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District 88 expands meal service hours, offerings

At District 88, the well-being of students is the 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 now extending the hours of service and the number of meals provided through the community food-service program. We are partnering with Chartwells and Cottage Hill Operating Company to offer free meals.

Please see the food distribution details below:

Who is eligible for the food service?

- This service is provided free of

charge to all residents up to the age of 18.

- Seven days' worth of meals will be distributed (seven breakfasts and seven lunches), starting on Oct. 7.

What is the cost of the meals?

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

When will food be distributed?

- Food will be provided from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Wednesday, starting on Oct. 7.

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

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• District 88 Chief Financial Officer Ed Hoster at ehoster@dupage88.net or 630-530-3970

For other food service resources:

- Go to dupage88.net/foodservice.

Township announces schedule for Early Voting

According to a release received from Addison Township Supervisor Dennis Reboetti, the Township is a permanent early voting site.

"We will be open for early voting starting Monday, Oct. 19 and ending on Monday, Nov. 2," he said.

Days and times are as follows:

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday, Nov 2: 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Please enter the facility at Door 8. For everyone's health and safety, staff will be sanitizing the site daily and an enhanced air purification system was recently installed to provide better air quality in the building, Reboetti said.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 630-530-8161.



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Community comes together to battle COVID-19

On Monday, Sept. 21, Mayor Rich Veenstra (back row, far right) worked alongside the Addison Park District Senior Club to assemble 1,000 COVID-19 Readiness Kits. "Addison has faced many challenges over the years, and we have learned that no challenge is insurmountable when we all come together and help one another," Veenstra said. "The pandemic is no different, and I'm proud of the way our community, once again, is coming together to support each other."

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Working together as a community

Addison Mayor Rich Veenstra recently joined the Addison Park District Senior Club efforts to assemble 1,000 COVID-19 Readiness Kits for the community. Each kit contains disposable masks, hand sanitizer and educational materials. For children, there are COVID-related coloring books and colored pencils. Distribution will begin in early October in various areas of the Addison community and then, will continue on a weekly basis.

Montini Catholic launches Freshmen Mentorship Program

Montini Catholic is proud to have launched its new Freshmen Mentorship Program which is facilitated by the Lasallian high school's Peer Ministry Team - a faith-based ministry group whose mission is to inspire and motivate by example and to encourage students to engage in faith-based activities at Montini and in their communities.

The goal for the Freshmen Mentorship Program is to provide freshmen with encouragement and support as they transition to high school as newest members of the Bronco community. "We want to welcome them and provide them with a mentor to help navigate through the numerous difficulties that come with beginning

a new school, especially when it's high school," said Campus Minister Michael Blanchette. The Peer Ministers were assigned to lead a small group of freshmen. "They will be with the same group of students all year, so that they can bond and get to know them and journey alongside them throughout the school year."

On Thursday and Friday (September 24th and 25th), the groups got together for the first time. They plan to do this type of activity at least once a quarter throughout the year during Freshman Theology classes. Prior to the beginning of the school year, Peer Ministers were already reaching out to their groups via email, text and facetime at least once a month.

"We want them to be a constant source of information and support," said Blanchette. "During this first session, the mentors brought up specific 'ice-breaker' topics for discussion and freshmen were given the chance to get to know one another better and ask questions if desired. Our ministers will also give witness talks and lead team building activities throughout the year."

He noted that many students admitted that they would have enjoyed more time with their groups, which, to him, is a good sign that the students are already engaged with the program. "We really hope this is a positive experience for our freshman and for our Peer Ministers as

well," Blanchette said.

The Peer Ministers will also take on leadership roles during Montini Catholic's much-anticipated, annual Freshman Retreat Day which will take place during the school's second semester this year.

Mr. Blanchette is confident that the mentorship program will benefit the school community as a whole.

"We are a family-oriented community," he said. "The freshmen look up to the Peer Ministers as older brothers and sisters," he said. "While at the same time, our Peer Ministers are being challenged to grow their leadership skills and to become inspirations within their school and local communities."

Addison Park District upcoming Halloween events

Candy Carnival coming Oct. 30

Join the Addison Park District for a night of Halloween fun at the 9th Annual Candy Carnival. Children ages 10 and younger will play games to win candy. We will have a variety of games for children to play such as boo buckets, bat bean bag toss, ghoulish putting green, candy walk, pumpkin sack races, howlin' hula hoops and more.

Come in your Halloween costume

to participate in the costume contest. Prizes will be awarded for the most original, scariest and funniest costumes in three age categories. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Must wear mask during event, temperature checks at check in.

It will be held at the Centennial Rec Center Gym. Time slots are: 3:30-4:45 p.m.; 5-6:15 p.m.; and, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Pre-registration required. Call 630-233-7275 or visit addisonparks.org.

Halloween House Decoration Contest

Out-BOO your neighbors by entering the Addison Park District's Haunted House Decorating Contest now through Oct. 31.

Entry pictures must be submitted to kgwozdz@addisonparks.org no later than Saturday, Oct. 31. Participants are required to provide pictures of decoration, address, contact information and category for entry.

Winners will be announced Tues-

day, Nov. 3.

This year's categories include:

Scariest: Entries will be judged on special effects, and overall sense of fright!

Judge's Favorite: This category is decided by the judges.

Best Effects: This category includes special effects, including lights and mechanical effects to surprise and entertain everyone!

See more information on Facebook and at addisonparks.org.

District 88 releases Addison Trail yearbook information

Attention, members of the Addison Trail class of 2021:

It's time to schedule your senior photo session with HR Imaging Partners/Root Studios.

When: Time slots are available from 3 to 8 p.m. from Oct. 19 to 22.

Where: Addison Trail, 213 N. Lombard Road in Addison (in the Blazer Room)

How to schedule an appointment:

Log into your account at rootseniors.com and sign up for a time slot.

Cost:

- Yearbook portrait photo: Free
- Specialty senior photos: Added costs

Important coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) procedures:

- Enter through door No. 1 for a temperature check and a health screening

- Enter by yourself (no family or friends)

- Wear a mask the entire time, except for when pictures are being taken

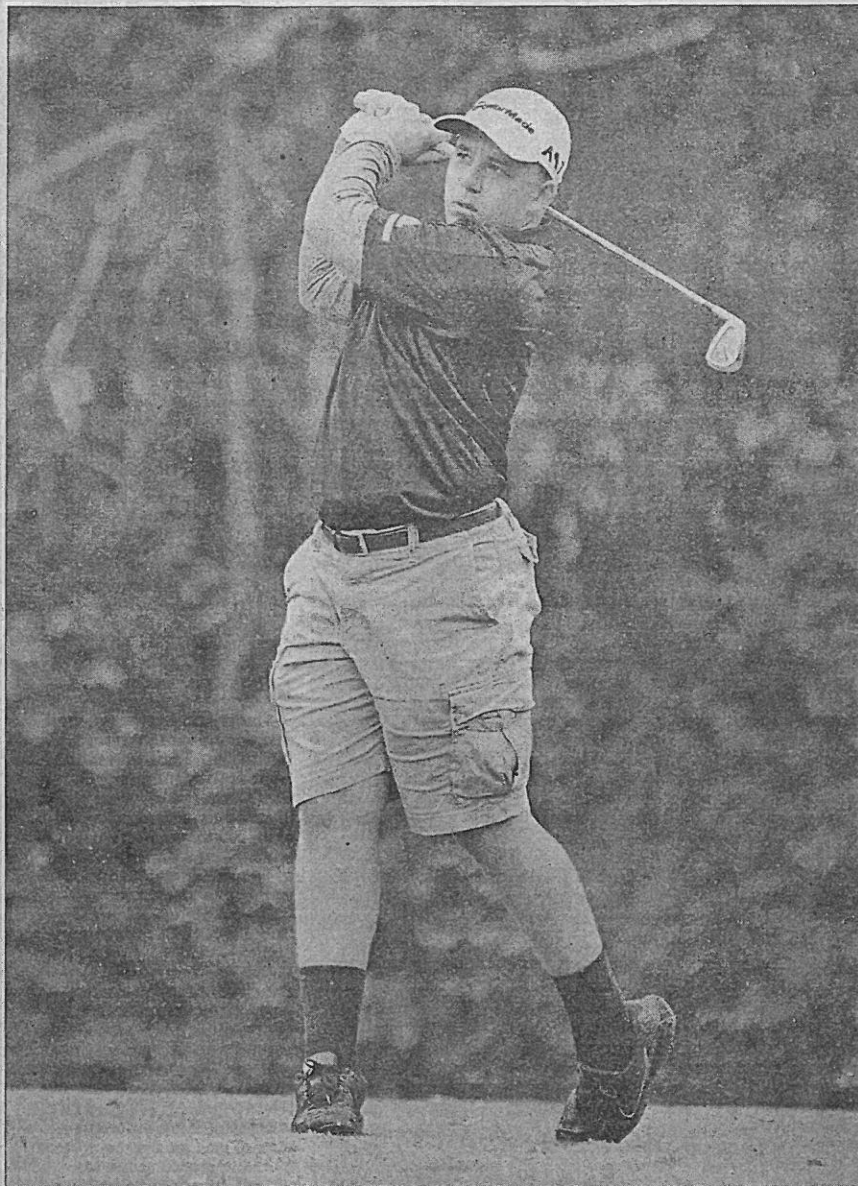
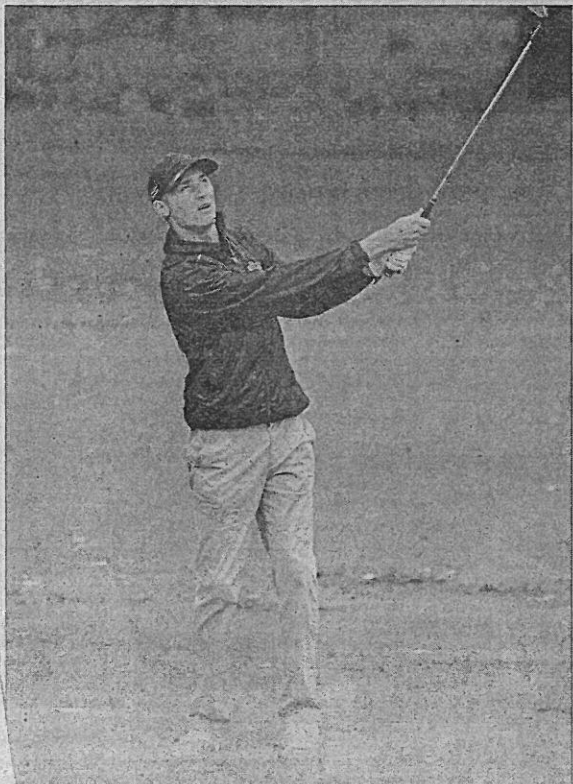
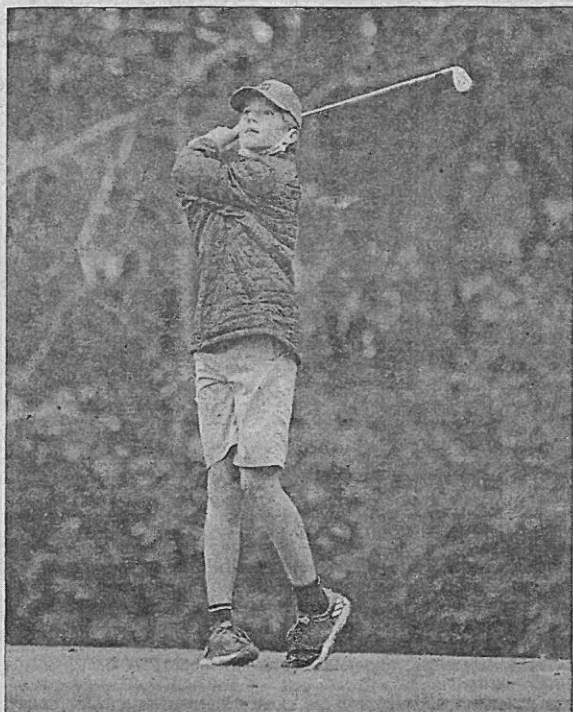
- Proceed to the Blazer Room, and maintain social distancing while waiting for the photographer's instructions

For questions or more information: Contact Addison Trail yearbook

sponsor Jessica Clark at jclark@dupage88.net, or go to dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=5459

Yearbooks for sale

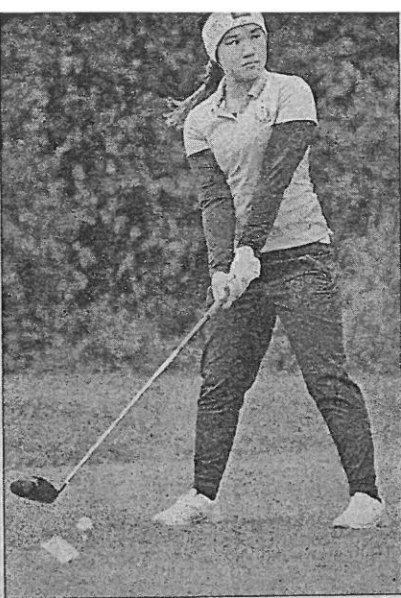
There's still time for Addison Trail students to buy a 2020-21 yearbook. Books are \$50 each and can be bought online at tinyurl.com/AT-Memorabilia. Be sure to reserve your book now, before the price increases.



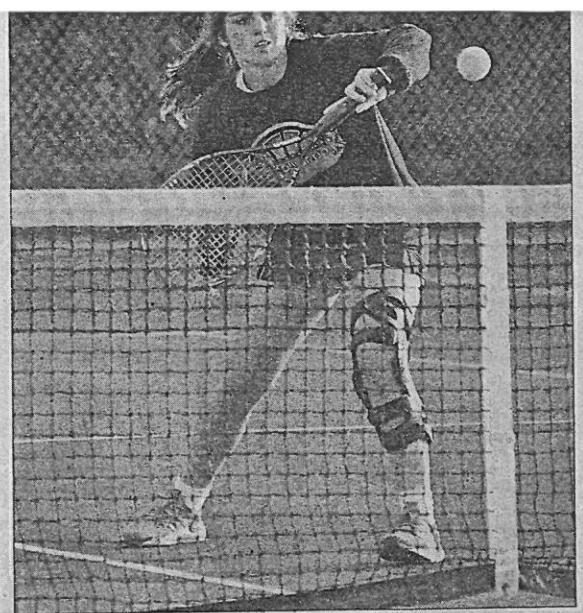
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Warriors take third in conference meet

Willowbrook's boys golf team battled in Saturday's West Suburban Conference Championships at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club's Course No. 2 in Palos Park. The Warriors placed third among the conference's Gold Division teams in Saturday's meet with their score of 339. Downers Grove South won the Gold Division's meet title with its score of 319. Hinsdale South placed one stroke ahead of Willowbrook with its score of 338. Addison Trail (341) finished fourth, while Morton (410) and Leyden (417) placed fifth and sixth, respectively. Sophomore Brett Vandergriff (top left) delivered Willowbrook's best round on Saturday by shooting an 18-hole round of 81 on the par-72 course. He finished sixth among all individuals in the Gold Division. Senior Andrew Rugg (left) contributed an 83 for the Warriors, while junior Dominic Faillo (above) fired an 87. Senior Nick Cipriano rounded out Willowbrook's scoring lineup with an 88. Vandergriff, Rugg and Faillo earned all-conference honors with their performances at Saturday's meet. In addition to placing third in the meet, the Warriors tied for third in the overall season standings, which included Saturday's scores and the results from conference dual meets during the regular season. The Warriors are competing in this week's nine-team IHSA Class 3A Regional at Glendale Lakes Golf Club in Glendale Heights.



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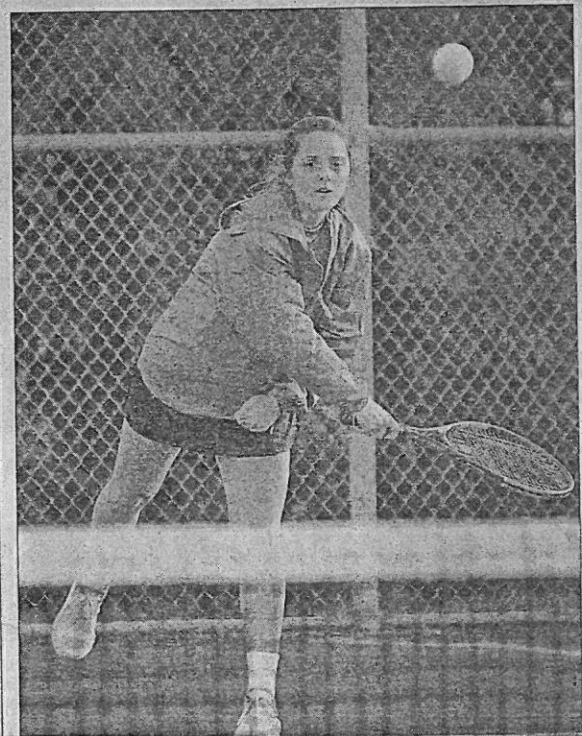


Warriors play in their conference meet

The Willowbrook girls golf team competed in Saturday's West Suburban Conference Meet at Bloomingdale Golf Club. The Warriors finished seventh in the team standings of the 10-team event with their score of 380. Hinsdale Central won the team title with its score of 305. The West Suburban Conference is not divided into Silver and Gold divisions in girls golf. Junior Emma Rattana (above left) posted Willowbrook's best score of the conference meet by firing an 18-hole round of 87 on the par-71 course. Rattana finished in a tie for 14th place in the event's individual standings. She earned all-conference honors by placing among the top 20 individuals in the meet. Sophomores Mickey Martens (above right) and Maddie Aderholt (left) both shot rounds of 96 for the Warriors. Senior Peyton Mitrick carded a 101 to round out Willowbrook's scoring lineup (87+96+96+101). Seniors Maddie Hayes and Kayla Raue-Lease shot scores of 106 and 111, respectively. The Warriors are playing in this week's 10-team IHSA Class 2A regional at Glendale Lakes Golf Club in Glendale

Winning Warriors



Willowbrook's girls tennis team faced Downers Grove South in Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference dual meet in Villa Park. The visiting Mustangs defeated the Warriors 6-1. Willowbrook earned its only win of the meet in the No. 3 doubles match. Senior Grace Tumilty (above) and Junior Mackenzie Parente (below) teamed up to provide the Warriors with the victory. Earlier last week, the Warriors claimed wins in conference dual meets against Addison Trail and Proviso East. Willowbrook will play in the West Suburban Gold Conference Meet this Friday and Saturday. The meet's matches will take place at Hinsdale South and Hinsdale Central.




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All-conference
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tie for 14th place in the meet's individual standings. The Warriors earned seventh in the team standings of the event, which included 10 teams. Willowbrook's girls golf team is playing in this week's IHSA Class 2A regional at Glendale Lakes Golf Club in Glendale Heights. See Sports for more about Willowbrook's girls and boys golf teams.

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I am happy to see our villages are offering signs we can display for Halloween, whether trick or treating is either welcome or not. And I am also happy they are leaving it up to sensible adults to make the best decision for their own circumstances. I am undecided about handing out candy, but if I do, it will not be with kids ringing the doorbell. And please, people, no shaming on either side of the issue. It is not helpful.

Ever notice that anytime something doesn't go the left's way, they want to change things? When Trump won the Electoral College but not the popular vote, they wanted to get rid of the Electoral College. After Ruth Bader Ginsberg died, and Trump nominated Amy Coney Barrett to take her place, they want to increase the number of justices from nine to 11. They've also proposed term limits of 18 years for Supreme Court Justices while always refusing term limits for themselves. I also read that they would like to admit two more states into the union in order to ensure a Senate majority. A lot of these leftists are worse than a 2-year-old who has a conniption fit after you take away their favorite toy.

The debate between Donald Trump and Joe Biden was an embarrassment. It's too bad Kanye West was thrown off the ballot in Illinois. If Kanye were on the ballot, I'd strongly consider voting for him at this point instead of either of these

two.

I heard on the radio a monarch butterfly advocate say how the state's monarch conservation group wants to plant milkweed on what she called "roadways." Now, I am all for the conservation, and planting foliage to attract pollinators, but my concern is that if planted on roadways, such as the grassy medians on I-80 or I-88, for example, these lovely creatures are at risk of ending up on my windshield or front grille. That certainly does no good in conserving the population.

I can't wait to vote for higher taxes. Open borders. Health care for illegal aliens, closing steel plants. Making America oil dependent again. Defunding police. No more law and order. More riots and more cities like Portland, Seattle and Chicago coming to suburbs. Boy oh boy where do I sign up?

Cases, cases, cases. That's all the public schools seem to be talking about regarding COVID-19. Why don't they ever note that COVID-19 related deaths and hospitalizations have plummeted? Are the public schools aware that numerous private schools have been holding in-person classes for a few weeks, with no issues?

Someone stole our two Biden/Harris 2020 yard signs between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sept. 24. They were

You can't tell me that in 2020—the age of facial recognition, fingerprint recognition, retina scanners, bar codes and supercomputers—we cannot accurately count votes. The upcoming election is on Nov. 3. It's not exactly a surprise on the schedule. But it's almost a certainty that people will question the accuracy and legitimacy of the vote count. Some people will also want votes to be accepted well after Nov. 3. The system is messed up because some people want it that way.

I cannot vote for a presidential candidate who has 47 years of government experience and only blames the current president for all the problems in this current environment. He had plenty of time to make a difference. We need continued change and Trump is an outsider who has been keeping his campaign promises.

Because of the tapes, we know that Trump knew. He knew that the virus could kill people and that it was airborne. Yet he told us that it was a Democratic hoax and that

you think. Look at the recent events with the Chicago Teachers Union saying they won't go back to the classrooms. That being said, what are the official stances of the teacher unions for local districts 44, 45, 87 and 88? Do they want to be back in the classrooms? The teacher unions have more power than you think.

Am I the only person who has Googled "Deaths per year in the United States" to learn how many people die in one year? According to the Centers for Disease Control, there were more than 2.8 million deaths in the United States in 2018. That's over 235,000 deaths per month. The number of annual deaths in the country never made news until this year. There's a big difference between dying of COVID-19 and dying with it. But there seems to be enthusiasm for running up the COVID-19 death total. Did you see that in Wisconsin, there's a major disparity in the number of COVID-19 deaths between the state and Milwaukee County? There's a disparity between the way the state and the county record deaths.

masks in public when you're wearing one around your chin or neck? I don't know if masks do any good, but they are definitely useless when they don't cover your nose or mouth. Yet it seems like that's how a lot of people wear them.

It is so encouraging to see those who do not want to be ridiculed for supporting Trump fly American flags instead. The silent majority is in full force.

I saw a commercial promoting the fair tax on TV. The commercial asked, "Who's going to pay? Billionaires or you?" There's a grand total of 17 billionaires in Illinois, including six with the last name Pritzker. The population of Illinois is over 12 million people. If this passes, keep dreaming if you think you're not going to pay more taxes in the future, and keep dreaming if you think the Pritzkers and the rest of these billionaires won't find tax shelters and loopholes like Donald Trump does. The same commercial also claims the fair tax will lower property taxes. What a crock!

Community calendar

Monday, Oct. 12

• *Library presents live streaming Wendy + DB Concert*

The Villa Park Public Library presents the award-winning duo Wendy + DB in a live, online concert starting at 2 p.m. Children of all ages are sure to start singing, dancing, and jumping along to the duo's original songs and upbeat lyrics. Registration is not required. Tune in to the Library's Youth Services Facebook page to enjoy the show on Facebook Live. For more information, visit the library's website at www.vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

• *Actress Leslie Goddard portrays suffragist Alice Paul*

The Villa Park Public Library is presenting present actress and scholar Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., in an online living-history portrayal of suffragist Alice Paul, one of the most dynamic leaders in the fight to win votes for women. This entertaining and educational program will be held from 7-8 p.m. via Zoom. Registration is required. All registrants must provide an email address to participate. The program link will be shared with all registered participants. For more information, visit the library's website at www.vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Tuesday, Oct. 13

• *Library explores important presidential decisions*

Get ready for the upcoming election with the Villa Park Public Library's 10 Most Important Presidential Decisions from 7-8 p.m. Join Professor Gary Midkiff online via Zoom for an investigation into some of the most important presidential decisions. Registration is required. All registrants must provide an email address to participate. The program link will be shared with all registered participants. For more information, visit the library's website at www.vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Wednesday, Oct. 14

• *Library celebrates Star Wars Reads Month with a storytime*

Do you love Star Wars and reading? The Villa Park Public Library is celebrating all month long with activities and more on their social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter.

The library will also present a special Star Wars Storytime, featuring a special story and craft at 2 p.m. Registration is required for the storytime on Oct. 14.

For more information, visit the library's website at www.vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

• *Library presents Beyond the Blues Brothers*

Starting at 7 p.m., in honor of the film's 40th anniversary, the Villa Park Public Library will host *Beyond the Blues Brothers* online via Zoom. Presented by Kelli Marshall of Chicago Movie Tours, this program will explore the movie's backstories, mix of Hollywood genres, and impact on Chicago-based filmmaking. Registration is required. All registrants must provide an email address to participate.

The program link will be shared with all registered participants. For more information, visit the library's website at www.vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

• *Library presents Seasonal Soups 101*

From 7-8:30 p.m., the Villa Park Public Library will present *Seasonal Soups 101* with Chef Michael Maddox online via Zoom. Chef Maddox will present three tasty soup recipes. Registration is required. All registrants must provide an email address to participate. The program link will be shared with all registered participants. For more information, visit the library's website at www.vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

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The food distribution at Willowbrook will take place each Wednesday outside of Door 6.

For more information about the district's food distribution program, contact Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause at 630-530-3438, or dkrause@dupage88.net, or contact District 88 Chief Financial Officer Ed Hoster at 630-530-3970, or ehoster@dupage88.net.