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Giselle Vazquez crowned Miss Addison 2018

Village, Chamber of Commerce host annual scholarship pageant

By Dee Longfellow
FOR THE ADDISON INDEPENDENT

It was all beauty and pageantry on the evening of Wednesday, June 27 in the Rotunda of Addison Village Hall, where three contestants appeared, each with the hopes of winning the crown of Miss Addison 2018.

When all was said and done, it was Giselle Vazquez who reigned over the evening, receiving the Miss Addison 2018 crown along with a \$2,000 scholarship. First Runner-up was presented to Katarina Surjanec, who received a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. A \$500 scholarship was awarded to 2nd Runner-up Alyssa Ramos.

The evening began with a welcome from Master of Ceremonies Robert L. Anderson, senior vice president of Oxford Bank & Trust, who is currently serving as president of the Addison Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ACCI). Oxford Bank & Trust was the premiere sponsor and event host, alongside the Village of Addison, which funds the scholarships. The ACCI sponsored of the pageant as well.

After a welcome to the audience, Anderson introduced Addison Mayor Richard Veenstra, who also greeted the crowd.

The young ladies gave two fashion shows of designer apparel and formalwear provided by Here Comes The Bride. Following the first presentation, Miss Addison 2017 Georgya Borova was introduced and took her final walk along the red carpet runway. Borova took part in the pageant by conducting two rounds of the Candidate Q & A competition. Before the winners were announced,

Borova addressed the audience one last time as Miss Addison, wrapping up her successful and enjoyable year.

The toughest job came during the second intermission when the judges retired to make their decision. Among the judges was long-time

participating judge and Miss Addison supporter Anthony Muti, Hair & Color Director for Mario Tricoci Salon & Spa. Other judges were former Miss Illinois Julie Aceto, Meray Estephan from ACCI, and Sari Levy of Lucid Realty, Inc.

Other hosts-in-kind and donors sponsored the following: Aurelio's/Addison, the Meet & Greet Dinner; Razny Jewelers, specially-designed the Miss Addison pendant; Addison Floral, flowers and sashes; Inspired Windows, Miss Addison tiara; Ma-

rio Tricoci Salon & Spa, Candidate's gifts. Music was provided by Jason Contraveos, S.O.M.E., Inc. Special thanks went to Committee member Barbara Lazzara; to the Village of Addison; and to the Addison Community Relations/Cable TV.



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Pictured is Miss Addison 2018 Giselle Vazquez (center) along with her court, first runner-up Katarina Surjanec (left) and second runner-up Alyssa Ramos. More photos inside.

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Man sentenced to 15 years for robbery of 7-Eleven in Villa Park

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin announced last week that a Blue Island man charged with robbing a 7-Eleven convenience store at gunpoint of Illinois Lottery scratch-off tickets and approximately \$200 in cash has been sentenced to 15 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Cameron Love, 20, of 12225 Vincennes Road, appeared in Court where he entered a plea of guilty to one count of Aggravated Robbery, a Class 1 Felony.

On July 28, 2017, Love appeared in bond court where bond was set at \$1 million with 10% to apply in accordance with a previously issued arrest warrant. He has been held in custody since that time. The sentence was handed down by Judge John Kinsella.

On May 20, 2017, at approximately 5:09 a.m., Love and an unnamed accomplice entered the 7-Eleven convenience store located on Villa Avenue. Once inside the store, Love and his accomplice stole Illi-

nois scratch-off lottery tickets and approximately \$200 from the store. An investigation into the matter led by the Villa Park Police Department led to Love. On July 21, 2017, a \$1 million arrest warrant was issued for Love. Love was ultimately identified through a fingerprint that police officers discovered on a lottery ticket that Love dropped as he fled the store.

"I would like to commend the Villa Park Police Department for their outstanding work in apprehending Mr. Love once they identified him as a suspect in this case," Berlin said. "It is because of their efforts that Mr. Love now finds himself facing a significant prison sentence. This sentence sends the message that this type of violent behavior will not be tolerated in DuPage County and that if you are convicted of this type of crime you will be removed from society for a very long time."

Love will be required to serve 50% of his sentence before being eligible for parole.



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Learning by singing

Before reading a story, District 4 Assistant Superintendent for Student Services Dr. Lisa Black-Gomez sang a song with the kindergarten students that named the months of the year. It was part of District 4's Kindergarten Camp that just recently wrapped up for the summer. More photos inside.

About the candidates

Three young ladies were contestants in the recent Miss Addison 2018 Scholarship Pageant. More information about the candidates is below:



DEE LONGFELLOW PHOTOS Addison Independent
Alyssa Ramos takes part in the Candidate's Q&A portion with poise and grace at the Miss Addison 2018 scholarship pageant held Wednesday, June 27.

Alyssa Ramos, second runner-up

Alyssa's high school recognition includes Illinois State Scholar, National Society of High School Scholars Ambassador, National Honor Society, the State Seal of Bilingualism and more. She has a long list of accomplishments and is involved in numerous volunteer and extra-curricular activities. Alyssa will be attending the University of Illinois at Chicago.



Katarina Surjancev receives her First Runner-up Sash at the Miss Addison Scholarship Pageant held last week inside the Rotunda of Addison Village Hall. Mayor Richard Veenstra stands by to present a bouquet of roses.

Alyssa as the 2nd Runner-Up in the 2017 Miss Addison Pageant and the pageant was pleased to welcome her back again this year.

Katarina Surjancev, first runner-up

Katarina has been recognized as an Illinois State Scholar, District 88's Best, Co-President of the Key Club and the National Honor Society and is a recipient of the Matthew E. Dupree Scholarship. Katarina has been active in a large variety of community and school events, including the Academic Team, theatre, Paws for a Cause and more. Her plan for

the future is to attend the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Giselle Vazquez, Miss Addison 2018

A 2016 graduate of Addison Trail High School, Giselle is currently attending Elmhurst College, where she is on the Dean's list, a recipient of the Trustee Scholarship and Enrichment Scholarship, Social Chairman on the Phi Mu Rho Theta Executive Board and an 'I Am Elmhurst College' nominee. Giselle is involved in the Student Nurses Association and has been a participant and volunteer of many community and school organizations.



With a big smile and a lot of style, Giselle Vazquez takes a twirl by the judges table at the Miss Addison 2018 Scholarship Pageant in a beautiful gown provided by Here Comes The Bride. Giselle went on to take the crown.



A farewell from Miss Addison 2017

Georgya Borova got a little misty-eyed bidding farewell to the crowd as she stepped down from her official duties as Miss Addison 2017 and crowned her successor. Borova played a major role in the success of the Miss Addison title and in the pageant.



A line-up behind the scenes

The Independent was able to sneak a behind-the-scenes photo at the Miss Addison 2018 Scholarship Pageant on Wednesday, June 27. Pictured are (from left): Miss Addison 2017 Georgya Borova, then-contestants Giselé Vazquez (Miss Addison 2018), Katarina Surjancev (first runner-up) and Alyssa Ramos (second runner-up).



All the players

Virtually everyone who took part in the Miss Addison 2018 Scholarship Pageant on Wednesday, June 27 is pictured here. They are (back row, from left): Anthony Muti, Mario Tricoli Saion & Spa, Sari Levy of Lucid Realty, Inc., first runner-up Katarina Surjancev, Miss Addison 2018 Giselé Vazquez, second runner-up Alyssa Ramos. Meray Estephan from ACCI and former Miss Illinois Julie Aceto. (Muti, Levy, Estephan and Aceto served as judges.) In front are four little girls who served as helpers throughout the evening.



A proud family

Miss Addison 2018 Giselé Vazquez beams, surrounded by her proud family (and her boyfriend) following her being crowned at the Miss Addison Scholarship Pageant held Wednesday, June 27.



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Addison Independent

Leaders for the evening

Left: Addison Mayor Richard Veenstra (left) shares a conversation with Robert L. Anderson before the Miss Addison 2018 Scholarship Pageant that took place at Addison Village Hall last week. Anderson, senior vice president of Oxford Bank & Trust who was the premiere sponsor and event host, is currently serving as president of the Addison Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ACCI). The Village of Addison, which funds the scholarships.

SPORTS

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Addison Trail girls basketball team makes summer strides

**Veteran coach
Schader likes where
program is headed**

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Addison Trail girls basketball coach Rob Schader sees a bright future ahead for his program.

Schader has seen a lot of positives during the team's summer season, which wraps up this weekend and

early next week with a trip to a Hope College team camp in Michigan.

"We've been missing kids here and there with vacations, but it's been very positive," said Schader. "We will have one and possibly two freshmen with us this season on the varsity, plus a sophomore as well. The freshmen class is very talented and the sophomore class is as well. We also have six or seven kids coming back who played a ton of minutes last year. There will be an opportunity for these younger kids to

play some varsity minutes. They are fitting right in. We'll have some veterans sprinkled in with some young kids. It's going to be an interesting year. I think we have the opportunity to be pretty darned good with these kids. The last time we had kids coming in like this was with Jazz (Jazmin Little) and Marissa (Pezzepane) and that was seven years ago. It's going to be a fun couple of years."

Addison Trail has hosted three one-day shootouts that yielded the team a total of nine games. The Blazers also played 11 games at Palatine.

"We'll have a chance to play 12 games at Hope College so all together it's a chance to play 32 games this summer," said Schader. "It's an opportunity here to play as many games as possible in a short period and still have the summer left, which is nice. It's important to give them

time off too and let them be kids."

What has Schader liked this summer? Plenty is the simple answer. "We have a lot of athleticism, especially with the younger kids," he said. "This group also works hard at everything."

The two freshmen Schader speaks of are "Q" Westerkamp and Mary Velez. "Q" is a lot like Jazmin Little was when she was a freshman," he said.

Schader also has seen a change with the veteran returning players. "For the older kids, the game is moving a lot slower now after they have played a full season of varsity basketball," he explained.

Also having strong summers are Karime Martinez, Brenda Berumen, Angelina Carreras, Serena Gilliam, Klaudia Kulikowski and Joanna Garay. "That's six kids right there who played a ton of minutes last season

and they all are coming back," said Schader.

Schader said the team is relishing the opportunity to go up to Hope College to cap off the summer. "It gives us a chance to hang out and have a fun time," he said. "They love going to it."

And looking into the crystal ball, Schader sees a ton of potential for the entire program. "There definitely is potential here," he said. "The incoming freshman class is solid. It's a good group of kids. We also have a 6-1 freshman who is not with us this summer because of knee surgery. We have two guards who are freshmen who will play with the sophomore team this year. We've never had it before like this where we are moving players up a class. It's going to be interesting to watch how everything pans out the next couple years."

Willowbrook summer baseball team on a roll heading into state playoffs

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook summer baseball team finds itself in a good position heading into the state summer playoffs.

The Warriors concluded summer regular-season play with a 10-3 record.

Willowbrook is taking this week off ahead of the start of the postseason on Monday. Willowbrook coach Vic Wisner said he doesn't know where the Warriors will be seeded, noting that the number of wins in the summer is used as a seeding criteria.

"Our 10-3 record includes the whole group," said Wisner. "When we've had our first group out there, we've lost only once to Glenbard West 8-6."

Wisner said the games-played total has been limited this summer because of a shortening of the summer week for the program (less games scheduled to allow for players to compete with their travel programs, Wisner pointed out) and the weather.

"We had two rain outs last week," Wisner said late last week. "It is what it is."

Through the summer thus far, Wisner has plenty to be happy about. "We are throwing it well," he said. "Our pitching has been good. Joey Guthrie has had a phenomenal summer. Josh Roucka in relief has had a great summer. Ethan Pieniazek, also in relief, has done well. Since we haven't played a ton of games, every starter has gone two innings and then the next guy goes two innings. We have pitched well. We have everybody back from the spring and they are pitching well. We're also starting to throw Trevor Jaloszynski more. He will help us."

Willowbrook's defense also has been up to snuff. "Our defense has been turning double plays with Jack Hines and Ryan Mintz up the middle," Wisner pointed out.

The Warriors have been bolstered as well by the play of catcher Marshall McDonnell.

"Marshall is catching every game now," said Wisner. "He's thrown out five of six runners stealing so far and he's hit the ball well. It's kind of neat to see him step into that role. It's his and he's doing a great job with it."

And offensively, Wisner has no qualms either. "Jack Hines is hammering the baseball," he said. "Both Tumilys, Scotty and Sam, are putting the ball in play and once they are on the bases, it's hard to hold them down. They have done a really good job."

Overall, Wisner likes the progress the team has made in such a short time span. "I'm extremely happy," he said. "Even down to how the kids are communicating. With travel baseball being so popular, the senior's communication has been great with that. I got a schedule from every kid before the season started. That shows they are maturing. It's awesome. We are building on our run from the spring (Willowbrook advanced to a Class 4A sectional final). They want to get better. They have taken total ownership from reps to making sure the gear, balls and bats gets to the game. Seeing them take that ownership and seeing them maturing as players and young men is nice to see."

Elmhurst American Legion U19 team splits pair of games

**U17 Muddogs squad
sweeps doubleheader
against Round Lake**

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Elmhurst American Legion Post 187 U19 team split two recent games with Mt. Prospect Post 525 and Elgin Post 57.

After beating Mt. Prospect Post 525 by a 10-0 count via a forfeit, Elmhurst dropped a 5-4 decision to Elgin Post 57. Elmhurst and Elgin have split the season series. Both teams will be part of the upcoming district playoffs in Carol Stream.

Elmhurst jumped out to a 2-1 lead after three innings, but Elgin scored four runs in the top of the fourth to take the lead for good. Elmhurst did counter with two runs in the fourth.

Elmhurst was limited to four hits and also made five errors in the field. Joe Orrico was 1-for-2 with a run scored. Nick Lee was 1-for-3 with a run scored. Mason Kamp scored a run. Jack Enright was 1-for-3 with a run scored. Nathan Kriz had an RBI, as did Dan Gusel Jr. Tamaine Durr was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Durr and Orrico each had a double.

Jordan Vogel took the loss. He struck out two. Durr pitched the final three innings and gave up two hits, no earned runs and fanned three.

The loss put Elmhurst at 4-5 on the season with a single ballgame scheduled against Highland, Indiana Post 180 at Plunkett Athletic Complex in Elmhurst earlier this week. Post 187

returns to action this coming Tuesday in Montgomery at the Stuart Sports Complex against Lake in the Hills Post 1231, another upcoming entrant in the district playoffs. This coming Thursday, Elmhurst heads north to face Deerfield Post 738.

In earlier action, Post 187 lost to Wheaton Post 76 by an 8-7 margin. Wheaton scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to win the game. The two teams combined for 22 hits, but Elmhurst made five errors.

Tommy Ryan had a hit, a run scored and two walks. Brendan Russ had a hit, a run scored and a walk. Tim Beecroft had a hit and a run scored. Kamp went 3-for-3 with two runs scored and three RBI. Gusel Jr. went 3-for-4 with a run scored and two RBI. Ivan Lozada went 3-for-4 with a run scored and an RBI.

Beecroft and Kamp each had a double, while Kamp had a triple. Kamp also stole two bases.

Enright was the losing pitcher in relief. Russ went 5 1/3 innings and struck out 10.

In an 11-10 win over Highland, Indiana, Elmhurst won the game in the bottom of the eighth. The two teams combined for 26 hits. Elmhurst committed six errors.

In the bottom of the eighth, Russ walked. Lozada put down a sacrifice bunt that moved Russ to second base. Kamp grounded out to the shortstop and Russ advanced to third and then scored the winning run after an error by the third baseman.

Orrico was 2-for-4 with a run scored and an RBI. Enright had two

hits, scored three runs and walked twice. Russ was 3-for-4 with three runs scored and three RBI. Lee was 2-for-3 with a run scored and three RBI.

Beecroft, Lee, Orrico and Russ each doubled and Russ also had a triple.

Elmhurst stole nine bases with Durr, Gusel Jr. and Orrico each stealing two. Vogel was the winner in relief. He went six innings and struck out four while allowing only two earned runs.

Post 187 U17 Muddogs

The Elmhurst American Legion Post 187 U17 Muddogs team recently swept a doubleheader from Round Lake Post 1170.

In a 6-2 win over Round Lake in five innings, Elmhurst scored at least one run in every inning. The Muddogs had seven hits. Alexis Cotto had a hit and two runs scored. Ryan went 1-for-2 with a run scored and an RBI. Alanzo Howard went 1-for-2 with an RBI. Tyler Gelsomino went 1-for-2 with a run scored and an RBI. Liam Dacre had two RBI. Jack Ryan and Tommy Ryan each had a double. Cotto stole two bases.

Dave Sykora was the winning pitcher. He struck out six in five innings and allowed only three hits.

In the nightcap, Elmhurst was a 5-2 winner against Round Lake. The Muddogs scored single runs in five of the seven innings and pounded out 11 hits.

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Addison Trail hosts annual Battle of the Bands

On May 14, nine student bands competed in Addison Trail's annual Battle of the Bands event. The top four bands won gear donated by Music & Arts. The winners were:

1st place: Sunday Afternoon (sophomore Ashley Fuentes, sopho-

more Melissa Morales, senior Natali Cabrera, junior Braulio Silva and junior Luis Medina)

2nd place: Tres Leches (senior Sean Lee)

3rd place: Flicker (freshmen Alex Ledesma, Irving Hernandez and Se-

bastian Ruiz)

4th place: Can You Hear Me Now (sophomore Martin Lopez Jr., sophomore Marco Chaidez and junior Amanda Colon)

The other bands that participated are Still Questioning My Existence

(sophomore Ashley Fuentes, junior Oscar Dominguez, junior Kevin Hochstatter, sophomore Ernesto Garcia Rodriguez and sophomore Kenneth Perez), The Corleones (sophomore Gerardo Moya and senior Lysander Ortiz), Cola Truck

(sophomore December Barges and junior Christian Arellano), Tripknot (seniors Daniel Martinez and Roberto Soto) and Rubber (sophomores Ernesto Garcia Rodriguez, Kenneth Perez, Pablo Duran and Jennifer Martinez).



ALEX STOMBRES PHOTO Addison Independent

Pictured is the band "Sunday Afternoon," which won Addison Trail's Battle of the Bands on May 14. Members of that band are Addison Trail sophomore Ashley Fuentes, sophomore Melissa Morales, senior Natali Cabrera, junior Braulio Silva and junior Luis Medina.

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Addison Trail junior nominated for Best Actor by IHSMT

Addison Trail junior Connor White has been nominated for an Illinois High School Musical Theatre Award, presented by Broadway In Chicago. He was selected for his lead role as Don Lockwood in



Connor White

Addison Trail's production of "Singin' in the Rain" this past February. White will compete on June 4 for the title of Best Actor. If chosen, Connor (and the Best Actress recipient) will receive an all-expense-paid trip to New York to participate in a performance-enrichment program and represent Illinois at The Jimmy Awards (National High School Musical Theatre Awards) on Broadway.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS Addison Independent

Addison Trail junior Connor White has been nominated for an Illinois High School Musical Theatre Award. White was selected for his lead role as Don Lockwood in Addison Trail's production of "Singin' in the Rain" this past February. Connor is seated, above, rehearsing for the musical with fellow cast members.



DEE LONGFELLOW PHOTO Addison Independent

'Don of Sports' attends Pro-Am golf outing

Addison's own Don "The Don of Sports" Figarelli (right) is pictured here with NFL Alum and Event Chair Billy Leagans at the fifth annual C.H.A.M.P. Community Project Celebrity Pro-Am Golf Outing Fundraiser held recently. The outing featured several retired pro athletes and Hall of Fame members.

Preschool class celebrates graduation

On May 10, parents/guardians and Addison Trail students and staff members gathered to celebrate the graduation of students in the school's Little Blazers Preschool program. The preschoolers wore graduation caps and gowns and received a certificate for their hard work. After the ceremony, they enjoyed treats with their parents/guardians and the Addison Trail students who taught them during second semester. The nine children in the class are from the surrounding communities. They spent two mornings a week with the Little Blazers Preschool class, during which 30 Addison Trail students conducted lessons in math, science, art, music, language arts and large/small muscle.



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(top left photo): Pictured are the students who graduated from Addison Trail's Little Blazers Preschool class on May 10. (top right photo): Preschoolers share a laugh during the graduation ceremony, including (back row, from left): Adam Pastewski, Wally Nekiya, Caleb Benes; (front row, from left): Gia Reid and Valentina Cacucciolo. (bottom left photo): AT senior Jocelyn Terreros helps Caleb Benes with his cap. (bottom middle photo): Gia Reid smiles as she receives her diploma from AT senior Gisselle Alvarez. (bottom right photo): AT senior Ashley Engebretsen chats with John Benes before the ceremony.



BIG SUIT

A TRIBUTE TO TALKING HEADS

Local man's heart is with the next Rock 'N Wheels band

Talking Heads tribute band Big Suit to perform at June 14 community event

By Dee Longfellow
FOR THE ADDISON INDEPENDENT

The second week of Rock 'N Wheels will feature a band that is near and dear to the heart of Angelo Sorce, special events coordinator for the Village of Addison.

"The band ... formed at my request to do a tribute to a band no one imitates -- the Talking Heads," Sorce told the Addison Independent. "Last year I asked Deacon Blues, a Steely Dan tribute [band], to do this for me and they loved the idea."

After that, the band Big Suit was formed has been getting booked regularly in some renowned music performance venues in Chicago.

"Now, thank me profusely, as they are getting booked in the best houses, such as the Park West, Riv, the Vic and Onesti's Arcada."

Big Suit will be appearing at Ad-

dison's Rock 'N Wheels event on Thursday, June 14 at the new Village Green by Addison Village Hall. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

Rock 'N Wheels offers car show for your vehicle

If you have a custom, classic or antique car of bike, you are welcome to bring it to the car show that takes place where Army Trail Road dead-ends into Lake Street. The street is open at 6 p.m. and closes when capacity is reached. Pre-registration is not required and space is limited, so arrive early.

The band, Pearl Jam Tribute Chicago, which is normally a headliner, will open for Big Suit beginning at 6:30 p.m. Big Suit takes the 95.9 The River Stage at 7:30 p.m. The evening includes nine food vendors who bring concessions for \$5 or less. While in the area, walk over to visit the Addison Historical Museum and the Arts & Crafts Fair.

More about the bands

Big Suit is a collective of nine

musicians drawn to the cerebral adventures, infectious rhythms, and pioneering music known to the world as the Talking Heads. This funk-rock ensemble of stellar musicians offers up a truly inspirational, once-in-a-lifetime connection. If you wish to experience the Talking Heads, this is a must; An all-hits show including "Burning Down The House," "Take Me To The River," and many more.

Pearl Jam Tribute Chicago is the Midwest's premier tribute to one of the greatest and most influential American rock bands of all time. With a different set list each night, this band captures the sound and feel of a live Pearl Jam show every time. From festivals to large clubs like House of Blues, Pearl Jam Tribute Chicago has traveled all over to please Pearl Jam fans everywhere.

"I'm really looking forward to the evening and hope everyone comes out to join the fun," Sorce said.

More details about Rock 'N Wheels, including the upcoming schedule of musical entertainment, can be found at ithappensinaddison.com.

Addison Trail hosts end-of-year events

Student Recognition Assembly honors achievement

As the 2017-18 school year comes to a close at Addison Trail, the school recently hosted several events to celebrate the successes

from the year.

On May 3, Addison Trail hosted its annual Student Recognition Assembly. During that event, students were honored for their accomplishments in academics, athletics and extracurricular activities.

The 2017-18 staff retirees were highlighted as well. They are John Cord, Edward DuBeau Jr., Norman Grubisich, Laura Jurik, M. Soledad Levaluis, Michael Ross and Margaret Bell. To read more about them, go to dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=3958

Brendan Lyons was honored as the 2017-18 recipient of the school's Outstanding Achievement Award.

The District 88 Foundation also presented mini-grants to staff members for the fifth year. That financial support will allow staff to develop a variety of instructional opportunities to benefit students. The foundation is proud to give \$2,576.47 to Addison Trail staff members this year. The recipients are:

- Jack Andrews, Lauren Ross and Nadia Gomez-Moran: BRC Chicago Voyagers 18-19
- LeVonne Cescolini-Boyer: Close Up Scholarship
- Christopher A. Grice: Rocketbook Everlast Notebook - SPED
- Rose Janusz: Insta*Library
- Math Department: Graphing calculators

Senior Take-Over Day

On May 2, about 80 seniors "took

over" for teachers, administrators, clerical staff, the guidance office and the deans office during Addison Trail's seventh annual Senior Take-over Day. All seniors were eligible to participate, as long as they were in good academic standing and received permission from the respective staff member. The seniors coordinated meetings, ran errands, helped teach classes and more.

PBIS Barbecue

On May 2, the Addison Trail Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) team hosted its annual end-of-year barbecue. The PBIS program was implemented in fall 2007 to teach students expected behaviors, rules and what it means to be a Blazer. The goal of the program is to develop a positive school climate through creating common language and standards. The barbecue is a time to celebrate improved behaviors at Addison Trail and is an opportunity to communicate behavioral data for the year not only to the staff, but to the students as well. Each year, the program recognizes acts of "Blazer Pride" with a personalized card and a cookie, and this year the PBIS team streamlined the cookie nominating process. The group also worked to get more underclassmen involved in PBIS. Staff, students and community members volunteered during the barbecue, and administrators took to the grill to cook up a tasty lunch for participants.

College news

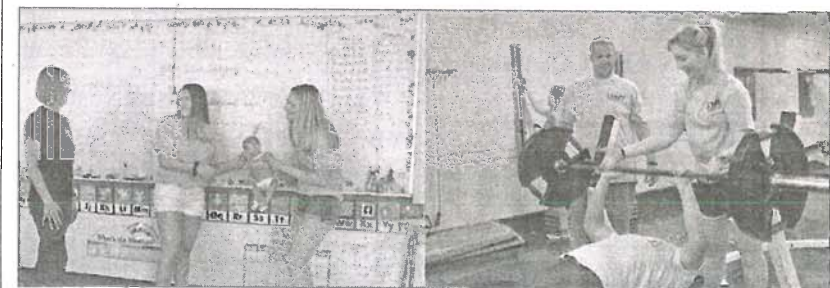
Gina Federighi from Addison has been named to the Spring 2018 Dean's List at DePauw University.



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Scenes from Senior Take-Over Day

(top left photo): AT seniors (from left) Mena Severino, Mia Rumps, Holly Schwartz and Grace Andrews "take over" for Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden (center) during Senior Takeover Day on May 2. (top middle photo): AT sophomore Julian Monarrez (seated) gets feedback from seniors Diana Grinyuk (standing, left) and Nicole Arquines as they "take over" for art teacher Tim Hockensmith (standing, right). (top right photo): AT students "take over" for Choir Director Jeff Nellessen (right). (bottom left photo): AT seniors Delaney Conway (center) and Camryn Cunz (right) "take over" the Child Development class for teacher Lija Marzec (left). (bottom right photo): Addison Trail senior Patrycja Sawina assists sophomore Sam Conforti as she "takes over" for Addison Trail physical education teacher Ryan Dini (standing, rear).





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At the ATHS Recognition Assembly

(top left photo): During Addison Trail's Student Recognition Assembly on May 3, the District 88 Foundation presented \$2,576.47 in mini-grants for staff members to develop a variety of instructional opportunities to benefit students. Principai Michael Bolden (left) and Sharon Kucik (fourth from left), District 88 Foundation Chairperson and District 88 Board of Education Secretary, presented the mini-grants. (right photo): AT senior Danielle Cusumano sings the National Anthem during the assembly. (bottom left photo): Pictured are (from left) 2017-18 ATHS retirees Margaret Bell, Edward DuBeau Jr., Laura Jurik, John Cord, M. Soledad Levulis and Michael Ross. Not pictured: Norman Grubisich. At right is Principal Michael Bolden.



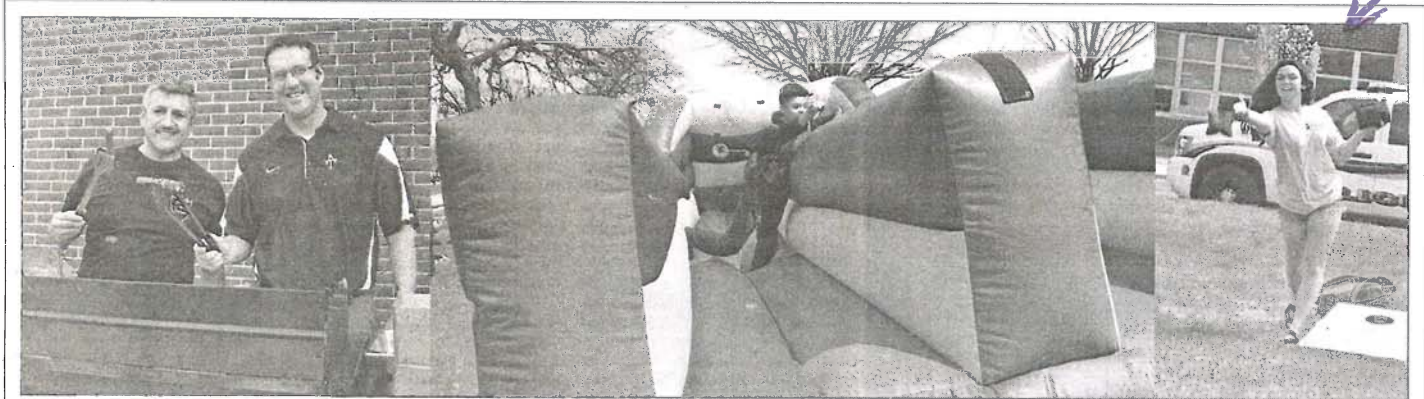
(bottom right photo): Pictured is Brendan Lyons, AT Social Studies Department Head and Head Coach of the Boys Basketball Team, who was named as this year's Outstanding Achievement Award recipient for Addison Trail.

Despite rain, floods and a broken water main, ITJH 8th graders graduate

Indian Trail Junior High School 8th graders did not have an easy path to their promotional exercise this year. Tuesday, May 29 became the last day of classes for 8th graders when a water main broke outside the main entrance to the junior high at lunch-time. This caused administrators to cancel classes for all IT students on Wednesday, which was scheduled to be the last day of class for the 8th grade students.

In spite of the fact that students were not at school and didn't have the opportunity to travel over to Addison Trail High School to rehearse, it was decided that the graduation ceremony would be held as scheduled on Wednesday night. Unfortunately, a huge rainstorm occurred and flooded streets all over Addison, making it challenging for students and families to get to the high school. The start time of the

ceremony was delayed in order to give students time to get into place. Despite the setbacks, 462 ITJHS students crossed the stage to receive diplomas and accept congratulations from members of the ASD4 Board of Education. ITJHS Principal Craig Bennett congratulated the students, wished them well in their future educational endeavors, and thanked their parents for their support.



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At the PBIS Barbecue

(left photo): Addison Trail Social Worker Jorge de Leon (left) and Social Studies Department Head Brendan Lyons cook hotdogs during the school's annual end-of-year Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) barbecue. (middle

photo): Freshman Ian Reyes competes in one of the games at the barbecue. (right photo): Senior Gianna Trippiedi plays a game of bags during the event.

Meet Addison Trail's class of 2018 graduation speaker

On May 20, Addison Trail senior Karlie Hagopian addressed about 450 of her classmates at Addison Trail's 52nd commencement ceremony.

Hagopian entered the school's annual graduation-speech competition and was selected as this year's winner by a panel of judges. Her speech, entitled "The Amazing Race," focused on reminding the class of 2018 to be grateful for what they have and what they've achieved as they look forward to the next step in life and reflect on the past four years of high school.



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Pictured is Addison Trail senior Karlie Hagopian, who served as the student graduation speaker during Addison Trail's 52nd commencement ceremony on May 20.

“All the teachers, coaches and staff members at Addison Trail — along with our family members and friends — give us the tools and pieces we need to be successful.”

— Karlie Hagopian

“I hope my peers were able to listen to the message of the speech and remember all the amazing things that have happened during the last four years, as well as think about all the memories we've made and how different life will be after graduation,” she said.

Inspired to enter the competition by Addison Trail World Language Department Head Erica Craig, Hagopian had learned Craig was the student speaker for her high school graduation, and she wanted to achieve that goal as well.

A 2018-19 State Scholar, Hagopian received State Commendation toward Bilingual recognition in

Spanish, which is awarded to graduating high school students who have demonstrated significant progress toward achieving a high level of proficiency in English and in reading, writing, listening and speaking in another language.

During her time at Addison Trail, Hagopian has been a member of the Girls Volleyball Team and the Girls Soccer Team, and she also played at the club level in those sports. She has been involved with Student Council, Math Team, Key Club, National Honor Society and Blazer Ambassadors as well.

Hagopian plans to attend Loyola University Chicago, where she will study to become a nurse.

“What I've learned most from Addison Trail is no matter what life throws at you, you can handle it,” she said. “Everyone at the school is here to help and support you. As I will mention in my speech, all the teachers, coaches and staff members at Addison Trail — along with our family members and friends — give us the tools and pieces we need to be successful. But it's up to us to put those pieces together to form our future and who we will become.”