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## Warriors on the run

The Willowbrook boys and girls cross country teams began the 2020 season with Saturday's dual meets against York at Berens Park in Elmhurst. A group of Warriors is pictured during the opening seconds of the boys race. The boys and girls teams from Willowbrook and York competed on the same 2.93-mile course at Berens Park. Cross country is one of the sports that the IHSA has allowed during the 2020 fall

season. The IHSA has moved the seasons of three other traditional fall sports—football, girls volleyball and boys soccer—to the spring of 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. See the sports section for more information about Willowbrook's boys and girls cross country teams.

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# Board members honored for leadership, public service

## Craft Cain, Jessen recognized by IASB

Two members of the District 88 Board of Education have been recognized through the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Master Board Member Program for the time and effort they have devoted to leadership activities and service to the public education community.

### Donna Craft Cain

District 88 Board of Education President Donna Craft Cain has maintained her Master Board Member status, which she earned in 2019. Craft Cain has served on the board since 2004 and has been Board



**Donna Craft Cain**  
D88 Board of Education President



**Blanca Jessen**  
D88 Board of Education Secretary

President since 2011. She also was Board Secretary from 2009 to 2011. During her time on the Board, Craft Cain has served on 18 District 88 Board of Education committees.

Craft Cain's connection to District 88 goes beyond serving as a Board member – she is an alumna of Willowbrook (class of 1981), is a parent of three District 88 graduates and is a longtime resident and business owner in the District 88 community.

### Blanca Jessen

District 88 Board of Education Secretary Blanca Jessen has earned Level II status. Jessen has served on the board since 2015 and has been Board Secretary since 2019. During her time on the board, Jessen has served on 13 District 88 Board of Education committees. Jessen's two children graduated from Willowbrook, as did her husband, Den-

nis (class of 1986). Jessen also has been a member of the Willowbrook Parent Organization (WPO) and the Athletic Booster Club.

Craft Cain and Jessen will be

honored during the IASB DuPage Division meeting on Nov. 4. This year's event will take place virtually because of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

## Cook County man accused of beating dog with a belt

### State files petition to remove second dog from home pending trial

On Monday, Sept. 7, DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Woodridge Chief of Police Brian Cunningham announced that bond had been set for a Cook County man accused of beating a seven-year-old Shih Tzu with a belt, sending her to the veterinarian. Lewiel Irmami, 25, of Matteson, appeared in Bond Court where Judge Joshua Dieden set bond at \$20,000 with 10% to apply.

The state had asked for a bond of \$150,000. Irmami has been charged with one count of Aggravated Cruelty to Animals, a Class 4 Felony.

On Sept. 5, at approximately 7:30 p.m., officers with the Woodridge Police Department received a call from the Downers Grove VCA for a report of an abused seven-year-old Shih Tzu dog named Bella. Upon their arrival, officers learned that the owner brought Bella to the hospital with her boyfriend, later identified as Irmami. It is alleged that when Irmami's girlfriend arrived home from work on Sept. 5, she found Bella lying lifeless in the corner and immediately told the defendant to take her and Bella to the vet.

It is alleged that while Irmami was home alone with Bella, she went to the bathroom on the floor of the home at which time Irmami "whooped her in the mouth" five times with a belt.

Following an exam from the vet-

erinarian, it was determined that Bella suffered from three rib fractures on the right side and air pocketing under the skin as well as rib fractures on the left, a fracture to the left eye socket, a bleeding broken incisor tooth, bruising around the dorsal pelvis and a bleeding back molar tooth broken in the gum line so that Bella could not close her mouth and can now only take food or water via a syringe. Bella was treated for her injuries and both she and the couple's other dog are secured at Naperville Animal Control.

"The fact that someone would strike a defenseless animal is incomprehensible," Berlin said. "What is particularly alarming in this case is the allegation that Mr. Irmami struck Bella numerous times with a belt causing extremely serious injuries. We take charges of animal cruelty very seriously and anyone accused of such acts will face serious felony charges. Thanks to the outstanding care Bella received however, while she still has a way to go, she appears to be on the road to recovery."

Irmami's next court appearance is scheduled for October 5, 2020, for arraignment in front of Judge Alex McGimpsey.

Members of the public are reminded that this complaint contains only charges and is not proof of the defendant's guilt.

## Police reports

Area police departments recently reported the following arrests and citations.

Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a conviction, and that suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Persons charged with domestic battery are not named in order to protect the privacy of victims.

Juveniles age 17 or younger are not named.

### Addison Sept. 2

Edmundo G. Barrera-Martinez, 43, of Addison, was charged with DUI, illegal transportation of open alcohol by the driver and no insurance in the 300 block of S. Rohlwing at around 7:17 p.m.

### Aug. 28

Maritza Aburto, 29, of Mundelein, was charged with DUI, resisting arrest and failure to yield to an emergency vehicle near Mill and Natalie at around 12:25 a.m. Police said officers were dispatched to a call of an intoxicated female fighting in the parking lot at a restaurant. An officer observed Aburto exit the parking lot and activated his lights and siren, following Aburto until she pulled over. Aburto allegedly refused to provide officers with her name and refused to obey officer's commands to exit the vehicle.

### Villa Park Aug. 29

Burglary to a vehicle was reported at a local fitness center. Police said an unknown suspect entered a vehicle parked in the lot, rummaged through the glove box and stole a wallet sometime between 2 and 3:39 p.m.

### Aug. 28

Patrice Henry (age not given) of Villa Park was charged with possession of a firearm/no FID card and

Police said an unknown suspect looked under a customer's dress using a camera on a cell phone.

### Aug. 27

Theft was reported in the 400 block of W. Division at around 5:53 p.m. Police said an unknown suspect stole a package that was reportedly delivered by USPS.

Theft was reported at Addison Road/Union Pacific Railroad at around 9:27 a.m. Police said an unknown suspect retrieved the tailgate that fell off a village vehicle. The suspect placed it in their vehicle and left the scene.

### Aug. 24-Aug. 26

Criminal damage to property was reported in the 1-100 block of S. Ardmore. Police said an unknown suspect slashed the driver's side front tire of a vehicle parked in the lot sometime between midnight Aug. 24 and 9 a.m. Aug. 26.

### Aug. 25

David Higgs, 41, of Chicago, was charged with possession of a controlled substance/other drug Aug. 24. The original complaint and arrest warrant were issued Aug. 25.

Kent K. Hughes, 55, of Wheaton, was charged with fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, driving

while license revoked, improper use of evidence or registration, reckless driving, improper overtaking/on right drove off roadway and driving in the wrong lane near North and Addison Aug. 30, 2018. The original complaint and arrest warrant were issued Aug. 25.

Criminal damage to property was reported at a local store at around 9:40 a.m. An unknown object caused two windows on the south side of the building to shatter.

### Aug. 24

Theft of lost or mislaid property was reported at a local store at around 1:21 p.m. Police said an unknown suspect removed a purse that was left in a shopping cart.

### Aug. 23

Cary Galanis, 46, of River Grove, was charged with battery/making physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature in the 300 block of W. Jackson at around 3:25 p.m.

### Aug. 22

Criminal damage to property was reported in the 300 block of N. Princeton. Police said an unknown suspect keyed a vehicle that was unattended and parked sometime between 10 and 11 a.m. The vehicle had visible scratch marks on all sides.



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## District 88 continues community food-service program

With the well-being of students as its No. 1 priority, District 88 is committed to making sure students continue to receive food service while they're not in the buildings.

"We are excited to announce we have received the necessary waivers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to reactivate our community food-service program," said Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton. "We are partnering with Chartwells and Cottage Hill Operating Company to provide free meals."

### Food distribution details:

#### Who is eligible for food service?

- This service is provided free of charge to all residents up to the age of 18.
- Five days' worth of meals will be distributed (five breakfasts and five lunches).

#### What is the cost?

- Meals are provided free of charge to eligible community members.

### When will food be distributed?

- Food will be provided from 1 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday.

### Where will food be distributed?

- Addison Trail High School, 213 N. Lombard Road in Addison – Door 6
- Willowbrook High School, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave. in Villa Park – Door 6

### Who can I contact for more information?

- Addison Trail Principal Michael Bolden at mbolden@dupage88.net or 630-628-3301
- Willowbrook Principal Dr. Daniel Krause at dkrause@dupage88.net or 630-530-3438
- District 88 Chief Financial Officer Ed Hoster at ehoster@dupage88.net or 630-530-3970
- For other food-service resources:
- Visit [dupage88.net/foodservice](http://dupage88.net/foodservice).

## DuPage Care Center to host virtual fall festival to support residents

The DuPage Care Center and the DuPage Care Center Foundation will host the Center's 53rd annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Due to COVID-19, the annual event to support social and leisure activities for residents of the DuPage Care Center will move online at

[dpcfoundation.org](http://dpcfoundation.org), where visitors can browse the virtual resident art show, the community car show, and the crafts show. The public can also pre-order Fall Festival treats, such as apple slices, taffy apples, and cake rolls. Participants can also order fall mums and purchase raffle tickets or

donate to the Foundation.

Drive-through pick-up of pre-ordered items will take place between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Care Center, 400 N. County Farm Road. Limited numbers of Fall Festival treats and raffle tickets will also be available onsite that day.

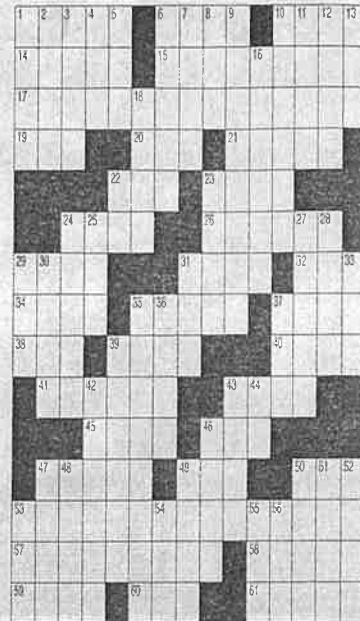
### CLUES ACROSS

1. Battered corners: dog\_
6. \_ Mater: one's school
10. National capital
14. Frogs and toads order
16. Bathrooms (French)
17. Praise
19. Witch
20. Consume
21. Pork and lamb are two types
22. Rocky peak
23. Women's undergarments
24. From end to end
26. Bed sheets
29. South Sudanese king
31. Dislike immensely
32. Diving seabird
34. Breathe noisily
35. Full of roots
37. Inside
38. Small island in a river
39. Tear into pieces
40. "CSI" actor George
41. Make less dense
43. Derogatory term for a country native
45. Pike and pickerel genus
46. Important in respiration and other biochemical reactions (abbr.)
47. Belgian city
49. "The Joy Luck Club" author
50. Essence of "Aloha"
53. Suggestions
57. One who overindulges
58. Expression
59. Maize dough
60. Make into leather
61. British noblemen

6. Fragrant essential oil
7. Aggressive, uncouth man
8. One thousandth of an inch
9. Brisk and cheerful readiness
10. Serving no practical purpose
11. Prevent from going forward
12. Camera part
13. Former CIA
16. Colorless, odorless gas
18. Long division of time
22. Atomic #73
23. Make a bleating sound
24. The kids love him
25. Female condition prior to menstrual period
27. Founder of Sikhism
28. Sudanese swamp
29. He/she can help with your finances
30. Part of the human body
31. Mortar trough

### CLUES DOWN

1. One of two or more people or things
2. Small, deerlike water buffalo
3. Part of a ladder
4. Unit of work
5. Patriotic women



33. Greek island
35. Change pagination
36. Queens hip hop group
37. Precursor to the EU
39. A way to go on
42. Slender marine fish
43. Georgetown's mascot
44. Farm state
46. Military leader (abbr.)
47. Russian river
48. Teams' best pitchers
49. In a more positive way
50. Long French river
51. Reactive structures in organic chemistry
52. Distinctive practices
53. Male gypsy
54. When you hope to get there
55. Men's fashion accessory
56. Journalist Tarbell

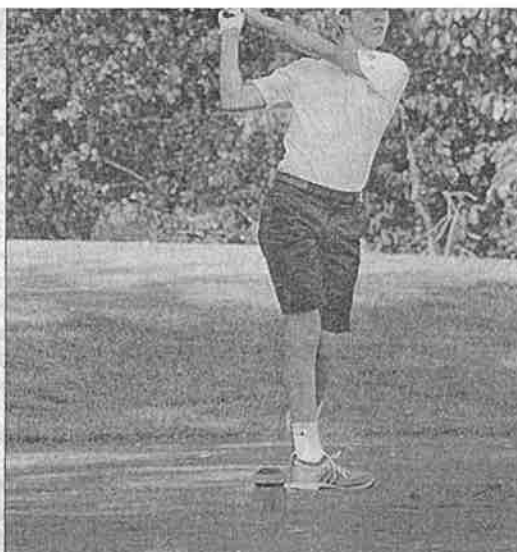
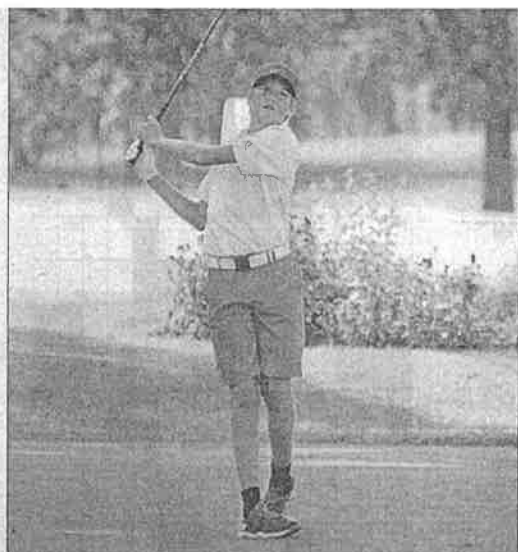
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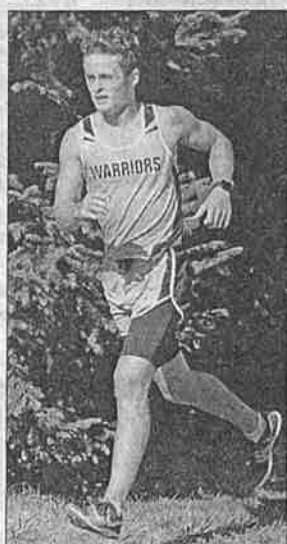


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## Warriors swing into action

The Willowbrook boys golf team began its 2020 season with last week's dual-meet victory over Leyden at White Pines Golf Club's West Course in Bensenville. The Warriors earned a team score of 163 in the Sept. 3 dual meet, while Leyden posted a team score of 196. Willowbrook sophomore Brett Vandergriff (above left) earned individual medalist honors with his nine-hole score of 39 on the par-36 layout. Junior Dominic Faillo shot a 40 for the Warriors, while seniors John Donovan and Nick Cipriano (above middle) both contributed scores of 42. The Warriors faced

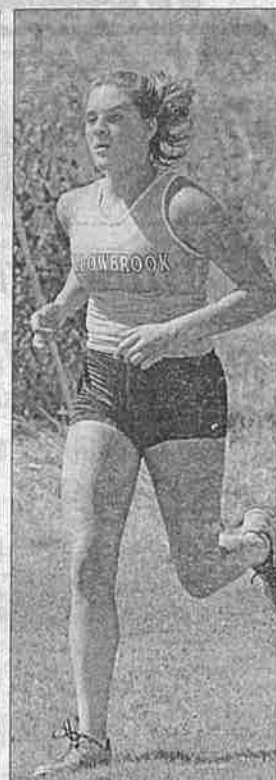
York and Downers Grove South in Saturday's three-team meet at Willow Crest Golf Club in Oak Brook. York won the team competition with its score of 321. Downers Grove South posted a 327, while Willowbrook finished with a team total of 359. Senior Andrew Rugg (above right) shot the Warriors' best 18-hole score of the day on Saturday—an 87 on the par-70 course. Cipriano fired an 88, while Donovan and Faillo both carded scores of 92. Vandergriff, Rugg and Cipriano are pictured during Saturday's play.



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## Leading Warriors

Senior Tyler King (above) provided the Willowbrook boys cross country team with its best finishing time in Saturday's season-opening dual meet against York. Running on a 2.93-mile course at Berens Park in Elmhurst, King completed the race in a 10<sup>th</sup>-place time of 16 minutes, 37.8 seconds. Senior Nick Leo (left) of the Warriors posted his team's second-best finishing time. Leo, who finished 15<sup>th</sup> overall, ran the race in 18:05.07.



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## Speedy Warriors

Willowbrook's girls cross country team opened its 2020 season with Saturday's dual meet against York at Berens Park in Elmhurst. York earned a narrow victory over the Warriors in the team competition. The Dukes posted a team score of 27 (2+3+6+7+9), while Willowbrook earned a team score of 31 (1+4+5+8+13). Senior Melissa Martinez (left) of the Warriors finished first in the 2.93-mile race. She completed the race in a first-place time of 20 minutes, 57 seconds. Junior Lily Weder (middle) of the Warriors turned in a fourth-place time of 22:02. Willowbrook senior Davlee Braden (right) (22:27) finished fifth.



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## Villa Park resident Caitlin Brennan named a Semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program

Willowbrook High School senior Caitlin Brennan of Villa Park has been named as a Semifinalist in the 66th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) recently announced the names of Brennan and about 16,000 other Semifinalists, who have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$30 million that will be offered this spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition.

According to the NMSC, about 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and about half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

More than 1.5 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become a Finalist, the Semifinalist and his or her high school must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the Semifinal-



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Caitlin Brennan, a Villa Park resident and senior at Willowbrook High School, has been named as a Semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Brennan and the approximately 16,000 other Semifinalists are able to continue in the competition for about 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth over \$30 million. Those scholarships will be offered in the spring of 2021.

ist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment and honors and awards received.

A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official and write an essay.

## Village holds fall edition of Spring Sweep on Saturday

Villa Park's Community Pride Commission is joining the Villa Park Environmental Concerns Commission to hold the second Villa Park Spring Sweep (Fall Edition) recycling and shredding drop-off event from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 19.

This year's event was moved from the spring to this month because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The drive-through Spring Sweep will take place on Home Avenue, Villa Park, between Hall and

hatchback, if possible.

The event is free to Villa Park residents, but a fee will apply for residents who drop off paint for recycling. While non-residents are welcome, they will have to pay additional fees for document shredding (\$10) and electronics recycling (\$20), in addition to the paint recycling fees.

Accepted items include adult bikes, hardcover and paperback books, used clothing and shoes, small appliances in working order, full and discharged fire extinguish-

## Obituaries

### Ofelia I. "Faye" La Porta, 81

Ofelia I. "Faye" La Porta, nee Munoz, of Villa Park, passed away recently at the age of 81. Former wife of the late Ronald J. Sr. Loving mother of Elizabeth La Porta, Thomas La Porta and the late Ronald J. Jr. La Porta. Cherished grandmother of Annabella Marie and Luca La Porta. Fond sister of Celia (late Gerald) Okhuysen, Larry Munoz, Jerry (Mary) Adriano, the late Delia Martinez. Aunt and great aunt of many. Visitation and funeral services were private. In lieu of flowers, memorial Masses to St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, 330 N. Westmore Ave., Villa Park, would be appreciated. Arrangements by Steuerle Funeral Home 630-832-4161.

### John Christopher Smith, 55

John Christopher Smith, of Villa Park, passed away at home on Aug. 18, 2020, at the age of 55. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and was raised in St. Louis, Mo., by his parents, Joan Ann (Boswell) Smith and John Walter Smith, Jr. He graduated from DeSmet Jesuit High School in St. Louis in 1983, and then attended St. Louis University. Afterwards, he moved to Chicago, which became his home for more than 30 years. Chris enjoyed several different jobs in Chicago including finance and banking, but he especially enjoyed his retail position at Jewel Osco in Villa Park, where he became friends with many of his fellow employees and customers. Chris was a beloved son, brother, uncle, great-uncle, godfather, and friend. He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Alex and Jerri Smith, of Baltimore, Maryland; his sister and brother-in-law, Diane and Nick Georgieff, of St. Louis; his niece, two nephews, and numerous loving relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, Chris was preceded in death by his beloved niece, Lisa Georgieff. A memorial service will be planned in the future. Interment will be private. Condolences may be made at Caring Cremations, Chicago. Memorial donations appreciated to: Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Foundation, Elmhurst. Arrange-



ments provided by the family.

### Dr. Thomas J. Rogers, 88

Longtime Villa Park dentist Longtime Elmhurst resident Dr. Thomas J. Rogers, DDS, was loved and prayed into the next life while surrounded by his cherished family on Sept. 2, 2020. He was 88. He was the dear husband of Barbara J. and the late Carol M. and the loving, much-admired father of Pattie (David Bolter), John (Barbara) and Lynn (Michael) Petrak. To say that he was proud of his grandchildren—Kevin, Samantha, Matthew, Christine, Katie, Jack and Annie—is an understatement; they were the light of his long, full life. He is also survived by his sister, Cornelia French Stagg of Savannah, Ga., and his nieces and nephew. Born and raised in the South Shore neighborhood of Chicago, he was a proud graduate and longtime supporter of St. Ignatius College Prep (1950) and the University of Notre Dame (1954). After serving in the United States Army Dental Corps upon graduation from Loyola Dental School, he practiced dentistry in Villa Park for nearly 40 years and lived with his family in Elmhurst for 45 years. Former member (and regular reunion organizer) of the Elmhurst Jaycees, the Chicago Dental Society and the Immaculate Conception High School Parents Club, among several other organizations. Whether you knew him as "Doc," Honey, Tommy Joe, Daddio, Papa or Bumpa, you understood that he was a man guided by faith, principle, generosity and skill, from fixing a crown to building a dock at his beloved summer home on Hamlin Lake in Ludington, Mich.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial service will be held at a later time to accommodate his many friends and loved ones. In his honor, you can pray the Hail Mary, hum the Notre Dame Fight Song, or toast to "Health, Happiness, Love and Peace" with a vodka gimlet on the rocks with lots of ice. Those wishing to make a contribution in his memory are encouraged to donate to IC Catholic Prep, Attn: Development Office, 217 S. Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126; or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105-9959. Arrangements provided by Gibbons Funeral Home. Info: gibbonsfuneralhome.com

Trinity Lutheran Church offers prayer group and support group for veterans and first-responders Meetings held each Wednesday, beginning Sept. 23



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I have a few friends who teach at public schools. They all work hard, and work long hours during the school year. I asked each of them if it's more difficult for them doing online learning that actually being in class. Each of them told me they would rather be teaching in class. Keep this in mind as school districts around here continue with remote learning only.

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This is Villa Park calling. I want to thank the gentleman who paid for my corn at Jewel on Friday afternoon. It's nice to know there are still kind, wonderful people out there. Thank you.

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Hello everybody in Lombard and Villa Park. I like the idea of two Sudokus but really, two advanced Sudokus? Why don't you satisfy people and give one easy and one advanced? That way you'll keep everybody happy. Thanks. Bye.

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When just about everything was shut down in April and May due to COVID-19, I kept hearing from Mr. Pritzker, health experts and so on that these shutdowns were necessary so that the health care system wouldn't be overwhelmed. It's now September.

all about the number of positive cases per day. As we move into the winter months, I'm sure the narrative will change again.

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I heard a law enforcement officer on TV talk about the recent deaths of black individuals, and he pointed out while the police actions were wrong, the individuals themselves share some of the responsibility. He was not victim-shaming, but rather noted how these individuals were either resisting arrest or behaving suspiciously enough that the officers were put in a no-win situation. I agree with the caller last week who said officers need more de-escalation training, but dam it, if you are being stopped, just cooperate until it can all be sorted out. Oh, and by the way, that law enforcement officer on TV is black.

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I have noticed that the city of Atlanta and many residents have organized to fight back against the drag racing that has plagued the city all summer. I would like to know why DuPage County and the police do not do similar actions nor are there similar protests against the high-speed racing in and around DuPage County. People with

Altering your muffler to make it loud is illegal; apparently not prosecuted or fined in DuPage County.

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One thing the Democrats are good at is dictating. They're good dictators.

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While you're considering Pritzker's fair tax proposal, remember this: Over 50 years ago we were told we only had to pay to use the tollway until it was paid for. That day has never come. With cable we were told, pay for it and you'll have commercial-free TV. We used to have one or two commercials per break. We now have 10 commercials with each break. Thank you.

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I see you Democrats picked Kamala Harris, the attack dog of the Democrats. Bye.

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I'd like to pose this question to all the liberals and the Democratic people. When it comes to voting, why is it you're afraid to go out and vote and cast your ballot, yet you can go stand in line at the Department of Motor Vehicles where it's three blocks long, around the corner, not even 6 feet apart, not even wearing masks. Answer me that.

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Watching the news, we see the teachers complaining about the coronavirus. Every couple of years we hear the teachers complaining they don't make enough money. It's about time for teachers to be put in their place because we're tired of hearing it. Schools are closed. 7-Eleven is open, essential workers. Schools are closed. Stores are open for food. Essential workers.

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## Willowbrook senior Sarah Fairbank named 88's Best for August

Willowbrook High School senior Sarah Fairbank of Villa Park was recently honored as her school's recipient of the 88's Best award for the month of August. Fairbank was recognized during the District 88 Board of Education's virtual meeting on Aug. 24.

District 88's board and administration created the 88's Best award to honor students for their achievements in and out of the classroom. The award recognizes nine students at each of District 88's two schools—Willowbrook and Addison Trail—each school year.

Fairbank has consistently pursued the most rigorous courses offered at Willowbrook. When she graduates, she will have completed 15 Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses, along with a multitude of honors courses. As a result of her academic success, Fairbank has maintained an academic rank within the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile of Willowbrook's Class of 2021.

Fairbank has been named to the Distinction Honor Roll in each semester of her time at Willowbrook. She is a National AP Scholar and an AP Scholar with Distinction. She's also an inductee of the National Honor Society, the National English Honor Society, Math Honor Society, World Language Honor Society and Willowbrook's social studies honor society—Civitas. Fairbank serves as co-president of the Thespian Honor Society.

Beyond the classroom, Fairbank commits her time and talents to a variety of activities at Willowbrook. She is a member of the school's math team (where she is a state qualifier) and has competed for the school's Econ Challenge, Mock Trial and Scholastic Bowl teams. Fairbank is also part of the Theatre Leadership Team and the Principal Leadership Team.

Fairbank has served as an assistant stage manager and supported lighting and sound for theatrical productions at Willowbrook. During her free periods, she finds time to serve as a tech assistant to troubleshoot and repair Chromebooks and other devices.

Outside of Willowbrook, Fairbank volunteers as a math tutor for elementary school students. She also works in a variety of capacities for the Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department. She started working as a soccer referee for the youth soccer program, and was quickly recognized as a confident, capable and reliable worker. Over the last three years, Fairbank has worked as a site supervisor for adult pickleball, women's volleyball, youth basketball and youth soccer. She has also worked as a pool ambassador at Jefferson Pool.

Fairbank's plans for the future include applying to the University of Notre Dame, Hillsdale College, Princeton University, Johns Hopkins University and Pennsylvania State University.



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**Sarah Fairbank, a Villa Park resident and a senior at Willowbrook High School, was recently named her school's recipient of the 88's Best award for the month of August. The District 88 Board of Education honored Fairbank at its virtual meeting on Aug. 24. Fairbank holds an academic rank within the top 1 percent of Willowbrook's Class of 2021. In addition to being an academic standout, Fairbank is involved in numerous extracurricular activities at school. She also works for the Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department and volunteers as a math tutor for elementary school students. Fairbank, who**

## DuPage County Health Department reports 544 deaths related to COVID-19

STAFF REPORT

The DuPage County Health Department's daily update on Sept. 13 reported 15,997 confirmed cases of the COVID-19 coronavirus in county residents, including 544 deaths.

The update from six days earlier—Sept. 7—reported 539 deaths related to COVID-19 in DuPage County. The Sept. 7 update also noted 15,337 confirmed cases of the coronavirus. While there were 600-plus additional cases in the county from Sept. 7 to Sept. 13, the health department reports there were 28 COVID-19 related hospitalizations in DuPage County during the first 13 days of September.

The health department notes that its figures are provisional and subject to change.

As of Sept. 13, the county health department reported 461 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Villa Park residents, including six deaths.

According to the county health department, the first COVID-19 related death in DuPage County took place on March 19. There were 14 deaths related to the coronavirus in DuPage County during March. There were 195 COVID-19 related deaths in the county in April, and another 195 deaths related to COVID-19 in May.

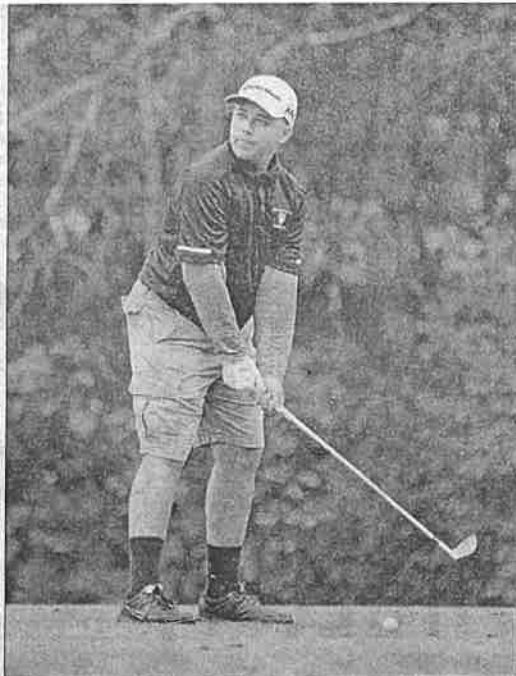
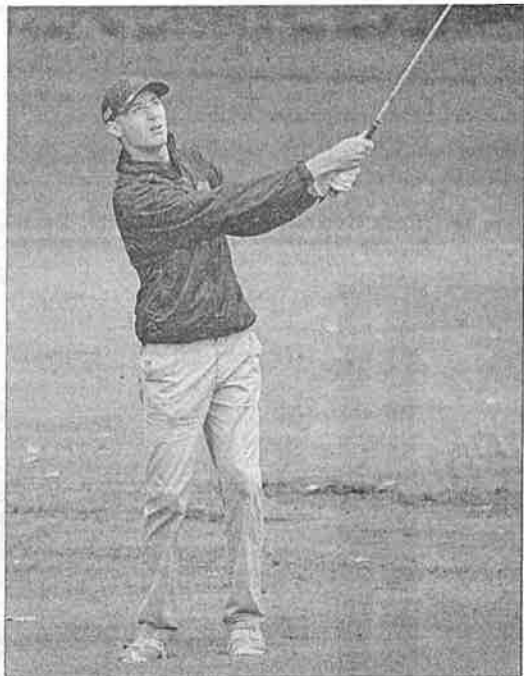
deaths in the county as of Sept. 13, the health department reported 17 COVID-19 in DuPage County. Through the first 13 days of September, the health department reported five COVID-19 related deaths in DuPage County to account for deaths related to the coronavirus. As of Sept. 11, the Department of Public Health reported that nearly 80 percent of COVID-19 related deaths in DuPage County involved residents in long-term care facilities.

The IDPH's daily Sept. 13 reported that 8,309 deaths related to COVID-19 in Illinois. As of Sept. 11, of those deaths—4, residents of long-term care facilities.

The IDPH's daily Sept. 13 stated there had been 261,000 confirmed COVID-19 coronavirus cases in Illinois as of Sept. 11, an increase of over 10,000 from the update on Sept. 7. There had been more than 10,000 tests for the virus per day since the Sept. 7 report.

According to the IDPH, about 6,400 total deaths



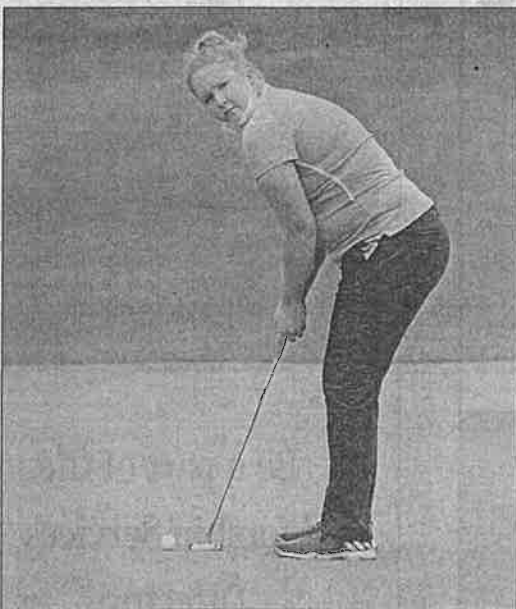
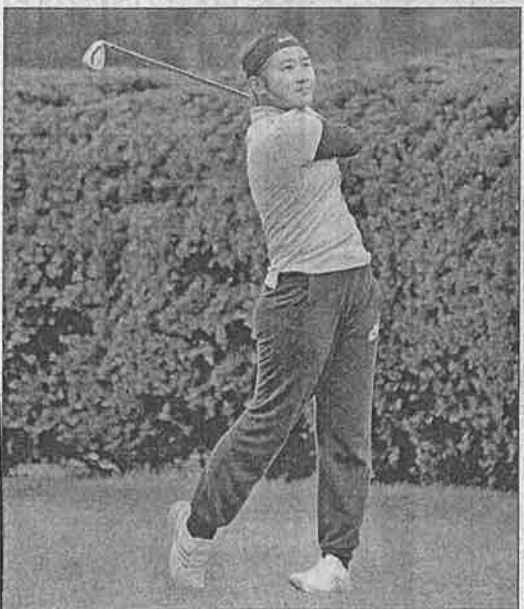


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## A win for the Warriors

Willowbrook's boys golf team earned a 153-182 victory over the Morton Mustangs in last week's West Suburban Gold Conference dual meet at Sugar Creek Golf Course. The Warriors improved to 2-0 in conference play and 2-2 overall with the Sept. 10 victory over Morton. Senior Andrew Rugg (above left) and junior Dominic Faillo (above

middle) led the Warriors to the win. Both players shot four-over-par rounds of 36 on the nine-hole course. Senior John Donovan (above right) provided a 40 for Willow. Sophomore Brett Vandergrift shot a 41. The Warriors were supposed to play in a team meet on Saturday, but that event was rained out.



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## Willowbrook battles Lyons Township

Willowbrook's girls golf team faced Lyons Township in last week's West Suburban Conference dual meet at the Warriors' home venue—Twin Lakes Golf Club in Westmont. The Lyons defeated Willowbrook 154 to 172 in the team competition. Junior Emma Rattana (left) led the Warriors with a round of 36 on the nine-hole, par-28 course. Sophomore Mickey Martens (right) fired a 43 for Willowbrook, while senior Maddie Hayes carded a 46. Sophomore Maddie Aderholt and junior Grace Hayes both shot rounds of 47 for the Warriors, while senior Kayla Raue-Lease posted a 50. Willowbrook was supposed to play in a four-team meet on Saturday, but that competition was canceled because

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