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Update on District 88 Transition Program

Students experience community-based learning opportunities

Throughout the month of June, students enrolled in the District 88 Transition Program Extended School Year (ESY) experienced a variety of community-based learning opportunities, which are listed below.

• On June 10, the students visited Addison Village Hall. They spoke

with Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra, observed court in session under Associate Judge Michael W. Fleming of the 18th Judicial Circuit Court of DuPage County and toured Village Hall and the Addison Historical Museum.

• On June 19, the group toured the Addison Police Department.

• On June 25, the students visited the Addison Consolidated Dispatch Center.

• On June 27, the students attended a luau to celebrate their efforts and achievements through the ESY program (pictured above). Students shopped for the ingredients and items needed to prepare the luau

meal, and they also participated in luau-themed fitness and leisure activities.

The District 88 Transition Program helps individuals ages 18 to 21 who have disabilities learn life skills, obtain job training in a community setting and transition to life after District 88.



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[top left photo]: District 88 Transition Program Extended School Year (ESY) students and staff members meet with Village of Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra (front row, center) during a visit on June 10 to Addison Village Hall. [top right photo]: Village of Addison Community Relations Director Don Weiss (center) gives the students and staff a tour of the building. [bottom left and right photos]: Veenstra (standing) shares a laugh with the group.



[top left photo]: District 88 Transition Program Extended School Year (ESY) students and staff members gather outside the Addison Historical Museum during a visit on June 10. [bottom left and top right photos]: Addison Historical Museum Coordinator Susan English gives the students and staff a tour of the building.



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At the Dispatch Center

On June 25, these Transition Program students visit the Addison Consolidated Dispatch Center.

District 88 students share experience of trip to Germany

During a recent District 88 Board of Education meeting, Addison Trail and Willowbrook students and staff shared their experiences of participating in the German American Partnership Program (GAPP) – Student Exchange, which provides information about cultural, social and political life in Germany through encouraging intercultural dialogue

and enabling cultural involvement.

The group traveled to Germany from May 31 to June 20. During the trip, the students and staff attended school at Helmholtzschule in Frankfurt, lived with local families and toured Frankfurt and Munich.

As part of the exchange program, District 88 also welcomed and hosted students, teachers and the prin-

cipal from Helmholtzschule from Sept. 23 to Oct. 8, 2018.

During their time with the district, the group from Germany shadowed Addison Trail and Willowbrook students, staff members and administrators; toured the buildings; and viewed extracurricular activities such as athletic and performing arts

events. They also visited Chicago landmarks.

District 88 embraces the diversity of its student body and communities as a strength for its schools. The district has about 40 languages and more than 30 countries represented among its families, and almost half of the about 4,000 students at

District 88 speak a language other than English at home. The district continuously provides opportunities such as the GAPP for students to experience other cultures. Whether it's traveling to Europe or hosting guests from abroad, those interactions teach students life lessons and help them develop a global mindset.

Annual 'ButterBurgers & Badges' Aug. 29 at Culver's

Culver's restaurants throughout Northern Illinois, including right here in Addison, are partnering with Special Olympics Illinois this August with several in-store activities planned, most notably the fifth annual "ButterBurgers & Badges" fundraising event, scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 29, from 4-8 p.m.

ButterBurgers & Badges will feature local law enforcement officers providing table service for guests dining inside, and also delivering the chain's famed burgers and fresh frozen custard desserts to those visiting the drive-thru.

Law enforcement officers will collect donations for their service. One dollar for every purchase of any size Culver's Concrete Mixer will

benefit Special Olympics. Also, Special Olympics Illinois athletes will be on-site to meet and greet guests.

ButterBurgers & Badges is part of a month-long initiative by select Culver's locations across Chicagoland that includes participating stores proudly displaying "Change for Champions" donation canisters near counter areas.

Funds raised will help Special Olympics Illinois continue its programs that provide year-round sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

For more information, call 630-889-1140 or visit <https://www.soill.org/event/butterburgers-and-badges>.

ACA presents paintings by Mary Dorrell

Now through Sept. 21, the Addison Center for the Arts is presenting Expedition-Composition, an art exhibit of paintings by Mary Dorrell. The exhibit features paintings that communicate her sense of adventure and wonder.

"Before starting a new piece, I ask myself, 'What drew me to that place or subject and what am I seeking to convey about the experience?' 'Was it the storm that just passed, a dense wood or a stunning sunset?' 'Was it a shared experience?' 'Was it a memory?'" she said. "But that is just one aspect.

what draws me to create is a desire for connection and a sense of discovery. I open my heart and mind to allow the painting to flow to where it wants in telling the story. Each painting has a mind of its own and vibrates with its own energy. I feel compelled to create paintings that convey a taste of adventure, a response of emotion, and a bit of mystery."

Addison Center for the Arts is at 213 N. Lombard Rd. Gallery hours are Wed.-Sat. from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 630-458-4300.



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A night of cheer

Willowbrook High School held its fourth annual Silver and Blue Community Night on Friday. In addition to featuring introductions of the school's fall athletic teams, the event included introductions of the Villa Park Warriors youth football and cheer

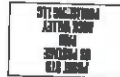
teams. Shortly after those introductions, the program's cheerleaders delivered a few spirited cheers. Some of those cheerleaders are pictured during the brief performance.

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Community Night at Willowbrook

Willowbrook High School's Silver and Blue Community Night event on Friday included performances from the cheerleaders, the dance team and the marching band. The three members of the dance team, pictured (above left right) left to right, are Junior Jaselca McEllin, Junior Nataasha Daum and sophomore Ava Cappitelli.



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Fenton football team ready for season

**Bison now part
of Upstate Eight
Conference;
Open at home Friday
against Larkin**

By Mike Miazga
CORRESPONDENT

The Fenton football team continues to make progress under third-year head coach Matt Lynch.

"We've made tremendous progress," said Lynch, whose team went 4-5 a year ago. "Every day we are taking big steps forward."

Lynch saw plenty that he liked

over the summer where the Bison held their usual camp, using their allowable 25 contact days.

"No complaints," he said late last week. "We are motoring along. Everything is starting to come together. We still have a week to go until we play a game, but everything is coming together nicely and things are starting to gel."

Lynch loves his team's work ethic heading into the season. "We will play hard," he said. "We have a group of kids that will compete and they will be out there playing hard in practices and in games."

Lynch said progress has been widespread, but there still is work to be done. "There is no one or two

things," he said. "I like how everything is starting to come together, but we will have to clean up some stuff."

Fenton benefits from a roster with experience. "We have a lot of guys returning," Lynch said. "We played a lot of juniors last year so we have a healthy mix of new guys and returning starters."

Fenton will be led by the likes of seniors Andre Bess (WR-RB-DB), Diamon King (WR-DB), junior Eric Moreno (OL-DL), senior Julian Giles (OL-DL), senior Angelo Mendoza (OL-DL), senior Ethan Doliente (OL-LB), senior Ethan Queyquep (WR-DB), senior Andre Reed (QB, WR, DB), senior Marcel Rusiecki (OL-DL) and senior Kevin Gonzalez (RB-LB).

"It's a great group of kids to work with," said Lynch.

Fenton is now a member of the Upstate Eight Conference. The Bison will play nine UEC games this year (no non-conference games), with the first one coming Friday at home against Elgin Larkin. The Bison also will be home in Week 2 against West Chicago.

"We are excited to play new teams that we have not played before," said Lynch. "We don't know much about them and what to expect. We will take it as it comes."

Lynch said as far as short-term and long-term prognostications, the team is keeping it in the extreme short-

term category.

"We want to win the day," he said. "All I ask the kids is we look at today. Our whole goal is to get one percent better today and one percent bet-

ter tomorrow. We don't put any goals out there. We talk about winning the day. We've had some great practices. We haven't had a bad practice yet. Every day we are getting better."

Week 1 Preview: Elgin Larkin at Fenton

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Fenton High School, Bensenville

Last year: Teams did not play

Outlook: It's a whole new ballgame for Fenton this year as it begins play in the Upstate Eight Conference. With 10 teams in the league Fenton will play a straight nine-game conference schedule. Elgin Larkin, like Fenton, is coming off a 4-5 season a year ago. This is the first of two home games to start the season for the Bison. Fenton hosts West Chicago in Week 2 before facing St. Charles on the road in Week 3.

Week 1 Preview: Conant at Addison Trail

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Addison Trail High School, Addison

Last year: Conant 7, Addison Trail 0

Outlook: As Addison Trail coach Paul Perpet Jr. stated previously, his team has a golden opportunity to gain momentum right out of the gates and that starts against Conant, which went 6-4 last season. However, the Blazers lost last year's season opener only 7-9 against the Cougars. Addison Trail then hits the road the next two weeks against Downers Grove North and Proviso East (to kick off West Suburban Gold play).

• Volleyball

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Mason. "They have played a lot of competitive volleyball and are playing very smart, and are taking over the offense. They are going to be dominant forces for us this season. Their confidence and leadership skills have grown immensely since last season."

Mason noted her team has an exceptional work ethic. "I love this group's desire to learn and improve," she said. "They work hard every second that they are on the court and compete to be the best

they can be."

Mason added the mental side of the game will be another key for the Warriors. "We have to work hard, be confident and believe we can compete with and beat anyone and everyone who is on the other side of the net," she said.

Mason noted Willowbrook has finished fourth in the WSC Gold the last few years. The team would like to change that this season. "We're looking to step up and move our way up to the top," she said.

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