein the business firm of THE WESTLEEN GROUP, 2200 S. MAIN STREET STE. 112, LOMBARD, IL 60148 was registered; and the following changes were made:

"The following named person or persons should now be registered as associates of the aforesaid firm: Marilyn Jo Davis, 1111 Holly Ct Unit 313, Oak Park, IL 60301.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 19TH day of JANUARY, A.D. 2024.

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Bruschuk scores her 1,000th point as a Warrior

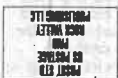
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Willowbrook High School's girls basketball team defeated Morton 61-46 in Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference game in Villa Park. Senior Elle Bruschuk of the Warriors needed to score 26 points in Friday's contest to reach the 1,000-point milestone in her four-year varsity basketball career. Bruschuk delivered a driving basket with a little more than one minute left in the game to notch her 1,000th point as a Warrior. She made 10 field goals, including one 3-point basket, and sank five of six free-throw attempts during her 26-point performance. Bruschuk (No. 33), who is a Villa Park resident, is pictured with her teammates after Friday's game. Bruschuk will continue her academic and basketball careers at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. Before beginning her senior season with Willowbrook's girls basketball team, Bruschuk played for the school's girls volleyball team, which won the third-place trophy in the 2023 IHSA Class 4A state tournament in November. The Warriors' girls volleyball team finished its 2023 season with an overall record of 40-2. See Sports.

CHRIS FOX PHOTO Villa Park Review

Bruschuk reaches 1,000-point milestone in Warriors' win over Morton

Needing 26 points to hit magic number on her home court, senior delivers a 26-point output to lead Willowbrook to conference victory

The Willowbrook girls basketball team played a pair of home games last week. After losing 54-48 to Riverside-Brookfield in a non-conference contest on Jan. 24, the Warriors earned a 61-46 West Suburban Gold Conference win over Morton on Friday.

The Warriors improved to 7-3 in conference play and 11-16 overall with Friday's win over Morton.

Senior Elle Bruschuk of Willowbrook reached the 1,000-point mark in her varsity career during Friday's game. Bruschuk, a four-year varsity

player, needed to score 26 points in the contest to reach the special milestone. She hit that number when she scored her final points of the game on a driving basket with a little more than one minute to play.

The game was briefly stopped after Bruschuk reached the 1,000-point mark. In addition to being congratulated by her teammates and coaches, she received a banner noting her achievement.

Bruschuk piled up 22 points in the Warriors' 54-48 loss to Riverside-Brookfield on Jan. 24. The vis-

iting Bulldogs led Willowbrook 11-6 after one quarter. Riverside-Brookfield led the Warriors 31-28 at halftime and 45-33 at the end of the third quarter.

Junior Ayaani Gusman made all 11 of her attempts from the free-throw line and scored 18 points for the Warriors during last week's battle against the Bulldogs. Willowbrook senior Tia Kelly contributed five points, all of which came during the fourth quarter. Senior Seyna Fall provided three points for the Warriors.

Willowbrook trailed Morton 12-7

after one quarter of Friday's conference game in Villa Park. The Warriors outscored the Mustangs 23-9 during the second quarter to take a 30-21 halftime lead. Willowbrook held a 50-35 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Bruschuk scored five points in the first quarter of Friday's game. She made four free throws and scored six points during the second quarter. She made three baskets, including a shot from 3-point range, to tally seven points in the third quarter. She delivered four baskets to score eight points in the fourth quarter and hit the 1,000-point milestone on her home court.

Gusman scored 15 points for Wil-

lowbrook in Friday's win. Junior Kendall Medinger, who drained three 3-point shots during the second quarter, supplied 11 points for the Warriors. Vish provided seven points, while Fall contributed two points.

Willowbrook split its conference series with the Mustangs this season. The Warriors dropped a 54-51 decision at Morton in the teams' previous conference meeting on Dec. 8.

The Warriors' schedule this week includes a non-conference battle at Glenbard East, along with conference contests against Leyden and Downers Grove South. Willowbrook will finish its West Suburban Gold Conference schedule with this Friday's game at Downers Grove South.



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS/Rock Valley Publishing

Willowbrook's girls basketball team raised its West Suburban Gold Conference record to 7-3 following Friday's 61-46 victory over Morton in Villa Park. Senior Elle Bruschuk scored a team-leading 26 points for the Warriors during Friday's victory. Bruschuk (No. 33) is pictured while driving to the basket and scoring her final two points of the night. With those two points, Bruschuk reached the 1,000-point mark in her four-year varsity career. Another photo from Friday's game shows Willowbrook junior Ayaani Gusman (No. 10), who scored 15 points. One more photo shows senior Lillian Vish (No. 22), who supplied seven points for the Warriors.

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Police Reports

The Villa Park Police Department recently reported the following arrests and citations. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a conviction, and that suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Persons charged with domestic battery are not named in order to protect the privacy of victims. Juveniles age 17 or younger are not named.

Jan. 23

Police said Jesus L. Ventura De La Cruz, 55, of Villa Park, was served with an in-jurisdiction warrant service out of DuPage County near N. Addison and W. Sunset at 11:43 p.m. and released after posting the required \$500 bond.

Police said two suspects wearing masks at a gas station in the 200 block of E. Roosevelt at 12:32 a.m. implied they had a weapon and showed the clerk what appeared to be a gun in their waistband. The suspects proceeded to take several cartons of cigarettes and cash, and then fled the scene.

Jan. 22

Police said Tradamus D. Lanigan, 43, of Downers Grove, was wanted on a failure to appear warrant out of DuPage County. According to police, Lanigan was not able to post the required bond, so he was transported to the DuPage County Jail.

A complainant at a fitness center in the 200 block of W. Roosevelt stated they were threatened by a gym member, and they wanted the member trespassing from this location. The subject was contacted and stated he has tried canceling his membership twice and is still getting charged. The subject has been trespassing from this particular location.

Jan. 21

Police said Thaddeus Sakwa, 71, of Downers Grove, was wanted on a failure to pay a fine in-jurisdiction warrant near S. Main and W. Roosevelt in Lombard. He was charged and released after posting the required \$600 bond.

Jan. 20

Felecia A. Graziano, 49, of Lyons, was issued a citation for retail theft at

a store in the 900 block of S. Route 83 at 9:02 p.m.

Police said a ride share driver near N. Ardmore and E. St. Charles reported at 11:28 p.m. that a customer they had just dropped off threatened them several times and struck the back of the seat during the drive.

A 24-year-old Arlington Heights man was charged with domestic battery in the 500 block of W. Division at 5:26 p.m.

Police said a suspect removed alcohol from a display shelf at a store in the 1-100 block of E. North and attempted to leave the store with the items without paying for the items. Security was able to recover the items.

Police said an unknown suspect at a tobacco store in the 500 block of E. St. Charles displayed what looked like a "stun gun" and demanded all the money. The suspect left on foot with approximately \$1,000.

A complainant at a convenience store in the 300 block of N. Ardmore advised he has had problems with a subject in the past and no longer wants the subject in his store. The subject was advised he was trespassing from the store.

Jan. 19

A complainant at a store in the 1-100 block of E. North reported that an unknown suspect removed two LEGO sets from the display shelf and left the store with the items without paying.

An intoxicated complainant in the 500 block of N. Ardmore reported that an unknown suspect stole his two brown-striped cats.

Police said a subject fled from officers in his vehicle during a traffic stop near S. Michigan and E. 13th at 10:29 p.m.

Jan. 18

A complainant at a saloon in the 300 block of E. Kenilworth reported that a suspect battered a victim.

Fraud, identity theft

According to information provided by the Villa Park Police Department, police reported two incidents of residents being a victim of fraud or identity theft.

A partner of District 88

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The District 88 Board of Education recently named Villa Park's Funky Java Coffee House (40 S. Villa Ave.) as a 2023-24 Business Partner. The board's Business Partner program recognizes businesses and organizations for their support in building futures for District 88 students and helping to accomplish the district's mission and vision. Larry Poggi (pictured), the owner and proprietor of Funky Java Coffee House, was recognized at the board's Jan. 22 meeting. "Our business community is extremely important to us in supporting all the work that we do," said board president Donna Craft Cain during the meeting. "Hopefully the school district can be supportive of them as well." Poggi noted during the board meeting that he has been in business for 28 years. He mentioned that one of his brothers graduated from Addison Trail High School, while two of his brothers graduated from Willowbrook High School. Poggi's daughter and son are both Willowbrook graduates. John Epple, the head of Willowbrook's art department, noted during the meeting that Poggi is a longtime supporter of the school's art students. Each December, numerous pieces of Willowbrook students' artwork are displayed at Funky Java Coffee House. "He's all in for District 88 and for our awesome kids," said Epple. "It was really nice of you to have me here," stated Poggi during the board meeting. "You guys do a lot for the community, and it shows, because people want to stay in the community and buy homes in the community."



Six migrants charged with burglary from Oak Brook Macy's in two unrelated incidents

One incident alleges theft of more than \$10,000 including items placed in suitcases also stolen from the store

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Oak Brook Chief of Police Brian Strockis have announced that charges have been filed against six individuals accused of stealing merchandise from the Oak Brook Macy's store in two unrelated incidents. Nicolas Paillacan-Bravo, 20, and David

Saez-Vega, 34, both of Chile currently staying in Chicago, appeared at First Appearance Court where Judge Joshua Dieden denied the state's motion to detain the defendants pre-trial.

In an unrelated incident, Elvis Rodriguez-Rubio, 28; Gabriela Salazar-Vasquez, 30; Victor Sevilla-Arteaga, 33; and Danielis Vasquez-Arteaga, 27, all of Venezuela currently staying in Countryside, also appeared at First Appearance Court where Judge Joshua Dieden denied the state's motion to detain the defendants pre-trial.

All six defendants are charged with one count of burglary (Class 2 felony) and one count of retail theft (Class 3 felony).

On Jan. 23 at approximately 6:28 p.m., Oak Brook police officers responded to a call of a retail theft at the Macy's department store located at 1 Oakbrook Center.

Following an investigation, it is alleged that Paillacan-Bravo and Saez Vega entered Macy's and began removing anti-theft devices from merchandise with a magnet they brought with them. It is further alleged that the duo then placed 54 items worth approximately \$10,155.49 into two suitcases they obtained from the luggage department.

It is alleged that the pair then left the store without paying for the items where they were met by officers with the Oak Brook Police Department. Earlier the same day, at approximately 1:45 p.m., Oak Brook police officers responded to a prior call of a retail theft at Macy's. Following an investigation, it is alleged that Rodriguez-Rubio, Salazar-Vasquez, Sevilla-Arteaga and Vasquez-Arteaga entered Macy's and went to the Tommy

Hilfger section where Vasquez-Arteaga and Salazar-Vasquez selected r merchandise and then took the merchandise to the second floor.

It is alleged that the two men then selected shoes and entered a fit room. It is further alleged that the two men exited the fitting room wearing merchandise and the four defendants exited the store without paying for items. It is alleged that when the defendants exited the store wearing the merchandise, which totaled approximately \$927.99, they were met by a loss prevention officer.

"I want to assure the public that DuPage County we are one hundred percent committed to protecting retail establishments, their employees and patrons," Berlin said. "The investigation and prosecution of these six defendants again sends the clear message that if people continue to steal, it will continue to use every tool at our disposal to hold them accountable. Contrary to popular belief, retail is not a victimless crime, causing significant financial hardship to business and their employees which results in higher prices for shoppers and less investment and tax revenue for communities."

"I believe that six felony arrests one day illustrates that migrant criminal activity is a real problem," St said. "The amount of these types of crimes that we have had in the last few months is significant and we are taxing for any police department are well prepared to continue our enforcement efforts and I can assure that there are easier places to commit these crimes than Oak Brook or DuPage County."

Back wages totaling more than \$5 million owed to thousands of Illinois workers

CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The U.S. Department of Labor is currently holding more than \$5 million in wages owed to more than 7,000 Illinois workers, and the department has launched a new website in an effort to return it.

When an employee is underpaid for the work they do, the DOL's Wage and Hour Division can launch an investigation. If it finds that the employee is owed money, known as back pay, the department collects the unpaid wages and attempts to distribute it to the employee.

The new Workers Owed Wages website attempts to connect workers with potential unclaimed back pay.

"As you can imagine, some-

times the workers have moved or their addresses aren't known and therefore, those are the workers, we term unlocatables, that we search for based on the best information we can. But sometimes we are unable to locate them," Tom Gauza, district director of the U.S. Department of Labor, said.

The Department of Labor can only hold employees' back pay for three years. After that it is turned over to the Department of Treasury and the employee can no longer claim it. The department also cannot send money to people using tax filing information received each year since not all employees have social security numbers or live at their listed addresses.

Gauza said.

Across the country over 222,000 workers can still claim more than \$161.4 million in back wages, according to the Department of Labor. Gauza said the most common industries in which the department investigates and finds unpaid wages are restaurant, home health care, agriculture and construction.

Workers who think they are due back wages can go to the Workers Owed Wages website and follow the instructions on the main page to search the database. It is available in English and Spanish. If a worker finds they are owed money, they will be directed to a Department of Labor office that can send them a check.