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Willowbrook's boys cross-country team ran in Saturday's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at St. James Farm in Warrenville. The Warriors are pictured at the start of the 3-mile race. Senior Kevin Diederich (No. 1733) of Willowbrook won the meet's individual title. He completed the race in a first-place time of 15 minutes, 46.95 seconds. Senior Charlie Hayes (No. 1734) delivered a 16th-place finish. Diederich and Hayes both

earned All-Conference distinction by placing among the top 16 finishers. Also pictured are senior Henry Sloan (No. 1735) and junior Sam McNeilly (No. 1739). Willowbrook finished third in the team standings of the conference meet, which featured six full teams. The Warriors will compete in this Saturday's IHSA Class 3A Lyons Township Regional.

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Impaired driving is scary

Police in Villa Park are on the lookout for drunk and drugged driving this Halloween

The Villa Park Police Department urges motorists to commit to sober driving this Halloween, when children and their families will be walking through neighborhoods after dark in search of candy and spooky fun. If you will be out scaring up a good time, remember to plan for a sober ride home.

Villa Park police will join other law-enforcement agencies around the state to conduct increased patrols during the upcoming Halloween period. The holiday enforcement campaign is funded by federal highway safety dollars administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

"Alcohol and marijuana impair not only your ability to drive safely, but also your decision-making skills," said Villa Park Police Sgt. James Chak. "That's why it's so important to know how you'll get home

before you leave for the party. Plan ahead to help keep yourself and others safe."

The Villa Park Police Department urges everyone to follow these simple tips to help keep our roads safe this Halloween:

- Plan a safe way to get home before you attend a party. You can designate a sober driver, take public transportation, use your favorite ride-sharing service, or call a sober friend or family member to get home.

- Walking while impaired can be just as dangerous as driving 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 it is safe to do so.

- If you see an impaired person about to drive, take their keys and help them get home safely.



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Open house at Fire Station 81

The Villa Park Fire Department held its annual open house on Saturday, Oct. 15, at Fire Station 81, located at 1440 S. Ardmore Ave. The open house, which took place at the end of Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 9-15), gave children an up-close look at some of the fire department's vehicles and equipment. The event also included fire safety puppet shows. This photo shows Steven Augle (age 6) of Villa Park using a fire hose with some assistance from Joshua Peal. The open house ended with a live fire safety demonstration that showed how quickly a fire can spread.



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Galindo receives 88's Best honor for September

Willowbrook High School senior Lia Galindo of Villa Park was named her school's recipient of the 88's Best award for the month of September. Galindo was recognized during the District 88 Board of Education's Sept. 26 meeting. She is pictured (left) at the meeting with Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause. The 88's Best honor recognizes students for their achievements in and out of the classroom. Galindo is one of the standout students in Willowbrook's Class of 2023. She has completed 14 Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses, along with several honors courses. She is an inductee of the National Honor Society, the National English Honor Society, the Math Honor Society, the World Language Honor Society and Willowbrook's social studies honor society—Civitas. Galindo has been named to Willowbrook's Distinction Honor Roll during each semester of her time in high school. Additionally, Galindo is involved in numerous clubs and organizations at Willowbrook, including Scholastic Bowl, Science Olympiad and the math team. She's also a co-captain of the school's speech team and a member of the chess club. Galindo is a senior editor of Willowbrook's yearbook—Centurion, and a features editor for the school newspaper—Skyline. She's also the president of the Hispanic Organization for Leadership and Achievement (HOLA) Club. Galindo plans to study medicine. As she continues her education, her top choices of schools include Johns Hopkins University and Loyola University Chicago.

St. Alexander CCW Crafters' Holiday, Bake Sale this Saturday

St Alexander's CCW is holding its annual Crafters' Holiday and Bake Sale this Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the parish hall, located at 300 S. Cornell, Villa Park.

Many creative handmade crafts are presented for your holiday gift and

home decor shopping. This fall's fair will also include a bakery booth with delicious homemade bakery goods.

Ample parking and handicapped accessibility are available. Go to: stalexanderparish.org/bulletin for more information.

VFW Post Auxiliary to hold fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 29

The Villa Park Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2801 Auxiliary invites the public to its Rockin' 70s Halloween fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 29. The fundraiser will take place from 5 to 10 p.m. at the VFW post, which is located at 39 E. St.

Charles Road.

There is a \$5 cover charge per person. Food and drinks will be on sale at the fundraiser, which will feature raffles, games and a costume contest.

A local band—Full Volume—will provide live music from 6 to 9 p.m.

Warriors finish regular season with an overtime win

The Willowbrook boys soccer team completed its regular season with last week's 2-1 overtime win over Leyden in a West Suburban Gold Conference game in Villa Park.

The Warriors closed out the regular season with an overall record of 11-7-3 and a conference mark of 4-2. Junior Liron Ebema scored both of Willowbrook's goals in the Oct. 11 win over Leyden. The Warriors and Eagles played in rough conditions, with heavy rain falling throughout

the match.

Senior D'Angelo Mahone assisted Ebema's first goal, which lifted the Warriors to a 1-0 lead in the second half. The Eagles scored a short time later to tie the match at 1-1.

Ebema scored his second goal early in the overtime period. His goal ended the match.

The Warriors opened IHSA Class 3A post-season play with this week's match against Conant at the Conant Regional in Hoffman Estates.

Warriors keep on rolling, raising their record to 32-2

Team wins five matches to claim the title at Lincoln-Way Central's invite; Willowbrook begins post-season play next week

STAFF REPORT

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team continued its successful 2022 season by reeling off seven straight victories last week. The Warriors earned five of those wins at Lincoln-Way Central High School's Autumn Knights Invite. Willowbrook won the championship match at that event on Saturday to move its overall season record to 32-2.

The Warriors began the week with a 25-3, 25-8 West Suburban Gold Conference victory at Proviso East on Oct. 11. Willowbrook improved its conference record to 5-0 with the decisive win over the Pirates.

On Oct. 12, the Warriors opened play in Lincoln-Way Central's event with two wins—one over Reavis (25-16, 25-18) and another over Oak Lawn (25-15, 25-14).

Willowbrook played its only home match of last week on Oct. 13, when it faced Oak Park/River Forest. The Warriors earned a narrow 25-23, 25-22 win over the visiting Huskies.

"It feels good to win the big ones," said Willowbrook coach Irene Mason after her team's victory over a competitive Oak Park/River Forest team. "A lot of people are doubting our ability. We're just working hard and trying to focus and prove that we can do it."

Willowbrook sophomore Hannah Kenny delivered 10 kills, 13 assists, three digs and two blocks in the Warriors' win over the Huskies. Junior Calli Kenny provided seven kills, 11 assists, eight digs and three aces.

Senior Natalie Cipriano hit four kills and made five digs in Willowbrook's win over Oak Park/River Forest. Senior Grace Conley supplied 11 digs and three assists. Sophomore Anna Marinier had three kills and two digs, while junior Elle Bruschuk contributed three blocks and two digs. Senior Hope Reckamp had four kills. Juniors Elisa Chivilo and Keri Ostrowski each made four digs.

"We have a lot of options," said Mason in describing the Warriors' depth. She also referred to the team's knack for playing well in



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Rock Valley Publishing

Willowbrook's girls volleyball team won seven matches last week to improve its overall season record to 32-2. The Warriors closed out the week by winning the title at Lincoln-Way Central High School's Autumn Knights Invite on Saturday. The Warriors won three matches at Saturday's invite. They finished the day with a 25-21, 25-23 win over Lincoln-Way East in the championship contest. Willowbrook earned a home win over Oak Park/River Forest on Oct. 13. The Warriors beat the visiting Huskies 25-23, 25-22. One photo (above left) from that match shows senior Hope Reckamp keeping the ball in play. Another photo (above right) shows senior Grace Conley (No. 4) celebrating with junior Calli Kenny (No. 9) after the Warriors won a point. Willowbrook will complete its regular season with this week's home match against Leyden. The Warriors will open the IHSA Class 4A post-season at the Downers Grove North Regional on Oct. 25. If Willowbrook wins two matches at Downers Grove North to claim the regional title, it will advance to the Proviso West Sectional. The Warriors are the sectional's No. 1 seed.

critical late-game situations.

Willowbrook held a 21-18 lead over the Huskies in the second game. Oak Park/River Forest won the next three points to even the game at 21-21. The Warriors and Huskies split the next two points. Willowbrook then won the

next three points to close out the match.

"It was nice to connect and see everybody on the same page," said Mason of the Warriors' success in the final points of the match against Oak Park/River Forest. She noted that Willowbrook's experience in close games should help

the team prepare for its upcoming post-season push.

"At this point it's more of a mental thing than anything else," she said. "This is a strenuous but fun point right now."

The Warriors began Saturday's play at the Lincoln-Way Central event with a 25-16, 25-10 win over Lincoln-Way West. Willowbrook closed out pool play with that victory and advanced to the semifinal round of the invite.

The Warriors beat Lockport 25-14, 25-23 in a semifinal battle to advance to the championship match. Willowbrook edged Lincoln-Way East 25-21, 25-23 in the invite's title contest.

Calli Kenny, who was named the tournament's most valuable player, piled up 12 kills, 11 digs, nine assists, two blocks and an ace in Saturday's championship match. Her younger sister Hannah, who was named to the event's all-tournament team, provided 12 kills, 12 assists and seven digs.

Cipriano connected for three kills in Saturday's championship match. Conley contributed eight assists and eight digs. Reckamp added two kills and two blocks. Bruschuk and Chivilo had two digs each.

Willowbrook completed its regular season with this week's conference home match against Leyden. The Warriors will open the IHSA Class 4A post-season with a match against Proviso West at the Downers Grove North Regional on Oct. 25. A win in that match would send the Warriors to a regional final against either Bartlett or Downers Grove North on Oct. 27.

Winning the regional would propel Willowbrook to the semifinal round of the Proviso West Sectional. The Warriors are the sectional's No. 1 seed.

"They are doing a great job," said Mason of the Warriors as they prepare for another post-season run. (Last season's team won regional and sectional titles before losing a super-sectional showdown with Mother McAuley.) "I'm excited for everything to come."

Diederich zooms to conference title

Willowbrook senior posts convincing win in boys race at the West Suburban Gold Conference Meet; Ojeda leads the Warriors' girls team with a second-place performance

STAFF REPORT

Willowbrook's boys and girls cross-country teams ran in Saturday afternoon's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at St. James Farm in Warrenville.

Senior Kevin Diederich of the Warriors won the individual title in the boys race. Diederich completed the 3-mile race in a first-place time of 15 minutes, 46.95 seconds. He crossed the finish line more than 18 seconds ahead of the second-place runner.

Senior Charlie Hayes delivered a 16th-place finish for Willowbrook. Hayes, who completed the race in 17:03.11, joined Diederich in earning All-Conference honors on Saturday by placing among the top 16 finishers.

Junior Sam McNeilly (17:24.85; 19th), senior Henry Sloan (17:35.50; 21st) and junior Declan Abercrombie (17:52.06; 25th) completed Willowbrook's scoring lineup at the conference meet. The Warriors' top five runners posted a team score of

82 (1+16+19+21+25), good for third place. Downers Grove South won the conference meet's team title with its output of 24 points (2+3+4+7+8). Morton (54 points) claimed second place in the event, which featured six full teams. Hinsdale South (97) posted a fourth-place finish. Leyden (124) and Addison Trail (161) landed in fifth and sixth place, respectively.

Junior Alex Perry (18:30.08; 34th) and senior Garrett Williams (18:58.47; 38th) rounded out the Warriors' varsity contingent in Saturday's meet.

Sophomore Amelie Ojeda led Willowbrook's girls team in Saturday's conference meet by delivering a second-place finish in the individual results. Ojeda negotiated the 3-mile course in 19 minutes, 24.42 seconds. She finished about nine seconds behind the meet's individual champion—Morton senior Isabela Garcia.

Senior Amelia Barrington

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Willowbrook's girls cross-country team competed in Saturday's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at St. James Farm in Warrenville. The Warriors ran to a fourth-place finish in the team results of the meet, which featured six full teams. The photo from the start of the race shows (left to right) sophomore Molly Brown (No. 1720), sophomore Aubry Schulgen, sophomore Amelie Ojeda (No. 1722), sophomore Sophia Stasch (No. 1724), freshman Allyson Stefani (No. 1732) and senior Amelia Barrington. Not pictured is sophomore Malin Meeker, who is behind Barrington. Ojeda posted the Warriors' best time in the 3-mile race. She ran to a second-place finish, completing the race in 19 minutes, 24.42 seconds.



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No matter what you think of "drag" events, it pains me that many of my conservative brethren are giving the rest of us a bad name by behaving, or threatening to behave, in such violent ways. They are no better than those on the violent side who advocate for looting and rioting—who give moderate Democrats a bad name. I understand why the bakery in Lake in the Hills shut down its drag show and the library in Downers Grove gave in and shut down its drag bingo event as a measure of safety to themselves and the public. But that just lets these radical individuals and groups claim a victory that they strong-armed to achieve. I am a conservative, but I'm not homophobic, and I believe these places have a right to offer these events as a matter of free speech. Not only do the bakery and library have the right to stand up and be courageous, but those people who claim to be backing their beliefs with the Bible, or who bully from anonymity, sure don't behave in a very Christian manner. They are cowards.

Please keep in mind Deb Conroy voted in favor of the SAFE-T Act while she was state rep. Does she want to bring more crime to DuPage County with this type of radical legislation if she is elected as DuPage County Board chair?

Someone I was talking to made a point that with all the breaks we are getting under JB Pritzker, if and when Republicans take control again, they will likely have to raise taxes to make up for all the freebies and other spending. I sure hope my friend is wrong.

While visiting the Hurricane Ian damage in Florida, Biden said, "The one thing this has finally ended is

the discussion about whether or not there's climate change, and whether we should do something about it." Is he serious? Are hurricanes something new? Has anyone told him about the deadly hurricanes that struck Florida in 1523, 1553, 1559, 1563, 1571, 1591, 1622, 1674, 1715, 1733 and on, and on, and on? Numerous hurricanes have struck the state in the last 500 years, and Biden claims Hurricane Ian is proof of "climate change"? Does he think enacting certain legislation will eliminate future hurricanes? The man is a joke.

I am really confused on how anyone can support current policies in Illinois and the federal government. This is no longer about disliking Trump. It is not about women's rights, especially in Illinois where those laws won't change anytime soon. People, please quit following the mainstream media narrative. Look at the facts. Your food bill, gas prices, energy bill, taxes have all risen to much greater levels than your income. Please wake up. We need new people. JB, Deb Conroy, Terra Costa Howard all need to go sooner than later.

I heard a Colorado bakery owner on the radio talking about how he won a Supreme Court case after refusing to make a wedding cake for a gay marriage, having been accused of discrimination. Later, another person wanted him to make a gender-transition celebratory cake, which he also refused to do. The person admitted baiting the owner to get him to, quote, "Change his way of thinking"! The owner said his religious beliefs were at issue, and his attorney made the point that if the government starts telling us what we can and cannot believe, we are in se-

rious trouble. I can understand how the gay couple felt slighted, but the business owner does have a right to run a business the way he sees fit, just like when businesses were requiring masks, or "no shirt, no shoes, no service." This is not the same as discriminating over housing, medical attention or jobs. The owner said he would gladly make a cake for gay and transgender individuals for other occasions, just not for a marriage, which goes against his religious beliefs. While I disagree with his beliefs, I respect his right to exercise them.

When gas prices go down, Biden takes credit. When gas prices go up, Democrats claim that Biden doesn't control gas prices and repeat slogans like "Putin's price hike." When the stock market goes up, Biden takes credit. When the stock market goes down, Biden's team claims that the downturn is not his fault. Biden and Democrats have no credibility. It's a shame so many people are following the "green" agenda. Imagine how much better off we'd be if energy was cheap and abundant. Instead, we've got people thinking that wind energy and solar energy can take the place of oil, coal, natural gas and nuclear power. They can't. Here's a bold predic-

tion: Winter is coming, and it's going to get cold in large parts of the country. When people are freezing and can't afford to heat their homes, will they still be excited about "green" energy?

"Grandma, can you help me get un-mad? We didn't win and it's cuz the umpires don't like us; please don't tell mom I called you." "Johnny, I saw that game and honey, the umpires were right and you have to be a good sport; you lost. But you can win next time. Right?" "I noticed you didn't shake hands at the end, and that's not good sportsmanship, hon. It takes courage to admit you lost, but you will win next time. Right?" "I guess, Grandma." "Johnny, what did your mom say?" "Mom says you're still mad that your guy didn't win the election but that was two years ago. Said people were so mad there was a riot. Mom says sometimes you win and sometimes you lose and you have to be OK. But Grandma, I really wanted to win." Does it ever occur to you the lessons you are teaching your grandchildren, friends and relatives? Did you do a handshake at the end? Your "instant replay" was 61 court cases, and the January 6th committee showing you the team cheated. Are you OK with stomping your feet without proof? Think of your grand-

kids. What legacy do you leave?

So Sean Casten and other Democrats have come out strongly in support of public libraries hosting drag queen events. They also support "gender affirming" care for children; late-term abortion. Incredible. W do they hate children so much; what has happened to the Democratic Party?

Why do so many people litter? pathetic. Every time I'm in a park lot of a store or a restaurant, I see c lids, wrappers and more scattered the pavement. Why are some people lazy and inconsiderate? Is anyone old enough to remember the "Ki America Beautiful" commercial w the American Indian who sheds a te That commercial urged people not pollute. Can someone bring that co mercial back?

Please keep in mind how import it is to vote for Illinois Supreme Co judges. Both Mary O'Brien and Eli beth Rochford are Madigan connec judges. Please look at Mark Cun and Michael Burke. We need char in Illinois. Please don't be so naïve t Madigan's cronies don't still have th hands in judgements.



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First-place finish at the conference meet

Senior Kevin Diederich (No. 1733) of Willowbrook's boys cross-country team is pictured as he approaches the finish line during Saturday's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at St. James Farm in Warrenville. Diederich ran to a victory in the 3-mile race, which he completed in a first-place time of 15 minutes, 46.95 seconds. He finished more than 18 seconds ahead of the second-place runner. Willowbrook finished third in the team standings of the event, which featured six full teams. The Warriors will compete in this Saturday's IHSA Class 3A Lyons Township Regional.



Runner-up Amelle Ojeda (No. 1722) and Amelia Barrington (N 1706), who finished eighth, both earned All-Conference recognition by placing among the top 16 finishers.

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(20:05.52) dashed to an eighth-place finish for the Warriors to join Garcia in claiming All-Conference recognition.

Sophomore Malin Meeker (21:41.51; 25th), sophomore Molly Brown (22:03.30; 28th) and sophomore Sophia Stasch (22:10.88; 30th) completed Willowbrook's scoring lineup at Saturday's meet, which took place in clear and cool conditions.

The Warriors finished fourth in the event's team standings. Downers Grove South won the championship with its total of 34 points. Leyden (83) finished second in the meet, which featured six full teams. Hins-



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dale South (89) landed in third place one point ahead of Willowbrook (90). The Warriors edged fifth-plac Morton (91) in the team standing. Addison Trail (106) posted a sixth place finish. One Proviso East runner turned in a 23rd-place effort.

Willowbrook sophomore Aulry Schulgen (22:56.22) turned in 36th-place finish on Saturday, while freshman Allyson Stefani (23:11.12) landed in 39th place.

The Warriors' boys and girls team will compete in this Saturday's 11 team IHSA Class 3A Lyons Township Regional. The top six teams in the regional will advance to the Wabonsie Valley Sectional on Oct. 29.

Warriors overmatched by York; undefeated Dukes prevail 50-0

Willowbrook closes out its regular season with tonight's conference home game against Morton

The Willowbrook football team fell to 4-4 following Friday night's 50-0 loss to York in a non-conference game in Elmhurst.

The powerful Dukes, who improved to 8-0, scored three first-quarter touchdowns to build a 21-0 lead. York's lead grew to 28-0 by halftime.

The Warriors will finish the regular season tonight (Thursday, Oct. 20) with a West Suburban Gold Conference home game against Morton (3-5 overall and 3-2 in conference play). Willowbrook needs to beat

Morton to keep its post-season hopes alive. The IHSA will announce its 2022 playoff pairings this weekend.

Willowbrook will enter the game with a 4-1 conference record, good for second place in the conference standings.

Downers Grove South heads to the last week of the regular season with a perfect 5-0 conference record. The Mustangs will complete the regular season with this week's conference game against Leyden (2-6 overall and 2-3 in conference play).

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Lombard man dies after being struck by Metra train in Elmhurst

STAFF REPORT

The Elmhurst Police Department said a Lombard man was struck and killed by a Metra train in Elmhurst during the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 10.

According to police, 31-year-old Rashad Oliver was pronounced dead at the scene. There were no other injuries reported as a result of this in-

cident.

At 3:10 p.m., Elmhurst police and fire departments were dispatched to the south platform area of the Elmhurst Train Depot for a report of a pedestrian being struck by a train. Upon arrival, responders located the victim's body.

Police said witnesses saw Oliver walking across the Union Pacific

Railroad tracks from north to south just east of the Addison Avenue-Cottage Hill Avenue crossing as an inbound Metra train approached.

Following the incident, trains were stopped in both directions. Cottage Hill Avenue at the railroad crossing and Park Avenue between York Street and Cottage Hill were closed for approximately three hours, said Elm-

hurst Police Chief Michael McClean.

McClean said an investigation of the incident by Elmhurst police, Metra police and the DuPage County Coroner's Office is still ongoing.

"We're still investigating what happened before we got there," McClean said. "It is a very unfortunate tragedy."

"We encourage all people to pay

attention to the gates when they approach railroad crossings for their safety because there could be multiple trains on several different tracks. It's important to exercise personal safety and follow the warnings."

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Elmhurst Police Department at 630-530-3050.

Addison Police Department awarded IDOT traffic enforcement grant

The Addison Police Department announced last week it had been awarded a Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program grant to conduct additional traffic safety efforts. The STEP program focuses on high-visibility enforcement and strategies aimed at saving lives and preventing injuries by reducing traffic crashes.

"We're pleased to receive this grant to step up our road safety efforts with the goal of saving lives," said Sergeant Stephen Oskroba. "Our mission is to make travel safer through directed, proactive patrols and to stop, cite and arrest those who choose to violate traffic laws."

During the STEP grant year, which runs from Oct. 1, 2022, through Sept. 30, 2023, the Addison Police Department will conduct additional enforcement efforts to supplement mandatory and optional campaign enforcement dates scheduled during some of the deadliest times of the year.

The additional efforts will focus on the leading contributory causes of crashes: speeding, impaired driving,



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Addison Trail seniors visit Elmhurst University

Addison Trail seniors who are enrolled in District 88's English 12 Collegiate Credit course are pictured here in front of the Frick Center at Elmhurst University during a recent visit. The students toured the campus, had lunch, met with Erika McCombs, Ph.D., an assistant professor in the University's Department of English and attended one of her classes. See story inside.

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Addison Trail mourns staffer Suzanne Flemming who passed suddenly

With great sadness, the administration of School District 88 shared the news that Addison Trail staff member Suzanne Flemming had passed away suddenly on Sunday, Oct. 9.

Flemming joined Addison Trail in 2015 and served as a substitute teacher, a teacher aide for credit recovery, a part-time teacher in credit recovery and a full-time teacher aide in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department.



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Suzanne Flemming

goals — whether that meant attending college or entering the workforce.

"Suzanne truly embodied what it means to be an Addison Trail Blazer," said AT principal Jack Andrews. "The Flemming family has been part of District 88 for decades, as their children graduated from the school. Suzanne and her husband, Bob, were both employees of District 88, and Bob also is a former District 88 Board of Education member. Suzanne was a staple at Addison Trail events with Bob and always cheered for all Blazers. Her passion for public education and care for each student was evident and inspiring and has left a lasting positive impact on the school and the lives of countless children."

Flemming was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and daughter and will forever be missed by family, friends and the Addison Trail community. Counseling services are available for students and staff.

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Before coming to Addison Trail, Flemming worked as a teacher aide and a substitute teacher at Addison School District 4. She will be remembered for going beyond traditional education and texting students in the morning to make sure they were on their way to class. She understood that the path to success is different for all students, and she was determined to reach each child and help him or her achieve his or her



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Scotte visits Art Guild

On the evening of Thursday, Oct. 13, the Addison Art Guild met at Addison Village Hall to learn about the art career of Melina Scotte of Elmhurst, pictured here. Scotte explained how much she loves to create beauty in her paintings and murals. "The purpose with my art is to transmit beauty and imagination and allow viewers to see something from their own perspective," she said. Her work graces many private collections and public spaces in Chicago and Elgin.

Addison library to receive PLA Digital Literacy grant

The Addison Public Library is one of 160 public libraries nationwide that received funding from the Public Library Association (PLA) as part of the PLA Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive that is supported by AT&T. With this funding, the library will purchase additional technology that patrons can borrow and will host a special bilingual series of workshops to help community members improve their technology skills.

The new Technology Made Simple! workshop series will be offered in both English and Spanish and will cover essential digital skills like using a computer or tablet, accessing email, and using the internet safely. The series also includes sessions on formatting a resume to apply for jobs.

"During the 2021-22 fiscal year, library staff held over 650 one-on-one appointments with adult patrons," said head of adult services Lesley Cyrier. "In many cases, patrons were coming to the library seeking computer training or help finding a new job. We applied for the funding so that we could increase our offerings for our patrons who want more guidance and practice using technology. We are thrilled to have been awarded

funding so we can do just that."

Workshops will be held in-person at the library and refreshments will be available for each session. Patrons can attend the entire series of workshops or select workshops that are most relevant to them.

Technology Made Simple! Schedule

(All classes held in the library's Adult Program Room)

- **Computer Basics (Windows)**
Tuesday, Nov. 1 from 2-3 p.m.
- **Tablet Basics**
iPad: Thursday, Nov. 3 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Android: Thursday, Nov. 10 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- **Internet Basics**
Monday, Nov. 7 from 1-2 p.m.
- **Resume Basics**
Sunday, Nov. 13 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- **Email Basics**
Monday, Nov. 14 from 2-3 p.m.
- **Cybersecurity Basics**
Monday, Nov. 21 from 2-3 p.m.
- **Video Conferencing Basics**
Wednesday, Nov. 23 from 2-3 p.m.
- **Video Conferencing Basics**
Tuesday, Nov. 29 from 10-11 a.m.

Seniors in English 12 visit Elmhurst University

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, Addison Trail seniors who are enrolled in District 88's English 12 Collegiate Credit course visited Elmhurst University.

That class provides pupils with an opportunity to receive credit for Elmhurst University's English 105. The course is taught by District 88 teachers, in conjunction with Elmhurst University professors. Participants improve their vocabulary and writing skills and analyze literature in various forms, including novels, films, plays, essays, short stories and poetry.

The course focuses on improving writing for a variety of purposes and audiences, as well as encouraging students to develop their own writing style and voice. Students are recommended for this course by their junior-year English teacher and are approved by the English Department Head through an application process. This year, 33 District 88 pupils are taking English 12 Collegiate Credit.

During their visit to Elmhurst University, the Addison Trail students toured the campus, enjoyed lunch, met with Department of English Assistant Professor Erika McCombs, Ph.D., and attended her English 105 class.

• Grant

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"We're pleased to receive this grant to step up our road safety efforts with the goal of saving lives."

— Sergeant
Stephen Oskroba

electronic device use, failure to yield and disobeying traffic control signals, as well as occupant restraint violations.

The STEP grant is funded by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Addison Trail High School celebrates National Hispanic Heritage month

For the sixth year, Addison Trail celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month, which takes place annually from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. District 88 has about 50 languages and more than 30 countries represented among its families, and more than half of the nearly 2,000 students at Addison Trail speak more than one language.

District 88's core values include fostering an inclusive environment and a sense of belonging, where all students, staff and community mem-

bers feel safe, valued, respected and welcome – regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity.

The school hosted a variety of activities to recognize this important event, including sales of a T-shirt, specially designed by Claire Sychta, AT social studies teacher and Interact Club co-adviser; staff and students working together on a collaborative poster; decorating the hallways and display cases; and painting flags on the windows.

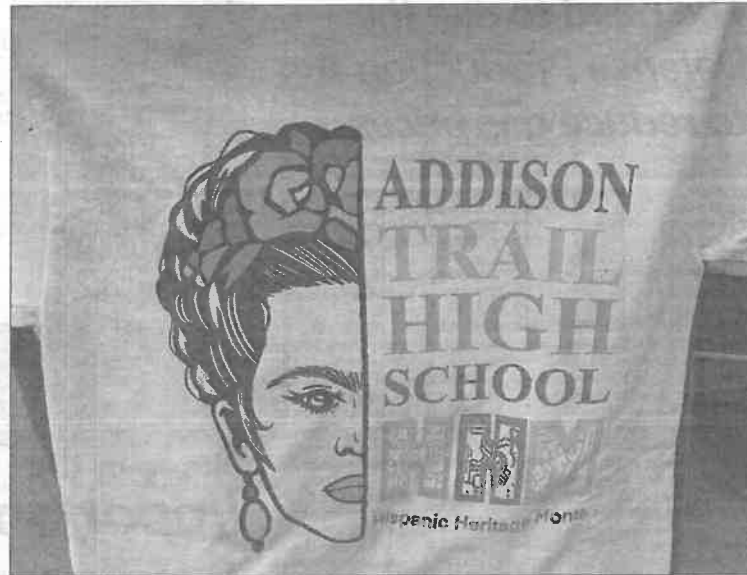
In addition, there was a trivia game during the Employment and Career Fair on Thursday, Sept. 29; a staff dinner that featured a taco truck and elote during the boys soc-

cer game on Friday, Sept. 23; watching "Coco" the movie; and, elote, a grilled Mexican street corn-on-the-cob, was sold during football games. Collecting student and staff

heritage pride stories took place throughout the month and, during passing periods, Hispanic cultural music was played and facts and stories were told.



These students are painting flags on the windows as part of Fenton's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month which takes place annually from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. Among its families, District 88 has about 50 languages and more than 30 countries represented.



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This beautiful T-shirt design was created for Hispanic Heritage Month by Claire Sychta, Addison Trail social studies teacher and Interact Club co-adviser. It was one of many activities at ATHS to recognize this important event.

Funding from PLA allows hotspots, new laptops

Hotspots, new laptops

In addition to the workshops, the funding from the Public Library Association will allow the library to add more hotspots to the collection as well as three laptops that the library plans to use for future pop-up computer labs in the community.

"We know from the latest Census that nearly 20% of Addison households do not have internet access at home," said head of community engagement Gabby Tafolla. "Our goal is to make sure the community has access to the technology and training they need. "With this funding, we can add more hotspots to the collection to help more patrons get internet access and meet patrons where they are to teach them technology skills."

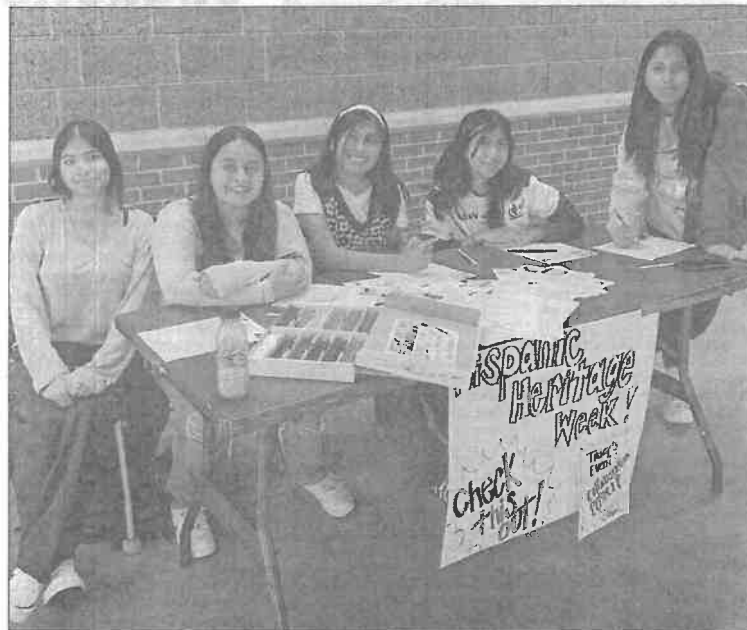
To learn more about the Technology Made Simple! series and sign up for workshops, visit addisonlibrary.org/Tech-Simple.

The Addison Public Library is located at 4 Friendship Plaza and can be reached at 630-543-3617 or at addisonlibrary.org.

About the program:

Supported by AT&T, the PLA Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive provides support to public libraries, allowing them to conduct digital literacy training in their communities and help close the digital divide.

"The mission of libraries has always been about equitable access to information, literacy, learning, and culture," said PLA president Maria McCauley. "In the age of COVID-19, this mission has only become vital as libraries have played a critical role in keeping communities connected and online. AT&T's investment with PLA and public libraries nationwide will boost access to digital literacy skills for the most vulnerable in our communities."



These five young ladies work at a table full of art supplies to help staff and students sign up to take part in the collaborative poster made for Hispanic Heritage Month. Each person – students, teachers, administrators and all other staff – was invited to create individual images and place them all together to make one large poster.

Coming events

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

Tuesday, Nov. 1 Computer basics (Windows)

From 2-3 p.m. in the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library, if you want to learn how to use your Windows computer, this is the program for you. We will discuss navigating the computer, managing files and folders, deleting and saving files, and more. Part of our Technology Made Simple series.

Wednesday, Nov. 2 Talking politics

Starting at 7 p.m. at the Large Meeting Room of the Addison Public Library, get out of your echo chamber! Discuss and debate political issues with your neighbors in this safe space.

Thursday, Nov. 3 Zumba!

Starting at 7 p.m. at the Large Meeting Room of the Addison Public

Library, instructor and performer Erika Ochoa leads this fun, fast-paced, musical exercise practice. No previous experience required. Instruction is bilingual, English/Spanish.

Thursday, Nov. 3 and Thursday Nov. 10 ¡Hola! (Drop-In)

From 10:45-11:15 a.m. both days at the Addison Public Library, join us for a bilingual story time in Spanish and English. All ages welcome.

• Tablet and phone basics

From 1:30-2:30 p.m. both days at the Addison Public Library, have a new tablet or phone or are looking to get one? Join us to learn all the basic functions and get the most out of your device. We will discuss how to get connected, common apps, plus learn how to use your device safely. Part of our Technology Made Simple series.

Saturday, Nov. 5 Language and culture story time: Russia (Drop-In)

From 3-3:30 p.m. at the Addison Public Library, join us for classic

Russian stories (acted out with puppets). We'll also do a fun craft activity. All ages welcome.

Monday, Nov. 7 • Internet basics

From 1-2 p.m. at the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library, join us to explore the basic terms, uses, and navigation of internet browsers, search engines, and websites. Part of our Technology Made Simple series.

• Bullet journaling for everyone

Starting at 7 p.m. at the Large Meeting Room of the Addison Public Library, join us for an introduction to bullet journaling. We'll have supplies to get you started, or bring your own to share with others while creating a meaningful way to organize and document your life.

Ongoing events NaNoWriMo Writing Circle

Starting at 6 p.m. Nov. 1, 3, 15, 16, 17, 28 and 29 at the Addison Public Library, join writers across the country for National Novel Writing Month. Every writer gets a

starter kit with a branded tote and some goodies to get you motivated. Make progress on your novel by coming to our writing circles. We'll provide the snacks, but the writing is up to you. Get feedback from other writers or dive deep into your writing.

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.

English conversation groups

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

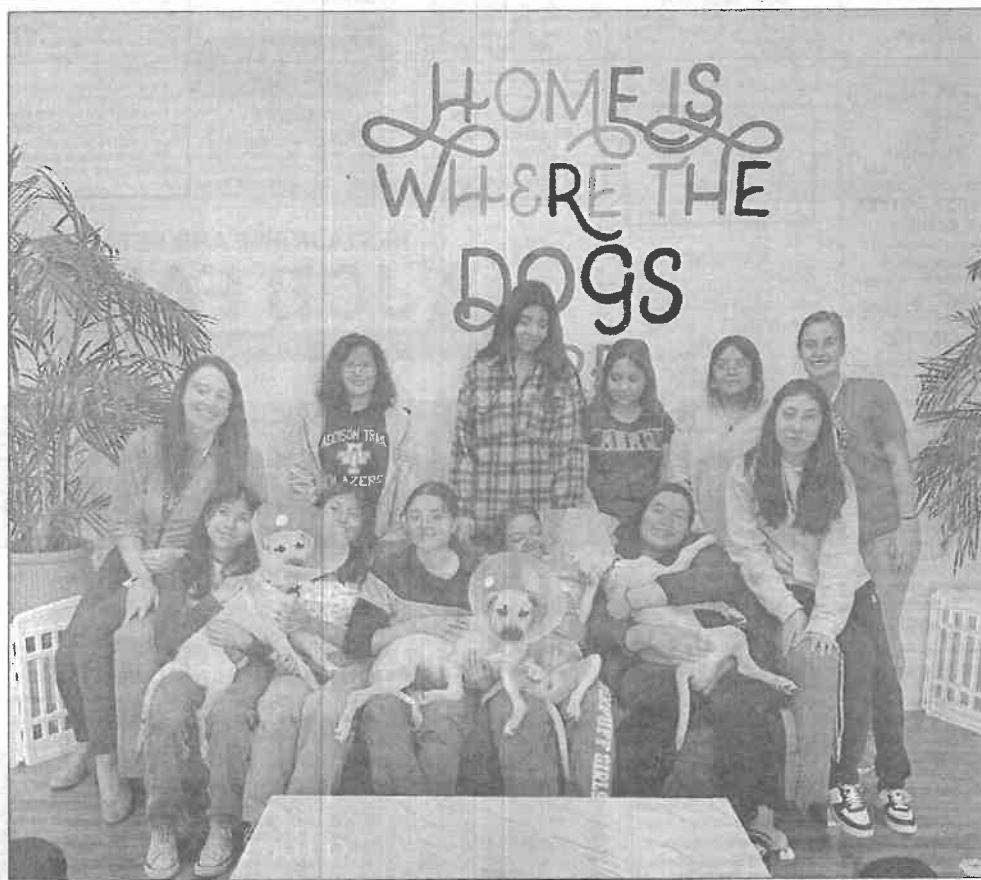
English reading circle

At 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Program Room of the Addison Public Library. Learn more at: addisonlibrary.org/events

Heroes story time

From 10-10:30 a.m. at the Addison Public Library, join us for story activities about everyday heroes, superheroes, and more.

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



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Addison Trail Sew Crafty Club visits animal rescue

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, 10 Addison Trail members of the Sew Crafty Club pictured here with AT CTE department head Jennifer Kowalski and Family and Consumer Sciences teacher and Sew Crafty Club adviser Bridget Collieran at the Second City Canine Rescue in Palatine, where their own homemade dog toys were donated to share with the "residents" of the facility. Sew Crafty is a new club for students who wish to have dedicated time to sew and craft.