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Silver and Blue Community Night

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Willowbrook High School held its annual Silver and Blue Community Night event on Friday to celebrate the start of the 2022-23 school year. The school year began with the first day of classes on Wednesday, Aug. 17. Friday night's gathering in the school's stadium included introductions of the student-athletes on Willowbrook's fall

sports teams. The evening also featured introductions of the members of the Villa Park Warriors Youth Football and Cheer program. The youth program's cheerleaders gave a brief performance at the end of Friday's celebration.

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Warriors battle Glenbard East

Willowbrook's girls golf team faced Glenbard East in last week's dual meet at the Warriors' home venue—Twin Lakes Golf Club in Westmont. The visiting Rams edged Willowbrook 181-184 in the team standings. Senior Mickey Martens of the Warriors shot the best individual score of the meet with her nine-hole total of 37. Senior Judy Roelle carded a 47 for Willowbrook, while seniors Maddie Adersholt and Ava McLaughlin fired scores of 49 and 51, respectively, to round out the team's contributing scores. Martens is pictured (above right) after hitting her tee shot on the seventh hole. Roelle is shown (above left) after hitting her second shot on the ninth hole. The Warriors began last week's schedule with a loss (175-226) to Oak Park/River Forest at Indian Boundary Golf Course in Chicago on Aug. 15. Willowbrook's schedule this week includes dual meets against Addison Trail, Hinsdale South and Glenbard West, along with this Friday's triangular meet against Downers Grove North and Downers Grove South.



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Flag football at Willowbrook

Willowbrook High School introduced the members of its fall athletic teams during Friday's Silver and Blue Community Night event in the school's stadium. Those teams include a new program at the school—girls flag football. The sport will be played at a club/emerging sport level at Willowbrook and several other high schools in Illinois, with the hope that it will become an official IHSA sport in a few years. Willowbrook senior Rimon Karl is pictured during Friday's event.

Warriors open dual-meet season with a loss to Elmwood Park

The Willowbrook boys golf team played its first dual meet of the 2022 season on Aug. 18.

The Warriors faced Elmwood Park at Indian Boundary Golf Course in Chicago.

Elmwood Park defeated Willowbrook 168-172.

Senior Nick Chivilo provided Willowbrook's low score of the dual meet with his nine-hole total of 42 on a par-37 layout. Seniors Brett Vandergrift and Vince Guajardo both delivered scores of 43. Senior Wes Warpool shot a 44 to round out the Warriors' four contributing scores.

Willowbrook opened the season with an eighth-place finish at the 12-team St. Laurence Invite at Lincoln Oaks Golf Course in Crete on Aug. 11.



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Honored seniors

Willowbrook High School's Athletic Booster Club held its Senior Athletic Banquet near the end of the 2021-22 school year. The booster club recognized the senior members of each of the Warriors' 2021-22 athletic teams during the banquet. The honored student-athletes included the seniors on the badminton team. Pictured left to right are: Annabelle Romero, Emma Rattana, Amella Gesicki, Claire Harr, Molly Williams, Allison Harr, Rebecca Lopez Egan, Kallista Becker, assistant coach Mike Haussmann and head coach Eastman Tiu. Not pictured is Mary Whiting—one of the seniors from the team's 2022 spring season. The Warriors posted an overall record of 14-7 during the season. The team finished second in the West Suburban Gold Conference standings. Willowbrook also earned second-place honors at the Metea Valley Sectional. Lopez Egan won the sectional's singles championship and qualified for the IHSA state meet. The Warriors' doubles team of Gesicki and Rattana also earned a state-meet berth after placing third at the sectional. All nine of the team's seniors earned Academic All-Conference honors during the spring season.

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Addison Mentor Program seeks participants

Business, community members urged to join

The Addison Mentor Program is looking for community members and business professionals to serve as mentors for students at Addison Trail High School in School District 88 and at Indian Trail Junior High School in Addison School District 4.

The purpose of that program is to identify students "on the brink of success," who will benefit from having a positive role model.

Make a difference in the life of a student — become a mentor.

What is the Mentor Program?

- The Mentor Program is an initiative of the Addison Business-Education Partnership Council (now known as Addison Resources Connect) to support the students of Addison Trail High School and Indian Trail Junior High School.

• The program was implemented in the 2004-05 school year, which means 2022-23 will be the 19th year for the program.

What are the goals of the Mentor Program?

- The Mentor Program matches community members and business professionals with students at Addison Trail High School and Indian Trail Junior High School.

Trail Junior High School.

• The purpose of the program is to identify students who are "on the brink of success," who will benefit from interacting with a positive role model.

What is involved with being a mentor?

- Mentors meet with their mentee once a week for 30 minutes from October to May.

• The goal is to follow a student from junior high school through high school.

- Mentors complete a brief training and a background check before they begin meeting with their mentee.

- Confidant
- Friend
- Supporter
- Role model

How are students selected for the Mentor Program?

Students selected to participate in the Mentor Program are "on the brink of success." They are students who might be struggling in school or in other areas of their personal life.

They need:

- Motivation
- Support
- A positive adult relationship
- A person they can trust and speak with about their challenges

How do I become a mentor?

To connect with a mentee and complete the necessary training, contact District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink at 630-530-3989 or dbrink@dupage88.net.

Coming events

Editor's note: Unless otherwise specified, learn more about these events and programs at: addisonlibrary.org/events or call 630-543-3617.

Friday, Aug. 26

From 10-10:30 a.m. at the Addison Public Library, join us for songs, stories and fun in this movement-oriented story time. Limit 15 participants and their caregivers.

Sunday, Aug. 28 Addison-Medinah Shriners Parade

The Village of Addison and the Medinah Shriners will be presenting a community-wide parade in Addison. The theme of this year's parade is "Celebrating Freedom." Veterans from the local V.F.W. Post #7446 and active service Addison police officers will serve as the honorary grand marshals of the parade. The parade route is approximately 1.7 miles from Addison Trail High School east on W. Army Trail Blvd. to Kennedy Drive. Line up time at Addison Trail High School will be between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m., and the parade will step off promptly at 3 p.m. Note: There is no parking at Addison Trail High School. There will be an After Party on the Village Green from 4:30-8 p.m. featuring live music and food vendors. In Session, featuring '80s and '90s classic hits, performs at 4:30 p.m. followed by Rick Lindy & The Jukebox Legends and their rockabilly sounds at 6 p.m. For more information, visit addisonadvantage.org.

Tuesday, Aug. 30 60 years of the Beatles

Starting at 7 p.m. at the Large Meeting Room of the Addison Public Library, 60 years ago, Ringo Starr joined the Beatles and the group released its first recording. To commemorate these momentous events in music history, John F. Lyons will examine the impact of the Beatles on the Chicago area through unseen photographs and untold stories of the band's visit to Chicago, along with music and video. Light refreshments provided by Catering with Elegance.

Ongoing events Addison Road Warriors Running Club for ages 16 and over

Are you currently a runner or thinking about getting into running? Joining a running club has great advantages

for all running abilities. Our club will incorporate various distances, paces, and surfaces to perform your best. It will provide guidance on goal setting, strengthening, flexibility and nutrition geared specifically for runners. Local races will also be targeted in this program. Location: Club Fitness. Info: addisonparks.org

Open enrollment is ongoing for the Addison Park District Preschool

The Addison Park District preschool program curriculum reflects the Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards. Visit www.illinoisearlylearning.org for more details. The Park District helps children develop prekindergarten skills, including letter/name recognition, listening skills, healthy habits, cooperative play, fine motor, and socialization skills. The experiences are both educational and recreational, which aid in social, physical, intellectual, and emotional growth. Registration is taken in-person at the Centennial Rec Center. Call (630) 233-7275 option 3 for registration availability. Visit addisonparks.org for required paperwork due prior to first day of program.

Join the Addison All Star Summer Day Camp Program

Participants will go on supervised hikes, learn to play sports, adventure out to new outdoor places, plant a children's garden, create arts and crafts projects, have fun with dance parties, and will enjoy fitness and movie days. The program will operate in small ratios and groups which will enable participants to receive individual attention in a fun, safe environment. Enroll in a five day a week option or as little as two days a week. Times: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center. Info: addisonparks.org

English conversation groups

At 2 p.m. Mondays on Zoom, and at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library, practice listening and speaking skills in a small group setting. Learn more at: addisonlibrary.org/events.

Clubs and organizations are welcome to send entries for this column to: news1@rvpublishing.com. Please include a phone number or e-mail address to contact for information.

What does it mean to be a mentor?

A mentor is a:

- Nurturer
- Coach
- Cheerleader

Five Addison Trail alumni earn COD Scholars Awards

College of DuPage (COD) recently announced the incoming COD students who are Scholars Award recipients for fall 2022, and five Addison Trail alumni from the class of 2022 received that recognition.

There are three categories of Scholars Awards: Presidential, a 64-semester-hour full-tuition scholarship; Board of Trustees,

which is \$2,500 a year; and Deans, which is \$1,000 a year.

The Addison Trail graduates were named as follows:

Presidential Scholars: Chris Flores, Paul Nguyen and Isaias Ramos
Board of Trustees Scholar: Karime Cosio
Deans Scholar: Maximiliano Valdez

Elmhurst police investigating armed robbery of AT&T store

Car found abandoned in Chicago; suspects still at large

Elmhurst police are investigating a reported armed robbery that occurred at the AT&T Store located at 291 N. York St., on Aug. 15 at approximately 6:56 p.m.

Just prior to store closing, two offenders entered the store and announced a robbery. One suspect displayed a black handgun and the other had a large duffie bag. The suspects then stole approximately \$2,400 in currency as well as a quantity of cellular phones from the store. The two offenders then exited the store and ran to a waiting vehicle parked on Columbia Street just north of the business. It is believed a third suspect then drove the getaway vehicle with the two other offenders eastbound on Columbia to North Avenue, exiting Elmhurst. No store employees or customers were injured during the incident.

Police officers spoke to witnesses and identified the suspect vehicle as a gray 2006 Infiniti sedan with tinted windows. At approximately 9 p.m. Elmhurst investigators located the suspect vehicle abandoned on the 4400 block of W. Jackson in Chicago and impounded it. Detectives are canvassing the area for nearby security video cameras and evidence technicians have processed the scene for evidence.

The suspects are described as:

- Suspect #1: A Black male, wearing a white surgical mask, black hooded sweatshirt, black "skinny" jeans, and carrying a blue duffie bag.
- Suspect #2: A Black male, wearing a black mask, a black T-shirt with a black and red logo on the front of it, blue jeans with torn knees, and armed with a handgun.

Anyone with video footage of the area or with any information about this incident is asked to contact the Elmhurst Police Department at 630-530-3050.