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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Blackhawk Fans,

Welcome back to another exciting fall season. The beginning of the fall sports season is always very exciting for both fans and players alike. Supporting our student athletes and sharing their accomplishments is what makes the West Aurora Blackhawks program so successful. On behalf of all the West Aurora Blackhawk Sports Boosters we would like to welcome the incoming freshmen, all returning athletes and our devoted alumni.

The Blackhawk Sports Boosters are now celebrating our 45th anniversary this year. We enjoy our role in assisting all our sports teams by providing funds and services which enhance our athletic program.

We look forward to your continued support in helping out all the athletic teams. In addition to your financial support, when you become a Sports Boosters member, why not join in the fun and volunteer your time through a variety of positions within the Booster organization? This will be our 4th year in producing and publishing our own programs for fall, winter and spring seasons. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to this wonderful and useful organization.

Your continued support is very much appreciated by the athletes, the Sports Boosters and the district as a whole. Thanks again, and we look forward to another exciting year of sporting events here at West High.

Roll on, you Blackhawks roll...
Greg Jackman


FOUNDED IN 1970,
The West Aurora Blackhawk Sports Boosters is the official athletics fundraising organization of West Aurora High School. Since its inception, the Boosters have raised more than 1.6 million dollars toward support of athletic scholarships, equipment and supplies. This year, thanks to your contribution, the Boosters have proudly provided more than \$50,000 to support our coaches' 'Wish List' requests!


The West Aurora Sports Boosters Newsletter is now electronic on our website at www.BlackhawkSportsBoosters.org.

If you still wish to receive a paper copy, please contact Donna Olson at 630-892-7299 or at BlackhawkSportsBoosters@gmail.com



BOOSTERS
GRANT
WISHES



 Save These Dates

August 19
First Day of School 

August 21
Fall Sports Jamboree
5:30-8:30 PM 

August 22
Picture Day
Time: TBA 

September 4
Football vs. Plainfield East
Soph 5:00 PM
Varsity 7:30 PM 

Sept. 28- Oct 3
Homecoming Week 

October 16
Fall Sports Senior Night 

"In our togetherness (as a team), castles are built."
—Irish Proverb

Check out the WAHS athletic website at: http://il.8to18.com/west_aurora



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Sports Boosters
Membership 2015-2016
now open!

Please support the Sports Boosters and our athletes for our 2015-2016 school year!

Membership is now open- please consider joining us or renewing your membership.

If current members do not renew, all written and electronic communications will end as of September 1st.

Registration can be done online at:

<https://sd129.revtrak.net/tek9.asp?pg=products&grp=57>



2015 Blackhawk Scramble

The West Aurora High School Sports Boosters once again teamed up with the community to hold its 27th Annual Golf Outing on June 5th, 2015 at Bliss Creek Golf Club. We were blessed with beautiful weather and the turn-out was fantastic. We had a shotgun start in both the morning and the afternoon, sending off a total of 50 foursomes. In addition to those who played, many joined us for the traditional steak dinner following golf. We filled the Pine Room and patio area with over 140 Blackhawk supporters!

The Blackhawk Scramble is our major fundraising event for the Sports Boosters. The money raised is used to supply and support the Athletic Departments throughout our district. But most importantly, the money raised benefits our student athletes by supplying athletic equipment, facility improvements and scholarships to further their education.

Thank you to all who participated, including the many individuals and companies that donated funds to sponsor the 2015 Blackhawk Scramble. In addition, we all greatly appreciate the hospitality and efforts of Bliss Creek's staff. A great time was had by all. And with the hard work from our fantastic volunteers, this year's event was our most successful. We would also like to give special recognition to the Seidelman-Scharbert Memorial Fund, our event sponsor the last three years!

Hope to see you all again next year.
Go Blackhawks!

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2015 - 2016

Membership Registration

The West Aurora Blackhawk Sports Boosters is the official athletics fundraising organization of West Aurora High School.

The Boosters have given over \$1.6 towards the support of athletic scholarships, equipment, supplies, our middle schools and more.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
WEST AURORA BLACKHAWK SPORTS BOOSTERS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (_____) _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

*Please email my newsletter

DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT AT WEST HIGH? YES NO

IF YES CLASS OF: (CIRCLE ONE)

	SENIOR 2015	JUNIOR 2016	SOPH 2017	FRESH 2018
STUDENT'S NAME _____				
STUDENT'S NAME _____				
STUDENT'S NAME _____				

CHOOSE YOUR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:

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YES, I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE FOLLOWING: (CHECK BOXES)

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<input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM SALES	<input type="checkbox"/> MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
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Join the Boosters online at
www.blackhawksportsboosters.com

TEAM PARENT (LIST SPORTS)

Mail this completed form with a check to:
West Aurora Blackhawk Sports Boosters
2112 West Galena Blvd Suite 8-187
Aurora, IL 60506





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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

(select at least one)

- Concessions Sales
- Fund Raising Events (Golf Outing, Special Projects, etc.)
- Raffle Sales (50/50, etc.)
- Program Sales At Events
- Program Ad Sales
- Membership Committee
- Athletic Event Ushers/Admissions
- Merchandise Sales
- Social Events (Banquets, etc.)
- Website/Newsletters
- Help wherever needed
- List any special talents/skills you can contribute:
(ex: legal, financial, trades)

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Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____

E-Mail: _____

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Or contact us at: info@BlackhawkSportsBoosters.org



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Fall Sports Jamboree

Friday, August 21st

5:30pm-8:30pm

The evening starts off in the Auditorium
for all Parents, Athletes & Coaches
5:30 to 6:30 pm.

From there sport teams head to their
designated location for team play and
parent meetings.

Fall Sports:

Boys Cross Country

Girls Cross Country

Boys Golf

Girls Golf

Boys Soccer

Football

Girls Swimming & Diving

Girls Tennis

Girls Volleyball



Chalk Talk

No Doubt for DiDonato

A talk with West's girls' cross country coach Andrea
By Tom Herget

Andrea DiDonato takes over the reins of the program starting summer 2015. Her workouts for the season don't wait for August; they commence soon after WA's June graduation. Our first year coach aspires to fifty participants at the three levels of competition. She leaves her position as head freshman girls' basketball coach. Mentor Tony Rizzo has helped Andrea prepare for this new challenge.

Coach "Di" started teaching Physical Education at West in the fall of 2008. She teaches five classes a day, instructing in three learning domains: psychomotor (physical development), affective (students working towards a similar goal) and cognitive (principles and rules of a sport and fitness).

Andrea is an Aurora native. She attended St. Peter's grade school and graduated from Rosary High School. She then headed to Loras College where she played basketball. After two years in Dubuque, she returned home to Aurora University where she completed her degree in marketing. This credential took her into sales and direct marketing assignments in the corporate world. These weren't intriguing enough so she applied her people skills in the food industry.

A tip from a customer led her to apply for a teaching position at West. Andrea had enhanced her academic portfolio by getting a teaching certificate from Northern Illinois University (NIU). She later completed her Masters in Physical Education at NIU as well as another Masters in Educational Leadership from the American College of Education. After she joined the staff at West High, one of her early memories was the culture shock of the diverse learning environment.

Andrea enjoys the company of her family. Dad, twin Christa, and younger sister Ashlee remain a part of the West Aurora community. Our North Aurora resident also enjoys the offerings of Aliano's pizza and Chipotle. The calories don't stay on long, as they are consumed by golfing and CrossFit training. After these workouts and a long day, Yorkshire Terrier Lucy greets her. Lucy joins Andrea for sporting drives in her Mitsubishi stick shift.

In the future, Andrea hopes the cross country program will become well-respected in the school, conference and state. The girls will be part of something special, an elite team. They will advance, grow and start a legacy. We hope our girls can match Andrea's pace.



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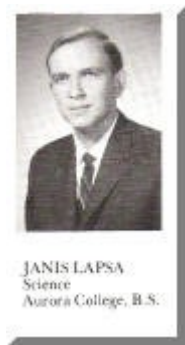


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When you shop at Amazon via Amazon Smile, a portion of your purchases is donated to the West Aurora Blackhawk Sports Boosters. **Here's how to do it:**

You can use this if you have an Amazon.com account or you can create a new Amazon.com account.

- Go to smile.amazon.com
- Sign in using your email address and Amazon password
- If you do not have an Amazon.com account, follow the prompts and create an account
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- After list of organizations appears, click "Select" in the West Aurora Blackhawk Sportsboosters entry
- Then feel free to shop! Thank you for your support.



**2015 Janis Lapsa
Scholarship Recipients**

This scholarship is given in honor and memory of Janis Lapsa ("Yan-is Lop-sa"), a past and notable Assistant Athletic Director at West Aurora High School. Janis recognized the link between achievement in athletics and achievement in the classroom.

The Blackhawk Sports Boosters gave a \$500 scholarship to each student recipient to recognize academic and athletic achievements. The intended use of the scholarship is for education or training at a four-year college or university, junior college, vocational school or trade school

Congratulations to the 2015 recipients:

- Luke Cavender (Football, Track)
- Miranda Gollwitzer (Cross Country, Track)
- Victoria Hunger (Softball)
- Mary Sutarik (Badminton)



WE WANT YOU!

TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED!!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARENTS OF UNDERCLASSMEN TO HELP WITH MEMBERSHIP, 50/50 SALES, VOLUNTEERS, SPORTS PROGRAM DESIGN & SALES OR OTHER FUN THINGS AS DESIRED. NO UPPERCLASSMAN'S PARENTS WILL BE TURNED DOWN.

MUST PLAY WELL WITH OTHERS, ENJOY AN OCCASIONAL ADULT BEVERAGE, AND APPRECIATE BEING FED GREAT FOOD ON AN OCCASIONAL BASIS.

**PLEASE EMAIL IF INTERESTED TO
INFO@
BLACKHAWKSPORTS
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Murphy's Up!

for Promotion after Superior Stint as Assistant AD

by Tom Herget

Ron Murphy was West's Assistant Athletic Director (AD) last year. His performance in just a single year was so powerful it propelled him toward a promotion to Assistant Principal for Operations. Let's see what's behind this meteoric measure of momentum.

Ron is a local product, having graduated from Lisle High School in 1998. He was the sportsman, playing both football and basketball. He continued his education down the road at Northern Illinois University, earning his Bachelor's degree in history. Enjoying the classroom, Ron continued his studies at National Louis University where he earned his Master's in Education Administration.

Murphy's first job was at Oswego East, where he taught history for six years. He was assistant AD there and coached football (assistant) and basketball (head). He was then lured to York High School where he served as Athletic Director. But a beacon from the City of Lights beckoned him to Aurora where he became West's Assistant AD in 2014.

Ron shared some insights into the duties of the athletic department; there are so many moving parts.

For starters, there is scheduling. There are 20 teams, each with three levels. That's 60 sets of conference and non-conference contests to corral. Then, there are officials. They don't just show up... they have to be contacted, signed, housed and paid. Anywhere from one to five officials per game are needed. At 60 squads playing 10 home matches, that's about 1,500 commitments to be secured.

Then, there are event workers. While jayvee soccer might need a single scorekeeper, a home football game needs at least 30 workers. So, again, doing the math, that's recruiting over 2,000 individuals. The Blackhawk Boosters have done a nice job in helping fill some of the slots as well as coordinating concessions.

Next, teams need to be transported to the 600 away games. Our yellow school buses do their duty, and so do the coaches who are qualified to drive the mini-buses and vans where the squads are smaller.

Also there are well over a hundred coaching slots to fill. Last, but not least, there are a few parents to please. All this, done by just four people, to support the thousand students who participate in conference sports. It is really a small business.

Ron lives in Montgomery. He and his wife Kristen (also from Lisle) raise their two sons Colin and Declan. Ron likes to cook and grill. While he is a fervent Cubs fan, Ron doesn't like to wait until next year. We are glad Ron has his sights focused on today's success for all Blackhawks.



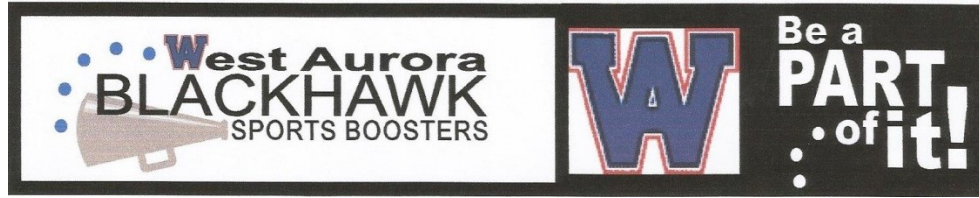
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Over \$1,600,000 to Aurora West Sports Teams and Counting! Be a Part of It!

Since 1970, the West Aurora Blackhawk Sports Boosters have provided volunteer and financial support for athletic programs across the West Aurora school district. The Blackhawk Sports Boosters have helped build one of the finest high school athletic programs in Illinois!

Over 1300 students participate in West Aurora Sports! That means parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, neighbors as well as the incredibly loyal West Aurora Alumni, come out to support our teams!

Support our West Aurora Sports Teams in a beautiful 4 – color, 24+ page Official Souvenir Program. Each high quality program features Seasonal Sport Team Photos, Coaches Information, Personal Player Ads and *Your Special Advertisement!*

Become a Corporate Sponsor –Support all 3 seasons! Receive the following -

- ⇒ One Free AD! 3 Seasons for the price of 2!
- ⇒ Signage at Football Stadium and Main Gym
- ⇒ Name on Scoreboard during Football Games
- ⇒ Name on Gym TV's During Basketball Games
- ⇒ Call Outs on Radio Broadcasts
- ⇒ Corporate Sponsorship Call Outs in Programs and Website





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Ad Size	Corporate Sponsorship	Costs	Savings	Single Season Ads
Full Page	Platinum	\$1800	\$900	\$900
½ Page	Gold	\$1200	\$600	\$600
¼ Page	Silver	\$850	\$425	\$425
1/8 Page	Bronze	\$600	\$300	\$300

Circle Ad Selection above

Production Notes:

- All Ads should be submitted in EPS or Illustrator format
 - Ads are all 4 – color process
 - All files should be submitted to the size purchased (no bleeds)
 - All files should be uploaded to the Kelmscott FTP site:
 Web address : <https://ftp.kelmscottcommunications.com/thinclient/>
 Folder name: "2015 West Aurora Program Ads"
 Username : kelmscottftp
 Password: client
 - All ad files must be submitted by **August 24th**
 - With the exception of the center spread and back cover, Kelmscott controls ad placement
 - Ads can be created for a minimum charge of \$175
 - Customer to provide high resolution art and is entitled to 2 proof approvals
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- Ads must be paid in full prior to placement**

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Former Asst. AD Ron Murphy
Golf Outing Report

Check out our webpage at:
www.BlackhawkSportsBoosters.org.

Online membership registration is available.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday September 5 8:30 AM—Girls Volleyball Invite

Tuesday September 8 4:00 PM—Girls Golf vs. Geneva (Home @ Orchard Valley)

Thursday September 17 4:00 PM—Boys Golf vs. Glenbard East (Home @ Orchard Valley)

Thursday September 24 5:00 PM—Girls Swimming/Diving vs. Elgin/Larkin Co-op (Home @ IMSA Pool)

Friday September 25 7:30 PM —Football vs. East Aurora

Tuesday September 29 6:30 PM—Boys Soccer vs. Bartlett

Saturday October 3 8:00 AM—Girls Tennis Blackhawk Quad Meet

Saturday October 10 8:30 AM—Boys & Girls Cross Country Stampede Meet (at Stuart Sports Complex)