

Serena Gilliam receives 88's Best honors for January

Serena Gilliam has been named as Addison Trail's January recipient of 88's Best recognition for her stellar involvement in extracurricular activities. Gilliam, a senior, was recognized during the Feb. 25 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

For four years, Gilliam has played sports, participated in numerous clubs and also managed to be at the top of her class at AT. She is a great role model for her peers and has spent her high school career balancing all of it with a positive attitude and a contagious blazer spirit that has had a lasting effect on her teachers, coaches, classmates and teammates. As a freshman, Gilliam jumped in with both feet. She played volleyball, basketball and softball and participated in a handful of clubs.

"Gilliam has been a starter on the Girls Varsity Basketball Team the past two years," said Rob Schader, physical education department head and varsity girls basketball coach. "She is constantly working at a high level to be the best she can be. She is highly competitive on and off the court, as her grades show. It has been

an honor coaching Gilliam the past two years, and I could not think of another student-athlete more deserving of our District 88's Best award for extracurricular participation."

In addition to sports, Gilliam has been active with Key Club, National Honor Society, Lettermen's Club, Pay It Forward and, new to her this year, choir. Gilliam said she has absorbed numerous leadership skills through those opportunities as well as basketball and has enjoyed the challenge of motivating other students to take advantage of the opportunities offered at Addison Trail.

Gilliam also has excelled as a student. She is at the top of her class, earning all A's in nine Honors courses and 11 Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses.

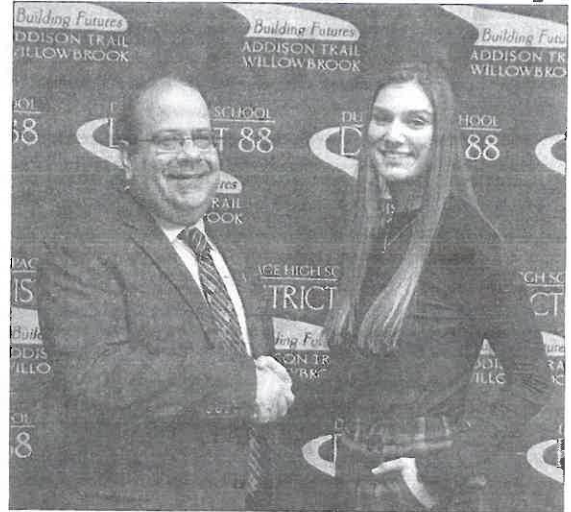
"I had the pleasure of having Gilliam for the last two years in AP U.S. History and AP Government," said Brendan Lyons, social studies department head. "She embodies all of the attributes a teacher hopes to have in a student in their class. She was dependable, organized and engaged on a daily basis."

Gilliam said her favorite classes

include AP U.S. History and math, mainly because she enjoys a challenge. But she also formed a unique bond with Amy Ferraro, Addison Trail English Department Head.

"The absolute best thing about Gilliam is how open-minded she is," Ferraro said. "I've loved watching her take risks each year by trying new things, including joining choir as a senior who has never had any music lessons. She is the personification of a lifelong learner. She's not afraid to reinvent herself and set out on a new adventure. Gilliam's approach to her education sets her apart from her peers. In a time when students tend to follow the principle of least effort, Gilliam stands out from the crowd. She approaches each learning opportunity with a calm, determined demeanor, and she is unflappable when confronted by challenging coursework."

Gilliam plans to attend University of Wisconsin-Madison and major in business. She is interested in bringing her leadership skills to the business world and continuing the collaboration and teamwork she has learned at Addison Trail.



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Pictured here with Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden is senior Serena Gilliam, who has been named as the school's January recipient of 88's Best recognition.

Community calendar

Thursday, March 7

• Homework help at the Library

Come get free help with your homework from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Addison Public Library. College students, librarian, and teachers will work with you one-on-one. For grades K-12. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3338.

• Meditation for inner peace and balance at the Library

Learn Sahaja Yoga Meditation, a simple time-honored technique to experience inner peace and balance,

from 7-8 p.m. at the Addison Public Library. No physical exercises, postures or special clothing is required. Class participants will meditate while sitting on a chair. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3320.

Friday, March 8

Circle Up at the Library

Teen-agers are encouraged to drop in at the Addison Public Library from 3:15-4:15 p.m. The library will use fun and games to help you chill out and connect. Info: addisonlibrary.org

or call 630-458-3320.

Saturday, March 9

• Free classes to become a U.S. citizen

College of DuPage is offering free citizenship classes from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Addison Public Library. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3320.

• The Night Sky: Constellations at the Library

Children of all ages are encouraged to stop by the Addison Public

Library from 2-2:45 p.m. What can we see in the night sky? What do constellations look like and what are their stories? Join us for constellation-inspired stories and create your own constellation with marshmallows. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3338.

Sunday, March 10

Word 101 at the Library

Learn the basics of Microsoft's Word processing software from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Addison Public Library in order to begin, format, save and share your documents. We will use MS Word tools to format a basic letter. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3320.

Monday, March 11

• ESL/Classes de ingles

Learn English with the College of DuPage at the Addison Public Library from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Contact COD for more information.

• Must Make Monday at the Library

Children of all ages are invited to stop by the Addison Public Library from 3:15-4:15 p.m. for crafts and maker projects after school. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3338.

• Hive Lab: Life of a prairie scientist

Teens are encouraged to stop by the Addison Public Library from 3:15-4:30 p.m. and meet a scientist that is restoring prairie life. Find out how scientists use fires to manage natural environment. Talk to your Indian Trail science teacher about receiving credit. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3320.

• Family evening story time

Children of all ages with a caregiver are invited to stop by the Addison Public Library from 6:30-7 p.m. to enjoy stories, music and a craft. Info:

addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3338.

Tuesday, March 12

• Homework help at the Library

Come get free help with your homework from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Addison Public Library. College students, librarian, and teachers will work with you one-on-one. For grades K-12. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3338.

• Young Parent group at the Library

Join other young parents and Teen Parent Connection from 6-8 p.m. at the Addison Public Library to learn about your baby's development, access resources in your community and feel great about yourself. Dinner provided. For parents and parents-to-be 22 and under. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3338.

• Book discussion: "David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits and the Art of Battling Giants" by Malcolm Gladwell at the Library

Come to the Addison Public Library for a lively discussion with friends, cookies and coffee from 7-8 p.m. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3320.

Wednesday, March 13

• ESL classes at the Library

Come learn English with the College of DuPage every Monday and Wednesday until May 15 from 9:30 a.m.-12 noon at the Addison Public Library. Contact COD for more information at 630-942-3697 or email: ESL@cod.edu.

• Cute Creatures: Intro to sewing by hand at the Library

Teens are encouraged to stop by the Addison Public Library from 3:15-4:30 p.m. to make a unique felt creature with basic stitches. We'll even show you how to sew on buttons for eyes. Info: addisonlibrary.org or call 630-458-3320.



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'Kindness Tunnel' for Random Acts of Kindness Week

School District 4 staff and members of the community—representing the Village of Addison, Police Department, Fire District, Library, and Addison Trail High School—lined the entrances of Indian Trail Junior High, creating a "Kindness Tunnel" of music, smiles, and high-fives to greet students as they arrived for class. It was part of the school's Project POP (People Offering Positivity) celebration of Random Acts of Kindness Week. Staff sponsors who work with Project POP throughout the year are Janelle Bledsoe, Christine Palumbo, and Elizabeth Regalado.

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Addison Trail girls basketball team plays Glenbard East in post season

Gilliam earns all-WSC Gold honors

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

Foul trouble hampered the Addison Trail girls basketball team in the recent 43-41 Class 4A regional loss to Glenbard East that ended the Blazers' season.

"We had three starters out most of the first half because of fouls," said Addison Trail coach Rob Schader. "We got down big, but we still had a chance. We missed some free throws and some easy layups that hurt us. The fouls really hurt us in the first half (12-2 on fouls against) and it was kids who normally don't get into foul trouble."

Addison Trail finished the season at 9-17 overall.

"We lost 44-42 to Streamwood the

week before the regional," Schader pointed out. "That was another game where we started off poorly but battled back. Our crossover game in the conference with Proviso West was cancelled due to the weather and Maine East before that was the same thing. Those were games we were looking forward to. Some of the games this season we didn't shoot well. We struggled to score sometimes. We probably left between five and seven games out there this season."

Schader lauded this year's senior contingent. "Our seniors were a great group that worked hard and never complained," he said. "It was good to have that. That core group is going to be missed."

Serena Gilliam averaged 9.7 points a game and was in the 8 to 9 rebound-per-game neighborhood.

She earned all-West Suburban Conference Gold Division accolades.

"Serena got a lot better as the years went on," said Schader. "It's amazing how these kids grow and how much better they get."

Freshman Quiana Birmingham will be part of the future for the Blazers. She averaged 7.4 points per game on the varsity as a ninth-grader.

"That's a pretty good freshman season," said Schader. "We are going to be young next year. Of the kids coming back, three played a lot of minutes and that's a freshman, a sophomore and a junior and we have two more juniors back. Our freshman team did very well and the sophomores did pretty well. The freshmen won 19 or 20 games with two of their

kids up and the sophomores did pretty good considering their point guard was up with us. With the younger kids moved up, that allowed other girls to play a lot of minutes and get better because of it. We might struggle a little next year at times because we will be young, but the next couple years after are going to be pretty solid."

Willowbrook girls indoor track team competes at York
Palma wins 3,200 raceBy Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook girls track team recently competed in the York indoor invitational.

The Warriors were fifth at the varsity level and took third at the frosh-soph level.

Jahne Jones took fourth in the 55 dash with a time of 7.78. Sparkle James-Lewis was eighth in 8.21.

Elizabeth Sanchez was second in the 55 at the frosh-soph level with a time of 8.18.

Jones took third in the 200 with a time of 29.28, while Deja Ramsey was ninth in 31.45. Sanchez again was second in the 200 in 30.54, while Avery Magierski was fourth in 31.95.

Ramsey took fifth in the 300 with a time of 49.39. Angela Eubanks was ninth in 51.88.

Lily Weder was second in the 300 frosh-soph race in 48.41, while Elizabeth Bruschuk was fifth in 53.00.

Victoria Palma placed second in the 400 with a time of 1:04.77. Jones was fifth in 1:08.55. Madeline Barrington was second in the 400 frosh-soph with a time of 1:12.70. Gillian Enriquez was sixth in 1:14.27.

Michelle Villalobos took third in the 800 with a time of 2:40.27. Grace Jones was second in the 800 frosh-soph in a time of 2:53.45, while Melissa Martinez was third in 2:58.04.

Villalobos finished seventh in the 1,600 in 6:07.99. Martinez was fourth in the 1,600 frosh-soph with a time of 6:09.01.

Palma won the 3,200 race with a time of 11:19.06.

Fiona Murphy was second in the 55 hurdles in 10.99. Bruschuk was fifth in the 55 frosh-soph hurdles in 10.90.

Willowbrook was sixth in the 800 relay in 2:04.21 with Eubanks, Melissa Florey, James-Lewis and Ellie King. The Warriors were fourth in the

800 frosh-soph relay in 2:15.25 with Meghan Fortier, Magierski, Phoenix Stoeckicht and Hannah Andris.

Willowbrook took fifth in the 1,600 relay in 5:03.77 with Marisol Magana, Katherine Tortorici, Murphy and Florey. The Warriors were third in the 1,600 frosh-soph relay in 4:50.84 with Weder, Bruschuk, Enriquez and Barrington.

Aniyah Rushing was fifth in the shot put with a throw of 29-11. Miani Blackwell was eighth at 29-0. Jarely Carrillo was third in the frosh-soph shot put with a throw of 29-9. Nicole DelSanto was sixth at 23-9.

Morgan Bauers was sixth in the high jump at 4-2. Magana finished ninth in the long jump at 12-5 1/2. Sanchez was fifth in the frosh-soph long jump at 13-0 1/2. Fortier was seventh at 11-8 1/2.

King was sixth in the triple jump at 28-1 1/4 and Tortorici was seventh at 26-8 1/4. Fortier was fifth in the frosh-soph triple at 26-1 1/4.

Willowbrook boys basketball
team splits pair of playoff games
Warriors finish with 17 winsBy Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Willowbrook boys basketball team wrapped up its 2018-2019 season, splitting a pair of postseason contests.

Willowbrook opened play with an 80-48 win against Glenbard North in quarterfinal round action of the Class 4A Downers Grove South regional.

The Warriors were then eliminated from the playoffs after a 60-46 setback to Downers Grove North in the semifinals.

"We did a lot of things well against Glenbard North," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins. "It was a great game. We put a lot of pressure on them and forced 22 turnovers. We played well overall."

"Downers Grove North, we did not play well. We had a decent first half and were up by one (25-24), but ended up losing by 14. We did not shoot the ball well and ran out of gas."

Senior Matas Masys and junior Everett Stubblefield Jr. led the Warriors in scoring against Glenbard North.

Willowbrook finished the season 17-14 overall.

"We had an up and down season," said Perkins. "It was a little bit of an adjustment with the schedule we made this year. It was a lot harder and we played a lot higher competition. We played in the St. Charles East Thanksgiving tournament and the Hinsdale Central Christmas tournament, which had some Top 25 teams in it. It was a great experience for the guys to be able to play the level of competition that we did this year."

Willowbrook finished third in the West Suburban Conference Silver Division behind conference co-leaders Proviso East and Downers Grove South.

Perkins noted his squad graduates seven and returns eight players, with four of those having seen significant minutes this season.

"We have a good nucleus to build around," he said. "This group that is about to become seniors has three years in the program now and all of them have been winning seasons. We look forward to the challenge of hopefully continuing that next season."

Perkins lauded the year-long efforts of Masys and Stubblefield. Masys is a four-year varsity player who joined former teammate Ethan Schuemer on the short list of Willowbrook players who have scored more than 1,000 points in their varsity careers.

Perkins also pointed out Willowbrook's freshman team had a strong season, going unbeaten in conference and finishing with 21 wins.

"We are looking forward to a bright future here," he said.

Fenton boys basketball team concludes season
Bison boys indoor track team competes at Buffalo GroveBy Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton boys basketball team lost 63-40 to Chicago Prosser in the quarterfinal round of the Class 4A York regional in Elmhurst to conclude its season.

Chris Bozeman led the Bison with 10 points.

Fenton was the No. 19 seed in the Class 4A Proviso West sectional, while Prosser was the No. 14 seed.

Fenton boys track

The Fenton boys indoor track team was in action at the recent Joe Scarpino Invitational hosted by Buffalo Grove.

The meet featured three flights in all events. Ethan Queyquep was eighth in the A 55 dash in 6.95. Javier Cabral was ninth in the B 55 dash in 7.21 and Alberto Gomez was eighth in the C 55 dash in 7.56.

Queyquep was second in the A 220 with a time of 25.04. Cabral was fourth in the B 220 in 26.35, while Gomez was sixth in the C 220 in 27.67.

Aryan Rebolledo was seventh in the A 440 in 1:03.46.

Juan Carlos Sosa was sixth in the C 440 in 1:04.86.

Chris Kovich was eighth in the B 880 with a time of 2:28.92, while Pawel Gasior was seventh in the C 880 in 2:35.48.

Sam Elizondo was sixth in the A mile in 5:10.20. Matthew Sisto was seventh in the B mile in 5:21.20 and Isaac Fonseca was seventh in the C mile in 6:11.30.

Chris Zavala was seventh in the A two-mile in 11:55.90. Aaron Paz Castelan was fifth in the B two-mile in 12:16.30.

Fenton took fifth in the A 400 relay

and was seventh in the B 400 relay at 4:22.20.

The Bison were seventh in the A 3,200 relay in 9:41.40.

Miguel Garcia was seventh in the A shot put with a throw of 38-3 1/2. Filip Reduta was seventh in the B shot put at 34-10. Quinn Wilcoxen was sixth in the C shot put at 35-7.

Queyquep was seventh in the A long jump at 15-8. Cabral was ninth in the B long jump at 15-0 and Rebolledo was seventh in the C long jump at 14-11.

Andreas Ortiz was sixth in the B triple jump at 29-0 1/4.

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Taking the plunge

Several members of the Villa Park Police Department participated in Saturday afternoon's 2019 Polar Plunge at the Oak Brook Bath and Tennis Club. Multiple area law-enforcement agencies took part in the event, which supported Special Olympics Illinois. The participants briefly braved the frigid waters of an icy pond at the fundraiser. The Villa Park Police Department raised about \$5,000 for this year's Polar Plunge. In addition to police department members, the Villa Park contingent of "plungers" included Villa Park Fire Chief Ron Rakosnik, Villa Park Economic Development Director Jan Fiola, Willowbrook High School English teacher/Special Olympics coach/varsity girls swimming coach Tara Murphy and Willowbrook girls assistant swimming coach Amy Martello. The bottom left photo, taken moments before the plunge, shows (front row) Villa Park Police Officer Elizabeth Gonzalez, (second row, left to right) Villa Park Police Officer Steve Lay and Villa Park Police Detective Donald Glammarino; (back row, left to right) Villa Park Police Officer Luis Lozano-Ortiz, Villa Park Police Officer Patrick Burke, Villa Park part-time Officer Sean Knudtson, Villa Park Police Chief Michael Lay, Villa Park Police Officer Ilir Bekteshi, Fiola, Rakosnik, Villa Park Deputy Police Chief Bill Lyons, Martello and Murphy. The department's fundraising total included a \$200 donation from the Villa Park Police Benevolent Association. The association's current president—Officer Kordell Kitching—in uniform, holding the check—is pictured (below) presenting the check on Saturday. Pictured (left) in the water during the plunge (left to right) are: Lyons, Rakosnik, Fiola, Chief Lay, Gonzalez and her husband, David.



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Willowbrook Guidance Department shares information about scholarships, Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level exams

To assist with the challenges of college expenses, the Willowbrook Guidance Department provides information about scholarships, which can help relieve that financial burden.

Scholarships are a great way to help students and their families afford the costs associated with a post-secondary education. There is quite an array of scholarships available, so there is something for everyone. Many scholarships are based on merit, but there also are some based

on ethnicity, gender, volunteer work, future education plans, financial status and other factors.

Students can search and apply for scholarships through multiple avenues, including:

- The financial aid page of the colleges/universities to which they apply;
- Student's or parent's employer (many companies offer scholarships for children of their employees);
- National scholarship search sites

such as www.fastweb.com and www.Scholarships.com;

• A large focus at Willowbrook is local scholarship offerings. There are many businesses and organizations throughout DuPage County that offer scholarships for students. Students can find those scholarships by visiting the Scholarship Bulletin Board in the Counseling Office or on Willowbrook's website. Students also are highly encouraged to visit the Financial Aid and Scholarships

web page at <https://tinyurl.com/WBScholarships2019>. On that page, students will find financial aid information, helpful websites and a list of available scholarships.

For questions or more information about scholarships, contact Guidance Counselor Scott Forcash at sforcash@dupage88.net or 630-530-3420.

Seniors should report scholarships they receive to the Guidance Office as soon as possible. Students who do

not report their scholarships or grants by April 16 will not be included in the program during the Senior Recognition Assembly.

Seniors can report scholarships they've earned through completing the Senior Scholarship/Grant Sheet at <https://tinyurl.com/y4cv4cld>.

The Guidance Department also offers the following advice regarding Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level exams.

All students enrolled in AP courses are encouraged to take the corresponding AP exams, which will be administered from May 6 to 17 (during school hours). The following is important information regarding AP test registration.

• Students must register for AP exams by March 15 at the Willowbrook Bookstore.

• The registration fee is \$94 for each exam. Students can pay with cash, credit card (Visa or MasterCard) or check made payable to Willowbrook High School. Students who miss the registration deadline will be charged a \$55 late fee.

• Students who receive free or reduced lunch will have their test registration fee waived. However, those students must still sign up during the dates listed above.

• To help prepare students for AP exams, there will be a mandatory pre-administration session during Warrior Time on April 23 in the cafeteria. All students who plan to take an AP exam are required to attend.

• Final instructions will be sent to AP teachers before the testing dates. Those instructions will include the exact time and location of each exam.

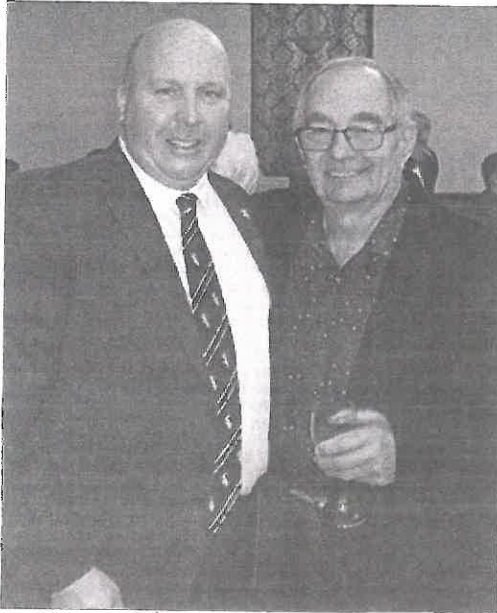
• To see the AP exam schedule, go to www.dupage88.net/WBAPEXams2019.

One of the benefits of taking AP exams is they offer students the opportunity to earn college credit. Students must receive a certain score on the exam to earn college credit, and that score varies depending on the college/university. However, all public colleges in Illinois must give students credit if they score a 3 or higher on the exam. For more information about AP credit, go to www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy.

Gaining college credit while in high school can save students money by not having to take those courses in college. Exposure to AP exams also familiarizes students with high-stakes, college-level assessments. The more comfortable and confident students become with those types of tests, the better they typically perform.

This school year, Willowbrook will offer 24 AP exams. For more information about AP exams and test registration, contact Willowbrook Guidance Counselor Cindy Zamora-Failla at 630-782-3137 or czamora@dupage88.net.

General information about the AP program can be found at <https://ap-student.collegeboard.org>.



BRENDA GARCIA PHOTOS Villa Park Review

Villa Park Chamber of Commerce holds annual awards dinner

Above left: State Sen. Tom Cullerton (left) greets Doc Hensley of Hensley Real Estate at the Villa Park Chamber's annual Awards dinner held on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at the Villa Park VFW Post #2801. Other photos show (above right) Joseph Montgomery from MGA Insurers selling raffle tickets with District 88's Dan Brink; and (below left) Dana and Frank Sylvester, co-owners of AAA Overhead Door, enjoying the evening along with co-owners (below right) Jeff and Gloria McArdle.



At the end of the evening, members of the Board of Directors gathered with Executive Director Alesia Bailey, who hosted the event.

District 45 Fine Arts Showcase this Saturday

The 2019 District 45 Fine Arts Showcase takes place this Saturday, March 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Schafer School, 700 E. Pleasant Lane, Lombard. The free showcase will feature numerous pieces of artwork created by students from across the district.

Artwork from each District 45 school has been specially chosen for display. The event will also feature a special performance by the North School Drum Line at 6:30 p.m.

The District 45 PTA Council will serve refreshments.

Police department's SALT meeting takes place March 13

The Villa Park Police Department will hold its Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) quarterly meeting on Wednesday, March 13, at the Wildwood Community Recreation Building at 320 E. Wildwood Ave. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. Residents and guests are invited

to arrive at 10:30 a.m. for coffee and pastries.

The meeting will include a presentation by Victoria Prewitt of Oak Street Health. The Villa Park Senior Concerns Commission will sponsor a lunch for all guests immediately after the presentation.



Jane Charmelo

out & about

Lombard to celebrate 150th anniversary

Can you say 'sesquicentennial'?

Lombard's going to party like it's 2019—in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Lilac Village—and is planning a host of activities to make it a year-long celebration.

It was 150 years ago in March that Lombard was incorporated. According to Mildred Robinson Dunning in her book, "The Story of Lombard: 1833-1955," and "Footsteps on the Tall Grass Prairie" by Lillian Budd, Col. Albert Janes of nearby Danby (now Glen Ellyn) and Gen. Benjamin Sweet, who had a farm near Lombard, were largely responsible for changing then-Babcock's Grove to Lombard, when they platted land in 1868.

The town was incorporated as Lombard in 1869, and named after Josiah Lombard, who bought 227 acres of land and built several houses.

According to Dunning, "Being favorably impressed with Mr. Lombard's enthusiasm and plans for improving the town, it was named Lombard after him."

Fast forward 100 years, when Trustee Howell Holloman, of the United Action Party, challenged the Village Independent Party and succeeded Lester Bergmann as village president.

Holloman, as part of the village's 1969 centennial, in May buried a time capsule in front of the Lombard Community Building to be opened in 2069. It contains centennial issues of the *Lombardian* and *Spectator*, as well as front pages of several other newspapers and other artifacts.

Susan High was the 1969 Centennial Lilac Queen, and a historical commission and historical society were being proposed and later formed.

One hundred and fifty years after the incorporation of Lombard, there are a number of events and activities planned that would never have been imagined 150 years ago.

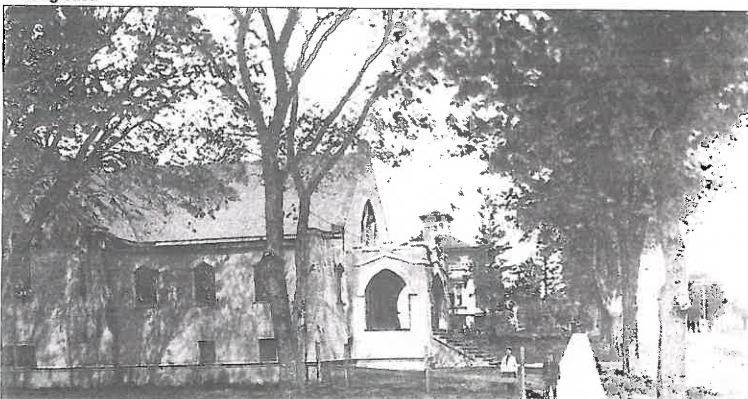
According to Assistant Village Manager Nicole Aranas, on Thursday, March 21, a proclamation of the original March 29 founding date will be read at the village board meeting, and the village is now displaying an anniversary logo.

The village has also featured a video that shows residents sharing what they like about Lombard.

"It's so cute," commented Aranas, with Communications Coordinator Avis Meade, who shot the video, adding, "We shared it at the village update [formerly State of the Village



In this circa 1917 photo is Leola Roath, at the intersection of St. Charles Road and Crescent Boulevard, looking east.



Lombard's Methodist church in an east view at Main and Maple streets, from a post card with a 1913 postmark.

address)." Additionally, the village is holding a Lilac Time Photo Contest during Lilac Time, and Aranas said that at one of the summer Cruise Nights, there will be a birthday celebration.

On Aug. 1, the village board will be meeting at the Maple Street Chapel, after which there will be an old-fashioned ice cream social with the Lombard Historical Society.

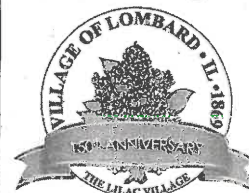
The society also has planned a number of events for the 2019 celebration, according to Colette Freeman, program coordinator for the historical society.

There will be an exhibit at the Carriage House behind the museum, called "Building Lombard: Celebrating 150 Years," beginning March 29 and running through Aug. 31.

"We've got some very cool arti-

facts," Freeman continued, adding that also on March 29, the historical society is hosting a Brown Bag Lunch with Sarah Richardt, executive director of the Lombard Historical Society, who will discuss the high points of the village's 150 years.

On April 6, the society is hosting a "walk and talk" pub crawl/guided tour of the historic downtown and a Brown Bag Lunch on April 26 will



VILLAGE OF LOMBARD IMAGE Lombardian/Villa Park Review

The Village of Lombard is decorating its logo to celebrate the 150th anniversary of incorporation. There will be a number of events during 2019 to commemorate the anniversary.

highlight the early residents of Lombard, Freeman added.

On June 5, the historical society will begin its inaugural Summer Series of Wednesday night concerts, starting with Dan Haughey, who will feature Civil War-era music. The evening's concert was made available through an Illinois Humanities Grant. Dairy Queen has partnered with the historical society for the summer series, according to Freeman.

Ellyn Murphy, a member of the Lilac Parade Committee, said the committee is working with Jeff Sukowski, wine director at Famous Liquors, on a fundraising effort to offer a special-label wine, Lombard's Lilac Red.

"We've been talking about doing some special stuff," she continued, "trying to create some excitement."

The theme of this year's May 19 parade is, of course, centered around the village's 150th anniversary, and will include handing out candy to parade goers.

"It's a trial for them to see how it works," Aranas commented.

Looking at all the events and activities to celebrate the anniversary, Aranas emphasized that this year's celebration has been a collaboration with the village, historical society and parade committee, among others, and "we're excited about it."

After initial discussions began last year, "They've firmed up," she concluded.

For more information and to watch the video, visit www.villageoflombard.org/150th. For more information on Lombard Historical Society events, visit www.lombardhistory.org.

Visit <http://www.lombardlilacparade.com> for more information on the Lilac Parade and Lilac Time events.

Principal of the Year

Recently, officials in Lombard District 44 were notified that Butterfield Principal Kris Walsh was named Elementary Principal of the Year for the DuPage Region. "Mrs. Walsh is very deserving of this honor, which I understand follows several nominations made by staff," said Superintendent Ted Stec. "I am sure the news is bittersweet given her departure after this year, but we are all certainly proud of her accomplishments that will continue to positively impact the students of Butterfield." Walsh's award follows the school recently being named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. According to the DuPage Illinois Principals Association, "These leaders exemplify what it means to be advocates for students, they build capacity within their schools, and they show support their staff, students, families and communities in order to make their schools innovative places for students to grow."



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District 88 to host Relay For Life of District 88 Youth March 9

At District 88, giving back and helping others is a cornerstone of pride.

And one of the district's main fundraising events is the Relay For Life of District 88 Youth, which is the culmination of Willowbrook's Brook Olympics (a weeklong series of events and challenges created to enhance tradition and class spirit and pride at the school).

Those events—along with "Go Pink" efforts in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month—raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

This year is the district's 9th annual relay, and the event will take place on March 9 at Willowbrook. It will feature a variety of activities and games, and there also will be a luncheon to remember those who have lost their battle with cancer.

Community members are invited to participate from 6 to 11 p.m., and District 88 students who complete a permission slip and raise at least \$115 can attend from 6 p.m. on March 9 to 6 a.m. on March 10.

Register online at www.RelayForLife.org/D88IL, and see instructions at www.dupage88.net/D88Re-

lay2019. Donations can be made online at www.RelayForLife.org/D88IL as well, and proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

For questions or more information, contact Relay For Life co-sponsor MacKenzie Guza at mguz@dupage88.net or 630-782-3053.



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Cancer survivors take the first lap during a previous Relay For Life of District 88 Youth event at Willowbrook. This year's relay will take place on March 9, and registration is open now at www.RelayForLife.org/D88IL.

Willowbrook names Haake January recipient of 88's Best recognition

Elissa Haake has been named as Willowbrook's January recipient of 88's Best recognition for her stellar involvement in extracurricular activities. Haake, a senior, was recognized during the Feb. 25 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

Haake will graduate as one of the most decorated and celebrated student-athletes and leaders in her class, as well as in the history of the school.

As a student, Haake consistently pursues the most rigorous courses available at Willowbrook. At the conclusion of her high school career, Haake will have completed nine Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses, as well as a multitude of Honors courses. Haake is an AP Scholar, earned a score of 35 on her ACT and has been named to the Distinction Honor Roll each semester

of her high school career. She also has been recognized with the Outstanding Freshman Award and is an inductee of National Honor Society, National English Honor Society and Math Honor Society.

Beyond the classroom, Haake further commits her time and talents to a variety of events, clubs and activities at Willowbrook. She is a New Beginnings Leader and Board Member, volunteers as a coach for Special Olympics and is the most decorated swimmer at the state level in the history of Willowbrook. Haake is a nine-time state qualifier, served as captain of the Addison Trail-Willowbrook girls swim team for two years, earned all-conference honors all four years and set school and West Suburban Conference records. She is a two-time IHSA sectional champion as well and earned

all-state recognition twice. Outside of Willowbrook, she can be found swimming competitively for her private club and serves as a personal coach to youth swimmers in the summer.

"Haake is incredibly hard working and dedicated in all her pursuits," said Jim Kedvesh, Willowbrook science teacher. "She is the embodiment of the true meaning and nature of these terms, not the generic superlatives they have become over the years. In class, she takes ownership of her educational goals and is an active participant. Furthermore, Haake is one of the nicest and most upbeat students I've taught."

Willowbrook world language teacher Cristy Hebreard agreed.

"I have only met Haake this year, but have heard her name for a few years," Hebreard said. "She is ev-

everything I imagined—kind, intelligent, respectful, talented and driven, to name a few. She always has a smile on her face in my class and doesn't hesitate to ask questions or participate. She has a thirst to better herself and her classmates and teammates. I wish I had more time with her in class these past four years, because she has made my teaching career that much more enjoyable. I

know she will do BIG things at Purdue University, not only as a swimmer, but especially as a student. She has made and will continue to make Willowbrook proud."

Haake has committed to join the Purdue University women's swimming and diving team, where she will compete in freestyle. She plans to pursue a degree in actuarial science.



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Willowbrook senior Elissa Haake has been named as the school's January recipient of 88's Best recognition. She's pictured with Willowbrook Principal Dr. Daniel Krause.

Coming events

St. Patrick's Day luncheon at Christ the King

This year Christ the King Parish CCW is privileged to feature the Lilac Senior Chorus singing Irish songs at their St. Patrick's Luncheon to be held in their parish's Parish Life Center, 1501 S. Main St., Lombard at 11 a.m. on March 13. For a free-will donation a luncheon of corned beef sandwiches and ham sandwiches with all the trimmings will be served.

Book discussions moved to Cortesi Park

Due to ongoing construction, the Villa Park Public Library will hold its March and April adult book discussions at The Depot at Cortesi Park, located at 320 E. Kenilworth Ave. in Villa Park. Books Worth Talking About will be held on Thursday, March 14, while Mystery Readers will be held on Thursday, March 21. In honor of National Library Week, a special combined book discussion will be held on Thursday, April 11. All three discussions will be held from 7:30-8:45 p.m. Registration is not required and all are welcome. The library has copies of all current discussion books available for check-out at the first floor service desk. For more information including book titles, visit the library's website at www.vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Single Mothers Support Group meets March 10

You are invited to attend the Single Mothers Support Group at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, March 10. The speaker is Rachel Shannon, who has her PhD in Family Therapy, is an associate professor at Judson University and also has her own private practice in counseling. Her topic is "Taking Steps Toward Healing From Abuse." Before the talk, enjoy a delicious luncheon with your children. Free child care will start at 1 p.m. for infants through children 12 years old. This is a free event. Location: Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church (Garden Room), 149 W. Brush Hill Road, Elmhurst. Phone Jane Loerup at 630-936-2444 or email janeloe@aol.com. Visit <http://www.elmhurstcsrc.org/she> for more information.

St. Joseph's Day Table March 10

The St. Pius X Parish invites the public to attend its St. Joseph Day Table, which will be held on March 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the parish Social Center located at 601 S. Westmore (corner of Westmore and Madison) in Lombard. The St. Joseph Day Table committee, and many volunteers, are busy preparing for this year's festive event to honor St. Joseph. The meal will offer an array of salads, pastas, vegetables, breads, fruits, pastries and other items. Raffle and Split the Pot tickets will be available for purchase. There is no admission charge for the event, but all donations will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which provides assistance to those in need.

Nominations for Lilac Parade grand marshal

The Lombard Lilac Parade Com-

mittee is asking for nominations for this year's grand marshal. They are seeking someone who selflessly volunteers their time in our community, one who has gone above and beyond over the years without recognition. If you know a good candidate email a nomination letter to lilacparade@yahoo.com by March 12.

Peeps Diorama Contest at Villa Park Library

The Villa Park Public Library is holding its Fifth Annual Peeps Diorama Contest. Children of all ages are invited to get creative and make a shoebox diorama with marshmallow Peeps candy for a chance to win a prize. Entries will be accepted from March 18 to April 8. More information and details are available. Stop by the library, visit the website at www.vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Women's History Month at Cantigny

Visit www.cantigny.org to find out about a range of programs for Women's History Month.

Plum Library programs

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow" Sunday, March 10, at 2 p.m. Follow Robyn Vitson down the yellow brick road to celebrate the 80th anniversary of "The Wizard of Oz." Hear favorites such as "Follow the Yellow Brick Road," "We're Off to See the Wizard" and, of course, "Over the Rainbow." "S.T.E.A.M. Team: Catapult Basketball" Wednesday, March 13, at 4:15 p.m. Grades 4-8 will make a portable basketball court using a cardboard box and catapult. Registration is required and open to Helen Plum Library cardholders. "Improv Skills for Job Seekers" Thursday, March 14, at 7 p.m. Improv skills are often associated with comedy but these same skills can be invaluable when applied to interview situations. Join Jim Waszak as he helps you with spontaneity and selling yourself in a friendly and good-natured way. Registration is required for these programs. Call 630-627-0316 or visit helenplum.org to register.

Champion fiddler to visit local church

All-Ireland Fiddle Champion Lexia Kennedy will be the featured guest musician at Grace Lutheran Church of Glen Ellyn, 493 Forest Ave., on St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17 (one block from the Glen Ellyn Metra station). For more information, contact Grace Lutheran Church at info@gracelutheran.org or 630-469-1555.

All day camp in York Center

Hours are available from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. During the day kids ages 6-10 will have the opportunity to play many games, sports and complete crafts. There is often a trip included in the day, ranging from Sci-Tech Museum, a pool trip, or even laser tag. Children must bring their own lunches for the day. An additional snack will be provided. March 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$35/resident; \$40/non-resident. \$40/resident; \$45/resident (Extended

Care). Register by one week in advance. Visit www.ycpdfun.com or call 630-629-0886.

Historical society pub crawl April 6

The Lombard Historical Society will lead a Pub Crawl & Walking Tour of Historic Lombard on Saturday, April 6, at 1 p.m. Admission is \$25 and includes the Walking Tour Booklet with a map of historic Lombard, a commemorative T-shirt, and the guided tour with information and anecdotes provided by Lombard Historical Society. The Pub Crawl stops at three Lombard pubs: The Lilac League, Marquette Kitchen & Tap and O'Neill's Pub, all along historic St. Charles Road. Space is limited. Reservations are required and may be obtained at lombardhistory.org, by phone 630-629-1885, or in person at The Lombard Historical Society, 23 W. Maple St., Lombard. For more information about this event, visit lombardhistory.org or phone 630-629-1885.

Garden Club to meet March 22

The Lombard Garden Club will meet March 22 at the Lombard Community Building located at St. Charles Road and Grace Street. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. and the program is provided by author, lecturer and teacher Cindy Crosby. Her topic is "Dragonflies and Damselies."

Free program and guests are welcome. Calling 630-620-8938 for a reservation would be appreciated, but is not required to attend.

GEHS program March 23

Saturday, March 23 at 2 p.m. in the Glen Ellyn History Center, 800 N. Main St., actress Maria Boudas Bakalis presents an original one-woman show about the loves of the infamous John Wilkes Booth. Learn about the women in this complicated man's life, and gain a better understanding of the man behind these passions. Most only know Booth for his assassination of President Lincoln. However, he was a well-known, successful actor from a well-to-do family in Maryland. Just weeks before the assassination, Booth became engaged to the daughter of U.S. Sen. John P. Hale of New Hampshire. Tickets are adults \$10, GEHS members \$8, students 18 and under \$5. Call 630-469-1867; available at the door; check website at <http://www.glenellynhistory.org>.

Special concert at St. John's March 13

St. John's School invites all parents, families, neighbors and friends to join them Wednesday, March 13, at 1 p.m. in the School Gymnasium for the school's God Is Great Concert. Christian singer-songwriter, Jennie Williamson, from AriSon Records in Nashville engages children and adults in an uplifting hour of song and dance. Jennie's music and live events are filled with incredible messages of love and hope that reaches the hearts of every audience.

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Warriors' season ends with regional semifinal loss

Cold shooting plagues Willowbrook against Downers North

The Willowbrook boys basketball team's 2018-19 season ended with a 60-46 loss to Downers Grove North in last week's regional semifinal game at the IHSA Class 4A Downers Grove South regional. The Warriors finished the season with a 17-14 overall record.

Willowbrook opened the post-season with an 80-48 win over Glenbard North in a regional quarterfinal game at Downers Grove South on Feb. 25. The Warriors earned what turned out to be their final victory of the season after outscoring the Panthers 29-6 in the fourth quarter.

Two days after beating Willowbrook on Feb. 27, Downers Grove North won the regional title by defeating Downers Grove South 65-42. The Trojans, who improved to 22-11 with last Friday's win, advanced to this week's Bartlett Sectional.

The Warriors started well in their game against Downers Grove North, taking a 17-11 lead after the first quarter. Willowbrook held a 25-24 halftime lead. Downers Grove North made a 3-point shot early in the second half to take a 27-25 lead.

Willowbrook senior Charlie Flak responded by draining a 3-point shot to give the Warriors a 28-27 lead. It would be Willowbrook's last lead of the game. Downers Grove North went on a 9-0 run to take a 36-28 lead. The Trojans held a 40-34 advantage by the end of the third quarter. Their lead grew to 57-38 with about three minutes to play.

"I don't know if it was anything necessarily they [the Trojans] were doing," said Willowbrook coach Chris Perkins after the season-ending loss. "We were getting a lot of open looks. They just weren't falling. We take our hat off to them. They came out and they pulled it off."

Willowbrook made 17 of 66 shots from the field against Downers Grove North. The Warriors connected on six of 31 attempts from 3-point range.

For only the third game this season, Willowbrook's individual high scorer failed to reach a double-digit output. Flak, who made two of four 3-point attempts, scored eight points. Senior C.J. Harris scored all eight of his points in the fourth quarter. Harris sank both of his

3-point attempts.

Senior Matas Masys scored six points in the final game of his four-season varsity career with the Warriors. Junior Sam Tumilty also scored six points. Senior Scott Tumilty and junior Everett Stubblefield both scored five points.

The Warriors held a 51-42 lead through three quarters of their regional quarterfinal game against Glenbard North. Masys hit a 3-point shot in the opening seconds of the fourth quarter to push Willowbrook's lead to 54-42. Moments later, senior Jack Hines delivered a 3-point play to give the Warriors a 57-45 edge. That 3-point play started an 18-0 run that ended with a 3-point shot from Stubblefield that raised the lead to 72-45 with less than five minutes to play.

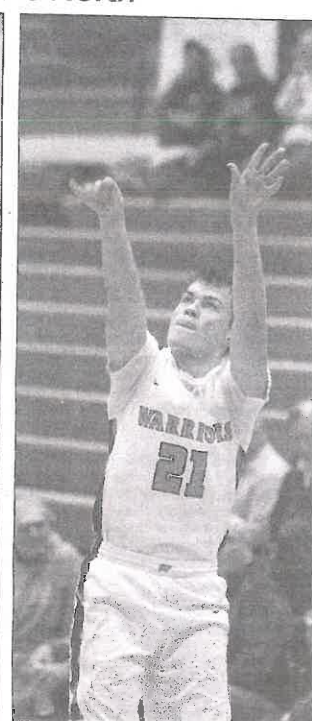
Willowbrook made 30 of 59 shots from the field in its win over Glenbard North. The Warriors connected on eight of 23 shots from 3-point territory.

Masys, who made four of six 3-point attempts, scored a team-leading 19 points. Stubblefield scored 18 points, while Flak tallied 11 points. Hines scored eight points, while Scott Tumilty and junior Isaac Gaines both provided seven points.

"It was a good year overall," Perkins stated after the loss to Downers Grove North. "We had a good group. We upped the competition level and the guys responded. I'm really proud of our team."

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(Right) The Willowbrook boys basketball team closed out its season with a 60-46 loss to Downers Grove North in a regional semifinal game at the Class 4A Downers Grove South regional. Pictured here from the season finale is senior Charlie Flak (No. 22) shooting and making a 3-point shot that gave the Warriors a 28-27 lead in the third quarter. It would be the team's last lead of the game. Flak and senior C.J. Harris both scored eight points in the loss to the Trojans.



Senior Matas Masys (No. 21) shoots and makes a 3-pointer in the fourth quarter of the Warriors' playoff opener—an 80-48 win over Glenbard North on Feb. 25. Masys made four shots from 3-point range and scored a team-leading 19 points against the Panthers.



Junior Everett Stubblefield (No. 3, pictured against Downers Grove North) scored 18 points against Glenbard North.



Senior Jack Hines (No. 25) added eight points in the regional quarterfinal victory over the Panthers.

Lawmaker pushes for 'non-discriminatory' textbooks that highlight LGBT contributions

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

A bill that would require school textbooks purchased with certain state funds to highlight the contributions of LGBT individuals to American history and culture is making its way through the Illinois House.

"Historically, they've been ignored, and either deliberately or inadvertently left out of our history books," said Rep. Anna Moeller, an Elgin Democrat who is the lead sponsor of House Bill 246.

That bill, which passed out of committee early last month and is now before the full House, would require any textbooks purchased through the state's textbook block grant program to be non-discriminatory and include, "the roles and contributions of all people protected under the Illinois Human Rights Act," a state law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation and a number of other factors.

The bill also provides that history books purchased by public schools under the block grant program "shall include a study of the roles and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in the history of this country and this state."

The textbook block grant program was established in 2012 as a way to help public and state-recognized non-public schools purchase textbooks. According to officials at the Illinois State Board of Education, however, the program has never been funded, and so it is unlikely passage of the bill would have any immediate impact unless lawmakers decide to include it in future state budgets.

Moeller said the bill was initiated by Equality Illinois, a statewide LGBT rights advocacy group.

The bill drew significant attention during committee hearings where 200 individuals signed up as supporters. Another 132 individuals, including many representing religious organizations, signed up as opponents.

"Quite frankly, it's indoctrination that goes against many people's value systems," Rev. Robert Vanden Bosch of Concerned Christian Americans said in an interview. "I think a lot of parents would be unhappy."

Moeller, however, rejected that argument.

"That speaks to the fact that they still view LGBT as being sinful," she said. "Our laws aren't based on biblical or theological teachings or any religious dogma. They're based on the Constitution of the United States."

Moeller said a similar bill passed out of the Senate in 2018 and was approved by a House committee, but the House never took final action on the measure.

This year, with Democrats holding a larger majority in both chambers, she said she is hopeful the bill can be enacted into law.

Bill would require schools to teach details of consent in sex ed

By Grant Morgan
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Illinois schools might soon be teaching a new, fuller definition of what it means to give sexual consent.

According to the U.S. Sexuality Information and Education Council, Illinois teens experience higher percentages of physically forced intercourse, physical dating violence and sexual dating violence than the national average.

"Teaching consent tells you that, 'I have the right to have my own bodily autonomy, and somebody should respect that,'" said Brigid Leahy, director of government relations for Planned Parenthood of Illinois. "It's not my fault when somebody violates my person without me agreeing to it."

Language supporting this idea can be found in Chicago Democrat-

ic Rep. Ann Williams' bill, filed recently, which attempts to put a fuller definition of consent into the Illinois code detailing how schools must teach sex education.

Surrounded by a group of lawmakers and advocates including Leahy, Williams spoke about House Bill 3550 during a news conference, and explained a few of the quirks of Illinois' sex education in the process.

By law, public K-12 schools in Illinois don't have to teach sex education. Those that choose to, however, must follow the state's requirement that curriculum be "developmentally and age-appropriate," "medically accurate," "evidence-based" and "complete."

That means teaching about both abstinence and contraceptive methods, with information supported by valid, accurate research and facts.

Williams' bill would add a re-

quirement for schools to teach sex education, expanding the definition of consent from the brief treatment it was originally given—"there must be discussion on what constitutes sexual consent"—to a detailed list of what consent means, and how it might show up during a sexual encounter.

The proposed law includes, among other things, that "consent is a freely given agreement to sexual activity;" that "consent to one ... sexual activity does not constitute consent" to another; that "lack of verbal or physical resistance," nor a person's "manner of dress," does not mean consent; and that a person cannot consent if they "can't understand the nature of the activity" due to drugs or alcohol.

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Choir visits Milwaukee

Members of Willowbrook High School's concert choir recently visited Milwaukee. The group of 43 students performed in the Basilica of St. Josaphat and Mount Olive Lutheran Church during their Feb. 23-24 visit. The students also visited the Milwaukee Art Museum and Discovery World Science and Technology Museum.

Ambitious sights set in state clean energy legislation

By Grant Morgan
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

A group of 45 mostly Democratic lawmakers is sponsoring legislation to move Illinois to 100 percent renewable energy by 2050, and make the state's power sector carbon-free by 2030.

These are only some of the objectives in an almost 400-page amendment recently added to the Senate version of the Clean Energy Jobs Act, filed by Elgin Democrat Cristina Castro. The House version of the bill, HB 3624, was filed by Democrat Ann Williams of Chicago.

Other goals include replacing the equivalent of 1 million gas- and diesel-powered vehicles with electric vehicles and mass transit; building more than 40 million solar panels and 2,500 wind turbines by 2030; starting training programs for workers in the

clean energy field; and helping those in Illinois' coal industry weather the transition to more environmentally-friendly energy sources.

Although the bills have many sponsors and much support across the state, Castro addressed the concerns with how ambitious they appear.

"This legislation outlines our goals, these are not set deadlines," Castro said. "We want to strive to meet these goals, but most importantly we want to see progress in our state by using more renewable energy, even if it may take a little longer than expected."

Alongside the language added, the Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition brought some of the sponsors and other activists together for a news conference on the bills.

Jen Walling, executive director of

the Illinois Environmental Council, called it a "historic day" that displays "the strong desire to build our state's clean energy infrastructure."

Walling, who chaired Governor J.B. Pritzker's "Powering Illinois' Future" transition committee, cited Pritzker's support of turning toward 100 percent renewables by 2050, which gives the state momentum in carrying out its broad-based environmental goals.

That momentum began with the more than 60 "listening" sessions that the Clean Jobs Coalition held throughout 2018, where people from all around the state gave input on clean energy issues.

Much of what is in this year's clean energy legislation comes from those sessions, according to the coalition.

For example, John Carson, who

heads the solar power business Trajectory Energy Partners, referred in the news conference to his many meetings with farmers, who he says were happy to learn they could lease some of their land for solar farms at two to three times the per-acre prices they'd get from growing corn or beans on the same acres.

Scott Allen of Illinois' Citizens Utility Board called the Clean Energy Jobs Act "the only legislation in Springfield talking about keeping costs low for utility consumers." Illinois already has some of the lowest electric bills in the country, he said.

The coalition's momentum will likely continue with the state's new administration, as one of Pritzker's first executive orders was to sign Illinois into the U.S. Climate Alliance, a bipartisan state alliance aimed at upholding the Paris Climate Accords.

Springfield Republican wants to end 'winner take all' in Illinois' presidential votes

By Grant Morgan
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

It is unlikely that Illinois will become the third state to change how it allocates its electoral votes for president, but that isn't stopping some state lawmakers from trying.

House Bill 3109, recently introduced by Springfield Republican Rep. Tim Butler, would change the state's "winner-take-all" electoral system to one that is more representative of downstate Illinois.

"A single state now has a multitude of differing regional interests within it ... It makes sense that we update how we award our electoral votes for president," Butler said in a news release last week. He couldn't be reached for further comment Monday.

As with all states, Illinois has one electoral college vote for each of its congressional representatives (18) and senators (2), for a total of 20. In

presidential elections, the candidate who wins the statewide popular vote gets all 20 electoral college votes.

Butler's bill would change this so that electoral votes are awarded based on which candidate wins in each congressional district, with two of those electoral votes—those for the senators—based on the statewide popular vote.

"The rural areas could potentially be represented in a much more fair fashion under the model in this bill," said Republican Rep. Darren Bailey from Louisville, the chief co-sponsor of Butler's bill.

Butler's proposal would have changed Illinois' allocation in the 2016 presidential election, when Hillary Clinton won all of the state's 20 electoral votes. If Butler's plan were in place, Clinton would have won 13 electoral votes, and Donald Trump seven.

As election-tracking website 270 to Win notes, most state electoral college reforms are proposed "when the party of the losing presidential candidate differs from the party controlling the state Legislature," as is the case in Illinois.

Whether proposed reforms would help the minority party candidate in a particular state is unclear, however.

After Mitt Romney lost the 2012 president election, and Pennsylvania's 20 electoral votes, a Republican state senator proposed a shift similar to what Butler has put forth in Illinois.

But in 2016, Trump, the Republican candidate, would have received nine fewer electoral votes from Pennsylvania under a split allotment than he actually won.

Currently, only Maine and Nebras-

ka have adopted the "congressional district" method of allocating electoral votes.

With Democrats in firm control of the Legislature and the governor's office, however, it is unlikely that Illinois will become the third state to join them, Bailey said.

"Right now under this current environment, I think it's very unlikely that this will go through," Bailey said. "But, as with all things, you plant a seed, and you get people talking and thinking for when they're ready to hear it again."

Illinois has given all its electoral votes to a Democratic presidential candidate since 1988. That streak certainly would end under Butler's bill, which awaits further assignment out of committee.

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