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Dance team kicks their way to top

Twelve remaining dancers look to excel in future competitions

By Kevin Heffernan

The ACHS dance team has become notorious for their high finishes at the annual IHSA dance competition. This year the team is striving to continue their winning tradition.

The dance team has three more competitions before the Feb. 25 state competition in Peoria.

Varsity Dance coach Kelly Taylor hopes the team will take away something from each competition before heading down to the state competition.

“Our goal for each upcoming competition is to increase our score in each of them,” said Taylor.

According to Taylor, the practices prior to state will be focusing on the critiques they receive from judges at the next few competitions.

“At this point in the year we analyze the reviews the judges make, and make changes in choreography based on the

comments of the judges,” said Taylor.

One major difference from this year’s team to years’ past is the size.

“My sophomore year, before the schools split [into Lakes and Antioch] there were twenty-four girls on the team. This year we only had sixteen at the beginning of the year,” said ACHS dance team co-captain Lindsay Ptakienski.

Throughout the season the team has lost an additional four members reducing the team to only twelve dancers.

With such a small group the dance team faces a greater challenge.

“A lot of our routines are based on partners and alternating people and if one person leaves it makes everyone need to adjust,” said Ptakienski.

Taylor believes that the team has overcome the loss of team members valiantly.

“It was difficult, but the girls



Photo by Kevin Heffernan

Junior Megan Cole and senior Ashley Mesnard practice the dance routines for competition. In the IHSA state competition, the dance team will compete in Hip Hop and Kick; two of the six categories teams can choose to participate in.

have worked together hard and motivate themselves to overcome the lack of dancers. I really appreciate the motivation the girls have shown,” said Taylor.

Dance team captain Tiffany Mihovilovich agreed with Taylor that the team has banded together to overcome their loss of team members.

“It’s hard at first, but you realize you can’t get down on

yourself. Everyone’s done a good job picking up the slack,” said Mihovilovich

The team will be hosting a kick-a-thon Feb. 2 at ACHS during the pre-game of the Antioch vs. Lakes varsity boys basketball game.

The money raised from the kick-a-thon will go towards the uniforms that the team will wear for state and to the funding for next year’s dance team.

Wrestling Sequoits to focus attention on NSC Tournament

By Bjorn Jaranson

The varsity wrestling team bounced back nicely with a win against Wauconda on Friday night. The team previously suffered a big loss against Lake Zurich, but came out victorious on Friday.

“It was nice to pull out a win when we really needed one, everyone wrestled pretty well and I think we deserved the win,” said Senior Lucas Bernardo.

Bernardo along with Bryant Volling, Robbie Lindstrom, Bobby Wiatr, and Shane Michaelson cam out victorious. Tom Gerstner also won by forfeit.

“It was good to see so many guys pull out

a win tonight, I think everybody was real focused tonight and that’s why we wrestled well as a team,” said Junior Andy Kloster.

The team has been without Kloster for due to a shoulder injury. However Kloster indicated that he will be healthy by Regionals.

125 pounder Robbie Lindstrom was also added to the injury list after last Saturday’s meet.

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Head Coach



ligaments in his thumb and handand will undergo surgery on Jan. 29. Lindstrom will be out for the rest of the wrestling season.

According to Jordan Palmer, team manager a lot of the key wrestlers on the team are sophomores.

“They really add a lot of energy to the team and are paving the way for a good varsity team in the next few years,” said Palmer.

The wrestling team heads to the NSC tournament tomorrow, Jan. 27.

“Everyone needs to be focused in order for us to have success, and it’s important that we

practice well this week so that we’re ready,” said Head Coach Wilbur Borrero.



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Tom Gerstner, ACHS sophomore gets control of his Lake Zurich opponent in last week’s Wauconda Quad meet. Gerstner went on to win the match. Gerstner will be going into the NSC tournament with a personal record of 16-7. In his 152 weight class his opponent is yet to be determined. Grant Community High School has won the NSC tournament the past two years. According to Borrero other wrestlers who have come on strong at the end of the season include Donny Rowden, Bobby Wiatr, and Dugan O’Connor.

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Sports Briefs

ACHS and LCHS girls face off

Tonight the Antioch Community High School sequoit varsity girls basketball team will travel to Lakes Community High School to clash with the Eagles.

The athletic rivalry throughout the past two years is sure to have an effect on the value of this game.

The game will be held in the LCHS gymnasium and take place at 7:30 p.m.

This game will foreshadow the outcome of the doubleheader that will be played next Friday between the Lakes and Antioch boys and girls basketball teams at ACHS.

Bears to play in Superbowl

Last weekend’s NFC championship game featuring the Chicago Bears and the New Orleans Saints resulted in a glorious win for the Bears. On Feb. 4, the team will be facing the Indianapolis Colts in Superbowl XLI. The game will be played in Miami, Florida This is the first time in 21 years that the Bears have made it to the Superbowl.



P.E. classes benefit from donations

Sequoit Pride donated money to the physical education department at ACHS, enabling the purchase of two foosball tables, and five ping-pong tables.

The purchase, made by Deb Rummel, physical education teacher, is intended for the P.E. individual classes at ACHS.

