

ATHS to host Addison Job Expo

On April 21, the Village of Addison and Addison Trail will host the fifth Addison Job Expo – and all residents are invited to attend.

The expo will take place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Addison Trail, 213 N. Lombard Road in Addison. During the event, participants will

have the opportunity to meet face to face with local employers and submit their résumé. To see a list of businesses scheduled to attend and their available positions, go to tinyurl.com/JobExpoApril2018. That link will continue to be updated until the day of the expo.

Businesses interested in attending this free expo should apply by April 13 to tinyurl.com/JobExpoAppA-pri12018.

Addison is home to a wealth of successful companies and businesses, as well as a skilled and motivated workforce. The Addison Job Expo will bring employers and employees together to continue to improve the community and further develop the Addison Advantage. The expo is an initiative of the Addison Workforce Development Committee, which is comprised of the Village of Addison and local businesses and organizations. The focus of that group is two-fold:

1. Collaborate to provide opportunities to train students and adults for jobs available in the area (as well as offer programs such as internships and job shadowing)
2. Develop a directory of local businesses (including contact information, open positions and skills employees need to have)

For more information, contact Alyssa Cornelius at the Village of Addison at 630-693-7512 or acornelius@addison-il.org.



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Claudia Badillo of Addison visits the Men's Wearhouse booth and chats with General Manager Erick Krautkramer at a previous Addison Job Expo. The next job expo will take place on April 21 at Addison Trail.

Orchesis Team takes the stage April 20-21

On April 20 and 21, Addison Trail will present its annual Orchesis Show.

This year's theme is "Unwritten Motion," and the event will feature about 22 dance numbers that showcase an array of styles such as hip-hop, jazz, lyrical, tap, modern/contemporary and musical theatre. Every aspect of the show – from the choreography to the costumes to the lighting – is run by students, and the production involves about 100 dancers, crew members and staff members.

Orchesis Co-Sponsors LeVonne Cescolini-Boyer and Amy Ferraro said one of the strengths of this year's show is the diversity provided by the group's three Presidents.

"This year's Orchesis Team is unique in that it's led by three Presidents," they said. "Each one brings a different dance style and perspective, and that variety will be featured in this year's show."

Presidents Mia Rumps, Alyssa Sit-

kowski and Grace Andrews, who are seniors, added the production will offer something for everyone, and au-

dience members can look forward to a finale that has a different look and feel from previous years.



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Pictured are the Addison Trail Orchesis Team officers. The team will present its annual Orchesis Show on April 20 and 21.



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Prizes piling up for annual fundraiser

Addison Women's Club member Kathy McDermott (left) accepts a donation from Cindy Holmberg for the wine raffle planned for the Women's Club of Addison fundraiser, "Where the Magic Happens." The event will take place on Thursday, April 26, at Empress Banquets, 200 E. Lake Street, and will feature the Addison Trail High School Jazz Ensemble during the 6 p.m. cocktail hour and a performance by comedy magician James Sanden after the 7 p.m. dinner. A necklace will go to the winner of the wine raffle and all guests will have an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for other prizes. All proceeds support the Women's Club of Addison, which distributes funds to local charities in late spring. Log on to the Women's Club of Addison Facebook Page or phone 630-251-7924 for reservations or more information.

Addison Trail holds annual Chili contest

On March 14, 38 Addison Trail students who are enrolled in the school's Culinary II course participated in the annual Chili Contest.

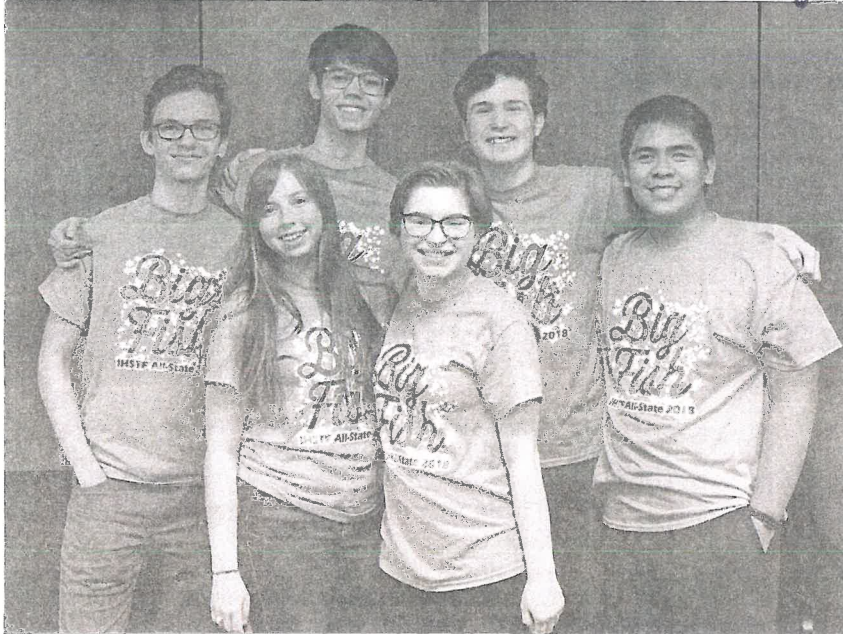
Addison Trail Career and Technical Education (CTE) teachers Jennifer Kowalski and Amy Murphy said students were judged by staff members on the color, texture, aroma, heat and flavor of their recipes. The chefs were encouraged to be creative and put their own touches on the chili.

The winning team members from Kowalski's class are juniors Michael Scali, Nicholas Daudelin, Luke Horak and Tyler Decker. The winners from Murphy's class are junior Daisy Cobos, junior Jaime Mejia and sophomore Fernando Zarco. As the champions, the teams won the Wooden Spoon award.



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(left and right): Addison Trail staff members serve as judges to evaluate various chili recipes made by students in the school's Culinary II course during the annual Chili Contest on March 14.



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Pictured are Addison Trail students who were selected to participate in the 2018 Illinois High School Theatre Festival (IHSTF) All-State production of "Big Fish" this past January, which has now earned the honor of performing during the International Thespian Festival (ITF) in June at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Students include junior Kristopher Kusnierz (back row, second from left), junior Connor White (back row, third from left), senior Ethen Macaraeg (back row, right) and senior Nina Caliendo (front row, left) will participate in the ITF.

ATHS 'Big Fish' production heads to State Festival

This past January, seven Addison Trail students were selected to participate in the 2018 Illinois High School Theatre Festival (IHSTF) All-State production of "Big Fish." That show has now earned the honor of being accepted to perform during the International Thespian Festival (ITF), which will take place in June at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This is the first time an Illinois All-State production has been selected for this event, and the group is seeking

donations to help with the travel expenses. The Addison Trail students and staff who will participate in the ITF include: Cast/Ensemble: Junior Connor White; Technical Crew: Senior Ethen Macaraeg; Orchestra Pit: Senior Nina Caliendo, junior Kristopher Kusnierz; Staff: Theatre Director Anna Louise Jakubka was named as one of two producers for the show, and Theatre Tech Assistant Alex Holod, a 2009 AT grad, was selected as Props Designer.

Community calendar

Friday, April 13

District 4 Family Fun Fair

From 5-8 p.m., the Addison School District 4 Education Foundation will be host its 13th annual Family Fun Fair at Indian Trail Junior High School, 222 N. Kennedy Drive. Admission: \$1 per person. Includes games, inflatables, musical entertainment. Teacher mini-grants to be awarded. Info: asd4.org or call 630-458-2429

Saturday, April 14

Special event: World Fest at the Library

Join the Addison Public Library from 1-4 p.m. to celebrate cultures from all over the world. Come for entertainment, refreshments, and crafts. All ages welcome. Call 630-458-3338 or visit addisonlibrary.org to register.

Thursday, April 19

Historical lecture on corn

At 7 p.m., the Addison Historical Society will present a program called "How Corn Changed Itself and Then Changed Everything Else," led by Cynthia Clappitt. It will be held in Room 1301 at Addison Village Hall. Free and open to the public. Info: 630-628-1433 or email museum@addison-il.org.

Saturday, April 21

Addison Job Expo

From 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Addison Job Expo will be held at Addison Trail High School, 213 N. Lombard. Bring plenty of resumes. Open to all languages and skill levels. Free admission. Info: 630-693-7512 or email: acornelius@addison-il.org.

Park District's Youth Obstacle Course race

From 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Centennial Park, the Addison Park District will host its 2nd annual obstacle course race for students ages 6-14. To register, visit addisonparks.org.

St. Philip the Apostle Grade School alumni craft beer and wine social

A St. Philip the Apostle Grade School alumni craft beer and wine social for alumni ages 21-and-over (ID required) will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. at St. Philip the Apostle Church and School, 1233 W. Holtz Ave. Reconnect with your grade school friends.

Admission is free; appetizers, pizza and a cash bar will be available. Spouses and guests are welcome. Register online at: facebook.com/events/2039978362686084. Info: call 630-543-4130.

Sunday, April 22

Music of the Italian Baroque at the Library

The Bel Sonore Chamber Ensemble, a woodwind trio of flute, oboe and bassoon with soprano singer, will be performing at the Addison Public Library from 2-3 p.m. The concert will have music ranging from Italian Baroque arias to jazz standards. Call 630-458-3318 or visit addisonlibrary.org to register.

Thursday, April 26

I-CASH presentation at the Library

Debra Meyers-Martin from the Illinois State Treasurer's Office will present at the Addison Public Library from 7-8 p.m. Find out if there is "lost" money under your name. Call 630-458-3318 or visit addisonlibrary.org to register.

Addison Women's Club fundraiser

Beginning at 6 p.m., the Women's Club of Addison is holding its fundraiser, "Where the Magic Happens," at Empress Banquets, 200 E. Lake St. Entertainment includes ATHS Jazz Ensemble and comedy magician James Sanden. Proceeds benefit local charities. For tickets and information, call 630-251-7924 or visit the Facebook page.

Saturday, April 28

AT Key Club pet adoption event

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the ATHS Key Club is holding 'Paws for a Cause,' a pet adoption event on the Village Green near Addison Village Hall. Pet costumes encouraged. Info: 630-628-2613.

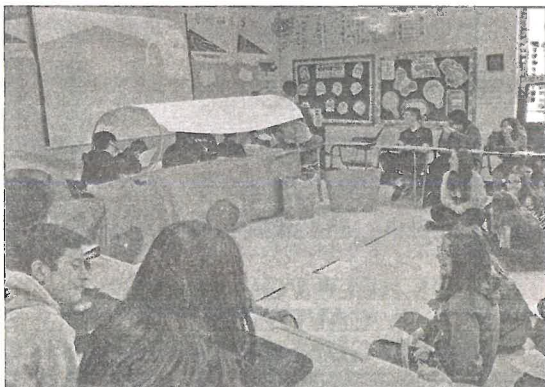
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Get your high school diploma

The Addison Public Library is now offering adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate online through a new program, Career Online High School (COHS). The library is providing a limited number of free scholarships to qualified adult learners who are looking to advance their careers, prepare for workforce entry, or continue their education. You must live in Addison and be 21 or older. Call 630-458-3334 or visit addisonlibrary.org.

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) meet each month

Widows or Widowers (W.O.W.) of the Western Suburbs will meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 537 S. York Road, Elmhurst, starting at 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$5. Info: (630) 620-4060 or www.cfsites.org.



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IT students take the Oregon Trail to learning

Students in Ms. Henry's language arts and in Ms. Vasilakos' social science classes at Indian Trail Junior High worked in groups to write and perform skits that were related to the journey and struggles that pioneers experienced on the Oregon Trail. The skits were performed recently for classmates.



This family of pioneers traveling along the Oregon Trail is concerned for their young child who became ill on their journey. This was one of the skits performed by the 7th graders at Indian Trail Junior High, who worked on an interdisciplinary project about the Oregon Trail.

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Addison Trail boys volleyball team continues to play well

Blazers boys gymnasts move forward

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Addison Trail boys volleyball team continued its torrid start to the season by winning the six-team round-robin Rolling Meadows invitational.

The Blazers opened play with a 25-21, 25-17 win over Buffalo Grove and also downed host Rolling Meadows 22-25, 25-18, 15-9. Addison Trail defeated St. Viator 25-6, 25-15 and defeated Fremd 25-23, 26-24, as well as Bartlett 25-18, 25-21.

Addison Trail won the tournament

with a perfect 5-0 mark to improve to 12-2 overall.

In the tournament, Jacob Grygo had 82 assists, 40 kills and eight blocks. David Zielinski had 31 kills, 16 assists and three aces. Justin Werderich had 19 kills. John Baumgartner had 11 kills and six blocks. Joe Mosny had 11 kills and six blocks, while Mikey Strycharz had 12 kills, 15 digs and four aces. Bryan Florian had 24 digs.

Earlier, the Blazers opened West Suburban Conference Gold Division play with a 26-24, 25-23 win over District 88 neighbor Willowbrook.

Zielinski had 10 kills, 10 digs and one block. Strycharz had four kills, 12 digs and one ace. Werderich had six kills and one block, while Grygo had 23 assists and four kills.

Addison Trail boys gymnastics

The Addison Trail boys gymnastics

team entered a recent busy stretch after not having a meet for two weeks after spring break.

The Blazers competed against Leyden and in the Hinsdale Central invitational as well as its own Addison Trail Fred Dennis invitational during that stretch.

Addison Trail's team high score as of earlier last week was a 118.9.

On the individual front, coach Mike Galfi lauded the work of freshman Matt Wojdak. "Matt has had many strong floor routines," he said.

Wojdak recently took fifth on floor at the Rolling Meadows invitational. His high floor routine score as of earlier last week was a 9.2. Jakub Sitko had the team's high score on the parallel bars at 7.8.

"Our team is learning new skills every practice," said Galfi. "Our biggest

changes have been on floor exercise. We have put in many new skills into the routines and we hope to get back one of our top floor gymnasts who has not been able to compete this year for us. Floor and vault are the strongest events on our team. We have individuals who are starting to do tsuk vaults and have 10.0 start values on floor."

In addition to Wojdak and Sitko, sophomore Caleb Michaliska also has been a key contributor. "Matt Wojdak started this year with strong tumbling abilities, but is growing on all other events," said Galfi. "Jakub and Caleb are returning sophomores who are crucial scores on the varsity squad."

Junior captain Eric Estrada is drawing rave reviews as well.

"Eric has taken a leadership position and works tremendously hard every day," said Galfi. "He is starting to have major gains on rings and high bar."

Galfi said the horizontal bar and pommel horse are works in progress. "Like most teams in the state, high bar and pommel horse always are an area of focus for improvement," he said. "Our younger gymnasts continue to work circles and giants in hopes of competing them this year. We have a very young team that has a lot of promise. They continue to grow each and every day in practice and work tremendously hard."

Addison Trail girls soccer

The Addison Trail girls soccer team is coming off a 2017 season where it

went 6-10-3 overall and 1-4 in West Suburban Conference Gold Division action.

Back for the Blazers are senior Brismar Garcia, who coach Sergio Nunez called a smart field player, as well as junior Evelyn Dominguez ("an adaptive midfielder," Nunez said), senior Berenice Berumen ("A defender with a mission," the coach noted) and senior Vanessa Ramirez who Nunez termed a power striker.

Key newcomers include sophomores Lucia Fullone and Demi Koulogeorgas (who Nunez termed a dominator). "Lucia has great ball skills and Demi is a great addition to our team," said Nunez.

"We are a newer team with a newer start," Nunez added. "I'm feeling the best ever as far as having a whole competitive team."

Nunez said his team's defense will be solid and the addition of starting freshman Valeria Soto will be key as well. "Valeria has confidence beyond her years," said Nunez. "She is going to be a star."

Nunez said the team's goal is to "score plenty this year."

"We've won games with low goals, but we want to win by larger margins as much as possible," he said. "I have a few girls who have specialized in finishing. I can't wait to see that. This team is tiny but mighty. They want to learn and improve as a team. That is awesome for any coach to have."

Willowbrook track teams compete at indoor conference meet

Palma wins 1,600 girls race; Loth second in shot put at boys competition

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Both the Willowbrook boys and girls track teams competed in the recent West Suburban Conference Gold Division meets.

On the boys' side at Proviso West in Hillside, Lugi Davila took 10th in the 55 dash with a time of 7.17.

D'onte Gholston was sixth in the 200 with a time of 25.02. Pat Florey took fourth in the 400 with a time of 53.54. Alex Medina placed sixth in the 600 with a time of 1:31.73. Senior Michael Isaacson was third in the 800 with a time of 2:04.87.

Isaacson took seventh in the 1,600 with a time of 4:48.47, while Matt Caron was eighth in the event at 4:48.47. Caron took sixth in the 3,200 with a time of 10:26.83 and Ian Costello was 10th at 12:00.15.

William Stout was fifth in the 55 hurdles with a time of 8.32. Anthony Jones came in eighth at 8.61.

Willowbrook was fourth in the 800 relay with a time of 1:41.61. The Warriors were third in the 1,600 relay with a time of 3:46.85. Willowbrook took sixth in the 3,200 relay with a time of 9:40.92.

Gholston took fourth in the long jump at 20-2. Terrell Regans was 10th at 18-4. Gholston was seventh in the triple jump 38-3, while Regans was eighth at 35-11 1/2.

Brandon Loth was second in the shot put at 47-2.

Fresh-soph meet highlights included sophomore Liam Riesen winning the 400 with a time of 53.27. Sophomore

Brandon Heselton was second in the 800 at 2:08.90, while freshman Tyler King was fifth at 2:10.71. King also logged a third-place finish in the 1,600 at 4:51.18, while Heselton was sixth in the event at 4:58.15.

Sophomore Sam Glass was third in the high jump at 5-4. Freshman Haven Pryor was fifth in the long jump at 18-0. Glass was third in the triple jump at 38-4, while freshman Thomas Florey was fourth at 35-8 3/4.

Willowbrook girls track

The Willowbrook girls track team competed in the WSC Gold indoor meet at Addison Trail.

Sophomore Jahne Jones was sixth in the 55 dash with a time of 7.71. Freshman Daylee Braden took second in the 300 with a time of 44.35, while freshman Dyshari Barksdale was fourth at 45.60.

Braden took second in the 400 with a time of 1:02.60. Sophomore Gianna Irion was eighth at 1:12.78.

Junior Victoria Palma won the 1,600 with a time of 5:16.13, while senior Angela Klingelhoff was ninth at 6:31.21. Senior Briana Jones was eighth in the 3,200 at 14:11.40.

Irion was third in the 55 hurdles with a time of 10.15.

Willowbrook was sixth in the 4-by-160 relay with a time of 1:34.85. The Warriors were second in the 1,600 relay at 4:20.72.

Melissa Florey was ninth in the long jump at 14-2. Junior Teresa Zaldivar was eighth in the triple jump at 28-5 3/4, while junior Anna Carson was ninth at 28-4 3/4.

Junior Mimi Blackwell was third in the shot put at 31-0.

Fresh-soph meet highlights included freshman Grace Burns taking fifth in the 200 with a time of 29.14. Burns

also was fourth in the 300 with a time of 47.72. Deja Ramsey took fifth in the 400 with a time of 1:09.84.

Sophomore Ellie King was fifth in the 800 at 2:47.89. Jones was sixth in the 2:52.46.

Sophomore Michelle Villalobos was sixth in the 1,600 with a time of 6:11.24. Freshman Samantha Williams was fifth in the 55 hurdles with a time of 10.67. Willowbrook won the 3,200 relay with a time of 11:32.77.

Freshman Natasha Daum was fifth in the high jump at 4-0. Burns was third in the long jump at 14-3.

Freshman Aniyah Rushing won the shot put at 30-0 1/2.

Willowbrook baseball

The Willowbrook baseball team opened West Suburban Conference Gold Division play with a 5-0 loss against Hinsdale South in a game that marked the squad's only competition last week due to foul weather conditions. Willowbrook fell to 4-4 with the loss.

The Warriors were limited to five hits. Sam Tumilty had two hits, while Jack Hines, Ryan Mintz and Jeremy Conforti each had one hit. John Taylor and Tumilty each stole a base. Mintz took the loss. Ethan Pieniazek and Vince Ruchala pitched in relief. The Warriors were slated to play the first two games of a conference series earlier this week against Morton and a makeup conference game against Hinsdale South.

Willowbrook is scheduled to conclude the conference series with Morton today at Morton West and will face Oak Park-River Forest in a WSC crossover game at 2 p.m. in Oak Park Saturday before facing Addison Trail in a three-game WSC Gold series next week.

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Eclectic exhibit draws ATHS students to ACA gallery

The exhibit "Open Symbolism" went out with fan-fare during the closing reception, when a group of Addison Trail High School 3-D art students led by Maria Ramon visited and met a few of the artists in gallery. Joe Eddy Brown and Bill Austin were on hand to answer the student's questions that ranged from their inspiration and education to specific creation and selections of materials. This exhibit was of particular interest to the students who are studying art made of found objects.

"I take my art students to every exhibit in the gallery, but this one directly ties into our unit," Ramon said. "They previewed the show, prepared questions and then viewed the pieces again with the artists. It was an invaluable opportunity to connect what they are learning with real-world artists and ask questions about the artistic process. We are so grateful to have this rich resource in our community!"

The show highlighted the talents of artists Joe Eddy Brown, Gary Brown, Anton Witek, Bill Austin and Rena Church. The eclectic group of 5 relates their collaboration to a pentaprism — reflecting an array of ideas and light in constant deviation. The group's varied styles and viewpoints are as diverse as the materials they use and the passions the work portrays.

As the group expresses, "we don't paint the standard portrait, common landscape or a simple bowl of fruit. We push boundaries and break new ground — taking things and putting them into a new context."

The current exhibit, "Creative Insights" might also be of interest to students, faculty and parents. It is a juried collection of work from 28 local artists representing a myriad of medium and styles exploring the theme of

creative insights. The current work is on exhibit through April 27, with an artist reception on Friday, April 13 from 7 – 9 p.m.

The Addison Center for the Arts gallery is open Wednesday – Saturday from 1-4 p.m. and is located at 213 N. Lombard Road, Door #4, adjacent to Addison Trail High School, parking is available in the North lot. Special tours are available by calling 630-548-4500.



Local artist Joe Eddy Brown speaks with a group of Addison Trail art students on March 16, when the students attended the closing reception of the Addison Center for the Arts (ACA) "Open Symbolism" exhibit.



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On March 22, 16 members of the Addison Trail Boys Track and Field Team volunteered at Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva. (above): AT senior Nicholas Czorniak, and senior Roberto Soto; (right) junior Austin Rohlf and junior Cesar Herrera took part in the effort. The student-athletes packaged 2,725 meals (3,200 pounds of food) in about two hours.



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Lombard woman accused of strangling her mother pleads not guilty to first-degree murder

Stephanie DeFalco, a 28-year-old Lombard woman who allegedly strangled her mother to death last month, pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, as well as not guilty to additional charges, at her arraignment last Friday.

The arraignment was held before Judge Jeffrey MacKay. According to the *Chicago Tribune*, prosecutors said a grand jury returned a nine-count indictment against DeFalco, which included five counts of first-degree murder.

On March 20 at approximately 6:25 p.m., officers with the Lombard Police Department responded to a call in the 100 block of Grace Street. Upon their arrival, officers found the victim, Judith DeFalco, 61, deceased in her bedroom.

An investigation into the death conducted by the Lombard Police Department led to Stephanie DeFalco, who was taken into custody the following day.

On March 19, Stephanie DeFalco was charged with misdemeanor theft after allegedly stealing jewelry belonging to her mother and then pawning the jewelry for \$252, according to the *Daily Herald*.

After posting bail, Stephanie DeFalco returned home. It is alleged that some point in time on March 20, Stephanie and Judith DeFalco were both home when an argument began.

It is alleged that the argument turned physical and that Stephanie DeFalco strangled her mother to death after her mother reportedly ordered her to leave the house. It is further alleged that after murdering her mother, DeFalco stole her mother's phone, jewelry and car and fled the scene.

DeFalco's next court appearance is scheduled for Friday, May 4.



Stephanie DeFalco

Tickets for Bridge Communities spring luncheon available

The community is invited to join Bridge Communities on Friday, April 27, for their eighth annual Spring Luncheon, "Celebrating Women, Transforming Lives." Hosted at the beautiful Danada House in Wheaton, Bridge Communities will honor women and philanthropy in DuPage County.

Margie Tarpey, this year's recipient of the Transforming Lives Award, worked in health care for 30 years. After retiring 17 years ago, she was a founding member of Naperville CARES and served as president of the board. Among her many volunteer efforts are: the founding of St. Raphael's Catholic Church's St. Vincent De Paul conference, a group providing person-to-person service to those in need of financial assistance; assisting clients at Loaves and Fishes applying for Medicaid, SNAP and health care insurance; and helping to launch Moving UP at Loaves and Fishes, which provides a program for clients who want to learn how to live a financially and emotionally self-sufficient life.

After her difficult divorce in 2004, Lisa Garrow and her children found themselves without a home of their own. But, when she entered Bridge Communities, she began to turn her life around. Her years in Bridge provided safety and security for her

family, and allowed them to get back on their feet. And, going through Bridge's employment programs gave her the confidence to change her career.

Through hard work and dedication, what began as an internship with Northwestern Medicine has led to Lisa's current position of lead clinical recruiter for NM Delnor Hospital. Today, she's giving back by assisting at Bridge's employment workshops.

Returning to emcee the luncheon will be Emmy-winning journalist Judy Hsu. An integral part of the ABC7 news team since 2001, she anchors the 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. newscasts for ABC7 Chicago. In addition to her anchor responsibilities, Hsu hosts a long-format interview segment on Sunday mornings called "Newsviews."

She hosted the Sleep Out Saturday rally for Bridge Communities in 2015, and warmly welcomed supporters of Bridge again at the 2016 and 2017 Spring Luncheon. Hsu resides in the western suburbs with her husband and four children.

Tickets are \$60 per person or \$600 per table of 10, and may be purchased at www.bridgecommunities.org. Additionally, select sponsorship opportunities remain for the event. To learn more about sponsoring, ask questions about the luncheon, or include an advertisement in the luncheon booklet, contact Chad Pedigo at 630-545-0610, ext. 19, or chadpedigo@bridgecommunities.org.

District 87 earns 2nd highest credit rating possible from Moody's

Once again, Glenbard District 87 has earned the second highest credit rating possible (Aa1) from Moody's Investors Service. In awarding the rating, Moody's cited Glenbard's strong financial profile and a manageable debt burden.

District 87 said it is proud of its financial health and stability, and continually achieves all of its major financial objectives, including:

- Balanced budget in operating funds;
- Strong cash position. No short-term borrowing required to meet obligations;
- Solvency position realized in 2016-17—185 days cash on hand was achieved. This exceeds the 180 days target established by the Illinois State Board of Education. Glenbard is on track to achieve solvency position again this year.
- Achieved Financial Recognition status from the Illinois State Board of Education in 2016-17. This is the 11th consecutive year that Glenbard has earned the state's highest level of recognition.

Montini recognizes scholarship award winners

Montini Catholic recognized the first 29 members of its Class of 2018 \$100,000 Scholarship Club. The club includes students who have received \$100,000-plus in academic scholarship offers during their quests for college offers.

The number of members and the total of offers is expected to grow as the school year progresses. So far, Montini Catholic seniors have accumulated over \$12,000,000 in academic scholarship offers.

Among the students from Lombard are:

- Maura Barrett, Marie Estelle Corpuz, Austin Cullen, Dominick DeCicco, Ivan Felty, Luke Grogan, Liam Heggermann, Peyton Schaefer and Abigail Wolf.

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If it seems like you're receiving more robocalls than ever before, you might be right.

"It's estimated in 2017, about 2.5 billion robocalls were being made each month," State Sen. Dave Syverson, R-Rockford, said. "That's double what it was just three years ago."

And you're also not alone if you feel the frequent automated calls are more than just an inconvenience.

"It is the No. 1 complaint filed with the federal government," Syverson said. "There are 13,000 complaints a day filed about these operations. At that number, you'd think the federal government would be much more aggressive."

A pair of new bills sponsored by Syverson would make it easier for the state to step in and take action. One would strengthen the Illinois Automated Dialers Act by making it a separate violation to disguise caller ID information.

"These people are able to mask the ID, so the ID that shows up on your cell phone is a local phone number," Syverson said. "So you think it's the school or a local vendor or the doctor's office and you answer the phone. But it's not. It's a telemarketing firm."

The frequency with which the robocallers can change the displayed phone number means blocking is largely ineffective.

"You can block one number, but it comes through on another number the following day," Syverson said. "Something needs to be done. Not only is this harassing the people, but the reason they're making these calls is because they want to sell you something. And they wouldn't be making the calls unless it was working. We know people are being taken."

A second measure would create the bipartisan Illinois Automated Dialing and Solicitation Task Force. Members would be responsible for studying penalties for violating the

"Not only is this harassing the people, but the reason they're making these calls is because they want to sell you something."

— State Sen. Dave Syverson

federal "Do Not Call" list and exploring any new technology that could be used to prevent automated

calls.

"People have signed up on the 'Do Not Call' list," Syverson said, "but many of these firms aren't following the law. Or the calls are being routed overseas and they don't follow the law. That's a problem as well."

Syverson says a closer look at these laws at the state level is long overdue.

"I was surprised to learn that Illinois hasn't updated its telecommunications criminal code in more than a decade," Syverson said. "This gives all the same tools the federal government has to our state government."



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Beneficial insects

Andres Ortega, ecologist with the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, shared his knowledge of beneficial, harmful and endangered garden insects with the Lombard Garden Club at the March 23 meeting. Ortega used a Power Point program to illustrate the characteristics of a variety of bees, butterflies and other insects that could be welcome in our gardens. The only habitat left of the former range of rusty patched bumble bees is 0.1 percent of its original territory. Left to right are Carol Reiman, Ortega and Annette Clynn checking information in one of Ortega's reference books.

2018 Lilac Court profiles Meet Lilac Princess Betty-Ann Garrett

By Jane Charnelo
LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW STAFF REPORTER

Betty-Ann Louise Garrett is a self-described tomboy, which she says is one reason she wanted to be part of the Lilac Court.

That is, she shared, "to send my message that you don't have to be 'cookie-cutter.'"

The 2018 Willowbrook High School graduate and College of DuPage freshman said she developed a passion for football at a young age, and as a result, went on to be a star athlete during her four years at the Villa Park high school.

The Lilac Princess said she started playing soccer and in second grade wanted to play football. She became a cheerleader but all that did was bring her closer to the field. She wanted to play the game.

As a freshman, Princess Betty-Ann said, she approached the Willowbrook coach and asked to play football.

"I dabbled with safety a couple of times," she continued, but found a niche as a kicker.

Her four-year stint with high school football earned her a number of accolades, including Wintrust Athlete of the Week for scoring 8 consecutive points in one game; being a Special Teams Player of the Year as a senior; and being named a West Suburban Conference All Academic, All Conference and a West Suburban Conference Kicker of the Year—also as a senior.

The Lilac Princess, who is employed in garden and paint at Home Depot, was also part of the high school's art club, the Girl-Up organization that supports UN programs promoting the health, safety, education and leadership of girls in developing countries; and participated in the local Relay for Life, which raises funds for cancer research.

She participated in Destination Imagination for four years and for another four years was a DI volunteer, is a six-time hair donor, was part of the Illinois Saint Andrew Society's Scottish Heather Queen Court, showed her American Staffordshire terrier rescue with the American Kennel Club, has been a blood donor and participated in Kick-it for Cancer.

The Lilac Princess listed her interests as embroidery and dog rescue, along with loving classic cars—her first car was a 1974 Pontiac LeMans. "I've always been into older cars," she shared.

Growing up, Princess Betty-Ann remembers seeing the Lilac Court throughout Lilac Time, and



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Princess Betty-Ann Louise Garrett

asking, "When do I get to do it?"

The answer is now, and she said that being a role model for the younger girls, for her, means being someone who is "selfless and doesn't go with the flow."

That is, the princess reiterated, "to show that princesses aren't cookie-cutter."

After taking classes at COD, the Lilac Princess plans to attend Montana State in Bozeman, to major in bio-resource engineering. She mentioned that one of her goals is to help inhabit Mars.

When asked why, she responded, "I have always been afraid of space and I love science."

"I like to do things I'm scared of; it pushes me to do it."

Helping get humans to Mars, she added, is "what I plan to do in the future."

Princess Betty-Ann is the daughter of Paul and Darlene Garrett; and sister of Charlie, 22, and Alex, 15.

Sports

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Rams claim fourth place at Springfest Tournament

Team opens with three straight wins before losing in the semifinals

The Glenbard East boys volleyball team won three of five matches and placed fourth in its own 16-team Springfest Tournament, which took place on Saturday in Lombard. The Rams won their first three matches of pool play to advance to the semifinal round. Neuqua Valley defeated Glenbard East in the semifinal round. Lake Park edged the Rams in the third-place match.

Glenbard West outlasted Neuqua Valley 23-25, 30-28, 25-23 in the championship match.

The Rams' overall season record

stood at 7-6 at the end of the tournament.

The Rams opened Springfest with a three-game victory over Conant. Junior Carson Brandt pounded nine kills, while junior Cal Iwinski hit six kills. Junior Brenden Cardott and senior Preston Cox provided 14 and 12 assists, respectively. Senior Peter Surlina made 17 digs.

The Rams improved to 2-0 in the event with a 25-19, 25-17 victory over Plainfield Central. They moved to 3-0 with a three-game victory over Benet. Glenbard East lost the

opening game against the Redwings before rallying to win the next two games. Brandt smashed 17 kills against Benet. Cox handed out 10 assists, while Surlina made 15 digs.

Neuqua Valley beat Glenbard East 25-19, 29-27 in the semifinal round. Senior Matt Smith hit seven kills, while Brandt made six kills. Cardott passed out nine assists. Cox delivered eight assists.

Brandt and Smith hit nine and six kills, respectively, in the third-place match against Lake Park. The Lancers beat the Rams 25-20, 28-26.



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Tough loss for the Warriors

The Willowbrook boys volleyball team opened its West Suburban Gold Conference season with last week's home match against Addison Trail. The visiting Blazers defeated the Warriors 26-24, 25-23 in the April 3 battle in Villa Park. Willowbrook's overall record dropped to 1-2 with the loss. The Warriors held a 21-16 lead in the first game before Addison Trail rallied into the lead. The second game was also close, with the Blazers holding off Willowbrook to earn the victory. Senior Nick Cookingham (No. 5, pictured above left) provided 15 assists and seven digs for the Warriors. Senior Tim Keefe (No. 11, pictured above right) contributed seven kills and six digs. Senior Buddy Martens (No. 1, pictured bottom right) made eight digs, while junior Joe Cavazos (not pictured) bashed four kills. One more photo from the match shows senior Jake Entwistle (No. 6 bottom left) receiving a serve. Willowbrook won four of five matches at Warren High School's tournament in Gurnee, which took place on Friday and Saturday. The Warriors' overall record at the end of the tournament was 5-3. Willowbrook went 1-1 in Friday's pool play, losing to Stevenson and beating Highland Park. Entwistle contributed five kills, two digs and an ace in the victory. The Warriors beat Lakes, Vernon Hills and Riverside-Brookfield on Saturday. Keefe hit a total of 24 kills on Saturday. Martens made 35 digs in the day's three matches, while Cookingham gave out 47 assists.



CHRIS FOX FILE PHOTO Lombardian/Villa Park Review

The Glenbard East boys volleyball team placed fourth in its own 16-team Springfest Tournament on Saturday. The Rams won their first three matches of the event before losing to Neuqua Valley in the semifinal round. Lake Park defeated Glenbard East in the third-place match. Junior Carson Brandt (pictured) bashed a team-leading 50 kills for the Rams during the tournament. Brandt connected for 17 kills in the Rams' third match of the day—a three-game victory over Benet Academy. The Rams' overall season record stood at 7-6 at the end of the tournament.

A visit to the Masters

One day at the famous Augusta National Golf Club

By Chris Fox

LOMBARDIAN-VILLA PARK REVIEW STAFF REPORTER

Aspiring golfers dream of playing in the Masters. Most golf fans just dream of attending the Masters. It isn't easy securing a pass into the annual tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia. I was fortunate to attend the second round of the tournament on Friday, April 6.

If you follow golf, you are no doubt familiar with the spectacular course, the venue for golf's first major championship of the year. I have heard several people who have been there say television doesn't show just how hilly the course is. Those people were correct. The par-4 10th hole, for example, looks like a mountain, sloping severely downhill from the tee to the fairway. The green of the famous par-3 16th hole is framed by another huge hill, which provides an excellent vantage point for spectators.

As you would guess, the course is immaculate. The fairways seem smoother than the greens at most golf courses, and I don't believe there's one weed on the entire property.

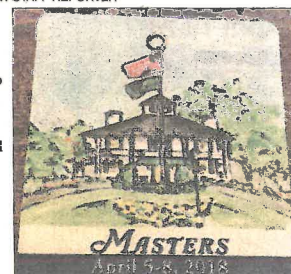
If you ever attend the Masters, be prepared to do plenty of walking. After passing through the gate and going through airport-like security featuring police dogs and metal detectors, it's a long walk just to get to the first tee. The famed Amen Corner—holes 11, 12 and 13—is at the other end of the property.

Some spectators would be happy to sit in one spot and watch the players pass through. If you visit Augusta National, however, the course itself is the main attraction. I sat in the bleachers near the 13th hole to watch a few groups pass through. I spent most of the time walking around the course to get a view of each hole and most of the big-name players.

I have no pictures of my visit because spectators are prohibited from bringing cameras and cell phones onto the course.

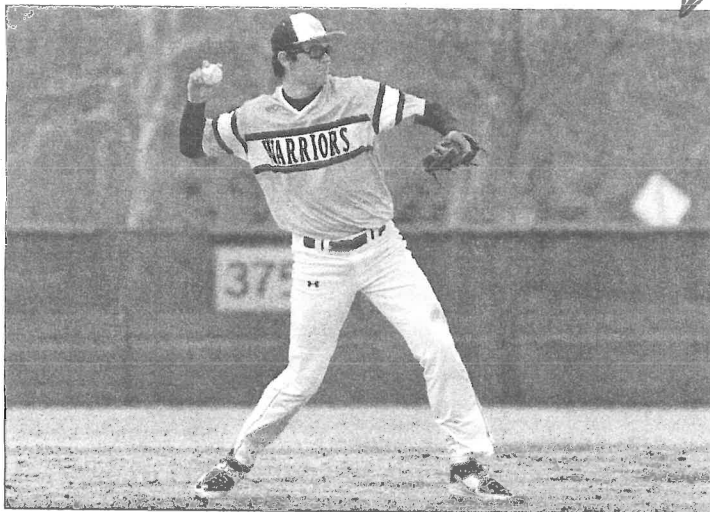
Whatever you think of Tiger Woods, the man draws a crowd. I watched him play a few holes, and I would say the group of spectators following him was 10 times larger than it was for any other player. I should also mention that the beer was flowing at the concession stands, and plenty of those spectators had enjoyed a few beverages. The fans were well-behaved, but far from silent, especially in the large section near the 11th green and 12th tee.

I have read that the best place to watch a golf tournament is in front of your own television. That's an excellent point. I have attended a few other



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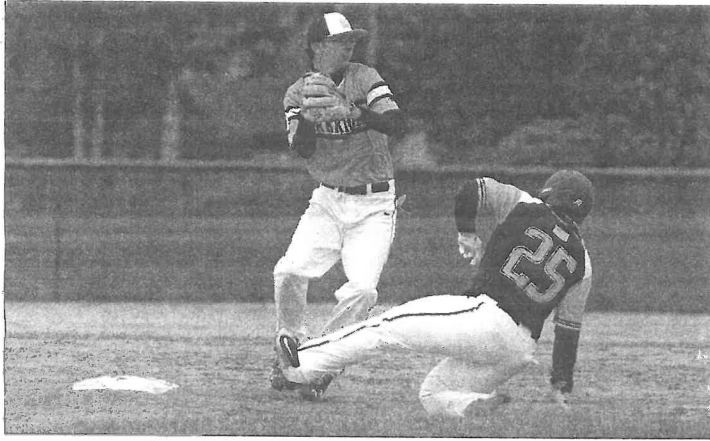
Patrons who attend the Masters golf tournament gain entry to the Augusta National Golf Club with a badge (pictured). Badges to attend Friday's round of the four-round tournament were selling for \$2,500 to \$3,000 online. Fans from around the country, and the world, attended the event.



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Warriors drop conference opener

The Willowbrook baseball team opened its West Suburban Gold Conference season with last week's home game against Hinsdale South. The Hornets defeated the Warriors 5-0 in the April 2 contest in Villa Park. One photo shows junior shortstop Jack Hines throwing toward first base after fielding a grounder. The other photo shows senior second basemen Vince Ruchala throwing to first after a force-out at second base. Hinsdale South scored once in the first inning and added two runs apiece in the fourth and seventh innings. The Warriors collected only five hits in the game. Junior Scott Tumilty provided two of the team's five hits. Junior Ryan Mintz pitched the first four innings for the Warriors and allowed three runs and four hits. Poor weather postponed Willowbrook's other games on the schedule last week.



•Masters (Continued from page 12)

tournaments, and there's only so much you can see from your vantage point at the course. When you are watching on television, you are treated to shot after shot from around the course. With no cell phone in your hand, your only connection to the scores at the Masters are from the large leaderboards around the course. Those leaderboards are updated frequently, but they only show what the leading players are doing. Tiger Woods, for example, wasn't on the leaderboard during the second round. I knew he wasn't doing particularly well, but I didn't know his score until I followed him. The scores of each player on a particular hole are posted at that hole.

The 2012 Ryder Cup at Medinah featured tiny radios and earphones available for purchase. The radios provided broadcast updates from the tournament, which enhanced the overall experience. I wonder if the Masters would offer that option in the near future. If they did, I would think they would sell plenty of radios.

Another thing I had learned from attending other tournaments is that there is plenty of waiting in between shots. If you attend a tournament in person, you will spend a lot of time watching players walk to their next shot and deliberate on how to play that shot. That's not a problem when you're watching on television, which cuts to shot after shot from around the course every few seconds.

Near the end of the second round, I visited the club's new merchandise shop. The club doesn't sell its items online, so the only way to buy items directly from the Masters is to get them at the shop. I talked to a few people who spent well over \$1,000 buying gift items for family and friends. The place was packed, but it seemed to run efficiently thanks to scores of employees and dozens of checkout lanes.

I'm not sure if I will ever have the chance to return to the Masters. It was a thrill to see the course in person. It was also nice to watch Sunday's final round on television.

Lombard Police officers to participate in Illinois Special Olympics fundraising events

The Lombard Police Department is participating in upcoming fundraising events in support of the Illinois Special Olympics.

Officers will be participating in events including: "Tip A Cop" at Claim Jumper restaurant at Yorktown Shopping Center, Thursday, April 12, 5-8 p.m.; "Cop On Top" of Dunkin' Donuts locations at Main Street near Roosevelt Road, Yorktown Shopping Center, and North Avenue and Grace Street, on Friday, May 18, 5 a.m.-noon; and the DuPage County Torch Run event that will pass through Lombard on Sunday, June 10, beginning at Main Street and Wilson Avenue at approximately 10:45 a.m. and heading north to Parkside Avenue.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics is the movement's largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle, raising over \$4.4 million in Illinois during 2017.

Last year law enforcement officers carried the Flame of Hope and volunteered to support more than 22,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities and more than 20,000 young athletes ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities and their families.

Contact Lombard Sgt. Jim Kohl at (630) 873-4481 or kohlj@villageoflombard.org with any questions. More information about Special Olympics can be found at www.specialolympics.org.

Sudoku Puzzle Answers

7	6	1	4	8	2	5	9	3
3	2	4	6	9	5	7	8	1
8	5	9	3	7	1	2	6	4
2	8	7	9	5	4	3	1	6
9	1	3	7	2	6	8	4	5
5	4	6	1	3	8	9	2	7
4	9	8	5	1	7	6	3	2
1	7	2	8	6	3	4	5	9
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The Broncos head south

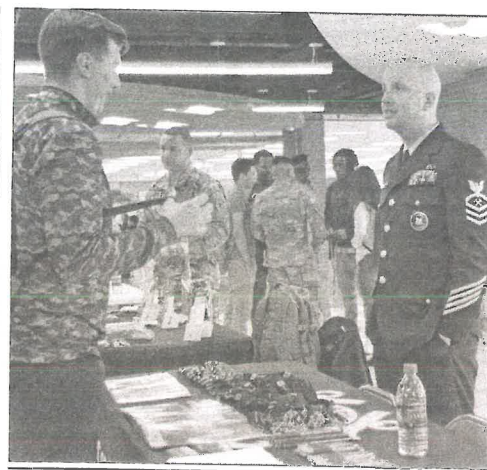
The Montini softball team recently opened its 2018 season with an 8-3 victory over Morris High School. The Broncos then traveled south for their annual spring trip. Montini played in Louisville, Kentucky, defeating Pleasure Ridge Park High School and East Jessamine High School (both of Kentucky) before winning a 16-13 battle against Owensboro Catholic High School. Montini then continued south, heading to Florida. The Broncos lost two one-run decisions in Florida before earning a 6-2 victory over Cornerstone Charter Academy. Members of Montini's varsity team (pictured left to right) are: (front row) Ava Vjestica and Samantha Ferruzza; (middle row) Peyton Bogart, Cynthia Ng, Brianna Clifton, Neena Franklin, Nicole Pechacek, Madeline Rawski, Lauren Latoria and Mariella Maduzia; (back row) Alison Dilday, Emily Alexander, Grace Shotts, Ashley Lynch, Alyssa Filkowski, Nicole Cuchran and Elyse Spaccapaniccia.



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Students learn about their options

Willowbrook High School's guidance department recently held its annual College and Career Awareness Week to encourage students to get college and career ready. Throughout the week (March 19-23), seniors had the opportunity to fill out a sticker with the name of the college/university or military branch they plan to attend and add the sticker to a poster in the school foyer. On one day of the week, representatives from the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and National Guard met with students during a military fair to discuss what each branch offers. Students also had a chance to take the ASV-AB test, which measures developed abilities and helps predict future and academic and occupational successes in the military. The week also included visits from representatives of about 60 colleges and universities. The week also included a resume workshop, and visits from several career professionals also shared their insights about their various fields with Willowbrook students.



Illinois to spend \$194 million on railroad crossing safety projects

ILLINOIS NEWS NETWORK

Illinois will spend \$194 million over the next five years on projects intended to make railroad crossings in the state safer.

Mike Stead, rail safety program administrator for the Illinois Commerce Commission's Transportation Bureau Rail Safety Section, said the total number of crossings receiving safety improvements would be about 10 percent of state railroad crossings. "The number of crossings that we are proposing projected for safety improvements is 700, out of a total of over 7,000 in the state," Stead said.

In 2017, there were 86 crashes at public crossings and 26 fatalities in Illinois. Stead added that the state has a very high number of public railroad crossings.

"Illinois has the second-most highway-rail grade crossings of any state in the country," Stead said. "Because of that, every year we have a significant number of crashes."

Improvements would include automatic warning devices in more locations, some grade crossing and bridge replacements and opportuni-

ties to replace a grade crossing with a bridge, Stead said.

The improvements are coming from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund, which gets money from the state's motor fuel tax. That tax is intended for maintaining and building new roads.

Stead said this work would be beneficial to local communities.

"The connection there is direct we believe, because of the intersection between local roads and the grade crossings and the railroad tracks at these grade crossings," Stead said. "So, there is a direct benefit to local communities for these safety improvements."

Stead said the signals and gates work would be performed by railroad employees. If the project includes railroad approach improvements at a crossing, those would likely be contracted out by the community with jurisdiction. Bridge projects would include a bidding process.

"Certainly if it is a bridge project, then the local community that is sponsoring that project will solicit bids and award that project to a contractor," Stead said.

Not a lot of Illinois support for recommendations in safe driving law report

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The Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety's 2018 report on safe driving laws suggests the usual things: Mandatory motorcycle helmet laws, a new booster seat law, and a number of changes to the state's graduated drivers license program.

The Advocates' Director of State Programs Tara Gill said the idea is to push states toward "optimal" laws.

"We recommend the laws that we do, and the version of the law ... because they are shown to do the best job," Gill said.

But a lot of folks in Illinois think the laws currently on the books are just fine.

Henry Haupt with the Secretary of State's office said that Illinois' graduated license program, which eases teenage drivers into their first year behind the wheel, is more than fine.

"The most recent statistic that we received from the Illinois Department of Transportation showed that teen driving deaths are down 51 percent," Haupt said. "The program is working. The proof is in the pudding."

The Advocates recommend four changes to the state's graduated drivers license program, including more limits on nighttime driving, more limits on passengers for young drivers, a longer wait to get a permit, and not giving young drivers a full license until they're 18 years old.

Haupt says some the Advocates' recommendations are a bit broad and don't take into account what lawmakers want.

Then there are the worries about

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— Henry Haupt, with the Secretary of State's office

what drivers want.

The Advocates are, once again, asking for a mandatory motorcycle helmet law.

Josh Witkowski, the legislative director for the motorcycle advocate group ABATE, said they have been pushing back on one-size-fits-all laws for three decades.

Witkowski said they're seeing more success by focusing on educating drivers and riders to be aware when they are on the streets.

"There are some traffic safety professionals that are starting to look at the impact of education and technology," Witkowski said. "And those innovations are more important than having the same tired conversation that we have had now for 31 years this year."

The Advocates' report grades states as well, Illinois is in the middle of the pack, which is better than some of our neighbors.

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Sports

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Montini basketball coach dies suddenly

Daryl Thomas helped Indiana University to a national title

Daryl Thomas, the head coach of the Montini Catholic High School's boys basketball team for the last three seasons, died suddenly on March 28. He was 52 years old.

According to a brief statement issued by Montini, Thomas passed away from a heart attack.

Thomas was standout basketball player at St. Joseph High School in Westchester. He then played collegiately for Indiana University from 1983-87. As a senior, Thomas helped the Hoosiers win the 1987 NCAA championship. Friday, March 30, marked the 31st anniversary of Indiana's 74-73 victory over Syracuse in the title contest. Thomas



scored 20 points in the championship game. He averaged 15.7 points and 5.7 rebounds per game during his senior season. According to a statement from Indiana University, Thomas played professional basketball in Europe and South America for 13 years. He later spent eight years as an assistant coach at St. Joseph. He was named Montini's head coach in 2015. The Broncos finished the 2017-18 season with an overall record of 17-11. Their season ended with a loss in a Class 3A regional final on March 2. In addition to coaching at Montini, Thomas served as lead instructor, player development for the Bulls/Sox Youth Academy in Lisle and La Grange. He and his wife, Marta, had three children and resided in Bolingbrook.

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Montini boys basketball coach Daryl Thomas died on March 28. He was 52 years old. According to a brief statement from Montini, Thomas passed away from a heart attack. Thomas played basketball at St. Joseph High School in Westchester. He was a member of Indiana University's 1987 NCAA championship team. Thomas scored 20 points in the Hoosiers' win over Syracuse in the title contest. He coached Montini's boys team for the last three seasons. Thomas is pictured while speaking to Montini's social justice classes in December. He spoke during a discussion about race relations in America.

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A shutout win for the Warriors

The Willowbrook girls soccer team improved its overall season record to 3-2 with Saturday's 2-0 victory over Proviso West in Villa Park. The Warriors broke a scoreless tie early in the second half when freshman Gracie Tumilty (No. 13, pictured at right) headed the ball into the net. Senior Sarah Poirier provided an assist on Tumilty's goal. Sophomore Erinn Bell (No. 23, pictured above) scored Willowbrook's second goal with about 90 seconds left in the match. Junior



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The Rams keep on winning

The Glenbard East girls soccer team improved its 2018 record to 6-1 with Saturday's 6-0 victory at Addison Trail. The Rams built a 5-0 halftime lead over the Blazers in the match, which was played in windy conditions. Senior Elizabeth Toledo (No. 6, pictured above) scored a pair of first-half goals for the Rams. Senior Mimi Camacho (No. 1, pictured below left) also provided two goals in the first half. Freshman Maddie Weltin contributed one goal in the opening half. Senior Katie Hansen closed out the Rams' scoring with a second-half goal. One more photo from Saturday's win shows senior Ali Liljestrand (No. 2, below right). Liljestrand scored two goals in Glenbard East's previous match—a 6-0 win over Marist on March 23. The Rams, who ran their winning streak to five with the victory over the Blazers, will begin their Upstate Eight Valley Conference season with this week's matches against Bartlett and West Aurora.



goalkeeper Zoe Ericson earned the shutout for the Warriors. "Defensively, we're doing well," said Willowbrook coach Julio Del Real, whose team has allowed just two goals through five matches. "We're young, but everybody's handling themselves really well." The Warriors' two losses were 1-0 decisions during the Windy City Classic tournament. One of those losses came against Stagg—the eventual tournament champion. Willowbrook begins its West Suburban Gold Conference season this week. This Saturday, the Warriors will open play in the PepsiCo Showdown tournament in Schaumburg.



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Students meet an author

District 88 recently hosted its annual "Author In the House" event for students at Willowbrook and Addison Trail high schools. Award-winning author Lance Rubin met with students and staff from the two schools on March 22 and provided an interactive presentation about his experiences and career path. Rubin also conducted a separate program about the writing and publishing process. Students performed improvisational scenes with Rubin and participated in a writing activity. The photo above shows Rubin (far right) guiding two Willowbrook students—sophomore Kyle Seicke (left) and freshman D'Shawn Walker (center) through an improvisational exercise. Rubin wrote the "Denton Little" young adult series. He has also written sketch comedy and worked as an actor. For more information, visit www.lancerubin.com.

Villa Park briefs

Youth group presents musical at Montini next week

The Villa Park based Saint Genesius Productions youth theater group will perform "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at Montini Catholic High School on April 13, 14 and 15. A cast and crew of 45 talented students from local Catholic grade schools and religious education programs, including Lombard's Sacred Heart and St. Pius X schools, have joined together to create this production.

Performances will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 13, at 3 p.m. and at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. Montini Catholic High School is located at 19W070 16th Street, Lombard.

Charles M. Schulz's beloved comic strip "Peanuts" comes to life in this approach to Clark Gesner's classic musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." The main characters—Lucy, Schroeder, Linus, Snoopy and Charlie Brown—will take the stage.

Tickets cost \$8 per person and can be purchased at the door, or ordered online at brownpapertickets.com/event/3363484. For more information, go to SaintGenesiusProductions.com, or e-mail info@SaintGenesiusProductions.com.

Founded in 2010, Saint Genesius Productions was created to bring the experience of professionally produced children's theater to Catholic grade schools throughout DuPage County. The volunteer-run youth theater group provides students in grades 4-8 with a performing arts education and the opportunity to appear in plays and musicals.

Mom and Son Night at Sugar Creek on April 27

The Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Mom and Son Night at Sugar Creek Golf Course on Friday, April 27. The event will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the course, located at 500 E. Van Buren St. Moms and their young sons will be able to hit some balls at the driving range before enjoying dinner provided by Michael Anthony's. Feel free to bring your own clubs. A few children's clubs will be available to use. Coach Josh and D.J. Superman will provide music and entertainment. The cost is \$39 per couple and \$15 for each additional son. The cost includes a photo keepsake for the evening. For more information, call 630-834-8970.

Kiwanis Club holds annual onion sale

The Kiwanis Club of Villa Park is holding its annual Vidalia sweet onion sale to benefit local charitable services. In addition to giving scholarships to Willowbrook High School Key Club students, the Kiwanis Club of Villa Park supports the Builders clubs at Jackson and Jefferson middle schools and the K-Kids Club at North Elementary School. The Kiwanis Club of Villa Park also supports the village's summer concert series in a partnership with the Villa Park Recreation Department. Additionally, the Kiwanis give assistance to NEDSRA, Easter Seals and residents in need. This year, a designated portion of the onion sales will go toward Easter Seals in Villa Park.

A 10-pound bag of jumbo Vidalia sweet onions costs \$10. To order, complete the order form, along with a check made payable to the Kiwanis Club of Villa Park Foundation by April 27. Return the form and check to Villa Park Kiwanis Onion Sales, P.O. Box 6954, Villa Park, IL 60181.

Pick up of the onions is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 12, in the parking lot of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 545 S. Ardmore Ave.

A copy of the order form is available on the Village of Villa Park's website at invillepark.com. For more information, contact Sandy Hill at 630-834-1164, Ext. 111, or at shill@vppl.info.

District 45 PTA Council to hold annual run on April 21

The District 45 PTA Council will hold its 10th annual Just for Fun 5K Run and Kids' 1-Mile Fun Run on Saturday, April 21. The 5-kilometer race will start at 8:30 a.m., while the 1-mile fun run for kids will start at 9:45 a.m.

A registration link is available at the District 45 website—d45.org. The pre-registration fees are \$20 for adults in the 5K race, \$15 for children in the 5K race, and \$10 for children in the 1-mile fun run.

The races will start and finish on the Illinois Prairie Path near the Rugaard Gazebo, located just west of Ardmore Avenue. Race-day registration and packet pick-up will begin near the gazebo at 7 a.m.

Race-day fees are \$25 for the 5-kilometer run and \$15 for the 1-mile kids' run. The mile-long run is only for children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

An adult must accompany children under 12 years of age who participate in either race. Participants in both races will not be permitted to have headphones, bicycles, skates, skateboards or animals.

The first 25 runners to finish the 5-kilometer race will receive a T-shirt.

The annual event is dedicated to the memory of beloved District 45 physical education teacher Bonnie Scallil. Proceeds will benefit the School District 45 PTA Council, which is comprised of the PTAs from Ardmore, North, Schafer, Westmore, York Center/Stevenson Elementary Schools and Jackson and Jefferson Middle Schools.

For more information, contact PTA Council President Rich Kuban at richkuban@yahoo.com.

Conroy hosts art contest for children

State Rep. Deb Conroy, D-Villa Park, encourages local children to submit artwork for her Illinois bicentennial art contest. Submissions for the contest should share what they love most about Illinois.

"I am so excited to celebrate Illinois' Bicentennial, which is why I have decided to launch this art contest for the children in our district. It is so important that as a community we promote an environment that encourages our children to use their creativity and imagination," said Conroy. "I think this is a great opportunity for our children to share

what they love most about living in our great state."

Conroy invites children to spend time learning about the great history of our state and create a poster depicting what they love most about living in Illinois. To enter, contestants should submit an original poster to Rep. Conroy's constituent services office with the contestant's age, grade, address and phone number. The submissions will be separated into three categories based on grade: K-2, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th. Posters should be submitted by May 25.

All artists will have their artwork displayed in Conroy's district office located at 28 S. Villa Ave. in Villa Park. There will be an awards presentation at Conroy's district office to present the winners with their prizes on June 25. Artwork should be made on poster board.

"I am always blown away by the amazing work created by the many talented children in our district every year," said Conroy. "I look forward to displaying the beautiful pieces submitted by this year's contestants and learning what everyone loves most about our great state."



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Learning about flying

Students in Willowbrook special education teacher Tiffany Linwood's class learned about various aspects of airline travel during a recent outing with Lewis University's occupational therapy and aviation departments. Lewis University students conducted last month's outing with supervision from directors of the

two departments. Willowbrook students learned about airport security, packing for a flight and boarding an airplane. They were also able to use a flight simulator. Jacob Bay, a 2017 Willowbrook graduate who's now an aviation flight major at Lewis, stopped by to visit with the students. Katie Petersen, a Lewis University graduate who's an occupational therapist with the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASE), helped to coordinate the field trip along with her professor, Dr. Susan Cahill. Cahill is a Lewis University associate professor and the director of the school's occupational therapy program.



