

District 88 holds resource fair Aug. 28 in Villa Park

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Families are invited to attend a Community Resource Fair and Biliteracy Workshop from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Willowbrook High School, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park.

The event is co-sponsored by Addison School District 4, DuPage Elementary School District 45, Salt Creek School District 48 and DuPage High School District 88.

The fair will feature information about services and programs in the areas of education, health and wellness, early childhood development, financial support and more. The Biliteracy Workshop will feature sessions and presentations for both parents and students.

A mobile COVID-19 vaccine clinic also will be available for individuals ages 12 and older from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Those interested in getting an inoculation should bring an ID and proof of your health insurance.

Everyone -- whether vaccinated or unvaccinated -- is required to wear a mask while indoors. For more information, visit sites.google.com/dupage88.net/resourcefair2021 (<http://sites.google.com/dupage88.net/resourcefair2021>).

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Pritzker declares that masks are required for indoor sports

Girls volleyball and girls swimming are the area's only indoor IHSA sports during the upcoming fall season

OFF REPORT
On Aug. 4, Gov. JB Pritzker announced an update to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Sports Policy that requires masks be worn for all indoor IHSA athletic events, regardless of an individual's vaccination status.

The mask directive for indoor athletic events applies to student-athletes, coaches, officials, game personnel and spectators.

According to a statement from the

IHSA, the masking mandate applies to all IHSA fall sport practices and contests that are conducted indoors. Swimmers and divers do not have to wear masks while competing, but must adhere to the mandate at all other times.

The masking directive also applies to any winter or spring IHSA sports that may be conducting open gyms, general conditioning, or weightlifting while indoors.

Girls volleyball and girls swim-

ming are the only indoor sports contested by area high school teams during the 2021 fall season. The state's high school girls volleyball and girls swimming teams were able to hold their first practice of the season on Monday, Aug. 9. The first competition in the two sports during the upcoming season can take place as soon as Aug. 23.

There are no restrictions to scheduling or spectator limitations as a result of last week's masking man-

date, nor are there any changes to the IHSA calendar for any sports.

"Today's announcement will not deter us from our mission of safely offering high school student-athletes in Illinois the opportunity to participate in sports and activities," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson in his organization's statement, which came on the same day

as Pritzker's update. "Illinois high school student-athletes and coaches have been resilient in dealing with myriad mitigations and unexpected changes over the past year. We hope all Illinoisans do their part to stop the spread of COVID-19 so we can quickly move beyond this and remove masks from indoor athletic events."



CHRIS FOX FILE PHOTO: Rock Valley Publishing

Gracie Tumilty, a 2021 graduate of Willowbrook High School, was recently named to the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association (IHSSCA) 2021 Girls All-State Team. She is the first player in the history of the Willowbrook girls soccer program to receive all-state designation from the IHSSCA. Tumilty scored 29 goals—nearly two goals per match—for the Warriors during her senior season, leading the team to an 11-4 record. She is pictured during her final match as a Warrior—the team's post-season loss at Glenbard East on June 2. Tumilty, who is a Villa Park resident, will attend Carroll University in Waukesha, Wisconsin. She will be a member of the Pioneers' women's soccer team.

Tumilty named to IHSSCA All-State Team

Soccer standout scored 29 goals during her senior season

The Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association (IHSSCA) named recent Willowbrook High School graduate Gracie Tumilty to its 2021 Girls All-State Team.

Tumilty, who is one of 60 players named to this year's team, is the first player in the history of the Willowbrook girls soccer program to earn all-state recognition from the IHSSCA.

Tumilty led the Warriors to an overall record of 11-4 during the team's 2021 spring season. She scored a team-leading 29 goals

during her senior campaign, which ended with a loss to Glenbard East in an IHSA Class 3A regional semifinal match in Lombard on June 2.

Willowbrook's season record of 11-4 included a 9-3 mark in West Suburban Gold Conference play. The Warriors played two matches against each of their six conference opponents.

Tumilty is continuing her academic and athletic careers at Carroll University in Waukesha, Wisconsin. She will be a member of the school's women's soccer team.

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Area school districts plan resource fair, biliteracy workshop

Addison School District 4, District 45, Salt Creek School District 48 and District 88 invite families to attend a Community Resource Fair and Biliteracy Workshop on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Willowbrook High School, 1250 S. Ardmore in Villa Park. (Please park in the main parking lot and enter door No. 6.)

About the Resource Fair

Families are welcome to enjoy a Resource Fair that will offer information about services and programs in the areas of education, health and wellness, early childhood, financial support and more. A full list of resources can be found at the dupage88.net/resourcefair2021. The

list will be updated as the event approaches.

About the Biliteracy Workshop

Families also will have the opportunity to participate in workshop sessions that will discuss a variety of aspects regarding biliteracy, including:

- Resources to help parents/guardians and students on their journey to biliteracy.
- The benefits and importance of biliteracy and how it can help students succeed.
- An opportunity to meet Erica Craig, the new Director of Biliteracy for school districts 4, 45, 48 and 88, who will discuss the districts' biliteracy goals.

Translation services will be provided in English and Spanish during the presentations. See a list of workshop speakers/presentations, visit dupage88.net/resourcefair2021. (This list will continue to be updated as the date draws closer.)

Other services:

- Free babysitting
- Free door prize drawings
- Free refreshments (doughnuts, pizza, paletas, water, soda)

Bus transportation available

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- Stevenson Elementary School, 18W331 15th St.
- North Elementary School, 150 W. Sunset Ave.
- Please be at the bus stops above by 10 a.m.
- Buses will leave Willowbrook at 12:45 and 3 p.m.
- To coordinate transportation at other locations, call 630-530-3439.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

- A mobile COVID-19 vaccine clinic will be available for individuals ages 12 and older.
- It will be held at Willowbrook outside in the bus drive from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Bring your ID and a copy of your

health insurance.

For more information:

- See the event flyer at dupage88.net/site/public/files/item=5915
- Contact District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink at 630-530-3989 or dbrink@dupage88.net.

Please note: On Wednesday, Aug. 4, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker implemented a state mandate that all P-12 schools and day cares in Illinois must follow the CDC guidance of universal masking inside, regardless of vaccine status. Everyone – whether vaccinated or unvaccinated – is required to wear a mask while indoors at all District 88 facilities.

Census data shows more urban concentration, population drops in most counties in Illinois

Detailed numbers to be used in redistricting of state's congressional districts

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Nearly every county in Illinois lost population over the past decade, mirroring a national trend of greater concentrations of people leaving rural areas and moving to larger metropolitan areas.

That's according to the latest numbers released last week by the U.S. Census Bureau showing detailed population numbers from the 2020 census for cities, counties and small geographic areas.

In April, the Census Bureau released statewide numbers that determine how many congressional seats and Electoral College votes each state receives. That report showed Illinois' overall population had shrunk by 18,124 people, to a little more than 12.8 million.

That was a much smaller decline than many people had expected, but it did result in Illinois losing one congressional seat, meaning there will be only 17 districts instead of 18 when the 2022 elections are held.

The new data released Thursday shows in much greater detail exactly where the population changes occurred. Those numbers are intended to be used to redraw congressional and state legislative district lines so that all residents are represented as equally as possible in both state and

federal governments.

But the data also has a number of other purposes beyond local representation in government.

"Results from the 2020 census will be used for the next 10 years to shape the future of our country," Acting Census Bureau Director Ron Jarmin said during a video news conference. "Local leaders can use this data to make decisions such as where to build roads and hospitals, and how to help our nation recover from the pandemic. These results will also help inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funds will be distributed each year nationwide."

The data were released in what the Census Bureau calls its "legacy format," meaning it can be read only in sophisticated programs that are used mainly by academics, government officials and others who work with large databases. It was distributed to state officials and legislative leaders in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

But some of the summary data that was released showed the broad trends.

For example, all 10 of the largest cities in the United States gained population since the 2010 census. That includes Chicago, which grew by a little less than 2 percent.

New York City remained the larg-

est city in the U.S., with 8.8 million people, while Los Angeles County remained the largest county, with more than 10 million people.

Nationally, the areas with the most growth areas were located in the southern and western portions of the country. But more than half of all counties in the U.S. saw population declines.

Within Illinois, Cook County and its surrounding collar counties all grew by less than 5 percent. The same was true for Carroll County in northwestern Illinois, McLean and Champaign counties in central Illinois, and Effingham and Williamson counties in southern Illinois.

Grundy County, on the southwest edge of the Chicago metropolitan area, was the fastest-growing county in the state at over 10 percent. And Johnson County in southern Illinois had a growth rate between 5 and 10 percent.

Also in 2020, the Census Bureau refined the way it tracks race and ethnicity. That information is also important for redistricting in order to prevent minority populations from being broken-up or diluted among districts, or from being overly concentrated in too few districts.

People who identify themselves as white continue to be the largest racial group in the country at 61.6 percent of the population, while people who identify as white alone or in combination with some other race make up 71 percent.

Illinois is slightly less white than the nation as a whole, with 61.4 percent nationally identifying as white alone and 69.7 percent identifying as white alone or in combination with another race.

People of Hispanic or Latino origin make up the largest ethnic minority group in Illinois at 18.2 percent, or just over 2.3 million people.

Blacks make up 14.1 percent of the Illinois population, higher than the national average of 12.4 percent, while Asian Americans make up 5.9 percent and 8.9 percent identify as being broken-up or diluted among districts, or from being overly concentrated in too few districts.

The Census Bureau also developed what it calls a "diversity index," which attempts to measure how racially diverse a given population is. It is based on the probability that any two people chosen at random from the population would be from different races.

Illinois' diversity index was listed as 60.3 percent, which is just below the national average but still in the second-highest quintile of states. Hawaii was ranked as the most diverse, with an index value of 76 percent, while Maine was the least diverse, at 18.5 percent.

The release of 2020 census data

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Hello, this is Villa Park calling regarding the comments about the conduct of people at the board District 45 meeting and how the board didn't have control of the meeting. It seems that people of Villa Park ought to be calling for the resignation of some of that board for their conduct or be more careful about who we put on that board. These are supposed to be role models for our children, and the people who attend those board meetings should be ashamed of themselves for doing those types of things in front of those kids. Thank you. Bye.

Do the "climate-change" fear mongers think the planet was calm and cool up until a few years ago? It seems like most of them think that way. They have no grasp of history and think every "disaster" is something new. I doubt these zealots know much about the heat wave of 90 years ago, in 1931. Five years later, the 1936 heat wave contributed to

thousands of deaths in North America. In July of 1936, Midway Airport reported high temperatures of at least 100 degrees Fahrenheit for eight consecutive days. Were politicians of that era whining about the climate, proclaiming it the hottest year ever and telling the public they had only a few years to save the planet?

Villa Park calling. I see there is a Shoot Point Blank range being built on North Avenue. I have enjoyed target shooting since I was a kid with my Mattel Shootin' Shell rifle; the only girl in the neighborhood to have one! I look forward to checking them out. It is an opportunity to learn how to handle firearms responsibly while having fun shooting at targets.

Will there be mass protests, including looting and arson, for Chicago Police Officer Ella French, who was murdered in the line of duty? Will politicians weep for her, as they wept when recalling the events at the

School districts will conduct a community resource fair and biliteracy workshop at Willowbrook High School on Aug. 28

Free event will include refreshments, door prizes and a COVID-19 vaccine clinic

District 88, District 45 and Salt Creek School District 48 are joining Addison School District 4 to hold an upcoming community resource fair and biliteracy workshop, which will take place on Saturday, Aug. 28.

The event will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Willowbrook High School, 1250 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park. Area residents are invited to attend and advised to park in the main parking lot and enter the school through Door No. 6—the entrance near the main gymnasium.

The resource fair will share information about services and programs focusing on education, health/well-being, early childhood resources and financial support.

Attendees will also be able to participate in workshop sessions that will include discussions related to biliteracy. They will also have an opportunity to meet Erica Craig, who is the four districts' new director of biliteracy. She will discuss the districts' biliteracy goals.

Free refreshments and free babysitting will be provided. Attendees will also have a chance to win door prizes.

Everyone who attends the event, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated,

is required to wear a mask while indoors at Willowbrook during the upcoming event.

Free bus transportation will be provided to the event. The buses will depart from five area schools—Schafer Elementary School (700 E. Pleasant Lane, Lombard), Stevenson Elementary School (18W331 15th St., Lombard), North Elementary School (150 W. Sunset Drive, Lombard), Fullerton Elementary School (400 S. Michigan Ave., Addison) and Lincoln Elementary School (720 N. Lincoln Ave., Addison).

Attendees should be at the bus stops by 10 a.m. Buses will leave Willowbrook at 12:45 p.m. and 3 p.m. To coordinate transportation at other locations, call 630-530-3439.

The event will also feature a mobile COVID-19 vaccine clinic, which be available for people ages 12 and older. The clinic will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. outside of Willowbrook (in the bus drive). Anyone interested in receiving a vaccine should bring identification and a copy of his or her health insurance.

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U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6? Will leftists continue their push to defend the police?

It is amazing to me all the people on their high horses about others wearing masks and getting vaccinated but are silent about the hundreds of thousands this administration is letting into this country and dispersing in our neighborhoods. A number of illegal immigrants coming in that are tested are testing positive. Is your outrage limited to a select few?

I recently heard the saying, "Being loud doesn't make you right." Boy, does that fit the District 45 board meeting on Aug. 3. While I think the school board could have been more assertive in dealing with those parents who were yelling, swearing and wouldn't wear a face covering, no board deserves that kind of treatment. Things will only get done when calmer heads prevail. And that goes for protests, marches and any other form of dissent or disagreement. That kind of behavior only serves to distract from the message.

Our government is pushing its citizens to get vaccinated and wear masks. Our government is also leaving the country's southern border wide open, allowing thousands of illegal immigrants to walk right in. Is our government really concerned about the spread of the virus?

How can any police officer feel safe during what would appear to be a routine traffic stop? It almost seems like they will need to make drivers and passengers they stop put their arms out the window at the least, or exit the car with their hands up, at worst, before even approaching a vehicle. Let's face it: These criminals' misguided and selfish sense of "self-preservation" over not wanting to get busted and go to prison obviously outweighs the value of a human life.

The annual inflation rate for the United States is 5.4 percent for the 12 months that ended in July, and the Producer Price Index rose at the fastest annual pace (7.8 percent) since the federal government began calculating PPI changes in 2010. Since last year, we are now paying 71 percent more to rent a car, over 40 percent more for new and used cars and about a dollar more for a gallon of gas. Oh yes, and one more thing: The secretary of homeland security was caught on leaked audio telling border agents the border crisis is unsustainable. But it's all good. At least the censors at Twitter aren't letting that meanie Donald Trump post mean tweets.

I'm surprised the regressive left hasn't boycotted Mr. Clean by now because of their "Mr. Clean, Mr. Clean, Mr. Clean" jingle on the radio. Shouldn't Mr. Clean be gender neutral like Mr. Potato Head?

I pass a couple of houses on the same block every day on the way to work. Both houses have annoying signs in their front yards that start off by saying, "In this house, we believe ..." followed by several statements that are endearing to the left, such as "No human is illegal" and "Science is real." I saw a great meme on Facebook that takes this sign to task. The meme shows this sign, but there's a sign posted right next to it that says, "In this house, we believe in show-boating our perceived moral superiority." Couldn't have said it better myself!

It seems like half the country doesn't realize that there is a major crisis on our southern border. I wonder why that is. Could it be that certain news outlets aren't covering the crisis because they don't want people to know about it? I certainly hope not.

Wow! Last week's Speak Out had so many hot topics. It might be best for some of those who call or write

in to think about what they are saying. I hate masks also, but they could save my life and yours—it's true. Kids can't get the vaccine; we need to protect our kids—they are our future! As far as getting vaccinated, it's just time to realize it's best for everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Please consider it. The "LiMu" Emu—you think that's real? Did you ever see a Disney animal film? It's all animated! Thanks.

So the young woman walking down the street wearing a mask is an imbecile, right? Maybe she has someone at home on chemo or maybe she herself has been a serious illness. No, the imbecile is somebody who says pro-choice and yet criticizes in a very nasty way anybody whose choice is to wear a mask. And it is people like you and people who refuse to do this that will keep this virus running.

From a grandparent to the District 45 School Board: you should have enforced the rules. To the selfish self-absorbed district parents who favor personal choice, keep your own family away from public places and away from my masked grandchildren. If you want to model citizenship to your children, stop whining and wash your masks and wear them; don't expect the rest of us to expose ourselves to your pathogens just because you think you have more rights to unmask than we have to stay healthy and alive. Do you wear clothing? Do you think you don't shed bacteria and parasites from your skin, or are you some special species that doesn't have any germs on them?

In Speak Out, one person said Pritzker won't do anything about the daily violence in Chicago, but he'll order kids in the state to wear masks in school. The mayor is in charge. It's up to her to wake up and do her job. Also you Republicans are a pain. Lincoln is turning over in his grave. Thank you, bye.

Rock 'N Wheels presents Time Traveller with Polarizer Aug. 19

Musical performances continue Aug. 26

Addison's "Rock 'N Wheels" on Thursday, Aug. 19 presents Time Traveller the ultimate Moody Blues experience along with the band Polarizer.

Time Traveller highlights more than three decades of material from the legendary group The Moody Blues.

Chicago quintet Polarizer creates what they call "loud, spacey epic rock, combining heavy walls of sound with echo-laden, introspective passages and progressive-rock sensibilities."

Garnering comparisons to Muse, Rush and Jane's Addiction, the band has played extensively in the Chicago area and has toured regionally and opened for national artist the New Regime

Admission is free and the venue opens at 6 p.m. Polarizer performs at 6:30 p.m. and Time Traveller at 8 p.m. on the 95.9 FM River Stage.

Hi Infidelity, Neverly Brothers to appear Aug. 26

The following week, on Thursday Aug. 26, Rock N Wheels will present Hi Infidelity, an 80's cover band along with The Neverly Brothers—a rock 'n' roll tribute

from Elvis to the Beatles.

Hi Infidelity is a cover band from the Chicago area, playing music of all types, but mostly 80s Rock like Journey, REO, Bon Jovi and Boston to name a few. Going to a Hi Infidelity show is a total concert experience from start to finish.

The Neverly Brothers concerts are a tribute to one of the most exciting chapters in music history: the birth, near death and resurrection of rock 'n' roll. Their one-of-a-kind high energy stage performances take you on a musical guided tour of rock history - from 1955 to 1965.

Admission is free and the venue opens at 6 p.m. The Neverly Brothers performs at 6:30 p.m. and Hi Infidelity at 8 p.m. on the 95.9 FM River Stage!

Both evenings

Come out to the Addison Village Green, where you can choose from nine food vendors, walk over to the Historical Museum and Craft Fair or see the car show.

Show cars have been relocated to Green Meadow Shopping Center for the 2021 season.

Show car parking spots are at Green Meadow along Lake Street only. The event opens at 6 p.m. and ends by 10 p.m. You can view the concert schedule online at ihappensinaddison.com.

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Sullivan will play at the next level

Willowbrook High School basketball standout Sophie Sullivan announced last week that she will continue her academic and athletic careers at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE). She will play for the university's women's basketball team—the Cougars. Sullivan, who is beginning her senior year at Willowbrook this week, helped the Warriors' girls basketball team to a 13-2 record during the abbreviated 2021 winter season. Willowbrook won its final nine games of the season, which was shortened because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Warriors closed out the season with four wins at the 14-team West Suburban Conference Tournament. Sullivan is pictured during the tournament championship game against Lyons Township, which was played on March 13. The Warriors defeated the Lions 52-46 to win the tournament title. Sullivan scored seven of her nine points during the fourth quarter. Sullivan attended Montini Catholic High School during her freshman and sophomore years. In her sophomore season, she helped the Broncos to a 33-5 record and a third-place finish in the 2020 IHSA Class 3A state tournament.

Willowbrook holds its Silver and Blue Community Night event this Friday

Gates open at 6 p.m.; admission is free; evening includes introductions of the Warriors' fall athletic teams

Willowbrook High School invites all of its stakeholders to celebrate the start of the 2021-22 school year by attending the Silver and Blue Community Night event, which will take place this Friday, Aug. 20, in the school's stadium.

Gates will open at 6 p.m. at the celebration, which will recognize Willowbrook's fall athletic teams and extracurricular activities.

Friday's schedule of events (start times are approximate) will include introductions of the boys soccer players, along with a scrimmage (6:30 p.m.), cheer introductions and a cheer performance (6:50 p.m.), dance team introductions and a performance (7:05 p.m.), boys cross country introductions (7:20 p.m.), girls cross country introductions (7:25 p.m.), girls tennis introductions (7:30 p.m.), girls volleyball introductions (7:35 p.m.), boys

golf introductions (7:45 p.m.), girls golf introductions (7:50 p.m.), girls swimming introductions (7:55 p.m.), freshman and sophomore football introductions (8 p.m.), introductions and a performance from the marching band and color guard (8:10 p.m.), varsity football introductions and a scrimmage (8:25 p.m.) and introductions of the Villa Park Youth Warriors (8:35 p.m.)

Admission is free; donations will be accepted for the District 88 Foundation, which raises funds to benefit District 88 students. Refreshments will be available to buy at the concession stand.

To learn more about the District 88 Foundation, visit dupage88.net/foundation.

For more information, contact District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink at 630-530-3989, or at dbrink@dupage88.net.

Warriors open season with a 10th-place finish

Vandergrift and Guajardo post Willowbrook's best individual scores

The Willowbrook boys golf team began its 2021 season by placing 10th in Friday's 13-team St. Laurence Invite at Lincoln Oaks Golf Course in Crete.

Juniors Brett Vandergrift and Vince Guajardo both shot 7-over-par scores of 78 on the 18-hole course. The two Warriors finished among the top 15 in the event's individual standings.

The Warriors' season continues with today's home meet against Elmwood Park at Sugar Creek Golf Course.

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