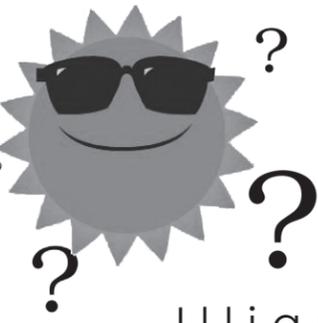


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Not just horsin' around, Donkeyball raises money

Event rakes in \$1,850 for Illiana's PIE Board's Excellence in Education Fund.

Riley Goodwin
Reporter

On Wed, May 18, Illiana Christian hosted a Donkey Ball tournament in which six teams participated in basketball games while riding donkeys to raise money to go towards Excellence in Education.

Numerous times in the past 30 or so years Illiana Christian has hosted Donkey Ball tournaments and this year the \$1850 that was raised went towards Excellence in Education, a Parents in Education fund, that provides extra items teachers and students use in their classrooms.

The rules for donkey ball are fairly simple. To pass the ball, a thrower or receiver must be astride a donkey.

The same rule applies to

score a basket.

After the first set of games, there was a brief intermission for a round of 'Musical Donkeys'.

Players had to circle the donkeys, finding one to sit on every time the whistle blew.

After a few minutes, only two players were left.

When the last whistle blew, signaling the players to hop onto the last available donkey, sophomore Beth Boonstra and junior Hope Van Proyen went head to head to see who would win. The game

ended with Van Proyen crashing into Boonstra, gaining her spot atop the last donkey.

"Riding a donkey was a lot more fun than I expected and despite not scoring, I really enjoyed playing!" said

sophomore Jordan Miller. "It felt great to hear people cheering or laughing at me, but they were probably laughing at me."

The night ended with the green team scoring a total of

5 points, winning this year's Donkey Ball tournament.

"Donkey Ball was better than I expected and I enjoyed it," said senior Christian Pelke. "I didn't expect to win but it felt great knowing that we did."



Sophomore Jordan Miller tries to stay balanced on a bucking donkey.

Photo by Jenny DeBoer

Jazz Band performs at Chicago Fire's Toyota Park

Beth Boonstra
Reporter

Saturday, May 21, the Illiana Jazz Band performed at Toyota Park, home of the Chicago Fire soccer team. Organizers of the Fire Fest, a pre-game hangout outside the stadium, heard the Jazz Band play at the Prairie State Jazz Festival and knew they needed them for the Fest.

The Jazz Band played for spectators and passersby from 2:30-3:00 P.M. as children kicked around soccer balls in the windy afternoon.

Band Director Pat Menninga said, "It was difficult and funny trying to



Photo by Pat Menninga

Jazz Band played songs like "Fly me to the Moon," and "Birdland."

play with our music blowing all over the place and with a very noisy generator supplying us with electricity... [but] everything went well."

After entertaining fans, the band joined them at the Chicago Fire match with discounted tickets.

Sophomore Trumpeter Paul Kamp enjoyed playing and just watching all the people enjoy themselves

and the music.

Their musical lineup included Jazz hits such as: "Fly me to the Moon," "Jiver's Licence," and "Birdland."

Although she avoids picking favorites, Menninga said that Jazz Band is the most fun to teach. Kamp said, "I really enjoy [Jazz Band] because it's relaxed and not as formal. I can really have fun."

This I Believe campaign marches on

JP Peerbolte
Reporter

130 Illiana supporters gathered at Briar Ridge Country Club on April 29 for the This I Believe fundraising dinner. Part of the "This I Believe" campaign, the event aimed to raise money for the new Illiana campus. Mrs. Rachel Drost, Illiana history teacher, was the main speaker at the event.

She spoke about her commitment to Christian education and the importance of Christian education. She addressed the need to view the world through the perspective of the Bible. Those at the

event were given a virtual tour of the proposed campus. Dave Veurink concluded the event with a challenge to those attending to prayerfully and financially support the new campus.

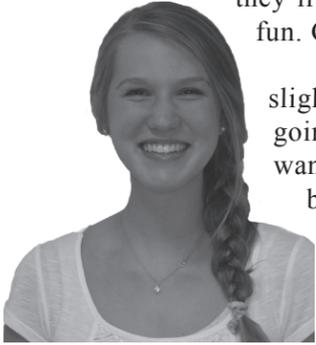
Development Director, Mr. Steve Holwerda said that \$22,000 was raised at the event and he expects more to be raised with the pledge cards that all the attendees went home with.

About \$13 million have been raised in cash and pledges toward the \$35 million new campus.

Holwerda added, "I'm excited for the \$13 million and thankful for everyone who has helped support the project."

Sayonara Seniors

Last spring break I was talking to my dad about how I only had one spring break left with my family. I remember my dad bluntly saying, "Everything comes to an end. You're going to have different experiences, but they'll be equally as fun. Get over it."



Collette Bower
News Editor

It was slightly brutal, not going to lie. I don't want my spring breaks with my family to end. I don't want them still skiing in Colorado without me. I will miss out not only on

the skiing and the beautiful place, but also on all the memories they will make. But "get over it" was what I needed to hear.

I was getting sentimental over a stupid thing. Life goes on; change is inevitable. Everything on earth comes to an end. But every time something ends, I get the chance to experience something new. Instead of wasting time thinking about how I don't have many more spring breaks with my family, I should have enjoyed the moment and looked forward at what's to come. Focusing on the past does nothing other than steal the present.

I shouldn't be one to talk though. I get sentimental over those kinds of things a lot. Heck, I even get sentimental over that kind of stuff for other people. Right now, I feel sad that my friends from the 2016 class are leaving Illiana. Next year in tennis, practices and bus rides won't be the same. In the halls, I'm going to see the new, unfamiliar faces of freshmen instead of theirs.

But if I think about it more than 15 seconds, I realize I shouldn't be sad for them (or myself). I should be excited.

Seniors, you have so many new experiences ahead of you, and you are going to have so much fun. I'm glad you're leaving. It's time for you to get out of here, to move on to new things. In a week, you will walk across the stage and grab that diploma, signifying the end of your high school career, and it's about time.

Since you walked into Illiana, getting you to that night was the goal. When the teachers saw you baby faced freshman enter the doors at freshman orientation, they were thinking about graduation day. Now it's all done.

Whether you hated or loved high school, it's over. In a few days it'll officially be in the past. For those who hate it, don't bash it all the time. Move on. Find other things that matter to you, and focus on them. For those who love it, don't be those graduates who constantly post throw backs to high school every time their old team plays. I'd rather see what you're doing now.

So as you walk off the stage with your diploma, I hope you leave high school there. And if you start feeling sad, don't.

Or as my dad would say, get over it.



Mr. Barnes and Luke Hillegonds toss off in the semi-finals.

Photo by Hanna VanderWoude

Tossing for tuition

Dalton Haven
Reporter

On April 29 Go Club organized a bean bag tournament to raise money for five children in Ghana, Africa so they could attend school. In total the tournament raised \$1,559 from entry fees and food that was sold during the event. The winners of the tournament were Mr. Barnes and Ryan Barnes, who won a bean bag set

of their own.

Go club sponsor Ms. Johnson said "The bean bag tournament was a success and is here to stay. Go Club is planning on organizing another bean bag tournament over the summer due to how fun it was"

Ryan Disselkoen a sophomore and participant said that "it was fun and I can't wait for the next one"

Jordan Miller another sophomore said " I wish

we could've won a few more games but other than that it was a blast".

Abalo Noah is one of the five students from Ghana to get tuition aid. He loves creative arts and hopes to become a Medical doctor in the future. Another student Dotse Jessica is eight years old, loves creative arts and also hopes to be a medical doctor when she grows up. Another students aspires to journalism and another to nursing.

Community walks in students' footsteps

Adults take Local History class, mimicking one provided to students

Collette Bower
News Editor

This spring, over five Tuesday nights, Illiana teacher, Jeff White taught 36 adults about the local history of Illiana and the surrounding area in an adult Local History class to help raise money for the Close-up programs.

White said they spent half the time in the classroom and the other half on field trips during the three hour sessions.

Susan Yonkman, a student in this adult Local History class, said they learned about where Illiana started and how our current building's structures came to be. They

also learned about the history and the architecture of many buildings in Lansing.

She explained they learned many quirky things like why you have to step down into the lower gym. "You never realize these things until Mr. White points them out."

White said, "It's a way to help offset the large expense of the Close-up programs."

The idea to hold these classes came from parents at parent-teacher meetings who mentioned wishing they could go to the places that their children went to in white's local history class for students.

"We are hoping for at least 12 students," White said, "but we got three times that. The response was so favorable that people were asking if we'd do it again next year."

Yonkman said, "Mr. White knows a lot about the local history, and he brings it alive.

White awarded 'Teacher of Year'

JP Peerbolte
Reporter

Mr. Jeff White received the Rotary Teacher of the year award from the Lansing Rotary Club at the Award Assembly on May 24.

Mr. Peter Boonstra put together a list of teachers who go above and beyond regular teaching duties for consideration for the award. Of the many teachers recommended by the Illiana community, Boonstra selected a few to give to the Lansing Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club selection committee for the award chose Mr. White for this year's award. He was recognized for the work he does every day in the classroom, for the senior class trip, the Right to Life trip, the close up trips, and the local history class he puts on for adults.

"He looks for ways to make a difference, even behind the scenes," said Boonstra. "He is committed to Illiana's mission."

"We are all blessed as teachers at Illiana," said White. "The respect that students have for teachers is what makes teaching a joy."



Photo courtesy of Illiana's Twitter

Illiana's band marches down Ridge Road in the Good Neighbor Day Parade.

Rain or shine, snow or sleet, Illiana marches on

Cassie Iaconelli
Reporter

On Saturday, May 6, Lansing held its annual Good Neighbor Day Parade and on Saturday, May 14, Michigan held a parade where the Illiana band & flags marched.

Both in Lansing and in Michigan, Illiana's band and flags marched in less than ideal weather. In Lansing, it was about 44 degrees, while in Holland, at the end of the parade, it snowed, rained, and hailed.

"For my first time doing flags," said junior Janae Van Hook, "it was really fun because while prepping for the parade, there were so many relationships that were made."

"During both of the parades,"

junior Ore Osineye said, "the people on the side would tell us while we were doing the flag routine to do some 'funny things' but overall it was an amazing time."

"Walking around for two-and-a-half hours in each parade was exhausting," explained junior Brittany Pickard. "But it was fun seeing everyone with their smiling faces as we marched by. Made me feel like I was providing them with joy and that was a great feeling."

Being in the parade left opportunities for the band and flag members to feel like they are a part of the community. According to Malik Evans Sophomore, "It made me feel like I was actually doing something for the community. At the end of the day, it was all worth it."

Illiana to partner with Glenwood Academy

Lauren Curtis

Reporter

In April, Glenwood Academy selected Illiana Christian High School as one of the recommended high schools for its students continuing education.

According to its website, Glenwood Academy (a non-profit, boarding school for children in grades 2-8) started in 1887 as a school “for good kids from challenging circumstances impacted by poverty, violence, and inadequate educational systems.” There the boys learned trades so that when they left Glenwood they could get jobs in the community. Ever since 2000, Glenwood Academy has opened enrollment to girls and has changed its focus from trade school to academics.

As their students enter 8th grade, Glenwood Academy usually recommends its students continue their education at Seton Academy, Marian Catholic High School or Bloom Trail High School.

On average, 5 to 7 students from Glenwood Academy end up attending Marian, according to Steve Tortorello, Marian Catholic’s principal. Seton Academy typically received a similar number of students, but Seton Academy is now closing, leaving students from Glenwood one fewer choice.

“Once Seton decided that they were closing this year, ... [Glenwood Academy] decided they needed to look elsewhere for different partnerships,” explained Illiana Admissions Counselor Elly Makowski. The school contacted Illiana.

“I was looking for a high school that both challenged our students academically and nurtured them as high school students,” said Glenwood Academy’s Vice President of Academic Affairs, Colleen Carter. “My favorite thing about Illiana was the number of programs, both academic and extra-curricular, that are offered.”

“The GA/ICHS partnership is good for ICHS because it means that there are just more of us and more students here generally means more opportunities for all,” said Illiana Principal Peter Boonstra.

“We decided that it is going to be a great partnership,” said Makowski.

“I feel that Illiana Christian and Glenwood Academy will have a strong, successful partnership,” added Carter.



Photo by Luke Fennema

German students pose by a fountain that celebrates people listed on the Wall of Righteous Gentiles.

German class explores Holocaust Museum

Victoria Sonowo

Reporter

On Friday May 13, the German students visited the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie, IL. At the museum students first received an overview of European Jewish life before World War II and then a document concerning the persecution that began under the Nazi Regime and lasted through World War II.

German teacher, Mr. Luke Fennema, said, “We had just started a unit on World War II. We had been talking about it from a German perspective and what life was like for a German family. I wanted to tie it in

with the Holocaust as well, and the Holocaust museum does a nice job of explaining that.”

At the museum students were able to hear from a Holocaust survivor at the end of the tour.

“Even though this was my third time being there, I learn new things every time I go there,” said Senior Drew Smits. “A lot of what they talk about is that no one was innocent during that time like you can’t just put all the blame on Hitler. You can even blame the people who knew about it but just looked away and did nothing. People’s biggest problem were that they bystanders instead of upstanders.”

Math team gets 11th place at state

Mikerra Hall

Reporter

The math team secured an 11th place finish at the state competition on May 7 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The Illiana math team, led by coaches Rob Lagerwey and Doug Gorter, consists of 27 honors math students who compete at a Lemont Invitational, a regional competition, and then—if they do well enough in the regional—the state competition. The team meets 2-3 times a week for four weeks before the state competition, going through old math tests and learning new ways to approach problems.

At the state competition a number of students did well. Leading the way was the math orals team of senior

Cole Bonnema and junior Blake Gosage. They grabbed a 2nd place finish in their division. The fresh/soph two-person team consisting of sophomores Matthew Haak and Andrew Feikema took 4th in their division.

Sophomore Sam Boonstra says he joined the Math Team because his older sister Beth was on the team previously and enjoyed it. She encouraged him to join it and he did.

“I really like it,” said Boonstra.

Gorter said, “The math team exists so that students can be challenged with difficult math problems, different from textbook problems.”

Senior Joel Galloy said he definitely enjoyed being on the math team.

“The best part was being able to participate with others,” said Galloy. “I would definitely participate again if I could.”



Photo courtesy of Illiana’s Twitter

Students enjoy the cook out on May 19, after it was rescheduled from May 17 due to weather. With temperatures in the 70’s and full sun, students grilled outside in the fields, enjoying the beautiful weather.

‘Midnight Memories: A Black Tie Affair’ preview

Marissa Johnson

Reporter

On May 27 the Junior and Senior Banquet will be held at Munster Performing Arts Center in Munster, Indiana. The theme for banquet this year is “Mid-

night Memories: A Black Tie Affair.”

Sharon Bultema, head sponsor of the banquet committee, said “We [the committee] wanted an elegant theme that was different than last year’s Banquet theme.”

The entertainment for

banquet will be a surprise and will only be revealed at banquet. Jessica DeYoung, a junior on the committee, said the entertainment will be interactive this year.

The colors for the banquet decorations will be black and white with red and gold accents. Cora Walsh,

another junior on the committee, said the committee wanted a James Bond type of feeling at the banquet.

Dinner will be served family style at the tables. The food will include roast beef, chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, and chocolate-raspberry

cake. Also this year there will be a candy table. The candy table will open at 5:30 pm with a variety of candy that fits with the theme: red Twizzlers, a variety of chocolates, and other options. Students can fill a bag with their choices to take

Seniors 2016

Answer key:

(((PIP: Post-Illiana Plans)))

(((SC: Secret Crush)))

(((WW: Words of Wisdom)))

Joy Anderson:

PIP: I will be attending Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, Georgia. I will be majoring in Veterinary Technology and minoring in Business Management.

SC: Matthew Zandstra

WW: You can do all the planning you want for your future, but it may not always be God's plan for you. Relax, and let God take control.

Aaron Barnes:

PIP: I am going to college.

SC: Roz (Monsters, Inc.)

WW: The police never think it's as funny as you do.

Joanna Barrera:

PIP: Calvin College

SC: Tom Ericks, Austin Clark, Kyle Musch, James Vandermolen

WW: Sometimes it's better to ask for forgiveness than permission.

Joe Barrera:

PIP: Physical Therapist

SC: Andrea Russett

WW: God allows us to experience the low points of life to teach us lessons we

couldn't learn any other way. -C.S. Lewis

Claire Beezhold:

PIP: Indiana Wesleyan University

SC: Garret VanderZee, Jake Lyzenga

WW: Don't relay on saying "I have so much time!" It catches up to you way quicker than you think.

James Bell:

PIP: Going to school at IU-PUI to study pre-med

WW: Always take the money

Kathryn Boerman-Cornell:

PIP: Going to Calvin College

SC: Kyle Musch, Ben Wiersema

WW: Be nice to people on Spire staff; they have access to lots of ugly photos of you

Cole Bonnema:

PIP: Going to Columbia College Chicago for Interactive Media Design and Programming

SC: Ellen Louise Ripley

WW: Actually try to learn

something. It's not that hard.

Kylie Boss:

PIP: Work full time at Merle Norman

SC: Andy Sons, Jacob Thompson

WW: Make your eyeliner sharp enough to kill.

Luke Boss:

PIP: College

SC: Steven Otte's sisters, Cate Peerbolte

WW: An elephant never forgets.

Sara Botma:

PIP: I am moving to North Carolina with my brother

SC: Connor Moss

WW: Failing isn't as bad as it sounds.

Candice Brouwer:

PIP: University of Southern Indiana for Occupational Therapy

SC: Jared Krygsheld

WW: To avoid stress, go to the very first college Mrs. Bussema tells you about.

Matthew Bruinsma:

PIP: Make Money

SC: Nobody here

WW: You can always retake

a class but you can't relive an event.

Anneke Brummel:

PIP: Undecided

SC: Colin DeYoung

WW: It is what it is.

Brandon Buikema:

PIP: New York University Tisch School of the Arts for film and television production

SC: Steven Otte's sisters

WW: Let the wookiee win.

Nick Byrd:

PIP: Studying business at SIU in Carbondale

SC:

WW: Protect your cheeks.

Lauren Carlson:

PIP: Grand Valley State University

SC: Joshua Kostelyk

WW: Enjoy senior year while it lasts, and get out of your comfort zone.

Emma Crevier:

PIP: I plan to attend Calvin College.

SC: Ben Wiersema, Kyle Musch

WW: "Do or do not. There is no try." -Yoda

Jennifer DeBoer:

PIP: Purdue Calumet for communications

SC: Andy Sons, Jacob Thompson, Luke Hill-egonds

WW: Do good grammer

Nicole DeJong:

PIP: Purdue Lafayette

SC: Josh Smits, Jake Lyzenga, Austin Clark

WW: It isn't a lie: high school really does fly by so make the best of it!

Lucas Delahunty:

PIP: Attend Valparaiso University majoring in Political Science

SC: The Starbucks mermaid

WW: If you are going to talk about politics, don't pick shallow topics.

Carly DeVries:

PIP: Hope College

SC: Jacob Mitchell Olthoff

WW: If you save all your change, you can buy Dunkin every morning before school.

Lorna DeWindt:

PIP: Fox College for Occupational Therapy Assisting

SC: Andy Sons, Ben Wiersema, J-Mills, Noah Rogan

WW: Don't wait to get to know people around you. You never know, you may end up becoming best friends with that one person who sits next to you in class.

Ben DeYoung:

PIP: Ohio Technical College

SC: An uncomfortable number of underclass girls

WW: It's only illegal if you get caught.

Colin DeYoung:

PIP: Attend Cornerstone University and continue running cross country and track.

SC: Cate Peerbolt

WW: Don't look back or they'll catch you!!!

Jake Disselkoen:

PIP: Work like crazy and make dat ka\$h money.

SC: Candice Brower, Amanda VanKalker, Ashley Voss

WW: Take shop class: you may not work on cars, but you need your car to get to work.

Nathan Dykstra:

PIP: Major in History Education at Trinity Christian College

SC: Lauren Amatulli

WW: Don't be afraid to express your opinion. It is how everyone learns.

Noah Ebbens:

PIP: Go to college

SC: Alyssa DeJong

WW:

Amanda Eberly:

PIP: Going to Olivet

SC: Isiah Easter, Captain America, Andy Sons

WW: Take any of Davids's classes.

Talor Ellis:

PIP: College-Northeastern Illinois University, job, life

SC:

WW: Figure out all your college stuff between 2nd semester sophomore year and junior year so you won't have to stress your senior year. Whatever you major in, figure out if you can take a required class in history so you can test out of it. If you're ever late to homeroom, hide in the bathroom until it's over. Senior year is expensive, so be ready.

Elijah Emanuel:

PIP: U.S. Air Force

SC: Chloe Baker

WW: Nike made me do it.

Katie Ericks:

PIP: Theater and digital design at Trinity Christian College

SC: Ben Fabrizius, Paul Kamp

WW: You are loved even if you may not feel like it

Kayla Ericks:

PIP: Fox College

SC: Matthew Zandstra

WW: UUUUUUUUR AH-HHHHRR UHRRR AH-HHHRRRR AAAARHG -Chewbacca

James Franklin:

PIP: South Sub for prereqs then ISU

SC: Alssya

WW: Listen to Veldman.

LaTanya Gaiser:

PIP: Go to college





SC: Myself
WW: Just go with it.
Isaiah Gaiser:
PIP: Work
SC: Parker
WW: Do something today that your future self will thank you for.
Joel Galloy:
PIP: Studying chemical engineering
SC: That one chick
WW: The rooster runs quickly to the grain, but the chameleon does not understand what it cannot see.
Jon Gibson:
PIP: Buisness, Calvin College
WW: See Chad Van Drunen's
Brittney Groen:
PIP: Attend Purdue Cal and major in accounting
SC: Jake Lenting, Norman Standish
WW: Don't give up on Spanish.
Mark Hale:
PIP: I an going to De-Paul university in Chicago for trumpet performance and will become Principle Trumpet of the Chicago Symphony.
SC: Kathryn Boerman-Cornell
WW: Play every possible moment you can
Tyane Hall:
PIP: Paul Mitchell Cosmetology School
SC: Justin Bieber, Dylan O'brien, Captin America
Destin Harris:
PIP: College
SC: Taylor Huizenga
WW: Karma's such a thing of beauty.
Jack Hillemonds:
PIP: Olivet Nazarene playing baseball and majoring in buisness management
SC: Annie Weemhoff, Alyssa DeYoung
WW: Take everything a teacher says as a challenge.
Alaye Hogue (Prince):
PIP: Going to the Army and

then to college
SC: Parker Roeda
WW: Put God first in your life.
Noah Holesinger:
PIP: the Marines
WW: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill
Rachel Huppert:
PIP: Playing volleyball at South Suburban for two years
SC: Jack Hillemonds, Luke P.
WW: Don't stick to the status quo; break free!
Emily Ipema:
PIP: I will be attending Trinity Christian College to study nursing.
SC: My locker buddy
WW: Be who you are not what the world wants you to be.
Adansi Jones:
PIP: Prarie State, raise GPA, get a job
SC: Deadpool
WW: The question is not how to avoid drama; it's how to deal with drama.
Dillon Kerns:
PIP: Work after high school and then go to Devry University for networking and communications management.
SC: Parker Roeda
WW: Take shop classes and make friends with Mr. Rudenga and the janitors.
Chandler Kimmel:
PIP: College at Liberty
SC: Grace VanDam
WW: Start investing early (401k)(Mutual Funds) (Stocks)
Madison Klain:
PIP: Going to Ball State
SC: Kyle Musch
WW: Don't be stupid.
Josh Klapak:
PIP: To find work

SC: None at the time
WW: Life's rough, so wear a helmet.
Aaron Knapper:
PIP: Calvin College
SC: Mickey Boss

WW: Take Spanish classes.
Jason Kooyenga:
PIP: College
SC: Emma West, Rachel Groen
WW: "Too many people spend money they haven't earned, to buy things they don't want, to impress people they don't like." - Will Smith
Josh Kostelyk:
PIP: League of Legends
SC: Lauren Carlson
WW: "Thoughts can destroy, but they can also inspire you to thrive."
Abigail Lagestee:
PIP: I will attend Liberty University and study nursing
SC: Colton Dejong
WW: Have Fun!
Colin Lautenbach:
PIP: Calvin College
SC: Annie Weemhoff (still working on getting those digits) cough cough
WW: If you're not first, you're last. -Ricky Bobby
Mckenna Lucito:
PIP: Trinity Christian College for pediatric nursing
SC: Josh Smits

WW: I'm so clever that sometimes I don't understand a single word of what I am saying.
Garret Lytle:
PIP: Attend Purdue Cal.
SC: Ashley Pigatti, Alyssa DeJong
WW: My name is Jeff.
Daniel Lyzenga:
PIP: Going to work
SC: Jennifer Lawrence
WW: Keep your trust in the Lord and He will lead you and make your path straight.
Jessica Mahaffay:
PIP: Culinary School
SC: Colin Lautenbach
WW: Always fight for what you want.
David Marshall:
PIP: College
SC: Nicki Minaj, Madison Klain
WW: Sometimes you have to run before you can walk.
Arianna Mayo:
PIP: Ball State
SC: Colin DeYoung
WW: Start off strong and finish strong.
Bryan Meyer:
PIP: College for hospitality and tourism management



SC: Emma West

WW: "You don't want my advice? Don't play yourself." -DJ Khaled

Connor Moss:

PIP: Open a blimp rental service or something

SC: Greasy food

WW: Shampoo your eyebrows- you'll feel like a king.

Ashley Murrin:

PIP: I'm planning on going to Indiana University Northwest to study nursing.

SC: Beau Vroom, Alex Eenigenburg, Jake Lyzenga

WW: Enjoy high school because before you know it, you'll be graduating.

Jocelyn Nikkel:

PIP: Ball State University to major in fashion merchandizing and minor in business

SC: Max Klain

WW: Always go with your gut.

Evan Olthoff:

PIP: College

SC: Me

WW: Don't cheat.

Brett Oppenhuis:

PIP: Going to attend IUPUI

SC: Steve's sisters

WW: When life gives you lemons, freeze them and throw them as hard as you can at the people who are making your life so difficult.

Paige Osika:

PIP: IUPUI for neuroscience

SC: Aaron Barnes

WW: Do something out of your comfort zone! Get involved backstage in plays or do a club even if your friends aren't doing it.

Steven Otte:

PIP: Purdue Northwest,



Mechanical Engineering

SC: Jensen, Parker, Claire

WW: Haters got to hate, friends don't let friends vote for Democrats.

Emily Otte:

PIP: Purdue

SC: Austin Clark, Austin Ohm, Alex Wondaal

WW: Don't worry, be happy.

Jonathan Otte:

PIP: Purdue

SC: Emily VanEssen

WW: What's a community without a community?

Sarah Parish:

PIP: Working then going to college in September

WW: Don't rush high school; senior year will be here sooner than later.

Elyssa Patricks:

PIP: Purdue Calumet

SC: Pizza

WW: Express your faith through love

Eros Perez:

PIP: Attend Trinity Christian College for Business and Spanish

SC: Machaela Whitlock

WW: If you don't stand for something, you might fall for anything.

Emily Peterson:

PIP: Going to South Suburban for 2 years to major in Special Education.

SC: Jack Johnson

WW: Make the best of high school. And try to avoid politics, unless you like politics.

Mikinsey Pruim:

PIP: Going to Olivet to play volleyball and study special education

SC: Colton DeJong

WW: People are going to try to bring you down, but keep your head up and keep moving forward.

Jala Randolph:

PIP: To attend Indiana Wesleyan University and double major in psychology and criminal justice

SC: Unknown

PP: If you have big handwriting, get use to writing in small spaces or using a

lot of paper, especially on a test.

Aaron Riemersma:

PIP: Purdue University Northwest

SC: Kassidy Weemhoff

WW: Join whatever you can before it's too late.

Jonathan Reitveld:

PIP: Go to college and major in computer science

WW: Play the trumpet

Parker Roeda:

PIP: Calvin

SC: The Bouwers

WW: Be involved in as much as you can.

Samantha Rubien:

PIP: Governor State University for English Education

SC: Mark Hale

WW: Be a mermaid. Have no fear of depth but of shallow living.

Imani Ryan:

PIP: Going to Eastern Illinois University to study Elementary Education

SC: Bruno Mars

WW: Pray.

Trevor Scheffers:

PIP: Start a 3rd world country

SC: Lizzie Wenzel

WW: Make friends with the Trevors.

Tyler Schutt:

PIP: Trinity Christian College to play soccer

SC: Emma Slings, Alyssa DeJong

PP: Get involved, especially in sports.

Tristan Shea:

PIP: Hopefully live past 21

SC: If you know me, you know her.

Jerrod Sims:

PIP: Purdue Cal

SC: Asia Miller

WW: Go on the class trip; it'll be great!!!

Jordan Smith:

PIP: South Suburban College and working

SC: Jake Miama

WW: Don't worry about your future; we have a God that is trustworthy. He will open some doors and close some and His plan is the best plan!

Drew Smits:

PIP: Calvin College

SC: Alyssa DeJong

WW: Do your homework.

Victoria Sonowo:

PIP: Going to Ball State University and majoring in political science

SC: Chris Brown of course

WW: Senior year is prominent so don't joke around; the sooner you realize that, the better.

Emmajean Spoelman:

PIP: I'm going to Belmont University to study music business

SC: Ben Weirsema, Isaac Lyzenga

WW: Take Mr. Davids's class. Also, girls, don't be afraid to text first.

Stanley Sroczynski:

PIP: University of Wisconsin- Steven's Point

SC: Steven Otte's Sisters

WW: Stay away from big country chicks.

Robert Sun:

PIP: Oregon State University

SC: They all have boyfriends already. I have good eyes.

WW: Be a man of thought instead of being a man of action.

Curtis Tempelman:

PIP: Go to college for zoology

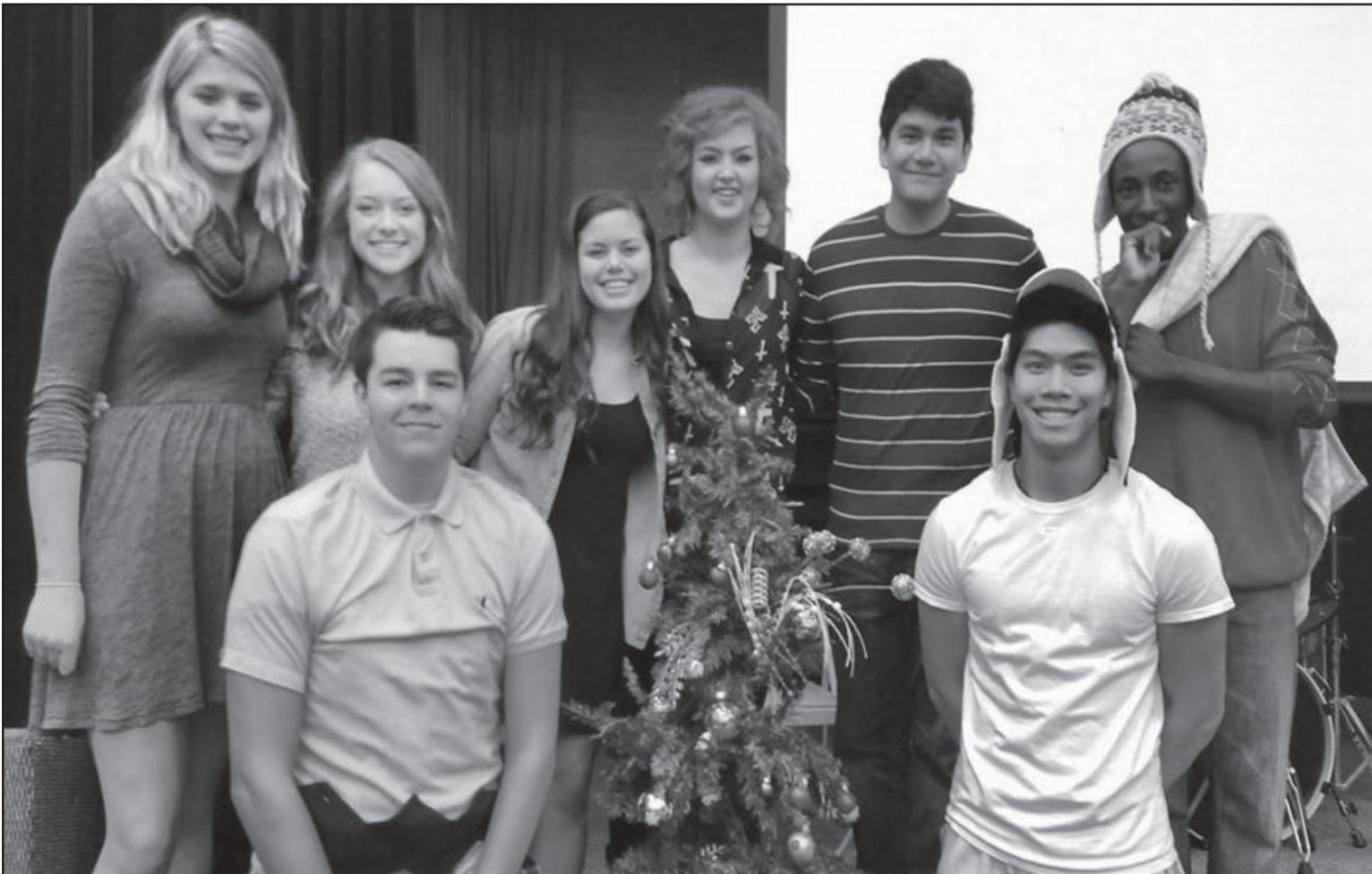
SC: Steven Otte's sisters

WW: Don't vote for Democrats; Bernie Sanders is borderline Communist.

Robert Tucker:

PIP: Going to Belmont University, then become a professional musician. If that doesn't happen, my plan B is a homeless magician.

SC: Parker Roeda, the music of Jack Barth





PP: You can catch more flies with honey, but you can catch more honeys being fly.

Ngozi Ude:

PIP: Loyola University Chicago #LUC20

SC: Isaiah Easter

WW: Life served me lemons, but I made lemonade.

Sydnee VanBeek:

PIP: Going to Ball State to play volleyball and study sports management

SC: Mark Hernandez

WW: Whoever said, "it's not whether you win or lose that counts," probably lost."

Alyssa VanDeel:

PIP: Purdue Cal and then who knows

SC: Dat Boi

WW: Get out of your comfort zone and find something to be passionate about. Don't waste your energy caring about what others think.

Brooke VanDerAa:

PIP: Going to Georgia to consume more art knowledge.

SC: Nicolas Cage, Jack Black, Cameron Zandstra's beard

WW: Make the art room your second home. It'll make your life 10 times better.

Ryan VanderZee:

PIP: Valparaiso University, Mechanical Engineering

SC: Ashley Clark

WW: "If you can't make it good, at least make it look good." - Bill Gates

Chad VanDrunen:

PIP: Go to Purdue Cal. for construction management

SC: Steven Otte's Sisters

WW:

Hilary VanDrunen:

PIP: Calvin College nursing

SC: Kade, Lawton, Seth Bouwer

WW: Take as many of Ms. Top's classes as possible

Amanda VanKalker:

PIP: Going to Cumberland University to major in nursing and play softball

SC: Stanley S., Tony Lucito

WW: Wear Cubs shirts to Mr. Veldman's room. He loves it.

Payton VanKalker:

PIP: IUPUI to pursue a career with the CSI.

SC: Kyle Zuidema

Andrew VanMilligan:

PIP: Go back to school and get an aerospace engineering degree

SC: Steve's sister, Rachel

Groen

WW: Short people have the best perspective on life; they are always looking up.

Noah Venhuizen:

PIP: Live in a van down by the river.

SC: Hold on, I have a list

WW: When in doubt blame Eros.

Brent VerHagen:

PIP: Homeless

WW: A mouth closed gathers no fists.

Ashley Voss:

PIP: I am attending college to go to pre-medical to become a radiologist.

WW: "We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails." -Dolly Parton

Austin Whitlock:

PIP: DeVry University

SC: Emily Ipema

WW: Join Tech Crew

Brittany Wicklund:

PIP: Go to college and get a nursing degree at Purdue Cal

SC: My boyfriend

WW: Make wise choices not dumb ones. Cherish your time in high school because it goes by fast. God made you special and he loves you very much

Autumn Wilson:

PIP: Going to college

SC: I don't know their name, they didn't wear a name tag.

WW: Breathe in, breathe out, repeat.

Deanna Wiltjer:

PIP: Attending Calvin

SC: Ben Wiersema

WW: Enjoy senior year. It flies by.

Nick Wondaal:

PIP: Killing the game

SC: Annie Weemhoff #Willyou-gooutwithme?, Emma Groot

WW: Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing.

Cameron Zandstra:

PIP: Purdue Cal. for engineering

SC: Holly Schoon

WW: As Mother Mary said, "Let it be"

Robert Zandstra:

PIP: Calvin, Physical Therapy

SC: Nascha Hladek, Ari Mayo

WW: Always save the best for last.

Matthew Zandstra:

PIP: Hope College- Undecided in major. I plan on playing both basketball and golf there.

SC: Emma Slings

WW: Make birdies. Shoot 3's. Hit dingers.

James Zandstra:

PIP: Calvin College

SC: Annie Weemhoff

WW: It's easier to ask forgiveness than permission.



Spending a summer like.....

Elyse or Andy?

Take our quiz to find out whether you're going to spend your summer more like Elyse Dunham or Andy Sons!

Start

Do you arrange your exams so you can get out of school early?

YES

Would you call off work during the summer just to go to a party?

NO

NO

On your first day off school, would you rather go minigolfing or take a bike ride?

What is your ideal cold summer treat?

YES

Ice Cream

Snow cone

Will you be spending more of your summer vacation traveling or working?

Work

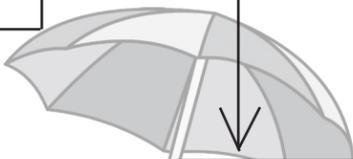
Travel

What would you rather be doing at the lake?

Tubing

What would you rather be doing at the lake?

Jet skiing



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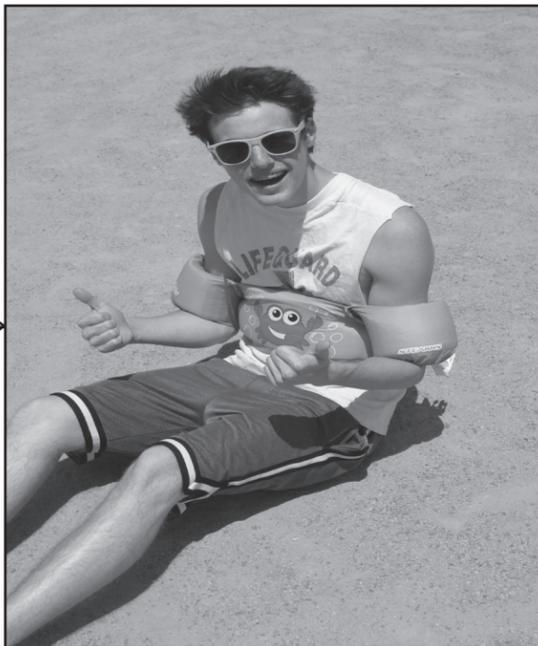
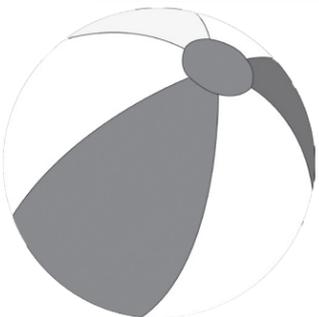
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Which sunglasses would you wear?



YES



Summer 2016 To-Do List

Farmers Markets

Green City Market. Chicago, IL. May 7-October 29: Chicago's first "truly green" farmers market, Green City Market, operates year round with summer months at Lincoln Park. It connect farmers and local producers directly to the Chicago community. The Green City Market strives to promote a healthy lifestyle by providing the public with fresh, local produce. www.greencitymarket.org

Zion Farmer's Market. Zion, IL. June 16-September 29: If you're looking for a place to buy local farm fresh and organic produce, Zion Farmer's Market is the place for you. Twelve years of experience have made this Market run smoothly, with a colorful and vivid spread of vendors selling meats and cheeses, prepared foods, specialty items and fresh fruits and vegetables. www.cityofzion.com

South Bend Farmer's Market. South Bend, IN. June 16- Sept. 22: This farmer's market is one of the most diverse indoor markets in the Midwest where vendors, operated by families, come and sell a plethora of homemade goods and home-grown produce. You can purchase goods from any of the ninety-six stalls. Since 1924, generations of families have set up shop at the South Bend Farmer's Market. www.southbendfarmersmarket.com



A spread of fresh produce available for purchase at Green City Market. broughtonchi.wordpress.com

Free Music

Grant Park Music Festival. Chicago, IL. July 18-August 2: The Grant Park Music Festival, located at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park, takes place on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings. These free concerts will feature an array of performances. With anything from a symphony orchestra to a children's choir, this festival has something for everybody. Check the website to see which concert you'd like to listen to while sitting under the stars. www.grantparkmusicfestival.com

South Shore Summer Music Festival. Northwest Indiana. July 23-August 30: The Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra travels around the region performing a series of out-

door concerts. This summer their selection includes patriotic songs, light classical pieces, and movie and Broadway tunes. Grab your picnic blanket and find a seat to enjoy beautiful live music in the fresh air. www.nisorchestra.org

Film Showings

Monday Movie Night. Munster, IN. Summer Mondays: Grab your blankets and your best bag chairs to set up and view one of the many Monday Movie Night presentations in Centennial Park. The park offers free viewing of a different film every Monday. Check out Munster's website to learn more. www.munster.org

Movies in the Park. Chicago, IL. June 21- August 30: A free, outdoor movie experience. Bring your blankets or find an open seat in the pavilion and cozy up to watch one of the eleven different film selections throughout the summer. From Ferris Bueller's Day Off on June 21 to Finding Nemo on August 16, the open atmosphere is sure to be a hit. www.cityofchicago.org

49ers Drive-In Movie. Valparaiso, IN. Opens May 13: Although the Drive-In is not a free experience, it is one of the only of these types of theatres in the Midwest. Travel back in time: pull up your car, connect to the speakers, grab some old fashioned concession treats and enjoy one or both of the box office presentations. You won't regret

driving to Valpo for this experience. www.49erdrivein.com

Festivals

Festival of the Lakes. Hammond, IN. July 20-24: Hammond Indiana's annual Festival of the Lakes is a five day lineup of activities and entertainment. The festival includes a selection of musical acts including Boyz II Men and Ludacris, special events such as the Fishing Derby and Golf Scramble, fair rides, games and food vendors. www.festivalofthelakes.com

Chicago Food Truck Fest. Chicago, IL. June 25-26: This fest is just what you pictured: lots and lots of food trucks lined up, ready to serve up almost any food you can think of. In other words, a food-lover's dream. With over 50 different trucks, the family-friendly food truck festival is sure to be a delicious experience. www.chgfoodtruckfest.com

Pierogi Fest. Whiting, IN. July 29-31: The Whiting Pierogi Fest celebrates the Polish heritage while poking a little fun of it at the same time. You'll see life-size polish pastries and goodies walking and talking waiting to take a picture with you. Also, don't forget the delicious selection of pierogis to munch on while shopping for more pierogis. www.pierogifest.net



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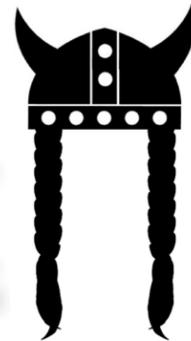


Table trauma

Dear Vicky Viking,

Banquet's coming up, and part of banquet is finding a table. This year, my best friend and I aren't sitting together. There was room at my table for my friend and her date, but she chose to sit at a different table, so her boyfriend could be with his friends. Typically, I wouldn't make a big deal out of this, but it really gets to me. See, it's our senior year, and we're both going to different colleges. I wanted to have this one more night together as best friends. It really hurts that she chose her boyfriend over me. Am I being overly dramatic, or should I talk to her about this? Is this actually a big deal?

Sincerely,

Tired of Table Talk

Dear Tired of Table Talk,

First off, I don't think you should blame yourself for being "overly dramatic" because if it is an issue that is causing problems in your life, it is obviously very important to you. I think that this problem is going to make the relationship between you and your friend much more tense and awkward if you don't confront it.

I think your friend should have discussed it with you before going off to another table. This is a big night for the both of you, and I assume she would have loved to go with you. I completely understand why you are hurt by this and I think if you explained it to her from your perspective, she would be understanding. Maybe your friend doesn't think banquet is as big of a deal as you. If that's the case, then you should elaborate on why you feel so hurt.

The biggest problem in this situation is your friend's prioritizing of her boyfriend over you. It appears that she would rather make him happy than to make you happy. I understand if they're "in love" and there's definitely sacrifice in relationships, but if your best friend would rather spend the night making her boyfriend happy than being with you... Well, she doesn't seem like she is very committed to the friendship.

Like I said, I think the best way to handle your situation, is to have an honest conversation with your friend. Ask her about where your friendship lies and why she chose her boyfriend over you for banquet. It's a tough situation, I know, but it is something that will give you such relief. I hope you can figure this all out!

Sincerely,

Vicky Viking

Do you need advice? Contact Vicky at vickyvikingilliana@gmail.com or write a letter and turn it in to Mr. DeVries's mailbox located in the office. Thank you!



<http://www.driving.co.uk/>

Drive-In theaters like 49er offer a fun throwback to an earlier era.



Junior Heather Wiltjer chucks a heater at the plate. Opposing hitters have struggled against Wiltjer all season.

Photo by Hanna VanderWoude

Softball season winds down, 15-7

Jennifer DeBoer
Co-Editor in Chief

Illiana's varsity girls' softball has been doing well this spring season. They have an overall record of 15-7 and a conference record of 9-4. The team has eleven

girls and only four seniors.

Coach Nicole Wondaal said that she couldn't more pleased with the team.

"Every single girl has improved since tryouts. Our pitcher, Heather Wiltjer, really held her composure on the mound and she

carried a lot of the work load," said Wondaal.

Senior Payton Van Kalker said, "Our season went very well. We had a great group of girls with great talent." She explained that once the team figured out all the players positions the season start-

ed coming together.

"When you have such a young team you need great leadership and I believe we four seniors came together and tried to help our team the best way we could," said Payton Van Kalker. She then said the seniors helped

by leading exercises, staying after practice and doing whatever was needed.

Senior Amanda Van Kalker said, "We ended up not only growing as a team but also growing in Christ and creating strong friendships."

Soccer girls lose first round of sectionals on penalty kick

Luke Hillegonds
Co-Sports Editor

The girl's varsity soccer team won their regional championship on Saturday, May 14, against Queen of

Peace.

They also took 2nd place in conference with only one conference loss to Elmwood Park.

They lost their 1st sectional game but the girls weren't too discouraged

after finishing with a solid record of 12-3-3.

Senior Emily Otte said about the year, "It was awesome winning regionals and although we had a tough loss in sectionals I'm still so impressed with

all of the girls. We worked hard and it was a great end to the season. I wouldn't want to end my four years of soccer with anybody else."

Junior Ashley Bonner added, "Our whole team

played above what I expected. Even the freshmen did really well; they played perfectly with all of us. I also did play to what I expected for the season and I'm happy with the turnout."

Boys volleyball season ends with a loss in regional final

Luke Hillegonds
Co-Sports Editor

The boy's varsity volleyball season came to an end on May 24 after a loss in the regional semifinals to Marist High School.

The team recorded one win at regionals against Mor-

gan Park. They finished their season by winning eleven games and twenty-one losses. The team wasn't happy with its record but they look forward to next year. They have only a three seniors who will be leaving and they feel they will have a lot of talent returning for next season.

Junior Sam Vree said about the season, "We played

a lot of tough teams and we were close on a lot of games. I feel like we could have finished with at least 15 wins because we had a chance at the end of a lot of games, but we couldn't finish it out."

Junior Dale De Jong added, "It was a fun year and it gave us some experience for next year. I think our record will be a lot better next year."



Photo by Hanna VanderWoude
Junior Sam Vree serves the ball to his opposition.

Male Athlete of the Month

Garret Lytle started playing tennis for the first time his freshman year and has played three years of varsity and helped the team have the most successful season in school history.

Lytle broke his leg a week into the season and he didn't know if he would return. He did, though, about a week before sectionals began. He and his doubles partner Jason Eberly won sectionals for the first time in school history by beating Homewood-Flossmoor's 1st doubles team.

Lytle said about his short but historic season, "It has been a journey; I didn't know if I would return at a high enough level to advance down state but God had it all planned out for me."



Female Athlete of the Month

Maddie DeYoung is a sophomore track runner who has had a very successful year in the mile event. She raced well all year and had some great finishes.

She finished 3rd overall in the mile at the conference tournament. She then finished 2nd at sectionals which advanced her down to the state competition.

DeYoung finished in 27th place at state which is impressive for a sophomore. She exceeded her teammate's expectations and had a breakout year.

Baseball wins regional with huge mid-season comeback

Jennifer DeBoer
Co-Editor in Chief

On May 21, Illiana's varsity boys' baseball team won the regional championship for the third year in a row. They beat Corliss 35-0. In the third inning the team scored 18 of the 35 runs.

Their regular season ended with a record of 18-13. Despite their 5 game losing streak at the end of March and beginning of April, the team pulled through with another winning season.

"The team started hitting

harder and the pitchers struck out more batters in the second half of the season," said senior Andrew Van Milligan.

Another highlight from the 2016 season was Illiana winning the last conference game of the year against Ridgewood 11-8 on May 14. Although it was a freezing Saturday morning, Illiana scored 5 runs in the first inning. Senior Robby Zandstra hit a 3 run homerun in the 3rd inning.

We have the "fire in us" to push ourselves Zandstra said. "We take every game one game at a time and don't look back."



Photo by Sally Lucito

The baseball team poses for a picture with the regional championship plaque after winning regionals on Saturday May 21 against Corliss.

Boys track qualifies four runners downstate



Photo by Deb Ohm

Sophomore Evan Jones hands off baton in the 4x400

Collette Bower
News Editor

Reaching their expectations, four long distance runners advanced to state after an easy sectional on Thursday, May 19.

Minutes after the gun went off, long distance runners senior Colin DeYoung and sophomore Austin Ohm took first and second in the two mile, advancing to state. Likewise, senior Nick Wondaal and sophomore Derek VanProyen advanced for the one mile.

Although Ohm didn't

run as fast as he hoped at sectionals, he said, "I was mostly concerned about making it downstate."

Wondaal, as he expected, took first in the mile race. Now he and DeYoung hope to run their way to the top once again but this time at state. Both seeded in the top three for their races, they seek to reach their seeds if not higher.

Coach Jim Piaskowy said, "From the beginning of the year, DeYoung and Wondaal have been ranked in the top 3 or 4 runners in state. So it wasn't a surprise that they won their

sectional and are going down state."

Although they swept their sectional with ease, state won't be as easy.

"This year state is really competitive," explained Piaskowy, "and one second separates 3 or 4 runners, so anything can happen. DeYoung and Wondaal have experience racing at that level, so they have a little of an advantage... We can have two state champs or we can have two runners that take 3rd or 4th. Either way they've have an incredible four years."

Boys tennis complete best season in history

Jacob Thompson
Co-Sports Editor

The tennis team had their most successful season of all time with an overall record was 15-2. They finished second in conference with all the players earning all-conference honors. The num-

ber one doubles team of Jason Eberly and Garret Lytle took first place at sectionals defeating Home-wood-Flossmoor qualifying them for state, and Drew Smits and Seth Bouwer also qualified for state by earning a fourth place finish.

Mr. Zandstra said he will miss the seniors the a great deal, and they were the most successful group he

had ever coached.

Led by seniors Garret Lytle, Drew Smits, and James Zandstra all playing at the state level in respective spots and Steven Otte who contributed in a great way.

"This team has been awesome," said Lytle. "Playing this good has been a dream and ill miss playing with these guys every day."



Photo by Neil Zandstra

Illiana's state qualifiers: Eberly, Lytle, Smits, and Bouwer.

Girls track finishes season with their best foot forward

Jacob Thompson
Co-Sports Editor

The track girls finished off a strong season with many strong performances at conference, sectionals, and state. Illiana finished the season with ___ all conference athletes, ___ all sectional athletes, and 2 state qualifiers. Running their

strongest performances of the year to close out the season and place ___ in conference as a team and ___ in sectionals as a team.

Maddie DeYoung qualified in the mile, while Gabby Kreykes had the chance to compete in the 800 finals at state, running a personal best at 2:21.

"It was a really good

experience to go down state and compete and do well," said Kreykes. "When I finished we were trying to figure out if I made it to finals, turns out I made it by .2 seconds so that was awesome and just something I'll never forget. This season has been so fun and there were so many accomplishments made, I'm proud of my team."



Photo by Deb Ohm

Freshman Cate Peerbolte runs at Michigan meet

Editorial

Ron Tuinstra sacrificed at Illiana, in personal life

Ron Tuinstra is retiring after fifteen years of teaching the sciences at Illiana. After instructing nurses in drawing blood at the hospital he worked at, Tuinstra said he knew he enjoyed and had a knack for teaching.

In the late '90s, Tuinstra decided to leave his position in the blood bank at the hospital and switch careers. Teaching was a logical job choice.

Illiana offered him a position at the turn of the millennium which he accepted, starting in 2001.

His twenty eight years of experience at the blood bank gave him not only a lot of knowledge about science but also a love of Human Physiology, his favorite subject. Former student David Marshall said, "He was very passionate about the subject."

Principal Peter Boonstra said, "He didn't just teach out of the book. He taught out of real life, hospital experience. He brought a lot of real life experience being a phlebotomist."

Marshall also highlighted Tuinstra's sense of humor in the classroom. "His jokes were hilarious," he said. "He loved to roast everybody."

Tuinstra said he loves hearing former students' stories about going into the medical

field, inspired after taking his classes.

In addition to loving his students' stories, students and teachers alike said he loved telling stories about everything from E.R. to the daily schedule of trains. Junior Zach Huisman said, "He definitely had a story for everything."

Coworker John VanDeel

"His years here were spent teaching students science with a God-driven perspective."

said, "We worked on our master's degrees with each other. We got together 47 Saturdays in a row. That man has a story for everything, and I heard all of them."

Tuinstra's interests, however, were not limited to science. He was an advisor on the Landlopers Outings and the Bowling Club. He also played bass in the orchestra pit for Illiana's spring musicals.

VanDeel said that Tuinstra

had a servant's heart and gave of himself constantly. "The amount of work he would put into practicing for the musicals was incredible, and he loved to do it too."

Fellow science department coworker Brian Sylvester also talked about how Tuinstra gave selflessly and expected nothing in return, especially in the area

of foster parenting.

He said, "Most students don't know this, but Mr. Tuinstra and his wife were foster parents for quite a few foster children over the years... [They] are people that knowingly pour love, time, money, and heart ache into children they may never see again."

Sylvester also noted Tuinstra's humility despite all of this sacrifice. He said, "Other people wear their sacrifice on

their sleeve so that others notice, not Tuinstra."

Post retirement, Tuinstra hopes to visit his grandchildren in Pennsylvania and Montana. Also at no surprise to students familiar with his many stories from the blood bank, he plans to work two days a week at the hospital once more. Lastly, he hopes to volunteer more at his church, working on the church council.

Tuinstra said he had many routine days in the classroom but many more exciting and fun ones. He said, "The students at Illiana are a special group of young people."

Both Tuinstra and his coworkers alike could see God's plan in his placement at Illiana. His years here were spent teaching students science with a God-driven perspective. He helped students learn to love chemistry, botany, and human physiology. His contributions are irreplaceable. Illiana will miss him, his sacrificial spirit, and his stories greatly.

Tuinstra had this final message for students, "Do your best every day, don't hold a grudge, and use the gifts and talents that God has given you. Share your faith with others, utilize opportunities to serve others, and give God the glory."

Learning to sacrifice wholeheartedly

I was driving to Chicago Christian for a track meet. While stopped at a red light just after getting off the expressway I saw a homeless man holding a sign saying "Homeless and hungry, anything will help."

He started to walk closer to my car, so I checked to make sure my doors were locked. As he walked by, I looked away and fiddled with my radio which was tuned to K-

Love. Then I started to think of something I heard in my sociology class.

We were watching a video by Guy Dowd. Dowd said he had a friend in college who had a poster that showed a homeless man in a gutter and said "Whatever you do to the least of these you do unto me." That's a version on Matthew 25:40 when Jesus makes clear that people who are truly His followers will help those in need and not turn their backs on them.

Though I wasn't thinking if I was truly serving Him in that moment, I still felt urged to do something for the man. I started thinking of the \$15 in my wallet.

Now I've always been about giving to the homeless, as long as it's someone else doing the physical part of the giving.

There's just something very intimidating about going up to a homeless person and giving him money, even if he is asking for it.

I don't know, maybe by giving them money I'm somehow suggesting that I'm better than him, that I can survive what the world throws at me but they can't.

But just because I don't want to go up to a person and put the money in the cup he is shaking doesn't mean I don't want to help them.

My thought process goes, "Yeah, he may take the money and spend it on drugs or alcohol, but that's between him and God; I just provide the money."

But if I give a homeless man money and walk away, never to think about it again, am I really doing it with my whole heart as God commands in Colossians 3:24? I don't believe so.

So what did I do? Nothing. I regret not doing something. I had food I could have given him. I had money to spare. It wasn't much but it was something. He said anything would help. I could have done something.

But I did nothing. The light changed and I drove away trying to follow the directions on my GPS.



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Thank you teachers!

This year Illiana is saying goodbye to two science teachers, Mr. Ron Tuinstra and Mr. Arjen Vreugdenhil. Tuinstra is retiring, and Vreugdenhil is pursuing preaching. The Echo Editorial Staff thanks them for their years of teaching.



Ron Tuinstra
15 years



Arjen Vreugdenhil
2 years

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