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Library welcomes an artistic display

The Northern Illinois LEGO® Train Club visited the Villa Park Public Library on Saturday and Sunday. The free event attracted children and adults, who were able to get a close look at a colorful and detailed display created by the adult club of LEGO® enthusiasts. Saturday afternoon's visitors included Judy Grenier of Villa Park, who brought her four children to see the display. She is pictured above with (left to right) Kalina (age 2), Cade (age 4) and Inara (age 6). Not pictured is her son Gavin (age 9). For more information about the club, visit its website at www.nlitc.org.

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District 88 takes part in AA Conference

Addison Trail, Willowbrook recognize Black History Month

On Friday, Feb. 24, Addison Trail hosted an African American Conference (AA Con) to recognize and celebrate Black History Month.

About 80 students from Addison Trail and Willowbrook high schools attended a session with six speakers, who discussed the importance of heritage, motivation, using your gifts, discipline and having a coach/mentor. They also met with a black author and had lunch in the auditorium that was decorated with items to celebrate Black History Month. Later, the students attended an awards ceremony to honor black staff members at Addison Trail, as well as seniors who are members of the school's BEYOND Club.

BEYOND provides mentorship and academic support for black students to enable them to thrive holistically in high school and BEYOND.

BEYOND is led by Addison Trail student success coordinator VaLarie Humphrey, who also coordinated the conference.

"The goal of hosting AA Con was to help the students develop self-love and understand that the ceiling is really the floor of the next level - sometimes we forget we can make our dreams a reality," she said.

I want the students to realize that no matter what happens, you can move beyond your past and your mistakes. I want them to be proud to be a part of District 88 and see that the district cares about them and has limitless opportunities to prepare them for 'BEYOND' high school."

Humphrey works to create a space for black students, but also wants them to know they are part of the Addison Trail community and belong. She added the conference might expand next year to include sessions for parents.



Taylor Musgrove (left) and Khari Blasingame speak during Addison Trail's AA Con (African American Conference) on Friday, Feb. 24 to recognize and celebrate Black History Month. About 80 students from Addison Trail and Willowbrook attended the conference. Musgrove is a producer for TMZ, WGN News and ABC 7 Chicago. Blasingame is a fullback for the Chicago Bears.

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Pictured are Addison Trail seniors (from left): Serena Sheats, Malik Hopkins, Damarius Allen and Darius Calvin. As seniors in Addison Trail's BEYOND Club, which provides mentorship and academic support for black students to enable them to thrive holistically in high school and BEYOND, they received a graduation stole as part of the school's Black History Month celebration.



Black staff members at Willowbrook High School were honored on Friday, Feb. 24, when District 88 students took part in the African American Conference (AA Con) to recognize and celebrate Black History Month. The Conference was held at Addison Trail.



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Warriors place third out of 12 teams at Niles West's John Burkel Invite

Javier earns fourth in the meet's all-around standings

STAFF REPORT
The Willowbrook boys gymnastics team earned a third-place finish in the team standings of Saturday's John Burkel Invite at Niles West High School in Skokie. The Warriors turned in a team score of 126.35 in their third-place showing at the 12-team invite. Hersey won the competition's team title with its score of 143.8. Naperville North (133.75) finished second in the invite's team standings.

Willowbrook sophomore Daniel Javier finished fourth in Saturday's

all-around competition with his score of 46.0. Javier compiled that total with his second-place score of 8.95 on the vault, his third-place score of 7.5 on the pommel horse, his third-place score of 7.95 on still rings, his fourth-place score of 8.4 in floor exercises, his seventh-place score of 6.1 on the horizontal bar and his 11th-place score of 7.1 on parallel bars.

Freshman Jae Newman of the Warriors placed sixth in the all-around competition at Saturday's invite at Niles West. Newman's all-around total of 41.65 included his

fourth-place score of 7.5 on the horizontal bar, his fifth-place score of 7.1 on the pommel horse and his sixth-place score of 8.25 in floor exercises.

The other Warriors who contributed to the team's third-place finish on Saturday included senior Matthew Casey, who delivered a sixth-place finish on the pommel horse (7.05), and sophomore Sam Gordon, who posted an eighth-place score of 7.1 on the still rings. Gordon added a 15th-place score of 6.6 on the parallel bars.

Willowbrook opened its season by

placing fourth in the team standings of the Vic Lesch Invite in Villa Park on March 2. The Warriors earned a fourth-place score of 78.1 in the seven-team event. York won the team title with its score of 97.5. Glenbard North (79.35) claimed second, while Glenbard West (79.05) finished third.

Javier placed fourth in the all-around standings of the season-opening meet on March 2. His all-around total of 41.5 included his second-place score of 7.7 on the still rings, along with his third-place score of 8.3 in floor exercises and his

third-place score of 8.6 on the vault. Javier finished fifth on the horizontal bar (6.5), eighth on the pommel horse (5.05) and ninth on the parallel bars (5.35).

Newman posted a fifth-place all-around total of 36.6 at the Vic Lesch Invite. Newman delivered a third-place score of 7.3 on the horizontal bar.

He finished fourth on the still rings (7.35), fifth in floor exercises (8.15), fifth on the parallel bars (7.2) and sixth on the pommel horse (5.6)

Warriors win an invitational title

Willowbrook will finish its indoor season by hosting this Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference Indoor Meet

STAFF REPORT
The Willowbrook boys track and field team won the team title at Saturday's Raptor East Chance Invite at Rich Township High School in Richton Park.

The Warriors compiled 372 team points during their winning effort at Saturday's nine-team event.

Marino Catholic of Chicago Heights placed second in the invite's team standings with 277 team points. Rich Township claimed third with 166 team points.

The Warriors' individual champions in the meet included freshman Otis Powell, who delivered first-place finishes in a pair of field events—the high jump and the triple jump. He cleared 6 feet, 2 inches to win the title in the high jump. Powell covered 40 feet, 8 1/2 inches in his first-place effort in the triple jump. Powell set indoor personal bests with his winning performances in both events.

Willowbrook sophomore John Brobois won the event's championship in the pole vault. He reached an indoor personal best by clearing 6 feet, 6 inches at Saturday's meet. Senior Bernard Albarino of the Warriors claimed the first-place medal in the event's shot put competition. His best throw of the meet traveled 44 feet, 5 inches.

Senior Kayva Diederich provided Willowbrook with a first-place finish in the 3,200-meter run, which he completed in a winning time of 10 minutes, 28.17 seconds. Sophomore Adriano Quintana of the Warriors turned in a second-place time of 10:35.46 in the event.

Sophomore Kasen Blain of Willowbrook ran in a second-place finish in the 1,600-meter run, which he completed in 5:07.47. Junior Declan Abercrombie of the Warriors posted a third-place finish in the same event, which he finished in 5:10.33.

Willowbrook seniors Elijah Smith and Isaiah Smith placed second and third, respectively, in the meet's 400-meter run. Elijah Smith completed the race in a second-place time of 55.20 seconds. Isaiah Smith crossed the finish line in a third-place time of 55.61 seconds.

Willowbrook freshman Maximilian Wilkison ran to a third-place finish in the 200-meter run, which he covered in 24.27 seconds. Senior Henry Sloan of the Warriors earned fourth-place honors in the 800-meter run, which he finished in 2:13.78.

Sloan and Blain teamed with freshman Evan Hawerth and junior Sam McNeilly to win the 4 x 800-meter relay event. The Willowbrook foursome completed the relay race in 8:52.88.

McNeilly and Elijah Smith joined juniors Liam Moran and Cody Wenkus to post a second-place finish in the 4 x 400-meter relay. The four Warriors turned in a finishing time of 3:44.18.

Willowbrook's foursome of sophomore Jaylin Miller, junior Luca Parato, junior Joe Hanson and senior Mike Wampler claimed a second-place finish in the 4 x 200-meter relay. The four Warriors completed the relay in 1:36.72.

Willowbrook junior Evan Weder turned in a second-place finish in the high jump. Weder cleared 6 feet in his best jump of the day. Junior Daewon Madison of the Warriors contributed a second-place effort in the long jump. Madison's best jump of the day covered 20 feet, 9 1/2 inches.

The Warriors will wrap up their indoor season by hosting this Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference Indoor Meet.

Warriors place fourth in last week's invite at Glenbard North

STAFF REPORT
The Willowbrook girls track and field team finished fourth in the team standings of Friday's Bud Swanson Invitational at Glenbard North High School. The Warriors amassed 140 team points in their fourth-place effort in the eight-team competition. Naperville North won the invite's team title with 218 points. St. Charles North (170 points) placed second, while Glenbard North (162 points) claimed third.

Willowbrook sophomore Amelie Ojeda ran to a victory in the invite's 800-meter run. Ojeda finished the race in a first-place time of 2 minutes, 36.18 seconds.

Willowbrook's foursome of senior Amelia Barrington, sophomore Olivia Gwaltney, senior Molly Morris and sophomore Camryn Dooly delivered a victory in the 4 x 400-meter relay. The four Warriors completed the race in a winning time of 4:36.91.

Morris and Barrington placed third and fourth, respectively, in the 400-meter run. Morris earned third-place honors after completing the race in 1 minute, 7.17 seconds. Barrington turned in a fourth-place time of 1:07.48.

Gwaltney and Morris teamed with seniors Brianna Alandy and Judy Roelle to post a third-place finish in the 4 x 160-meter relay. The four Warriors turned in a finishing time of 1:29.00.

Dooly joined Roelle, sophomore Naomi Campbell and senior Olivia Brach to earn a fourth-place finish in the 4 x 240-meter relay. The Willowbrook foursome finished the race in 2:25.79.

Alandy ran to a third-place finish in the 55-meter dash, which she completed in 7.76 seconds. Campbell provided Willowbrook with a fifth-place finish in the 200-meter run, which she covered in 29.33 seconds.

Barrington finished second in the high jump at Friday's invite. Her best jump of the competition cleared 5 feet, 1 inch. Senior Sara Stout of the Warriors placed third in the high jump. Her best effort of the invite cleared 4 feet, 9 inches.

Willowbrook sophomore Emily Hogan finished fifth in the shot put. Her best throw of the invite traveled 30 feet, 2 1/2 inches.

Sophomore Malin Meeker of the Warriors placed fourth in the triple jump. Her top effort at the invite covered 30 feet, 11 3/4 inches.

Willowbrook junior Mia McBride earned a fifth-place finish in the long jump. She sailed 15 feet, 5 1/2 inches during her best jump of the competition.

The Warriors will complete the indoor portion of their season by competing in this Saturday's West Suburban Gold Conference Indoor Championships at Proviso West High School.

Birthday celebration

On Friday, March 3, York Township Supervisor John W. Valle surprised Lombard resident George Williams with a cake to help celebrate his recent 93rd birthday. He is a regular at the York Township Senior Nutrition Center, 1502 S. Meyers Road in Lombard, and enjoys having lunch with fellow friends. Per George's request, the cake was cut and shared with everyone as dessert after lunch. Supervisor Valle said, "We wish George a happy and healthy birthday. He is a longtime regular here at York Township Senior Center and we wanted to show him how much we care."



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District 88, others attend 'Amplify' student leadership conference

On Thursday, March 2, about 400 students from District 88, Naperville Community Unit School District 203, Glenbard Township High School District 87 and Lyons Township High School District 204 participated in "Amplify," a Student Leadership Conference held at College of DuPage.

The conference consisted of 13 sessions that focused on amplifying student voice, mental health aware-

ness, celebrating diversity and identity, social justice, building community, the importance/benefits of performing arts (and how they can assist with equity, activism and mental health) and more.

The opening keynote speaker was Christopher LeMark with Coffee, Hip-Hop & Mental Health (CH-HAMH 6453 NFP), a Chicago-based 501(c)(3) charitable organization that aims to bring awareness to the impor-

tance of mental health, emotional intelligence and self-awareness to one's quality of life, particularly in the black community. The closing presenters were Luis Tubens and Tamynon Onumonu with Chicago Poetry Center.

The goal of "Amplify" was to provide students with an environment to build the skill, will and knowledge to intentionally make a positive impact within their peer groups and larger communities.



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Christopher LeMark with Coffee, Hip-Hop & Mental Health was the opening keynote speaker for this year's Student Leadership Conference, called "Amplify." The event took place at College of DuPage and focused on amplifying student voice, mental health awareness, celebrating diversity and identity, social justice, building community, and the importance/benefits of performing arts.

Care coordination center for veterans now available 24/7

Illinois Joining Forces (IJF) is pleased to announce the relaunch of its Care Coordination Center as a 24/7/365 service.

The center is designed to connect veterans, service members, and their families with the critical services and resources they need, at any time of the day or night.

"IJF understands that a veteran's need to connect extends beyond 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Expanding our hours provides the entire state of Illinois veteran community the opportunity to connect to a Veteran Peer any time of day or night, reducing isolation and confusion about where to turn for support," said Brenda Osuch, executive director of IJF.

The around-the-clock availability of the IJF Care Coordination Center is made possible by the SSG Park-

er Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program. IJF was awarded the grant in 2022, the only statewide organization in Illinois to receive this grant.

Individuals can access the Care Coordination Center by calling 1-833-INFO-IJF (1-833-463-6453) or by visiting the IJF website at www.illinoisjoiningforces.org.

The IJF Care Coordination Center provides integrated, holistic case management and is staffed by trained professionals who have extensive knowledge of the military and veteran communities in Illinois. By providing upstream services and resources, IJF aims to prevent crises.

Individuals experiencing a crisis should call the Veteran Crisis Line. Dial 988, then press 1.

About Illinois Joining Forces:

Illinois Joining Forces is a state-wide nonprofit founded in 2012 that brings together government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector to create a more coordinated and comprehensive system of support for service members, veterans, and their families—to include caregivers and survivors—regardless of discharge status. IJF helps those groups navigate the "sea of goodwill" to find the support they need, when they need it.

Whether they are struggling with unemployment, mental health, physical health, housing, finances, or another issue, IJF connects service members, veterans, and their families to the services and resources they need, as close to home as possible. For more information, visit www.illinoisjoiningforces.org.

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least they are relying on outside economic forecasts that predict such a scenario.

While IDOR's presentation last week noted a recession could occur in the first two quarters of the current calendar year, COGFA and GOMB had a different take.

"So far, we're just not really seeing that looking at our income tax data and our sales tax data and the jobs numbers," COGFA Chief Economist Benjamin Varner said at the March 7 meeting. "Now, tax receipts obviously probably lag economic activity a little, but so far, we think the slowdown is probably going to be a little later in the year."

COGFA's report noted other factors that could change the state's revenue outlook moving forward. Among them are the possibility of another COVID-19 resurgence, a worsening of the war in Ukraine, and the impacts of inflation and further possible interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve.

But the report also noted that its \$575 million upward revision was "very cautious," based on the fact that final income tax receipts could drastically alter the revenue landscape.

Final payments were "especially strong" in the previous fiscal year due to an influx of capital gains taxes amid a booming stock market. But that pace has slowed, leading to the cautious approach, COGFA said.

"The market conditions have been

not as strong in tax year 2022, so we're anticipating final income tax payments to drop during this last quarter of Fiscal Year 2023," Noggle said. "But we still have had strong wages, we've had strong personal income...And so we think that they're going to offset each other a little bit. The question is how much is there going to be a decline in the remainder of Fiscal Year 2023?"

All three fiscal forecasting entities have also agreed on another thing in recent months: forecasting has been

difficult in an era marked by the COVID-19 pandemic and unprecedented levels of government stimulus.

"We keep expecting that slow-down's going to happen," Noggle said at the end of the COGFA meeting. "But it just hasn't happened yet."

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Addison Trail APs visit 'Eataly'

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These students enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) Italian Language and Culture visited Eataly, the Italian marketplace in Chicago. They learned about regions of Italy and the types of foods that are common in those regions. Story and more photos inside.

Woman charged with leading police on high-speed chase Berlin notes rise in incidents of fleeing, eluding

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Illinois State Police Troop 15 Commander Linda Mandat announced last week that bond had been set for a Sleepy Hollow woman accused of leading police on a high-

speed chase. Tianna Bryson, 23, appeared at a bond hearing where Judge Brian Telandier set bond at \$25,000 with 10 percent to apply. Bryson is charged with one count of aggravated fleeing and eluding a police officer (Class 4 felony) and multiple misdemeanor and petty traffic offenses including two counts of speeding 35+ mph over the limit (Class A misdemeanor).



On Tuesday, March 7 at approximately 12:27 p.m., an Illinois State Trooper allegedly observed Bryson's

2016 Volkswagen Jetta traveling 107 mph in a 60-mph zone westbound on I-88 in Naperville. The trooper performed a traffic stop on the vehicle. It is alleged however, that as the trooper walked towards Bryson's vehicle, she fled the scene at a high rate of speed. The trooper reinitiated the pursuit, during which Bryson allegedly reached speeds as high as 120 mph, was weaving in and out of traffic and at one time, drove on the shoulder of the road. The trooper ultimately terminated the pursuit for safety reasons. Through the course of their work on this case, authorities identified Bryson as the driver of the vehicle. She turned herself in to authorities later that evening.

"The surge in recent months of motorists fleeing from police is of great concern as this type of behavior is extremely dangerous and poses a threat not only to the driver, but also puts the police officers involved and motoring public at great risk," Berlin said. "Thankfully, no innocent motorists or bystanders were injured or worse as a result of Ms. Bryson's alleged actions. The message is simple: if you hear sirens and see flashing lights behind you, pull over. Leading police on a high-speed chase is not the answer and will only make matters worse."

Bryson's next court appearance is scheduled for April 4 for arraignment in front of Judge Telandier.

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AT visits 'Eataly,' Chicago's Italian marketplace

On Thursday, Feb. 23, 20 Addison Trail students who are enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) Italian Language and Culture visited Eataly in Chicago.

During the field trip, students participated in a guided tour of the Italian marketplace, where they learned about the regions of Italy as well as types of olive oil, cheese,

bread and more. The students sampled foods from the various regions, took a pasta-making class and enjoyed a family-style lunch in "La Scuola," Eataly's cooking

school. Students created vlogs in Italian to document their experience, which they later shared with their classmates.



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Students from Addison Trail's AP Italian Language and Culture visited "La Scuola," the cooking school at Eataly, Chicago's Italian marketplace. Students learned about regions of Italy as well as types of olive oil, cheese, bread and more from the various areas.



During a field trip to Chicago's Italian marketplace, known as Eataly, AP Italian Language and Culture students from Addison Trail took a pasta-making class at "La Scuola".

Addison Trail announces summer school courses

Addison Trail is committed to providing opportunities to help students succeed and build positive futures. As part of that focus, the Counseling Department shares important information regarding summer school registration. Summer school classes help students earn credit to stay on track for

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