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Addison Trail alum starts youth tennis club in Minooka

More than 30 years after graduating from Addison Trail High School, its former #1 tennis player John Figarelli has formed a new tennis club in Minooka just for youth. The son of Don "The Don of Sports" Figarelli, John recently helped host the Club's first-ever "Summer Bash" event. Next spring, the Minooka Tennis Club plans to expand its programs to include: youth & adult lessons, drill teams, challenge leagues, a youth competition team and more.

Addison Community Calendar

Sunday, September 1 Addison Blood Commission hosts drive

From 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., the Addison Blood Commission will host a blood drive at St. Philip the Apostle Church, 1223 Holtz. Register by calling 630-628-1959 or LifeSource 1-877-543-3768 or register online at lifesource.org, using code: G106. Appts preferred, but walk-ins welcome. Bring an official govt. ID; eat well, stay hydrated, wear shirt with loose sleeves for access to arm.

Friday, September 6 All In for the Dogs

From 7-11 p.m., All In for the Dogs, a fundraiser for Foster 2 Home Animal Rescue, will take place at the Medinah Shriners Hall, 550 Shriners Drive. Tickets are \$65 in advance, \$75 at the door and includes an appetizer buffet, two drinks, live

entertainment provided by the band "North of Eight," raffles and free prize drawings, silent and live auctions and hours of Vegas-style gambling. For tickets, go to foster2homeinc.org.

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Commission plans blood drive

Officials say summer brings 'severe shortage' of blood supply

ADDISON — According to officials with the Addison Blood Commission, every summer seems to bring with it a severe shortage of blood supplies at local area blood banks.

On Sunday, September 1, the Commission plans a blood drive with LifeSource in the gymnasium of St. Philip the Apostle Church, 1223 Holtz, from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Although appointments are preferred, walk-ins are welcome. To make an appointment, call Judy Socha at 630-628-1959 or call LifeSource direct at

ADDISON — According to officials with the ddison Blood Commission, every summer lifesource.org and use the sponsor code: G106.

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School starts for District 88

On the first day of the 2013-14 school year Aug. 21, District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton, Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka and Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause rode a school bus with students to celebrate the beginning of the school year. (left): Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause gives a high five to

junior Julia Gilson as they wait for the bus. (below): Addison Trail Principal Adam Cibulka (left) and Dis-

trict 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton ride a bus home with

students from Addison Trail.
(bottom): District 88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton (center, in gray T-shirt) greets students in the District 88 Transition Program on the first day of the 2013-14 school year Aug. 21. The Transition Program is a program that helps cognitively disabled students ages 19 to 21 learn life skills, obtain job training in a community setting and transition to life after District 88.



by Dr. Jeffrey T. Boland & Dr. George C. Chipain Licensed Orthodontic Specialists

GIVING FACES A NEEDED LIFT

It seems that Baby Boomers have no intention of growing old gracefully and have every intention of looking younger than their years. Aside from exercising regularly and eating right, this search for the "fountain of youth" sometimes leads Boomers to plastic surgery to enhance their appearance by correcting physical irregularities that they deem to be unattractive or unhealthy. Similarly, orthodontic treatment can improve health by correcting tooth and jaw irregularities that may otherwise lead to oral disease and chewing/ breathing problems. In addition, straight teeth and proper bites can improve smiles to make faces look years younger. Restoring teeth to their proper positions may also help correct the sunken look of an aging face without the need for plastic surgery.

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Experienced Fenton football team looks to move forward

Bison return six starters on offense and nine on defense

> By Mike Miazga Correspondent

Varsity experience in high school football is extremely important.

Fenton has plenty of that as it heads into the 2013 season. The Bison return six starters on offense and nine on defense from a team that went 3-6 overall in 2012.

Leading the way on offense is junior quarterback Willie Wassmann, who started eight of nine games as a sopho-

and we're excited that he's only a junior," said Fenton coach Mark Kos.

Wide receivers Alex Cowan, Cody Ouarles and Zach Jakalski return, along with linemen Nikko Avila, Alec Wasowicz and Phil Espinoza. Junior Elijah Young also is back. Espinoza is in his third varsity season and was called up for the playoffs as a freshman.

Espinoza, Jakalski and Avila are three of the team's four captains.

On defense, Matt Lucas (DL), Adam Benayad, Espinoza, Alex Stitgen (LB), Jimmy Kramer (S), Rene Garcia (CB), Raul Garcia (CB), Eric Pingel (OLB) and Rene Rodriguez (OLB) return. Stitgen is the fourth captain.

Avila will play both sides of the ball on the line, while sophomore Eric Lonergan is at a linebacker spot.

"We have experience," said Kos, "L feel this group will represent the com-

munity and the program the way any coach would hope for. This is a group of young men who genuinely enjoy each other's company. They don't want to let each other down. They realize the potential and potential is a very dangerous word. They don't want to talk too much about it. They want to go out and make a name for themselves. This group is in a position to be a very good football team as long as they continue to work hard and do the things they've been doing since the off-season started."

Fenton went 2-2 in Metro Suburban Conference play last year.

"I always feel we are in contention for the conference title," said Kos. "I believe in the staff we have and I believe in the ability of the kids. We have a lot of experience coming back. We know there are some good teams in the conference. It's going to be competitive. The first time I think we are not in contention for the conference title then it's time for me to consider another career path. I believe in this group.'

Kos is excited about what he's seen on both sides of the ball thus far.

"Your defense is typically farther along at this point," he said. "We have nine guys coming back and that always helps. But we probably have closer to 13 or 14 guys who have experience playing defense. It's also nice to know that we have Willie under center for another full season of football. I'm not overly concerned where we're at offensively because he knows what varsity game conditions are all about."

Fenton opens the 2013 season at home Friday night in non-conference action against Grayslake Central.

Week 1 Preview Grayslake Central at Fenton

When: Friday, 7:15 p.m.

Where: Fenton High School, Bensenville

Last year; Did not play.

Outlook: Fenton has experience returning on both sides of the football with six starters back on offense and nine on defense. The Bison is coming off a 3-6 season. Grayslake Central plays in the Fox Valley Conference Fox Division and went

Week 1 Preview Addison Trail at Glenbard South

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Glenbard South High School, Glen Ellyn

Last year: Did not play.

Outlook: Addison Trail will look to improve upon last year's 2-7 mark. The Blazers return a number of key players on both sides of the ball. Glenbard South went 6-4 last year and qualified for the Class 6A playoffs. The Raiders shared the Metro Suburban Conference title with Elmwood Park. These teams did not play last year.

Week 1 Preview Willowbrook at Glenbard East

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Glenbard East High School, Lombard Last year: Willowbrook 42, Glenbard East 41

Outlook: This opening-week neighborhood series continues in Lombard this year. Willowbrook edged the Rams by a point last year. The Warriors are coming off a 2012 season where they qualified for the state playoffs and went 6 4. Glenbard East is coming off a 1-8 season. The Rams play in the DuPage Valley

Positive first week for Willowbrook boys golf team

Gasiamis finishes second at St. Laurence Invitational

> By Mike Miazga Correspondent

Willowbrook boys golf coach Gary Walker is pleased with how his team fared during the first week of the season.

The Warriors competed in the St. Laurence Invitational at Mistwood and the Addison Trail Invitational at Oak Meadows. Willowbrook also competed in a non-conference dual meet against Ridgewood.

Willowbrook shot a 338 at

the Addison Trail event to finish 12th out of 20 teams. Senior Sean Keefe led the way for the Warriors with an 81.

Senior Matt Gasiamis finished second at the St. Laurence invitational with an 82.

Seniors Mark Fratto and Mike Malito are also back this season for the Warriors, Malito earned all-conference honors last year.

"We have 24 kids in the program with 12 on the varsity," said Walker. "We're really happy about that."

Walker noted nine players competed in spring and summer tournaments.

"We're moving in the right direction competitively as a program," said Walker. "It's

great seeing the kids playing and practicing in the spring and summer months. That's important.

Walker also lauded the support the program is receiving

from a variety of sources.
"Once again, our administration and the Board of Education have been so supportive, he said. "We can't thank them enough. They provide us with everything we need. Our situation over at Sugar Creek (Willowbrook's home course) is unbelievable. They treat us like gold there."

The varsity squad is comprised of seven seniors and five iuniors.

"The cut for regionals. depending on who is there, is in that 84 neighborhood," said Walker. "Without a doubt, our goal is to get four kids to the sectional. We have about eight kids that can shoot lower than that. And once you get to sectionals, you have to put it together and have the best 18-hole round ever.'

Walker said Downers Grove South and Hinsdale South are top-tier contenders in the West Suburban Conference Gold Division.

"I would put us tied with Addison Trail right now," said Walker. "We tied Addison Trail at their invitational and both Downers and Hinsdale South beat us there."

Willowbrook is in the midst of a busy week. The Warriors were slated to face West Chicago in a dual meet earlier this week. Willowbrook will play in three different invitationals on Saturday.

The varsity groups will split up and head to either the St. Viator Invitational or the Fenton Invitational.

"We'll have to decide who goes where," said Walker. "Both of those tournaments are crazy competitive."

The frosh-soph team will play in the Lockport Invitational on Saturday.

"This is what we want," said Walker. "We want as many kids as possible getting out there and competing. That's only going to help us get better.'

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ADDISON TRAIL BLAZERS

SENIOR SAYS | JIM WISLEK

Blazers eye league title, playoffs

By DAN SANTAROMITA dsantaromita@shawmedia.com

ADDISON - Addison Trail is hoping for a rebound season in 2013 and senior running back Jim Wislek is going to have to be a big part of it. Wislek is one of 13 returning starters for the Blazers and hopes that experience can propel them to a successful season.

Santaromita: With all the returners back, is there a lot of confidence with this group?

Wislek: We're all excited to be out here. It's a complete difference from last year. Last year practice was dead. This year we're always excited to be out here and we're always flying around and having fun.

Santaromita: How do you try to come back from a 2-7 season? Wislek: We're the type of team that's not going to look

About Jim Wislek

Position: Running back Height: 5-foot-10 Weight: 170 pounds

back in the past. That's just the way we are. We look at what's important now. We don't look ahead.

Santaromita: What are your goals for the year?

Wislek: Take the team to the playoffs and get the conference championship back and make relationships with friends that I'm never going to forget.

Santaromita: Quarterback Mike Rybarczyk is replacing Matt Gontarek, who is moving to defensive back. How is that dvnamic working?

Wislek: Mike has worked hard and Matt loves playing defense. It seems like Matt doesn't have a problem backing up Mike, but Mike is looking really well so I'm excited to see him out there.

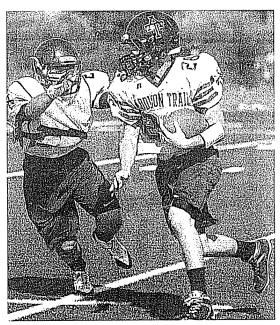
Santaromita: What stands out about this team?

Wislek: We never give up. We're never down like we were last year. We're always excited to be out here and playing. We've got a lot more depth than last year.

Santaromita: What are you

looking forward to most about your senior season?

Wislek: It's bittersweet. I am not looking forward to college. I love high school way too much. I always talked about how I was so excited for senior year and now it's here. It's insane how fast every thing goes by.



Matthew Piechalak - molechalak@shawmedia.com

Addison Trail running back Jim Wislek rushes toward the sideline Tuesday during practice.



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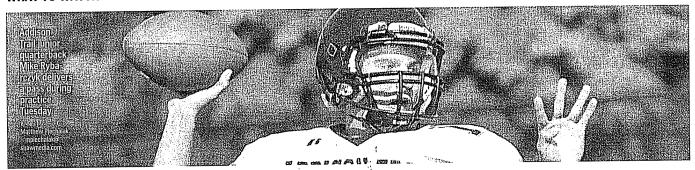
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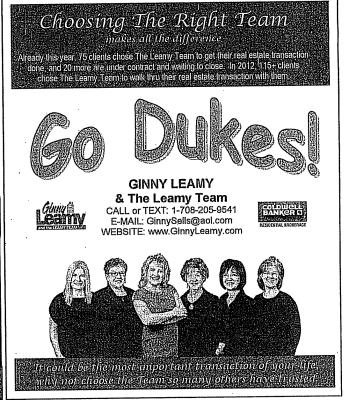


B PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE: There's no denying that 2012 was a disappointing year for Addison Trail football. After making the playoffs the previous two years and having won the West Suburban Gold in 2011, the Blazers went 2-7. Part of the reason for the slump was the youth of the team. That youth should pay off this season. AT has 13 starters back, three of which are juniors.

M QB CHANGE: Typically when a sophomore starts at varsity quarterback, it's the first of his three years starting. That won't be the case for Matt Gontarek, who quarterbacked Addison Trail last fall as a sophomore. Gontarek is shifting to defensive back, and fellow junior Mike Rybarczyk, who has impressed in early practices, is taking over at QB.

ON THE LINE: With lots of skill position players back, led by talented junior wide receiver Javvion Bradley, the Blazers won't need their lines to dominate. However, no team can be successful without winning in the trenches. Three returning starters are back on the offensive line -Pete O'Connor, Alex Arreguin and Dan Tomasello.





ADDISON TRAIL BLAZERS



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AT A GLANCE

Class: 7A

Coach: Paul Parpet Jr.

2012 record: 2-7

Conference: West Suburban Gold, 1-5, 6th

TOP RETURNERS

IOI HEIGHNERS		
Alex Arreguin	sr.	OL
Javvion Bradley	jr.	WR
Eric Gilliam	sr.	LB
Matt Gontarek	jr.	DB
Pat Gorniak	sr.	RB
Bob Carson	sr.	DL
Chris Lacni	jr.	DB
Alton Marshall	sr. `	LB
Anthony Nasti	sr.	TE
Pete O'Connor	sr.	OL
Ryan Petrbok	sr.	LB
Dan Tomasello	sr.	OL
Jim Wislek	sr.	RB

KEY NEWCOMERS

Jake Atiyeh	jr.	WR
Mike Rybarczyk	jr.	QB

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Sept. 27 at Hinsdale S., 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 4 Morton, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12 at Proviso East, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 18 Glenbard West, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25 at Willowbrook, 7:30 p.m.

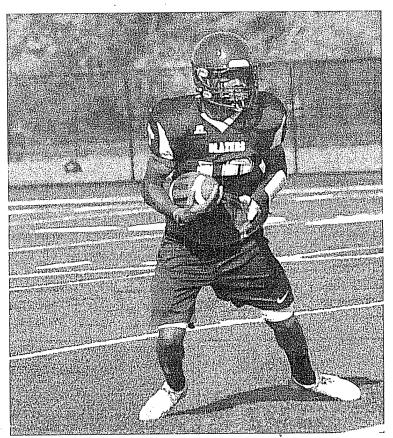
FIVE-YEAR RECORD

	W-L	conf.	playoffs
'12	2-7	1-5	DNQ
'11	8-2	6-0	1st round
'10	5-5	5-1	.1st round
'09	3-6	3-3	DNQ
'08	3-6	3-3	DNQ

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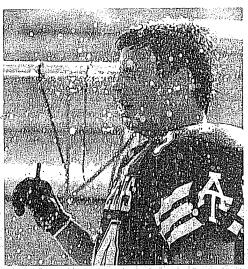
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GEARING UP



Matthew Piechalak - mpiechalak@shawmedia.com

Addison Trail wide receiver Javvion Bradley returns a punt during practice Tuesday.



Tight end Anthony Nasti takes a moment to cool off.



Center Pete O'Connor prepares to snap the ball.

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WEEK 1 MATCHUP

- **™ Who:** Addison Trail at Glenbard South
- M When: 7:30 p.m. Friday
- Where: Raider.Stadium, 23 W 200 Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn
- 2012 records: Addison Trail
 2-7, Glenbard South 6-4
- Outlook: Glenbard South poses a quality Week 1 threat to the Blazers. Quarterback Alex Jeske will lead the Raiders' spread offense. Addison Trail has won two straight openers, beating West Chicago both times. The Raiders are a better opponent than that, having won the Metro Suburban Conference both times since joining the league in 2011.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 423: Receiving yards for wide receiver Javvion Bradley in 2012
- 15-14: AT's record under coach Paul Parpet Jr. in three seasons
- 76: Freshmen football players for AT, the most since Parpet Jr. has been with the program dating back to 1994

COACH'S QUOTE

"We have a lot of skill.
For us, it's a very unique year as far as the number of skilled kids we've got. We're two deep and in some spots three deep on offense at the skill positions. For us, it never happens that way."

Paul Parpet Jr.

Blazers head coach

WILLOWBROOK WARRIORS

SENIOR SAYS | BRIAN JOHNSON

Quarterback expects to put up big points

By SCOTT SCHMID sschmid@shawmedia.com

VILLA PARK - Brian Johnson returns for his second season as the starting quarterback for Willowbrook. A year ago, the senior helped lead the Warriors to their first playoff appearance since 2007.

Schmid: What do you take away from last year's success?

Johnson: Basically getting used to winning. Last year we had success and learning how to win from last year will carry over to this year. We want to stay on that path.

Schmid: Is the excitement level rising for the start of the 2013 season?

Johnson: We are really

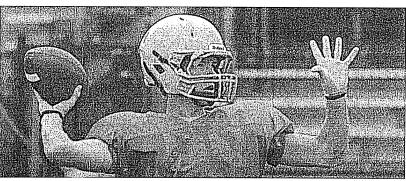
About Brian Johnson

Position: Quarterback Height: 6-foot-3 Weight: 188 pounds

excited to play that first game. We started school a little earlier than usual so we have to wait a week for our first game. The excitement is building up even more. We are itching to get out there.

Schmid: How did the offseason go?

Johnson: It was good. We had guys in there, working hard and getting better. We want to carry that winning



Willowbrook's Brian Johnson passes the ball during practice last week.

attitude into this year. Schmid: What do you expect from your offense this fall?

Johnson: I expect it to be pretty similar to last year quick paced and we should put up some points. We've got a couple of returners and also a group of guys who are going to prove themselves. They have been proving themselves through camp

Schmid: With only one starter

returning on the defense, what have you seen from that group? Johnson: They have been

coming together and getting that chemistry down, which is big on defense. That will be important, getting that defensive chemistry.

Schmid: What are a couple of keys to having another successful season?

Johnson: I think, especially during games, not turning

the ball over and instead, controlling it. We need to keep scoring like last year because I'm pretty confident we can stop teams from scoring that many points.

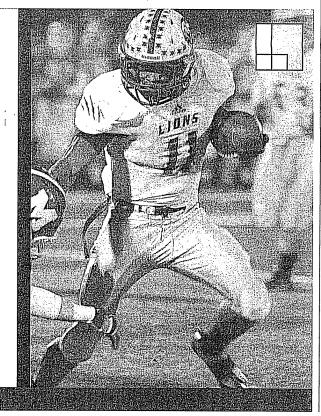
Schmid: How important is it

to get off to a strong start?

Johnson: That would be a great confidence builder for us and hopefully we could keep that going throughout

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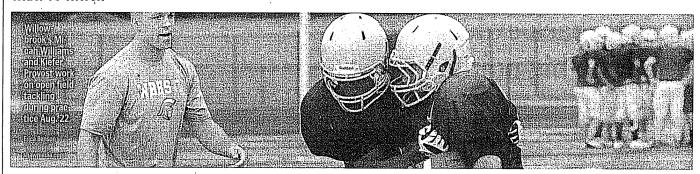


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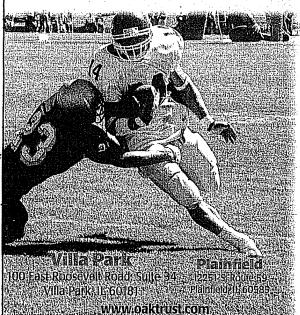


WHAT TO WATCH



- LEADING THE CHARGE: The Warriors are inexperienced on defense, so the offense will need to produce. Willowbrook brings back quarterback Brian Johnson, who went over the 2,000-yard passing plateau in 2012. Running back Jeremy Barnes also returns after finding the end zone six times last fall, as do wide receiver Devin Childress and offensive lineman Jake DePaul.
- with vast experience. "We are running in six different linebackers, seven different defensive linemen," coach Nick Hildreth said.
- when it is not seven games from 2008 to 2011, the Warriors nearly equaled that mark last fall. Willowbrook finished 6-4 on the year, advancing to the postseason for the second time in eight years. Now it is up to a new group to try to continue that success. "That's a thing we've talked about, finding an identity," Hildreth said.

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AT A GLANCE

Class: 7A Coach: Nick Hildreth 2012 record: 6-4 Conference: West Suburban Gold, 4-2, T-2nd

TOP RETURNERS

Brian Johnson	sr.	QB
Jeremy Barnes	sr.	RB
Devin Childress	Sr.	WR
Hayden Adams	sr.	WR/DB
Jake DePaul	sr.	OL
Adrian Ahrams	sr.	OL

KEY NEWCOMERS

Josan Murphy	50.	DB
T.J. Geritano	50.	WR
Kyle Rushing	jr.	WR .
David Harris	jr.	RB
Kyle Martyniuk	SO.	OL.

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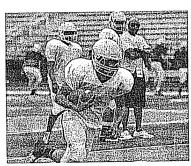
VIDEO ONLINE

Willowbrook wide receivers catch passes from head coach Nick Hildreth during preseason practice. Visit shawurl.com/qrz.

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GEARING UP



Jeremy Barnes carries the ball.



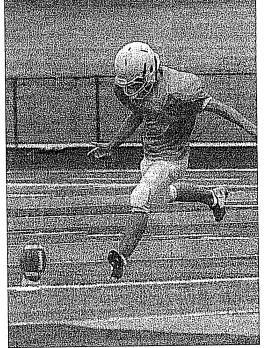
Jacob Henderson takes a water break.

"We do not look past any week, and I know the kids can get frustrated with that. But we have to go day by day and just worry about us getting better."

Nick Hildreth Warriors head coach



TJ Geritano makes a catch



Willowbrook's Paul Yacoub works on his kickoffs during practice Aug. 22.



Devin Childress passes the ball.



Willowbrook's linemen work on a footwork drill.

WEEK 1 MATCHUP

- Who: Willowbrook at Glenbard East
- When: 7:30 p.m. Friday
- Where: 1014 S. Main St., Lombard
- 2012 records: Glenbard East 1-8, Willowbrook 6-4
- Outlook: These two teams meet for the ninth consecutive time to kickoff a season, with Glenbard East winning six of the previous eight contests. Willowbrook did prevail, 42-41, last year, a victory that proved crucial as the Warriors advanced to the Class 7A playoffs. Some of the questions surrounding the Warriors should start to get answered in the opener, most importantly how quickly an inexperienced defense can come together.

The Rams had trouble slowing down Willowbrook's offense in 2012 and it could be more of the same this time around as returning guarterback Brian Johnson and running back Jeremy Barnes are the main threats. Glenbard East's Illinois State-bound safetv. Javon York, will do his best to shut them down.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 64: Players on the Warriors' 2013 roster, up from the mid-50s a year
- 2,187: Yards passing in 2012, along with 17 touchdowns, for returning quarterback Brian Johnson
- 1.036: Rushing yards last fall for running back Jeremy Barnes





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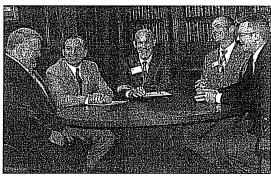
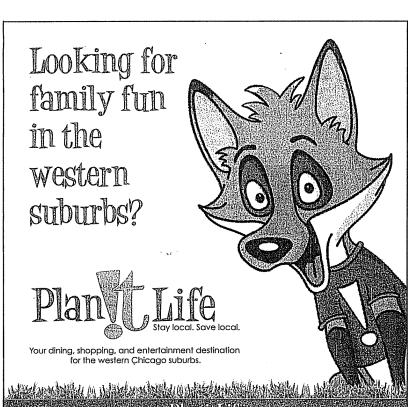
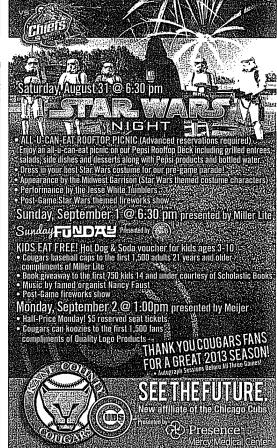


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District 88 Superintendent Scott Helton, District 45 Superintendent Anthony Palmisano, District 48 Superintendent John Correll and District 4 Superintendent John Langton speak about the districts' Learning Compact with District 88 Director of Technology, Teaching and Learning Aaron Lenaghan earlier this month. The group talked about implementing the new Common Core State Standards and developing common assessments for students. Superintendents also discussed goals for this school year.





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