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THURSDAY, DEC. 15, 2022

Man gets 34 years for Addison armed carjacking, robbery

*Berlin praises
efforts of local
law enforcement*

On Thursday, Dec. 8, DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin announced that a Dolton man had been sentenced to 34 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for hijacking at gunpoint a Chevy Camaro from a man in May, 2020, and robbing an Addison gas station at gunpoint in March, 2020.

On Aug. 25, James T. Kimbrough, 25, formerly of Chicago, entered a blind plea of guilty to one count of Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking (Class X Felony) and one count of Armed Robbery (Class X Felony). At his sentencing hearing, Judge Daniel Guerin sentenced Kimbrough to 34 years on each count. Kimbrough's sentences will be served concurrently to each other and will also be served concurrently to a 15-year sentence he received out of Cook County for Armed Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon. On May 13, 2020, Kimbrough appeared in Bond

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Addison Trail High School Senior Club collects for Relief Center

(From left) Addison Trail student Daniel Davila, special education teacher Freddy Crone and student Belen Morones pack up items donated by the Addison Senior Club for the school's Blazer Relief Center. Full story and another photo inside.

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Members of the Addison Senior Club show off the dozens of items collected for Addison Trail's Blazer Relief Center.

Addison Senior Club donates to Blazer Relief Center

Addison Trail High School recently received a generous donation to the school's Blazer Relief Center, the program that collects food, hygiene items and clothing for students and their family members who are in need of basic necessities.

Addison Senior Club, sponsored by the Addison Park District and

supported by the Village of Addison, donated about 1,000 items to the Blazer Relief Center including soap, toothpaste, feminine products, pre-packaged food and more.

The purpose of the Addison Senior Club is to provide individuals who are 55 years old and older with recreational and social experiences, as

well as a feeling of usefulness and a chance to participate in civic affairs. Club members also support the Addison Township Food Pantry, contribute to various local charities and volunteer at park district and village events.

Addison Senior Club meets from 12 noon to 2 p.m. every Tuesday at

the Community Recreation Center, 120 E. Oak St. Along with philanthropy, members participate in a variety of activities, service projects, lunches/parties and trips as well.

The membership fee is \$20 a year for Addison residents, \$40 for non-residents.

For more information about the

Addison Senior Club, contact Darlene Cozzo with the Addison Park District at 630-233-7275, ext. 2142, or dcozzo@addisonparks.org. For more information about the Blazer Relief Center, contact Addison Trail special education teacher Freddy Crone at 630-458-4503 or fcrone@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.

Thursday, Dec. 15

• Baby and toddler time

From 10-10:45 a.m. at the Addison Public Library, join us for an informal play time to meet new people or see your friends from story time. Listen to some music, play with our special toys for babies and tots, and socialize!

• Monthly meditation

Starting at 10 a.m. at the Large Meeting Room of the Addison Public Library, join friends old and new in-person to discover the life changing effects of meditation. No experience required.

Saturday, Dec. 17

LEGO Club (drop in)

From 2-2:45 p.m. at the Addison Public Library, join us for LEGO fun and create your own masterpiece.

Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 20-22

High school finals/study break

From 6-9 p.m. each day at the Addison Public Library, need help acing that test? Just need a place to chill out? We've got you. Stop by the library for snacks, games, and help from a

librarian.

Tuesday, Dec. 27

Music and motion

From 2-2:30 p.m. at the Addison Public Library, did you know singing helps your child develop their language skills and learn new words? Join us for this fun new program with a heavy focus on music, singing, and plenty of movement too! Geared toward ages 2-5 but all ages welcome.

Friday, Dec. 30

Drop-in crafts

From 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Addison Public Library, we'll provide the supplies; you provide the creativity. Materials will be available to make picture frames to display some of your favorite photos.

Ongoing events

Open labs

Monday, Dec. 19 from 1-4 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 20 from 5-8 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 21 from 9 a.m.-noon; and Friday, Dec. 16 from 1-4 p.m., during open labs, you can drop in to the Creative Studio to get help from trained staff with your project.

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 reading circle

Starting at 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library, build your vocabulary and reading skills in a small group setting.

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

Heroes story time

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

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.

Suburban Life

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

ELLE BRUSCHUK

Willowbrook, junior, basketball

Why Bruschuk was selected: Bruschuk had 21 points and 15 rebounds in a win over Morton and 18 points, 12 rebounds, six assists and six steals in a win over Proviso East. Bruschuk was voted the Athlete of the Week in an online vote by readers.

Here is Bruschuk's interview with Sports Editor Joshua Welge.

Welge: You seemed to have a really good week. How did it come together for you in those games?

Bruschuk: A lot of the girls on my team are really good at playing off of each other. We set up a couple plays that I could play off and get good shots. We were going good in those games.

Welge: It seems like your team is coming together after a tough start. What's been going on?

Bruschuk: I do think we have found our footing. As these games have gone on, we've grown used to playing with each other. There have been some underclassmen that have stepped up. They're first-time varsity players that are learning their surroundings. It's starting to come together and we're learning to play off of each other. Everybody has learned to work together and it's fun to see. Even from our first tournament our team has shown an insane amount of growth.

Welge: How has your role evolved?

Bruschuk: I think freshman and sophomore year I was more of a contributor on defense and with assists and just in a different way. This year, I've been

looking to the basket more and looking for my open shot and having the mindset offensively.

Welge: How hard is it to make the quick transition from volleyball season to basketball?

Bruschuk: During volleyball season I am still working out in basketball. I do training like 2-3 times a week during volleyball season so my skills are still there. The first couple games, I'm just trying to get my breath back because it's two different endurance levels with volleyball and basketball.

Welge: Are you playing a different position this year?

Bruschuk: Most years I've been playing like a small forward. I play 2-5 on the court, it just depends on the team. The point guard position I had the least experience, so this year it's been fun playing that just to have that different experience.

Welge: What's going on recruiting wise?

Bruschuk: Definitely my goal is to play in college if the opportunity is there. I've been to a couple schools and had a couple visits. I have an offer from Iona and I've been talking to a couple schools.

Willowbrook's Elle Bruschuk drives against Maine South in a game last season.

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