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## Musical at Willowbrook

Saint Genesius Productions is presenting "Titanic—the Musical" this week at Willowbrook High School. Area students in grade school, high school and college make up the cast. The photo at left shows Isabella Ledonne, who graduated from Willowbrook this year, and Sean O'Brochta, a student at St. Plus X School in Lombard. The photo above shows Grace Iovinelli, a student at Glenbard East. The first of four shows takes place tonight, beginning at 7 p.m. The other performances take place Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening. For more information, visit [saintgenesiusproductions.com](http://saintgenesiusproductions.com).

## Coming events

### Comedy films at Villa Park Library

The Villa Park Public Library will screen comedy films on Thursdays, Aug. 2 and Aug. 30, at 6:30 p.m. as part of their "Last Laughs of Summer" series. Refreshments are served and a discussion usually follows each movie screening. Registration is not required. For more information, visit the library's website at [www.vppl.info](http://www.vppl.info) or call 630-834-1164.

### Water relays at York Center Park District

Water Relays July 25, noon to 1 p.m. Come prepared to challenge your friends to a variety of different activities. Participants will do relay races, dance contests, scavenger hunts and more. Don't forget to wear your bathing suits; you may get drenched. Visit [www.ycpdfun.com](http://www.ycpdfun.com) or call 630-629-0886, York Center Park District, 1609 S. Luther Ave., Lombard.

### ESSENTRICS class in Villa Park

An ESSENTRICS workout based on Miranda Esmonde-White's New York Times bestselling book, "Aging Backwards"—find out how to repair and reverse the effects of aging. This workout uses the techniques discussed in Miranda's public television documentary, "Age Reversed." Discover how to reawaken the power of your 650 muscles and help increase mobility, improve flexibility and build strong bones. ESSENTRICS/Classical Stretch Certified Instructor: Lisa Sawczuk. For additional information, go to "Essentrics with Lisa" website. July 21, 11 a.m. to noon at the Villa Park Public Library.

### Free day at Antique Advertising Convention

On Friday, July 27, the public can attend the Antique Advertising Convention for free with a silent auction from 1-3:30 p.m. and general sales from 3:30-5 p.m. and 6.15-10 p.m. at the Embassy Suites, in Lombard. Visit [www.pastimes.org](http://www.pastimes.org) for more information.

### Plum Library programs

"Cool Jazz on a Hot Afternoon" Sunday, July 22, at 2 p.m. Join acclaimed vocal/guitar jazz duo Petra van Nuis and Andy Brown as they wow you with sunny songs of summer including "Too Damn Hot," "Summertime" and "Heatwave." "Art + Science: Unexpected Instruments" Wednesday, July 25, at 3 p.m. Grades K-3, parents encouraged to attend. Using a variety of recycled and repurposed materials, you will create a new instrument and experiment with sound. Registration required and open to HPL cardholders for this event. Call 630-627-0316 or visit [helenplum.org](http://helenplum.org) to register for these programs.

### Saturday morning event with Villa Park Recreation

Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and the family to Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park, 320 E. Kenilworth in Villa Park on Saturday, July 21, and Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon for free Super Sensational Saturday Mornings. You'll enjoy an interactive performance, crafts and face painting. The July 21 event will feature Miss Jamie's Farm, a high-energy, audience-interactive performance. Aug. 18 will feature Ken Schultz, "The Flying Fool," who uses his comedic face to entertain all ages. This Saturday is also the annual "Big Rigs and Kids" event so make sure to take a look at all the fun trucks and equipment.

### American Indian Veterans Celebration

Saturday, July 21 and Sunday, July 22: American Indian Veterans Celebration, Cantigny Parade Field. Spectators are welcome during this gathering of native veterans. Music, art, dance, guest speakers and award presentations are all part of this fourth-annual national event at Cantigny.

For full details, visit [www.trickstergallery.com](http://www.trickstergallery.com).



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## Summer pom camp



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**Willowbrook High School's pom team held its summer camp last week. About 20 children between the ages of 3 and 13 participated in the five-day camp, which concluded with Friday's performances for family and friends in the school's main gymnasium. The Willowbrook pom team will hold its Dance for the Cure/Pink Out Kid Camp from Oct. 1-5. That camp includes four sessions from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 1-4. On Friday, Oct. 5, campers will arrive at 6 p.m. to join the varsity pom team before Willowbrook's home football game. The young campers will perform with the varsity team during halftime of the varsity football game. The cost for the October camp is \$85 per child. Children who participated in last week's camp can attend at a reduced rate. The deadline to register is Sept. 21. For more information, contact Willowbrook head coach Maggie Lamb at mlamb@dupage88.net.**

## Area students present musical at Willowbrook this week

**"Titanic—the Musical" begins tonight; one performance on Friday; two on Saturday**

Villa Park's Saint Genesius Productions will present "Titanic—the Musical" this week in the auditorium at Willowbrook High School. A cast and crew of about 100 will present four shows. The cast features area students in grade school, high school and college. The orchestra includes as well as high school students, as well as professional musicians.

The performances on Thursday, July 19, and Friday, July 20, will be-

gin at 7 p.m. There will be two performances on Saturday, July 21. The first will begin at 3 p.m. The second will start at 7 p.m.

General admission prices are \$12 per person and \$8 for seniors and children 12 and under. For more information, call 630-244-9406, or visit [saintgenesiusproductions.com](http://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 organization has expanded to offer this week's production.



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**Saint Genesius Productions is presenting "Titanic—the Musical" this week at Willowbrook High School. Area students in grade school, high school and college make up the cast. Several current and former Willowbrook High School students are in the cast. The above photo shows (left to right) Alex Agullera (Class of 2019) and John DeAngelo (Class of 2018).**

## District 45's walk-in registration for the upcoming school year begins Aug. 1

District 45 will conduct walk-in registration for the 2018-19 school year at all eight of its buildings on Wednesday, Aug. 1, from 1 to 7 p.m. and on Thursday, Aug. 2, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the elementary buildings and until 4 p.m. at the two middle schools.

Jackson Middle School Jump Start Days are Wednesday, Aug. 1, any time from 1 to 7 p.m., and Thursday, Aug. 2, any time from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Details are in the summer mailing packet going out to each district family in July. Included in the packet is checklist of what to bring to Jump Start Days.

Jefferson Middle School's Wild Welcome will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 1, any time from 1 to 7 p.m., and Thursday, Aug. 2, any time from 8 to 11 a.m., and noon to 3 p.m. Details are in the summer mailing packet going out to each of the district's families this month. The packet includes a checklist of what to bring to the Wildcat Welcome.

All District 45 elementary schools will hold Meet the Teacher sessions from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 14.

The first day of school for District 45 is Wednesday, Aug. 15.

**ARDMORE SCHOOL** (Kindergarten – Grade 5) 225 S. Harvard, Villa Park

**NORTH SCHOOL** (Kindergarten – Grade 5) 150 W. Sunset, Villa Park

**SCHAFFER SCHOOL** (Early Childhood – Grade 5) 700 E. Pleasant, Lombard

**STEVENSON SCHOOL** (Early Childhood – Grade 2) 18W331 15th Street, Lombard

**WESTMORE SCHOOL** (Kindergarten– Grade 5) 340 S. School, Lombard

**YORK CENTER SCHOOL** (Grades 3-5) 895 E. 14th Street, Lombard

**JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL** (Grades 6-8) 301 W. Jackson, Villa Park

**JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL** (Grades 6-8) 255 W. Vermont, Villa Park

School supply lists are available on each school's website under the For Families tab. Click on Supply List. The lists are also available in each school's online backpack.



The photo above shows (left to right) Kathleen Cicero (Class of 2018), Rose Bonarek (Class of 2020) and Isabella Ledonne (Class of 2018). Also pictured below are (left to right) Joe LaPointe and Leela Wolgemuth, who are both in Willowbrook's Class of 2019. The first of four shows takes place tonight, beginning at 7 p.m. The other performances take place Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening. For more information, visit [saintgenesiusproductions.com](http://saintgenesiusproductions.com).



## Villa Park briefs

### Free discussion about garden issues on July 24

Botanist Bill Karges will conduct a free discussion at Villa Park's Pioneer Garden and Feed at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24. The business is located at 118 S. Villa Ave. Karges will talk about common garden problems like insects, diseases and weeds, and how to control them. Attendees are invited to bring their own samples to add to the discussion. To reserve a spot at the discussion, call 630-832-0815.

### Police department to hold two more roadside safety checks

**Upcoming checks on North Avenue on July 27 and Aug. 17**

The Villa Park Police Department will conduct roadside safety checks from 8 p.m. to midnight on July 27 and Aug. 17. Police will hold both of the Friday-night safety checks on the 800 block of West North Avenue. The checks are part of the Click It or Ticket campaign that reminds all drivers and passengers to use their seat belts. Police held a similar check last week, on the night of July 13. According to a statement issued by the police, the checks are being conducted to promote the safety and well-being of the motoring public, and to provide a deterrent for those who might violate statutes and ordinances. The statement added that safety checks will be conducted according to guidelines set by the courts.

### Summer concert series concludes July 25

The Kiwanis Club of Villa Park and the Villa Park Parks and

Recreation Department are presenting the Concerts on the Prairie Path series this month. Each of the free concerts begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Rugaard Gazebo, located near Ardmore Avenue and the Illinois Prairie Path. The concession stand, which will offer sales of hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, soda and popcorn, will open at 6 p.m. The series concludes with next week's July 25 concert, which will feature Tropixplosion.

### District 88 announces a vacancy on its school board Applications to fill the seat will be accepted through Aug. 1

District 88 released a recent statement announcing a vacancy on its board of education.

"Due to a board member resignation, a seat on the District 88 Board of Education is open until the next election in April 2019," said the statement.

Timothy Gillen has resigned from the board.

To apply for the position, go online to [dupage88.net/Board-Position2018](http://dupage88.net/Board-Position2018) by Aug. 1. Board members will interview selected candidates in early August.

For information about qualifications, go to [dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=3228](http://dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=3228).

For additional details, contact District 88 Superintendent Scott Helton at [shelton@dupage88.net](mailto:shelton@dupage88.net), or 630-530-3990.

### Burgers, Bags and Business takes place Aug. 1

The Villa Park Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Burgers, Bags and Business event from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 1. The event will take place near the Rugaard Gazebo,

located by Ardmore Avenue and Park Boulevard. An individual ticket for food and drinks costs \$25 for a chamber member and \$40 for a non-member. An individual ticket for food, drinks and entry into the event's bags tournament costs \$50. A team entry to the tournament, which includes food and drinks for two people, costs \$80. For more information, call 630-941-9133, or e-mail [vpchamber@sbglobal.net](mailto:vpchamber@sbglobal.net).

### Thursday concerts at Cortesi Park in August

The Village of Villa Park recently announced a series of concerts at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park each Thursday in August. Residents are invited to bring their lawn chairs, blankets and appetites. Each concert begins at 6:30 p.m. at the park, which is located at 318 E. Kenilworth Ave. Food will be available for purchase at the Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2801 concession stand, which will open at 6 p.m. on the night of each concert. The Aug. 2 concert will feature the music of Los Tequileros. Flat Cats will perform on Aug. 9, while Mason Rivers will headline the Aug. 16 concert. Rosie and the Rivets will perform on Aug. 23. Mr. Myers will appear at the Aug. 30 concert.

### Villa Park Brewfest takes place Sept. 29

The second annual Villa Park Brewfest will take place Saturday, Sept. 29, at Cortesi Veterans Memorial Park, 318 E. Kenilworth Ave. More than 100 different styles of beers will be available for sample tastings.

General admission will run from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Gold Pass holders will be able to enter the fest at 1 p.m. For more information, or to purchase tickets for the festival, visit [villapark-brewfest.com](http://villapark-brewfest.com).