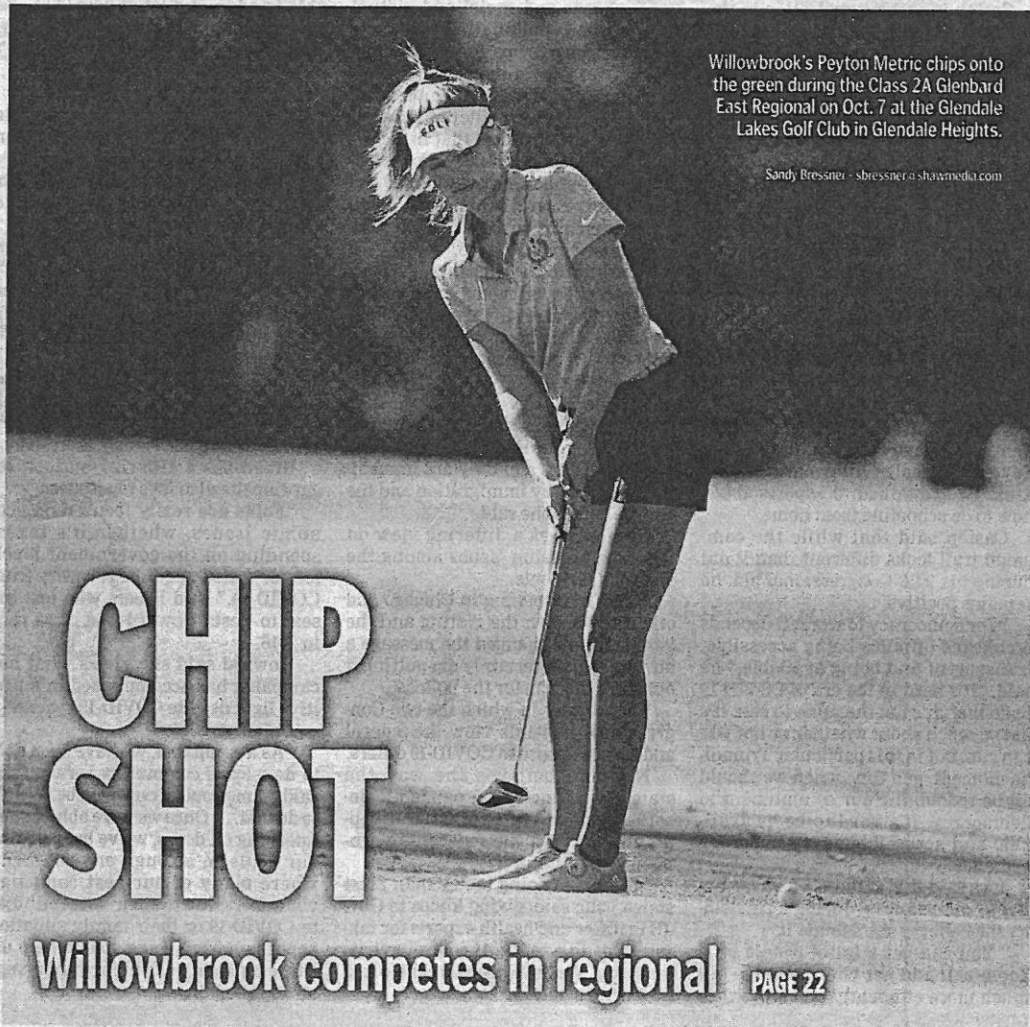


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Willowbrook's Peyton Metric chips onto the green during the Class 2A Glenbard East Regional on Oct. 7 at the Glendale Lakes Golf Club in Glendale Heights.

Sandy Bressner - sbressner@shawmedia.com

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Willowbrook competes in regional **PAGE 22**

COVID-19 leads to cautious candidates on campaign trail

By MEGANN HORSTEAD
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The 2020 election season has taken on a different appearance as local candidates hit the campaign trail while abiding by COVID-19 restrictions.

From rules limiting large in-person gatherings to social distancing measures and work-from-home protocols, candidates faced a number of changes early in the 2020 campaign season. As communities started relaxing restrictions, campaigns were prompted to adjust to help mitigate the threat of spreading the virus.

Still, many candidates said they remain hopeful they can draw in support now that early voting is underway. Election Day is Nov. 3.

Among those on the campaign trail during the pandemic are candidates vying for the 6th Congressional District, 3rd Congressional District and 48th State House District, all of which include parts of DuPage County.

U.S. Rep. Sean Casten, D-Downers Grove, said he and his campaign changed course a bit when the pandemic first hit.

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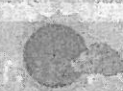
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District 88 Board approves transition to another stage in its reopening plan

The District 88 Board of Education voted during its Oct. 5 meeting to approve the transition from Stage 1 (Remote Learning) of its reopening/return to school plan to Stage 2 (Remote Plus Learning). The transition will be implemented on Oct. 19.



Scott Helton,
District 88
Superintendent

Most students at both District 88 schools—Willowbrook High School and Addison Trail High School—will continue to receive remote instruction under Stage 2. The district could shift to Stage 3—Blended Remote (Hybrid Learning)—within the next few weeks, if certain COVID-19 metrics are met. The district would likely begin Stage 3 by allowing around 25 percent of a school's students to be in the building at one time.

Willowbrook, Addison Trail and all other K-12 schools in Illinois closed to in-person instruction at the end of classes on March 13. The schools remained closed to in-person instruction for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

District 88's current 2020-21 school year began, with fully remote instruction, on Aug. 24.

In July, the District 88 Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the district's Return to School Plan. The plan called for the district to start the 2020-21 school year with fully remote instruction, and to re-evaluate the plan at its Oct. 5 meeting.

One day after last week's meeting, District 88 Superintendent Scott Helton joined other district administrators to record a video with details

about the district's plans and policies during the pandemic. Helton noted that regardless of what stage the district is in, parents will have the option to keep their children in a fully remote learning environment.

Helton noted during the Oct. 6 video presentation that the district's legal and insurance advisors have stressed the need to follow guidelines from the DuPage County Health Department and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Helton said the district has been working with the DuPage County Health Department to follow its COVID-19 School Metrics Guidance. That guidance outlines features three levels of COVID-19 community transmission: minimal (yellow), moderate (orange) and substantial (red).

Helton stated that if all of the county's metrics are in the minimal community transmission level for two consecutive weeks, the district would prepare to move into Stage 3 and offer a blend of in-person and remote instruction.

"That's what the county has put out for us," said Helton. "We're educators and we follow the guidance of the medical professionals at the county and the state level."

Under the Stage 2 status that begins on Oct. 19, less than 15 percent of a school's students will be on campus for in-person instruction. The District 88 students who will be in school during Stage 2 have been identified based on special needs for in-person support. Additionally, behind-the-wheel driver-education instruction will be allowed during Stage 2.

District administrators noted during last week's video presentation that some students with special needs have already been in school buildings for in-person support during the cur-

rent school year. Some other students have been allowed into schools to access remote instruction from their school's campus.

No lunches will be served at Willowbrook and Addison Trail during both Stage 2 and Stage 3. Each Wednesday during Stage 2 and Stage 3 will feature entirely remote instruction during to allow for thorough cleaning of school facilities.

In Stage 2, teachers will have the option to bring in small groups of students on campus for instruction, intervention and social and emotional support. After-school tutoring, both remote and in-person, will also be offered during Stage 2.

In discussing guidelines for allowing students on campus, District 88 administrators noted during the Oct. 6 presentation that students and staff members will have to adhere to social distancing. Additionally, students will be grouped in cohorts in an attempt to limit mixing of different student groups. Students will sit at assigned seats in both classrooms and on buses.

The Oct. 6 video also included details about some of the safety measures the district has taken during the pandemic. The district has upgraded its buildings' air filters to capture smaller particles in the air. The district has also doubled its air handling units' outdoor air intake to increase the amount of fresh air (from 10 percent to a minimum of 20 percent) circulating in district buildings.

In addition to purchasing an array of personal protective equipment, the district has acquired handheld and backpack electrostatic sprayers to clean and disinfect its buildings.

The Oct. 6 presentation noted that social distancing requirements will cause limited capacity on school buses. A large bus will have a capacity of 10 students, who will wear masks and sit in assigned seats. Buses will also include a driver and a monitor.

The monitor will take students' temperatures and enforce assigned seating rules. Buses will be cleaned and disinfected daily.

If a student or staff member experiences a high-risk exposure by spending more than 15 minutes within 6 feet of someone who tested positive for COVID-19, that student or staff member will be required to quarantine for 14 days.

Helton stressed that the date the district could transition to Stage 3 would be driven by COVID-19 metrics within DuPage County.

If the district transitions to Stage 3, it would begin its Blended Remote (Hybrid Learning) instruction by dividing students at each of its schools into four groups. Each student would attend school in person for two days every two weeks. Wednesdays would continue to be fully remote days to allow for deep cleaning of school buildings, and parents would still have the option to keep their children in a fully remote learning environment.

"No matter what, what District 88 is all about is taking care of our kids," said Helton at the end of last week's video presentation. "Our teachers have never been this far apart from our kids for so long. We understand that nothing replaces face-to-face learning. We need to get our students back as soon as possible, in a safe and secure environment, and we're working to do that."

The Oct. 6 presentation also included results from a recent survey of District 88 parents. The district's received 1,450 responses from parents. One of the survey questions asked parents if they would send their children to in-person instruction when conditions allow.

About 66 percent of the Willowbrook parents responded that they would send their children to school, while about 34 percent of the school's parents responded they would keep their children at home.

Don't be haunted by scary decisions, drive sober this Halloween

Police in Villa Park will step up impaired driving enforcement for the upcoming holiday

The Villa Park Police Department is issuing a reminder to motorists of the importance of planning for a sober ride home from upcoming Halloween parties.

"Halloween is scary enough without adding impaired driving to the mix," said Villa Park Police Sgt. James Cihak. "Because even one drink can impair your ability to make responsible decisions, we urge you to make a plan for a sober ride home be-

loween:

- Plan a safe and sober way home before you go out; designate a sober driver, take public transportation, use your favorite ride-sharing service or call a sober friend or family member.

- Remember, walking while impaired can be just as dangerous as driving while impaired. Designate a sober friend to walk you home.

- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement as soon as you can safely do so.

Obituary

Marilyn M. Kavanaugh

Marilyn M. Kavanaugh, nee Devereaux, of Plainfield, formerly of Villa Park and Joliet, unexpectedly went home to God on Sunday, October 4. She is survived by her loving husband of almost 61 years, James, her children Kenneth (Cathleen), Christopher (Christine), Matthew (Cynthia), Maureen (John) and Coleen as well as grandchildren Michael, Daniel, Kelly (Michael), Kevin, Colin (Olivia) and Austin and great granddaughters

exander parish, she worked for many years at Elmhurst College in the registrar's office.

Marilyn will be missed for her unique ability to welcome all people into her heart and home as if they were part of her family. She could bring anyone out of their shell with her warmth and empathy. She taught by example how to be compassionate and loving towards others as she truly lived out the Catholic faith that she loved so much.

Marilyn loved to read and share

Willowbrook golf teams wrap up season at regional events

Warriors take seventh in boys competition; girls team finishes sixth

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook boys and girls golf teams completed their 2020 seasons at last week's IHSA regional events at Glendale Lakes Golf Club in Glendale Heights.

Willowbrook's boys team played in the nine-team Class 3A Glenbard East Regional at Glendale Lakes on Oct. 6. The Warriors placed seventh in the event's team standings with their score of 360. Hinsdale Central won the regional's team title with its score of 295. Glenbard West (304) placed second. Those two teams advanced to this week's Oswego Sectional.

Senior John Donovan and sophomore Brett Vandergrift led Willowbrook's regional lineup. Both Warriors posted 18-hole scores of 86 on the par-71 course. Senior Andrew Rugg fired a 93, while sophomore Nick Chivilo shot a 95. Senior Nick Cipriano (100)

and junior Dominic Faillo (105) rounded out the Warriors' regional squad.

The regional's top four individuals who weren't members of sectional-qualifying teams advanced to the sectional as individuals. Two players from Downers Grove North and two players from Downers Grove South earned those individual sectional berths. The individual qualifiers posted scores of 74, 75, 81 and 81.

Willowbrook's girls team played in the 10-team Class 2A Glenbard East Regional at Glendale Lakes Golf Club on Oct. 7.

The Warriors earned a sixth-place finish in the team standings with their score of 375. Hinsdale Central won the regional title with its score of 306. Naperville North (334) placed second. Those two teams advanced to this week's Sandburg Sectional in Orland Park.

Junior Emma Rattana turned in Willowbrook's best round of the regional by posting an 18-hole score of 88 on the par-71 layout. Sophomore Mickey Martens carded a 94, while sophomore Maddie Aderholt shot a 95. Senior Peyton Mitrick shot a 98 to complete

the Warriors' scoring lineup.

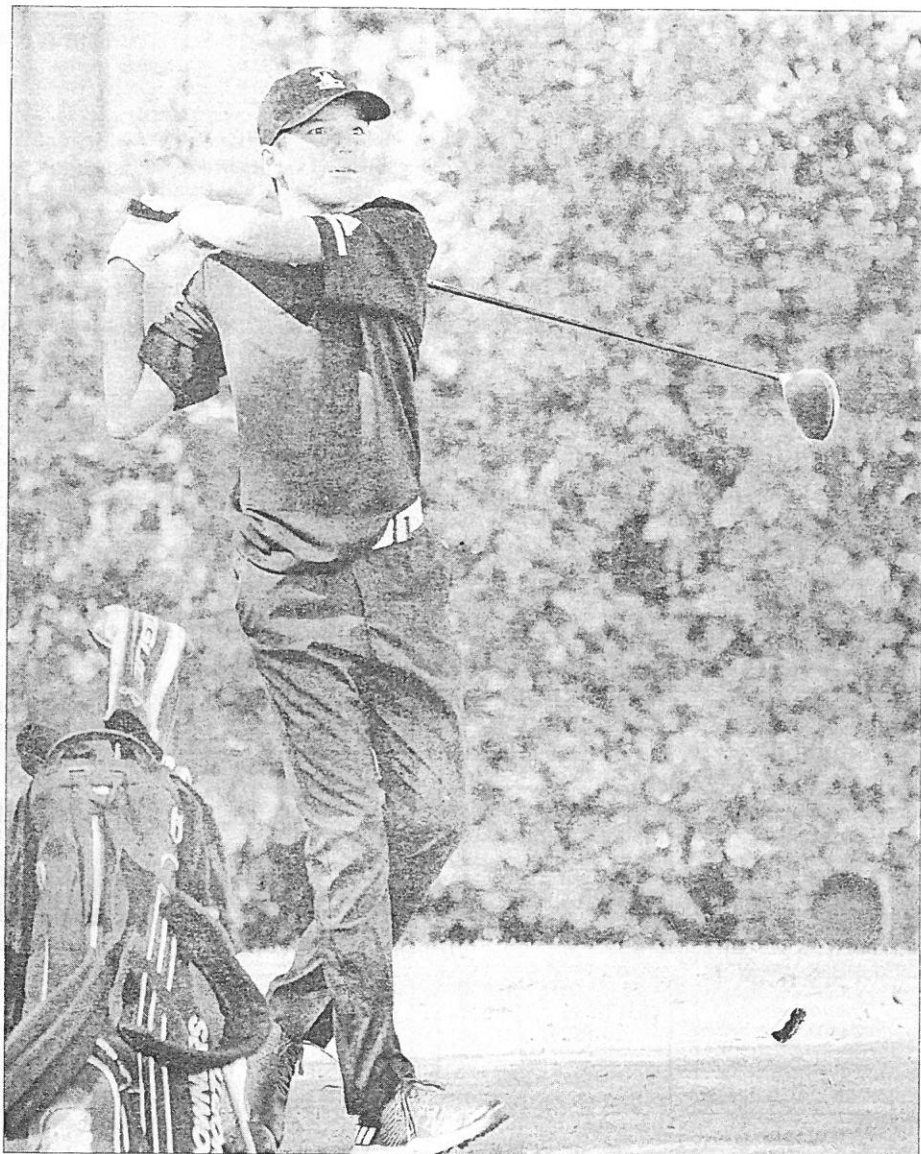
Seniors Kayla Raue-Lease (106) and Maddie Hayes (122) rounded out Willowbrook's regional team.

Rattana's score of 88 at the regional finished just short of earning an individual berth in this week's Orland Park

Sectional. The regional's top four players who weren't members of the two sectional-qualifying teams advanced to the sectional as individuals. The four players from the Glenbard East Regional who advanced to the sectional turned in scores of 76, 82, 85 and 86.

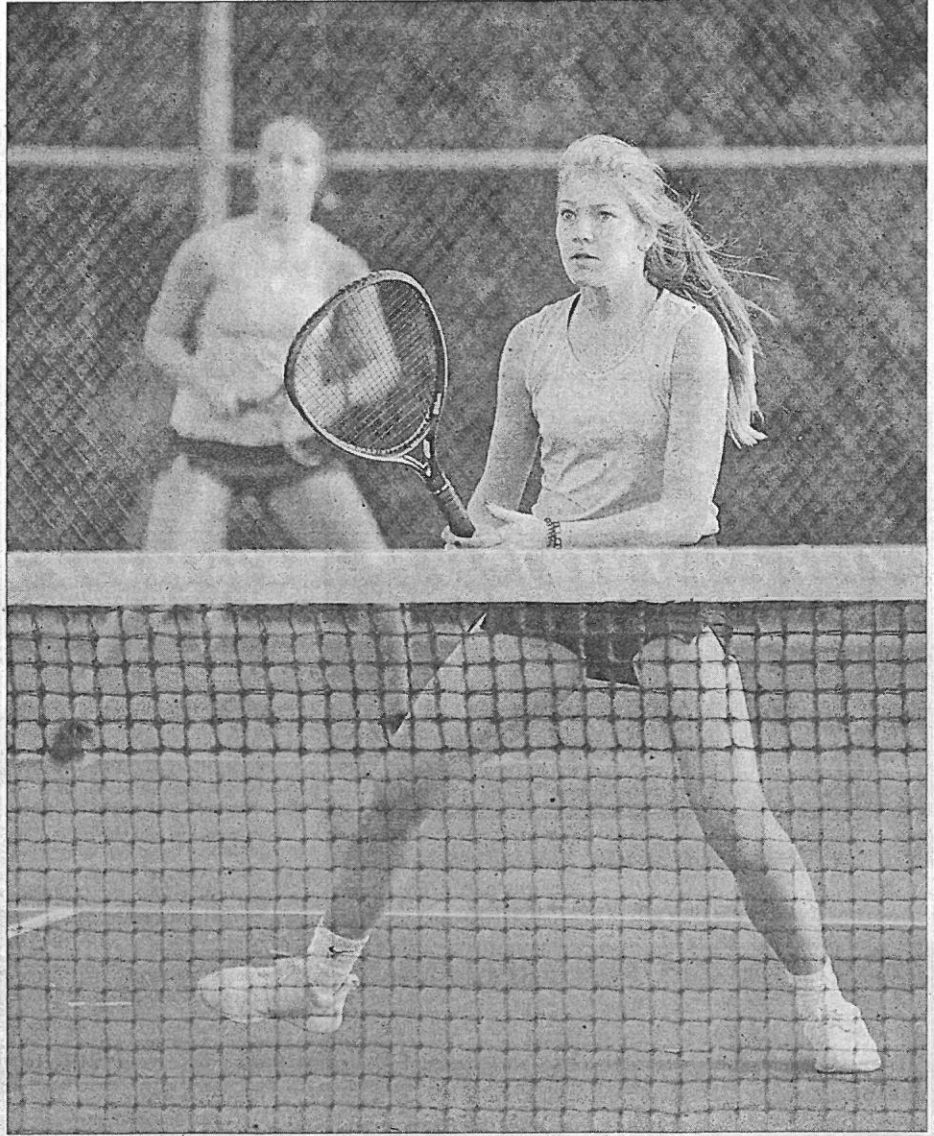
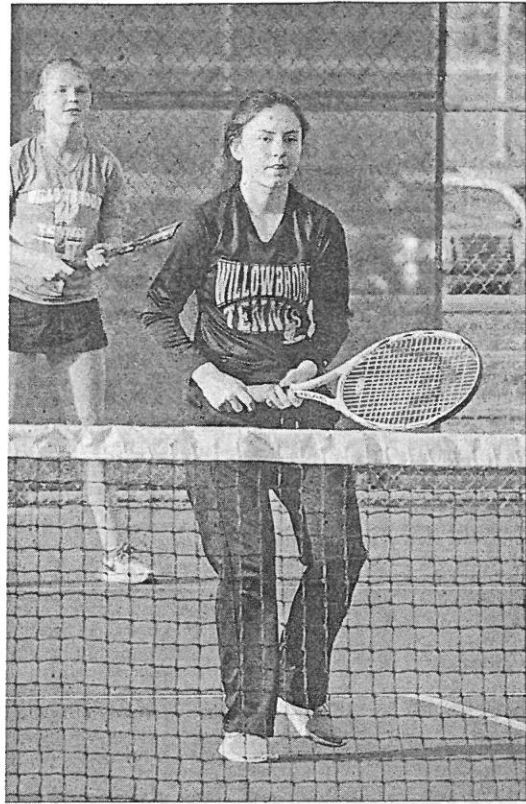


Junior Emma Rattana posted the Willowbrook girls golf team's best individual score at last week's IHSA Class 2A Glenbard East Regional at Glendale Lakes Golf Club in Glendale Heights. Rattana shot an 18-hole score of 88 on the par-71 course to lead the Warriors to a sixth-place finish in the team-standings of the 10-team event. Willowbrook completed its 2020 season at last week's event. The regional's top two teams—Hinsdale Central and Naperville North—advanced to this week's Sandburg Sectional. The regional's top four players from teams that didn't qualify for the sectional earned individual berths in the sectional. Rattana wound up a couple of shots short of her third straight sectional appearance. The four players from the Glenbard East Regional who advanced to the sectional as individuals shot rounds of 76, 82, 85 and 86.

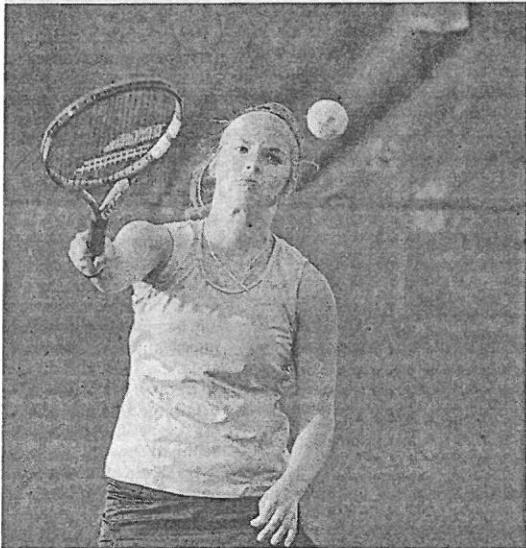


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The Willowbrook boys golf team finished its 2020 season with a seventh-place finish in the team standings of last week's IHSA Class 2A Glenbard East Regional at Glendale Lakes Golf Club in Glendale Heights. Sophomore Brett Vandergrift (pictured) and senior John Donovan shot the Warriors' best rounds of the regional. Both players fired 18-hole scores of 86 on the par-71 course. Hinsdale Central won the regional's team title, while Glenbard West finished second. Those two teams advanced to this week's Oswego Sectional. The Glenbard East's regional's top four players who weren't members of sectional-qualifying teams advanced to the sectional as individuals. Those four players—two from Downers Grove North and two from Downers Grove South—shot rounds of 74, 75, 81 and 81.



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Warriors earn third place at conference meet

The Willowbrook girls tennis team finished third in the team standings of the West Suburban Gold Conference Meet, which took place on Friday and Saturday. Hinsdale South, which hosted the meet, won the conference championship. Downers Grove South claimed second place. The Willowbrook duo of juniors Izzy Manning (bottom left) and Brooke Vandergrift (above) won the conference title in the No. 4 doubles flight. (Top left): The Warriors' tandem of seniors Victoria Zlatkova (foreground) and Elizabeth Martynenko (background) earned third-place honors in the No. 1 doubles flight. The Willowbrook team of senior twin sisters Jamie and Jenna Schrader battled to a third-place showing in the No. 2 doubles flight. By finishing among the top three in their respective flights at the conference meet, the three Willowbrook doubles teams earned all-conference honors. The Warriors will complete their 2020 season at this week's Lyons Township Sectional.

Answers

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PUZZLE 2

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Addison School District 4 is offering a day camp centered around remote learning for students who wish to ease back into the school year. The program corresponds to the Addison School District 4 "Return to School" remote learning calendar designed for those enrolled in kindergarten through 5th grade.

The program provides children with a safe, structured environment with experienced staff focused on providing a variety of quality activities that enrich the lives of children. Participants will have designated homework time, play sports, go outside, use of gym and craft projects. Activities will follow IDPH recommended social distancing guidelines but if not possible, masks will be required.

Weekly registration is offered for family convenience. Registration required for the following week by the Friday prior of the program week.

To register, please call (630) 233-7275 or stop by in-person at Centennial Rec Center Front Desk. For more information, please call (630) 233-7275 or visit addisonparks.org for proper emergency paperwork to be filled out and returned prior to first day of program.

Parent Information:

Addison Park District offers weekly registration for two-day to five-day options only. No pro-rating of fees will be available. No sibling discounts will be offered for this program. No punch pass offered for the 2020-21 Before & After School

Care/Remote Learning Camp.

Program Information:

Hours Remote Learning Day Camp: 7 a.m.-6 p.m., beginning Tuesday, Sept. 1; participant drop-off is from 7 - 8:30 a.m.

Registration: Centennial Rec Center Front Desk, 1776 W. Centennial Place.

Program held at: Community Recreation Center, 120 E. Oak Street.

Grades: Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Schedule of Remote Learning Day Camp:

Pre-packaged snack provided, prepare for school day, recreation activities offered.

Remote Learning District 4: 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Planned breaks throughout remote learning day of 10:15-10:30 a.m., 11:15-11:45 a.m., and 2-2:15 p.m. (This information is taken from School District 4 schedule)

Participant pick-up: 3-6 p.m.

Fees:

Two-day fee: \$110/week

Registration Code: 502210

Three-day fee: \$132/week

Registration Code: 502211

Four-day fee: \$154/week

Registration Code: 502213

Five-day fee: \$165/week

Registration Code: 502214

Prepare for parent/guardian pick-up, outdoor/indoor recreation activities, and gym time.

For more information, contact David at 630-656-6209.

Addison Trail names Emily Stevenson recipient of 88's Best recognition

Emily Stevenson has been named as Addison Trail's August recipient of 88's Best recognition for her outstanding academic accomplishments. Stevenson, a senior, was recognized during the Aug. 24 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

As an eighth-grader, Emily walked into Addison Trail High School quiet and unassuming. She came every morning from her parochial school to take an advanced math class, and her kindness, heart, maturity and incredible academic ability have made a lasting impression ever since. She continues to thrive academically - Emily has taken 11 honors courses and 13 Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses during her high school career and has earned A's in every single one to date.

"Having Stevenson in my AP Language class last year was an absolute pleasure," said Jessica Clark, English teacher. "She went above and beyond for every assignment, even during E-learning in the spring. She was always engaged and prepared. The work Stevenson produced set the bar for all other students."

Social Studies teacher Mark Olson agreed.

"Stevenson is the best of the best," Olson said. "Do not be fooled by her quiet demeanor! Not only is she an amazing student, but she is a person of the highest character."

During summer break after her freshman year, Stevenson taught herself the Spanish 2 curriculum, so she could take Spanish 3 Honors her sophomore year and be prepared to take both AP Spanish courses during her time at Addison Trail.

"I had the distinct honor to teach Stevenson for two years," said Spanish teacher Kathleen McColough. "From her stellar record, we are aware she has distinguished herself as a mature and responsible student, who sets high academic and personal goals for herself. As her rigorous



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Emily Stevenson was honored as Addison Trail's August recipient of 88's Best recognition during District 88's virtual Board meeting on Aug. 24. Pictured are (top row to bottom, from left): D88 Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton, Addison Trail principal Michael Bolden, D88 Bd. member Amy Finnegan, Sarah Fairbank, Board member Dan Olson, Willowbrook principal Dan Krause, Emily Stevenson, her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stevensons, D88 Board member Blanca Jessen and (bottom) D88 Board president Donna Craft Cain.

intelligence. However, more important than Stevenson's intellect and dedication is her genuine desire to use her strengths to help others. Her altruism and genuine kindness is a defining characteristic, and Stevenson perseveres not only for her benefit, but instead with the hopes of helping others. It has been a privilege to know and teach Stevenson, and I look forward to seeing the AMAZING things I know she will do in the future."

Emily said her parents and great academic foundation have helped her thrive, and she still connects with her grade-school teachers. Stevenson also finds the ties to her church as a

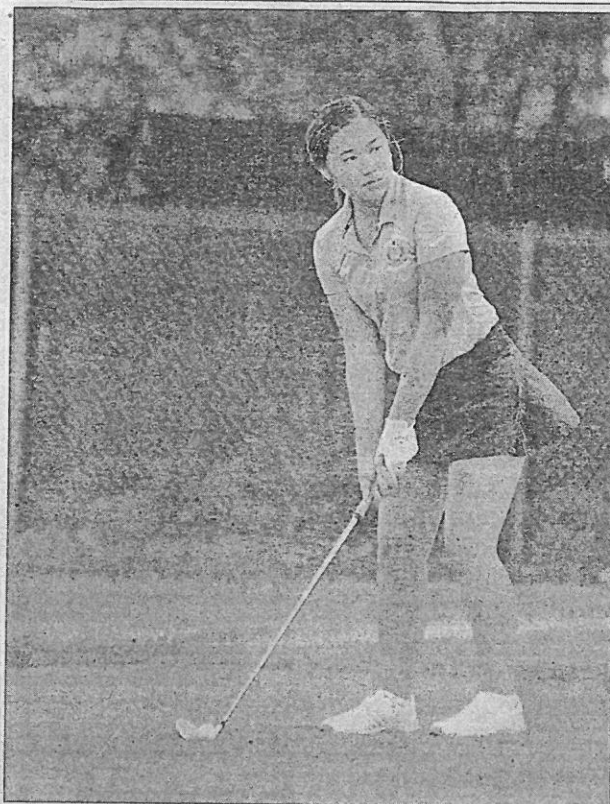
helping her find her voice and supporting her when she felt overwhelmed.

Outside of the classroom, she has been involved in several extracurricular activities. Emily played tennis and badminton all four years; as a thespian, she has participated in theatre all four years; and as a member of Choir, Shades of Blue, Tri-M (Modern Music Masters) Honor Society (where she serves as Recording Secretary), Math Team (where she qualified for the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics State Math Contest this past May), National Honor Society (where she serves as President), Student Council, Pay It Forward, the Blaze Ambassadors,

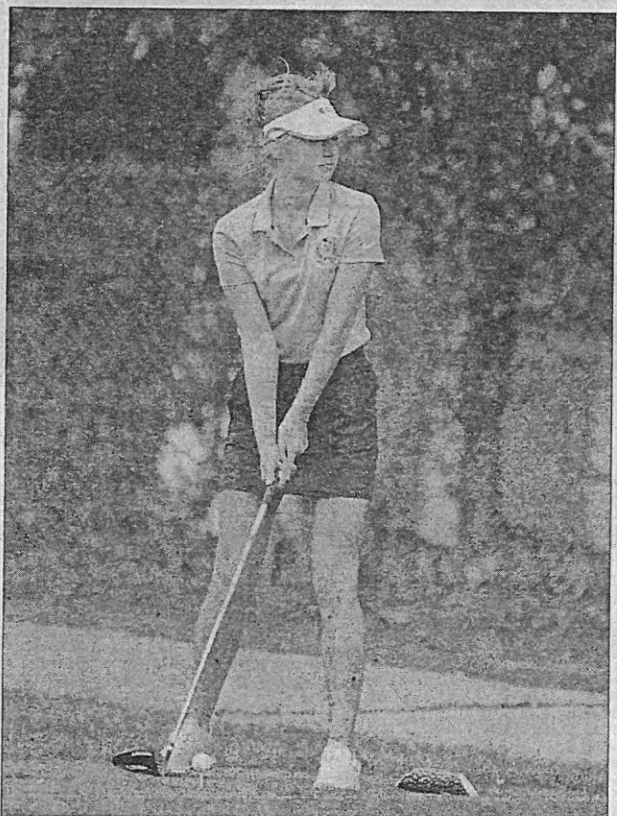
book staff this year. Emily has played handbells since she was 10 years old and also plays the piano and organ.

Emily is involved in giving back to her community as well. She is active in her church youth group, which takes mission trips during the summer; enjoys helping Feed My Starving Children; and volunteers for Phil's Friends, which provides care packages, cards and hope to those suffering from cancer.

Emily Stevenson certainly has plans for her future. She has participated in virtual tours of colleges and universities throughout the U.S. Her top four choices are Purdue University, Arizona State University, University of Kentucky and The Univer-



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Warriors' girls golfers in action

Willowbrook's girls golf team completed a busy week with Saturday's competition against York and Glenbard West at Sugar Creek Golf Course in Villa Park. Playing at York's home venue, the Warriors earned a team score of 189. York won the team competition with its score of 165, while Glenbard West posted a 186. Junior Emma Rattana earned Willowbrook's best individual score by firing a 42 on the par-32, nine-hole layout. Sophomore Mickey Martens shot a 46 for the Warriors, while seniors Maddie Hayes and Peyton Mitrick turned in scores of 50 and 51, respectively. Willowbrook began the week with a West Suburban Conference dual meet against Hinsdale South. The Hornets (198) defeated the Warriors (203) in the team standings of the Aug. 24 meet at Village Greens of Woodridge. Rattana tied for first in the individual standings with her nine-hole score of 47. Mitrick contributed a 49, while sophomore Maddie Aderholt posted a 51. Hayes contributed to the Warriors' team score with a 56. On Aug. 26, Willowbrook played a conference dual meet against Glenbard West. The Hilltoppers (149) beat the Warriors (161) at Willowbrook's home venue—Twin Lakes Golf Club in Westmont. Rattana (top left) earned individual medalist honors with her nine-hole score of 33. Aderholt (above) shot a 42, while both Mitrick (far left) and Hayes (left) shot scores of 43. The Warriors' schedule this week includes conference dual meets against Downers Grove North and Hinsdale Central.

em chairman delays further hearings in Madigan probe until after election

Republicans accuse Democrats of protecting speaker at all costs

Peter Hancock
PITOL NEWS ILLINOIS
The chairman of the Special Investigating Committee probing Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan's alleged role in a bribery scheme said Tuesday that he will delay any further hearings of that panel until after the Nov. 3 general election.

"The committee will meet again person on Nov. 5 in Springfield—thout the backdrop of a political campaign," Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, said in a statement.

That statement, which came exact-four weeks before the Nov. 3 general election, infuriated Republicans on the panel who accused Welch of stonewalling the investigation in order to protect the powerful Democratic speaker.

"Chairman Welch's decision is an insult to the people of Illinois to want and deserve the truth," Rep. Deanne Mazzochi, R-Elmhurst, said during a virtual news conference earlier in the day. "Chairman Welch has become Chairman Squelch."

Madigan, a Chicago Democrat who has served as speaker of the House for all but two years since 2013, was implicated in a bribery scheme in July when officials at Commonwealth Edison, the state's largest electric utility, admitted to federal prosecutors that over a period of nine years, they handed out no-work jobs and lobbying contracts to associates of Madigan as part of a concerted effort to curry his favor for legislation that benefitted the company.

Madigan has not been charged and is denied any wrongdoing, saying at all he did was recommend people for jobs.

Regardless, Republicans in the

House, led by Minority Leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs, filed a petition to launch a disciplinary process on the grounds that Madigan may have engaged in "conduct unbecoming to a legislator or which constitutes a breach of public trust." Under House rules, that charge could lead to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the House.

The special committee last met on Tuesday, Sept. 29, and heard testimony from ComEd Executive Vice President of Compliance and Audit

David Glockner who said he could not specifically confirm whether the company's actions had, in fact, influenced Madigan or whether Madigan was even aware of its intent to influence him.

Also during that meeting, Republicans on the panel sought to issue subpoenas to multiple other potential witnesses who had declined requests to testify voluntarily, including Madigan. Welch, however, ruled that request out of order, calling it "premature."

Since then, Democrats and Republicans have engaged in back-and-forth criticism of one another, with Welch accusing Republicans of trying to use the hearings for "political theater," while Republicans have accused Welch of stonewalling the process in order to protect the speaker politically.

"At every step of this process, our cooperation has been accompanied with the proviso that we will not allow this committee to be used as a stage for political theater — an

admonishment our Republican colleagues appear to have taken more as a challenge than as a reflection of this committee's serious work," Welch said in a statement.

Asked via email how he distinguishes between political theater and a legitimate request for relevant information, Welch replied: "The (Special Investigating Committee) convening on Nov. 5, 2020 in the Capitol, after the election, removes

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Theatre team prepares for virtual performance

Theatre Director Anna McSweeney (top left) joins the cast and production team members from the school's fall play, "Bad Auditions ... On Camera." Performances are tentatively scheduled to stream online on Oct. 23 and 24. Pictured are (top row, from left): McSweeney, Neela Lugo, Gabriela Mendoza, Andrea A. Acosta; (second row): Grace Mendoza, Jack DiDomenic, Anthony Perez, Dylan Hernandez; (third row): Jacob Struchen, Cindy Nakhammouane, Gerardo Alvidrez, Antonio Bruno; (bottom row): Adam Sakleh, Enzo Ciacia, Fernando Padua, Stephanie Ortiz.

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On Oct. 5, Addison Trail hosted its first virtual Honor Roll Assembly to recognize students who were named to the 2019-20 second-semester Distinction and Merit Honor rolls.

The event was prerecorded and available to view online because of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. To watch the assembly, go to [dupage88.net/HonorRoll2020](https://www.addisontrail.org/88)

Addison Trail presents the Honor Roll students for the first semester 2020-21

For space reasons, the *Addison Independent* brings its readers the seniors and juniors in this week's issue. The sophomores and freshmen will appear in a future edition.

Grade 12

Distinction Honor Roll

Venus Acevedo, Jacqueline Aguilar, Natalie Aquino, Brian Avila, Stephanie Avila, Eddie Barrera, Nicole Barrios, Kayla Berns, Brenden Bieberstein, Nikil Bijju, Jasmin Bulanon, Andrea Campos, Quincy Casey, Julenny Castaneda, Evelyn Castro, James Cerven, Bryssa Chadez, Marco Chadez, Rocco Ciarraglia, Sam Conforti, Alex Conrad, Jennifer Coronel, Kevin Cruz, Konrad Czerniawski, Jessica D'Ambrase, Laura DeLoera, Evelyn DeAquino, Kenia Delira, Kate Diego, Angelo Diorio, Faith DiSilvestro, Andreja Duncovic, Anahi Estrada, Yusuf Farooqui, Brian Fernandez, Giulian Frontier, Lucia Fullone, Melanie Gamez, Alexander Gamino, David Glinkowski, Quincy Gunnerson, Jose Gutierrez, Liliana Guzman, Emmanuel Hernandez, Mia Hoffman, Alaisia Hunt, Maricela Islas-Carbajal, Elliot Jasso, Michael Kontoudis, Demi Koulogorgas, Sebastian Leon Sanchez,

Kasey Fiermuga, Giovanna Fricano, Thomas Fuells, Ashley Fuentes, Britney Galeana, Jose Gamez, Ernesto Garcia Rodriguez, Hesse Gonzalez, Jasmin Hernandez, Sherlyn Herrera, Ashley Ibarra, Sarah Iskali, Alexandra Kamide, Casey Kosmach, Julian Lara, Kiersten Lee, Willy Lopez, Johanna Lora, Angela Martinez, Denica Martinez Lopez, Michelle Montoya, Salvatore Napoli, Mikayla O'Donnell, Jayden Ortiz, Eric Perilla, O'Donnell, Jennifer Perez, Monika Poniatowska, Marcos Puebla, Gabriela Pumo, Jaquelyn Ramos, Paola Rebollo, Natalie Rojo, Christian Santos, Garrett Scott, Jamie Scoville, Adam Skrzypek, Heather Soucie, Joshua Sundling, Julia Swierzb, Melissa Tinajero, Jennifer Tiscareno, Iliya Todorov, Tiffany Truong, Umberto Ungaro, Andrea Villarreal, Teagan Whitaker, Pauline Wirbicki, Jenna Wislek, Edgar Zarco, Stephen Zhao.

Grade 11

Distinction Honor Roll

Luis Aguirre, Ismael Ahmed, Khayr Ahmed, Saud Ahmed, Zain Ahmed, Fawzan Ali, Alondra Alvarado, Daniel Alvarez, Arlette Alvidrez, Gerardo Alvidrez, Alexis Aparicio, Isabel Aramburo, John Asturias, Brianna Barges, Orlando Bautista-Perez, Charles Bekielewski, Maria Beltran, Moises Beltran Jr, Elizabeth Bernier, Gianna Biango, Gabriela Bonilla, Juliza Bonilla, Sofia Bruno, Diana Bueno, Justine Audrey Bugante, Daniela Cassata, Elizabeth Catalan, Jonathan Chadez, Salvatore Ciacco, Noe Cruz-Alvarez, Tiffany Cuevas, Mikolaj Dabrowski, Wai Wha Dam, Rachel De Haro, Claudia DeLoera, Joseph DeBenedictis, Rodrigo Del Valle, Ashley Dela Cruz, Easton Dietz, Dino DiGrazia, Emma Diorio, Andrew Drogosz, Angelina D'Ugo, Maria Duran Espin, Jasmine

Grade 12 Merit Honor Roll

Sulaeman Ahmed, Litzy Alaniz, Josh Almendralejo, Joshua Badillo, Salvatore Bartolotta, Karina Bielanski, Alexander Borris, Sabrina Boucekine, Mark Branklin, Jessica Burbach, Rianna Capizzano, Demilsson Castaneda Munoz, Alex Coglianese, Dominic Colella, Daniela Crudele, Jovani DeLaCruz, Ailani DeLaTorre-Diaz, Jorge Duran, Pablo Duran Espin, Jeanine Farias Flores,

Eduards, Angel Elizondo, Luis Erasmo, Juan Escobedo, Sergio Estrada, Samuel Etheridge, Andrea Fernandez, Mario Ferri, Ryan Ficarra, Ray Fischer, Alyssa Gallo, Anthony Galvez, Andrea Garcia, Eric Garcia, Nalysa Garcia, Elias Gomez, Cole Greaves, Isabel Griffin, Victor Gutierrez III, Jacob Hagopian, Anthony Hernandez, Salvador Hernandez, Irvin Hernandez G, Tyler Hochstatter, Christian Houser, Thomas Housley, Joceline Ibarra, Victoria Janiszewski, Mia Johnson, Keven Juarez, Rania Khan, Hamza Kittaneh, Victoria Kolek, Jessica Krause, Amie Lear, Alex Ledesma, Yanell Leyva, Diego Lopez, Yubitz Lopez Rodriguez, Julia Isabella Macaya, Sameer Mahmood, Sylvia Malecki, Peter Markopoulos, Jake Matthews, Josiah Mendrano, Gabriela Mendoza, Nicholas Mitchell, Victoria Montalvo, Lesley Montes Hernandez, Dylan Moran, Crista Moreno Aguilar, Britney Nakhammouane, Yusra Naseeddin, Daniela Nava, Thomas Nguyen, Konrad Nowak, Katherine O'Brien, Nancy Obrzut, Alexis Ochoa Martinez, Michael O'Connell, Esbelinda Olascoaga, Kamila Pajterski, Jacqueline Palomino, Kathian Parikh, Jina Patel, Trish Patel, Nell Pawlowski, Anthony Perez, Dustin Perez, Natalia Poniatowski, Olga Povkh, Patrick Puznik, Michelina Pulice, Syed Quadri, Victoria Ramon, Eric Reed, Jasmine Reyes, Mariana Reynoso, David Rojas, Darlin Rosario, Robert Roszkiewicz, Anna Ruffolo, Erik Sanchez-Saavedra, Viviana Sanfilippo, Brooke Schutler, Stephanie Seria, Ally Severino, Huda Siddiqui, Andrea Simko, Bianca Sitkowski, Emily Stevenson, Jacob Struchen, Alexis Theodore, Christine Thomas, Giovanni Toledano, Natalya Trejo Huerigo, Nicolette Trombatore, Michelle Turgeon, Jorge Villarreal,

al, Raul Villarreal, Akxel Villarreal Martinez, Wendy Villegas, Horefanel Vivero, Jasmine Viveros, Sara Wallis, Nicholas Yanez, Shumaila Zakria, Stephanie Zamantego, Samantha Zarenba

Grade 11 Merit Honor Roll

John Adams, Denys Aguilar, Viani Aguilar, Mert Ahmed, Noah Almendariz, Liliana Argueta, Francisco Arias, Liliana Avila, Lizbeth Bagnuelos, Kelly Barzykowska, Abraham Bello, Abdul Bhalli, Dayanara Bucio, Angel Carreras, Marcelo Chavez, Sharon Chavez, Hailey Chiovino, Diana Cobos, Franchesca Cruz, Carter Cunz, Jenna D'Antonio, Jessica DelaPaz, Jocelyn Delgado, Alexander Falcon, Jazlynn Fernandez, Sarah Fox, Kayla Gandara, Andrew Gonzalez, Mauricio Gonzalez, Francisco Gutierrez, Petya Haralanova, Manuel Heredia, Angel Hernandez, Aparicio Hernandez, Yaquelin Hernandez, Jeremiah Lee, Esdras Lopez, Ezekiel Lopez, Michael Losanowycz, Oseas Lucas, Andrew Mackey, Terrell Maghett Jr, Connie Martinez, Jathan Merino, Leslie Montes De Oca, Mariana Moreno, Madison Muhr, Pedro Mumiz, Jasmin Nervis, Heide Ojeda, Jenny Ortega, Alina Patel, Leslie Pelaez, Ana Perez, Edy Perez Garcia, Brian Pisarcik, Adrianna Provinzino, Mahid Qaiser, Leslie Ramirez, Nadiyah Reyes, Christian Reynoso, Jonathan Rivera, Anthony Rodriguez, Bianca Rodriguez, Tiffany Rodriguez, Yantiza Rojas, Sebastian Ruiz, Jocelyn Salas Trejo, Jennifer Sanchez, Sergio Sanchez, Natalia Sawicka, Francesca Scarabaggio, Kevin Servin, Kevin Setyadi, Jazmin Terreros, Fabiola Trujillo, Miguel Urquiza Mendez, Alma Vargas Chavez, Felipe Vidales Jr, Mateusz Wojdak, Jakub Zaraza

Durkin calls on Democrats to demand Madigan answer questions or resign

GOP worries delay tactics will thwart investigation

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The top Republican in the Illinois House on Oct. 8 called for Democrats, including Gov. JB Pritzker, to either demand that Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan answer questions before a Special Investigating Committee or resign immediately.

Students earn prestigious ASE certification

The following Addison Trail students have earned their Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Refrigerant Recovery and Recycling Program certification. Successful completion of this EPA-authorized Section 609 program means these students are certified to service motor vehicle air conditioning systems. They include: seniors Jaqueline Hernandez, Wai Wha Dam, Felix Martinez, Jonathan Reyes, Konrad Nowak; and juniors Morri Bernardo, Daniel Zilewski, Jorge Perez, Artemio Mejia, John Tact and Michael Godenus.

During a virtual news conference, Minority Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, openly accused the investigating committee's chairman, Hillside Democrat Emanuel "Chris" Welch, of deliberately stalling the investigation until after the Nov. 3 election, a move that Republicans warn could thwart the entire investigation.

"There is one person who is in charge, and that is Gov. Pritzker, and he is the leader of the state Democratic Party," Durkin said. "I call on him to immediately demand those answers he has been requesting from Speaker Madigan or demand that he resign immediately."

Durkin is one of three House Republicans who filed a petition calling for the investigation after Madigan was implicated in a bribery scheme involving utility giant Commonwealth Edison. In a deferred prosecution agreement filed in federal court in July, ComEd officials admitted that, over a nine-year period, they awarded no-work jobs and lobbying contracts to Madigan's close associates in order to curry his favor for

legislation that benefited the company.

Republicans argue that Welch, by postponing any further hearings until after the election, has put the investigating committee under a severe time constraint. That's because under House rules, all committees are automatically dissolved when the General Assembly adjourns its biennial session, which is currently scheduled to happen in January.

That means Republicans would have to petition again for a new committee after lawmakers convene in January for the start of the 102nd General Assembly if they want the investigation to continue.

Welch has said he postponed further hearings because he did not want the investigation to be used as "political theater" leading up to the election. As evidence of that, he pointed to the fact that two Republican committee members—Reps. Deanne Mazzocchi of Elmhurst and Grant Wehrli of Naperville—called out their Democratic challengers in a news conference this week, demanding they state publicly whether or not they would vote for Madigan

for another term as speaker if they are elected.

But Durkin responded Oct. 8 by insisting the investigation is not political.

"This isn't politics. This is one of the most serious scandals that we've ever experienced in Illinois, and it's just going to get larger," he said. "It has nothing to do with politics. And it's unfortunate that the Democrats look at this as politics."

Madigan himself has not been charged in the bribery scheme and he has denied any wrongdoing. On Friday, Sept. 25, he issued a letter saying he would not testify before the investigating committee, again asserting that all he did was recommend some people for jobs at the company.

Durkin later, on Sept. 30, Pritzker said during a virtual news conference that he thought Madigan should testify.

"I strongly believe that the speaker should take any opportunity, and this is one, to present answers to the questions that I think all of us have," Pritzker said.

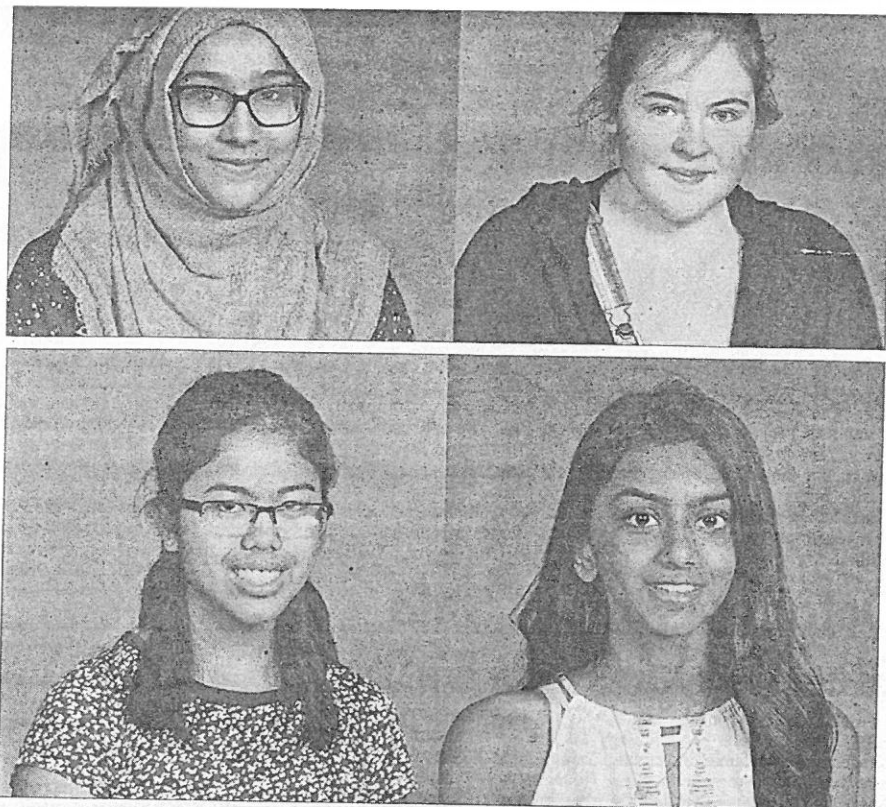
The governor's spokesperson lat-

er issued a statement saying, "As the Governor has said, he strongly believes the Speaker should answer questions and that any opportunity to answer questions is one the Speaker should take. That being said, there is a legislative process underway and as a co-equal branch of government, members of the General Assembly have used this process before and they are capable of managing it on their own."

In addition to delaying any further hearings until after the election, Republicans have also complained that Welch is stalling the process by requesting what they call a "data dump" from ComEd, including records of all communications between the company and state officials—including former governors—over the past 10 years.

Republicans say the request could take months to fulfill, and Durkin called it "a fishing expedition" that was irrelevant to the work of the special committee.

"The committee's charge is to investigate Speaker Madigan in his role with the deferred prosecution agreement," Durkin said.



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AT seniors recognized by NMS

Addison Trail seniors (top row from left): Khayr Ahmed, Cynthia Bruntz; (bottom row from left): Justine Bugante and Jina Patel have been named as Commended Students in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program, conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Addison Trail to present fall play, 'Bad Auditions ... On Camera'

Virtual production still allows audience to choose ending

Addison Trail might be in a virtual environment because of the coronavirus pandemic, but that isn't stopping the school's theatre department from hosting its annual fall play, which is tentatively scheduled to stream online on Oct. 23 and 24.

When Remote Learning was first implemented this past March, Theatre Director Anna McSweeney met with students on the Theatre Board to start planning the 2020-21 season. When the group discovered the play "Bad Auditions ... On Camera," by Ian McWethy and Carrie McWethy (McCrossen), members knew it would be the perfect option for this year's fall play.

According to the web site play-scripts.com, the comedy "tells the story of a casting director (who) has one day to find an actor to fill the role of a lawyer in a crime procedural. But what seems like a simple task proves impossible when the pool of actors includes stage thespians who can't tone it down for the screen, per-

who seems to believe this is a tooth-paste commercial."

"It has definitely been challenging, but we're excited to try something different," said junior Enzo Ciaccia, who plays Herman. "We, of course, would prefer to be in person, but rehearsals are going well and are allowing us to still experience the various aspects of theatre."

McSweeney said coordinating a show online has brought with it a handful of difficult situations, including the actors finding the right volume level, how to act with no audience reaction, how to stream the performances, and how to incorporate set designs.

She added what makes this production unique is the amount of interaction, as the audience chooses the ending and which actor lands the role of the lawyer.

"We want the audience members to have a good laugh and to have fun with the show," said junior Antonio Bruno, who plays Kellin. "We're

Although the production can't take place on stage, the students are happy to be able to perform – even virtually.

"We all feel lucky to be part of something so special," said senior Andrea Acosta, an assistant director. "It has been really positive to see how well everyone has adapted to so much adversity."

Senior Gabriela Mendoza, one of the stage managers, agreed.

"It's hard to accept my senior year is going to be so different than anyone else's," Mendoza said. "But knowing I still have theatre as a constant in my life means so much to me, and I'm really grateful."

Addison Trail fall play

What: "Bad Auditions ... On Camera" by Ian McWethy and Carrie McWethy (McCrossen)

When: Performances are tentatively scheduled to stream online on Oct. 23 and 24 (times TBA).

Show details: Information regarding tickets and how performances