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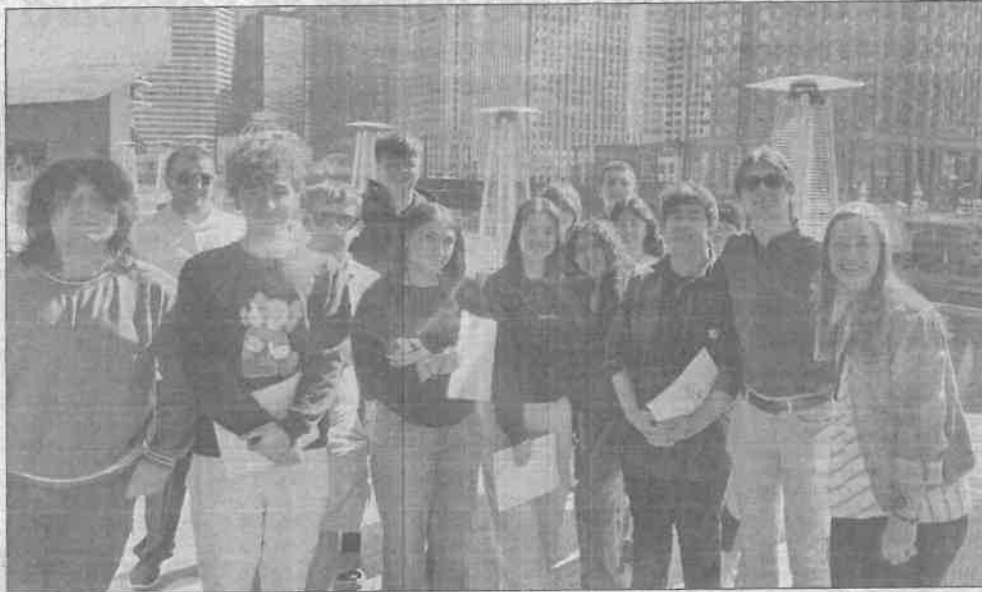
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Addison Trail culinary students meet Chef

On Feb. 27, 14 Addison Trail students who are enrolled in Career and Technical Education Teacher Bridget Collieran's Culinary Arts 3 – Catering class visited RPM restaurants in Chicago. During the field trip, Executive Chef Christopher Gawronski provided the group with a tour through River North to see and learn about the various roles/career opportunities within the hospitality industry and Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises. RPM Italian and Lettuce Entertain You also treated the students to an amazing lunch.

Naperville man sentenced to 13 years for drug induced homicide

Fatal dose of fentanyl supplied to Addison woman

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin announced that a Naperville man accused of supplying a fatal dose of a fentanyl to a 35-year-old Addison woman was sentenced to 13 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Courvoisier Thomas, 40, ap-

peared at his sentencing hearing in front of Judge Mia McPherson, who handed down the sentence.

On Sept. 27, 2023, Thomas entered a plea of guilty to one count of one count of drug induced homicide, a Class X felony. Thomas will be required to serve 75 percent of

his sentence before being eligible for parole. He will receive credit for time already served in the DuPage County Jail from Feb. 8, 2022, through Feb. 22, 2024.

On Nov. 17, 2021, officers with the Addison Police Department were dispatched to a residence on Blecke Avenue for a report of an unresponsive woman. Upon their arrival, officers found the victim unresponsive. While at the residence, officers located baggies containing a white powdery substance, later identified as a fentanyl/fluorofentanyl mixture. The victim was transported to Glen Oaks Hospital where she was pro-



Courvoisier
Thomas

nounced deceased.

Through the course of their investigation, officers learned that on Nov. 17, 2021, Thomas went to the victim's residence and sold the fentanyl/fluorofentanyl mixture to her. After purchasing the narcotics, the victim ingested the fentanyl/fluorofentanyl mixture supplied to her by Thomas, causing her death.

On Feb. 7, 2022, a DuPage County judge issued a \$5 million with 10 percent to apply arrest warrant for Thomas. Thomas was arrested the following day.

"The loss of a young woman to illegal narcotics is a sad reminder of the heartbreak caused by drug dealers seeking to enrich their lives at the expense of others," Berlin said. "To successfully rid our streets of illegal narcotics, we must not only continue educating the public about

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— Robert Berlin

the potentially deadly consequences of drug use, we must also send a message to those who peddle this poison, such as Mr. Thomas, that they will pay a significant price for the death of anyone who dies as a result of ingesting narcotics they supplied. In this case, Mr. Thomas' price tag is thirteen years behind bars."

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District 88 welcomes new assistant principal for Addison Trail High School

During its Feb. 26 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education approved the administration's recommendation to name Darlene Vargas as Addison Trail's new Assistant Principal, effective July 1.



Darlene Vargas

Vargas has been with Addison Trail for two years and is the Director of Deans at the school. Before joining District 88, Vargas was an assistant principal at Gary Elementary School in West Chicago.

She has been in education for 23 years and has taught every grade from kindergarten to eighth grade. Vargas also participates in professional organizations such as the Illinois Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents, where she serves as a board member.

"Based on her leadership as Director of Deans at Addison Trail and her connection to our students, parents and community, Vargas will undoubtedly be successful as an assistant principal," said Jack Andrews, AT principal. "We are excited for her to lead the Addison Trail PPS Department and help it to grow to new heights."

Vargas earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education and her master's degree in bilingual-bicultural education from Northeastern Illinois University. She earned her second master's degree in educational administration from Governors State University. Vargas also started a doctoral program at National Louis University in 2022.

"I've been given an opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of students, teachers and staff members," Vargas said. "I'm looking forward to continuing to build strong relationships, while growing both personally

and professionally."

Vargas added that in her new role, she plans to:

- Work to create a positive and inclusive school culture, where all students and staff feel safe, valued and respected.
- Strengthen and enhance the support systems for our students.
- Foster strong partnerships with families and the community to support student success.
- Continue to implement a proactive approach to behavior management that emphasizes positive reinforcement and restorative practices.
- Continue to work with the amazing Addison Trail administration to eliminate disparities in access to opportunities for our students.

Vargas lives in Glen Ellyn with her husband, Jaime Figueroa, her sons Rowan Rivera, a junior, and Magnus Rivera, a freshman, and her French bulldog, Fifi Rivera Vargas Figueroa.

District 88 celebrates Black History Month

District 88 has a diverse school community – the district has 51 languages and more than 30 countries represented among its families, and almost half of the nearly 4,000 students at District 88 speak a language other than English at home. District 88's core values include ensuring all students, staff and community members feel safe, valued, respected and welcome.

As part of this effort, the district continues to enhance its focus on excellence for all and culturally responsive/trauma-informed teaching to meet the needs of students. Each February, District 88 hosts events/activities to recognize Black History Month, and the district offered many opportunities again this year to honor this important month.

In a remarkable display of unity and celebration, students from Willowbrook's Black Organization for Student Success (BOSS) and 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) collaborated this year. The intent of this innovative "BEYOND BOSS" initiative was to amplify the voices and experiences of black students, while fostering a sense of community and pride within the schools.

Addison Trail Student Success Coordinator Valarie Humphrey worked with the groups to host the events below throughout the month.

• A cultural experience: On Thursday, Feb. 15, District 88 students participated in an enriching field trip to Harold Washington Cultural Center in Chicago, where they were treated to the inspiring "Lean On Me" Live Theatrical Education Adaptation. The performance served as a poignant reminder of the resilience, creativity and contributions of Black people throughout history, which sparked meaningful discussions and reflections.

• A decorative contest: BEYOND BOSS hosted a districtwide HBCU door decoration competition, where teachers were encouraged to adorn their classroom doors with representations of one of the 107 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). This event highlighted the rich legacy and diversity of HBCUs and encouraged students to explore higher education opportunities and envision their futures.

• Future-focused sessions: Throughout February, Humphrey met with District 88 pupils to discuss planning for the future. She shared tips and advice to find success after high school, as well as information about Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

• Celebrating Black History Month: Addison Trail and Willowbrook hosted a spirit week from Feb. 26 to 29 for students to embrace their heritage/identity and to unite students and educators in a shared commitment to honor Black History Month.

"Black History Month holds profound significance in our educational community," Humphrey said. "Beyond mere recognition, Black History Month fosters essential conversations about diversity, equity and inclusion, encouraging students and educators to explore the complexities of race, identity and social justice."

Through engaging activities, events and initiatives, Black History Month provides a platform to amplify marginalized voices, challenge stereotypes and inspire collective action toward a more equitable and just society. By embracing the lessons and legacies of Black history, we empower our students to become informed, empathetic and socially responsible citizens, capable of shaping a brighter future for all."

More information about Black History Month is available at black-historymonth.gov.



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Congratulations Savannah Sosin

Savannah Sosin, pictured here with Addison Trail Principal Jack Andrews, has been named as Addison Trail's February recipient of 88's Best recognition for her outstanding service work. Sosin, a senior, was recognized during the Feb. 26 District 88 Board of Education meeting.

Women's Club of Addison Bunco

The Women's Club of Addison (WCA) is holding its annual Bunco Fundraiser on Friday, March 15. Please join us at the Addison VFW, 446 W Lake St. Your participation allows the WCA to award scholarships and support local nonprofit

agencies, such as Access Sports and Henry Hyde Resource Center. Your \$25 ticket includes light appetizers, desserts and door prizes. For more information contact WCA at WomensClubOfAddison@gmail.com.

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Police Reports

The Addison and Bensenville police departments recently reported the following arrests and citations. Persons who are charged with domestic battery are not named in order to protect the victim's privacy.

Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a conviction, and that suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Juveniles age 17-or-younger are not named.

Addison Feb. 26

Alexander Carmona Trujillo, 20, of Addison, was charged with criminal sexual abuse in the 500 block of S. Lincoln at 5:37 p.m.

Eduardo C. Fabian-Funes, 40, of Addison, was charged with two counts of DUI and obstructing identification in the 100 block of W. Lake at 12:46 a.m.

Pedro M. Farjardo Farjardo, 30, of Chicago, was charged with two counts of DUI near Lake and Ellsworth at 3:55 a.m.

Melvin Martinez Martinez, 34, of Addison, was charged with possession of a controlled substance in the 500 block of N. Addison at 3:46 p.m.

Brandon Rodriguez Campos, 26, of Glendale Heights, was charged with DUI-drugs and improper signal near Army Trail and Creekside at 3:27 p.m.

Gilberto Vargas De Loera, 37, of Addison, was charged with two counts of DUI in the 500 block of N. Addison at 3:46 p.m.

Feb. 25

Acccevan Garcia-Cruz, 33, of Addison, was charged with two counts of DUI in the 100 block of E. Lorraine at 1 a.m.

An 18-year-old Chicago woman was charged with two counts of domestic battery in the 600 block of Meadows at 4:36 p.m.

Feb. 24

Haithm N. Aldubaili, 36, of Hickory Hills, was charged with theft by deception in the 1000 block of Industrial at 5:27 p.m.

Milton A. Velasquez-Bautista, 27, of Addison, was charged with DUI and transportation of alcohol by a driver near Park and Myrick at 4:02 a.m.

Feb. 22

A 35-year-old Bellwood man was charged with two counts of domestic battery in the 1-100 block of N. May at 4:03 p.m.

Feb. 21

Helen M. Ori, 63, of Medinah, was charged with aggravated DUI and two counts of DUI near Fullerton and I-355 at 7:09 a.m.

Bensenville

Feb. 28, 2:02 p.m. in the 300 block of Meyer Road, a complainant reported an unknown suspect posing as an owner of another company tried to purchase a generator and provided a credit card over the phone. This incident is under investigation. BEPC2400155

Feb. 28, 7:38 p.m. in the 1500 block of Devon Avenue, a complainant reported that sometime within the past

eight months their trailer was taken without permission. This incident is under investigation. BEPC2400156

Feb. 27, 9:15 a.m. in the 800 block of E. Green St., a complainant reported being defrauded of \$11,894.50. The incident is under investigation. BEPC2400147

Feb. 27, 11:20 a.m. in the 400 block of Irving Park Road, a business reports a customer threatened to return with a gun. The suspect then returned insinuating that he had a gun in his pocket. No gun was located. Anton S. Boshnakov, 56, of Arlington Heights, was cited for disorderly conduct, issued a court date and released. BEPC2400148

Feb. 27, 2:19 p.m. in the 200 block of W. Irving Park Road, a complainant states an unknown suspect damaged the rear camera to business. The incident is under investigation. BEPC2400149

Feb. 27, 2:56 p.m. in the 1100 block of So. York Road, a complainant states three males took approximately \$1,200 worth of liquor. The incident is under investigation. BEPC2400150

Feb. 27, 5:15 p.m. in the 300 block of E. Green St., a complainant reported having his wallet stolen from his vehicle. The wallet contained \$1,000 cash, credit cards and identification. The incident is under investigation. BEPC2400152

Feb. 27, 6:01 p.m. in the 1-100 block of W. Irving Park Road, a victim reported having his electric bike stolen from in front of business while he was inside. The incident is under investigation. BEPC2400153

Feb. 26, 1:15 p.m. in the 100 block of S. Addison St., a complainant reports being electronically defrauded of \$25,000. The incident is under investigation. BEPC2400144

Feb. 26, 7:39 p.m. in the rear of a facility in the 500 block of Main Street, a victim reports being battered by two males. The incident is under investigation. BEPC2400145

Feb. 25, 12:14 a.m. in the 1000 block of Route 83, the complainant reported she was battered by another employee. The incident is under investigation. BEPC2400141

Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m. in the 200 block of W. Grand Ave., the owner of a restaurant reports a person left without paying their dinner check. The incident is under investigation. BEPC2400143

Feb. 24, 1:35 PM, in the 1000 block of Industrial, an individual tried to present a fraudulent check for product. No product was received by the victim. The individual was arrested at the scene by Addison police for a similar offense in Addison. BEPC2400139

Feb. 24, 11:48 p.m. in the 700 block of Fairway, a complainant reported a lock had been cut on one of his trailers, and others opened as well. Nothing reported taken. BEPC2400140

Feb. 22, 2:38 p.m. in the 500 block of N. York, a complainant reported an unknown fraudulently deposited multiple checks. This incident is under investigation. BEPC2400137

Feb. 22, 3:35 p.m. in the 500 block of Dolores, a complainant reported a green and black child's electric ATV stolen from their storage area. This incident is under investigation. BEPC2400138

Woman charged with unlawful use of a weapon, contributing to the delinquency of a minor 9-year-old brought loaded gun to school; firearm allegedly possessed illegally by suspect

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Carol Stream Chief of Police Donald Cummings have announced that Judge Joshua Dieden granted the state's motion to deny pre-trial release for a Carol Stream woman accused of illegally possessing a handgun that was brought to an elementary school by a nine-year-old male minor.

Betty Hughes

Betty Hughes, 27, appeared at First Appearance Court and was charged with two counts of unlawful use or possession of a weapon by a felon (Class 3 felony) and one count of misdemeanor contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, the Carol Stream Police Department received information that a 9-year-old minor had brought a loaded gun to school. Following an investigation into the matter, authorities found a .40 caliber Taurus with one bullet in the magazine in the minor's backpack. It is further alleged that Hughes, who is a convicted felon, illegally possessed the gun.

"As a convicted felon, Ms. Hughes is prohibited from legally possessing a firearm," Berlin said. "To make matters worse, the allegation that a minor was able to gain control of her illegally possessed handgun and bring it to school is extremely alarming. We are all very thankful that no one was injured as a result of this incident. I thank school authorities for bringing this matter to the attention of law enforcement

as well as the Carol Stream Police Department for their outstanding efforts in this case."

"We have all seen the horrific images of what could happen when a firearm is illegally brought into a school," Cummings said. "We are thankful that the firearm was located and seized before anything tragic could have unfolded. I am also appreciative of the positive partnership the Carol Stream Police Department has with our local school districts, in that they called for our services immediately and cooperated with our investigation fully. Our investigators and school resource officers are to be commended for their diligent work."

Hughes' next court appearance is scheduled Monday, March 18 for arraignment in front of Judge Daniel Guerin.

AgeGuide offers grant funding opportunities for FY 2025

AgeGuide, the Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Illinois, has announced it is soliciting Letters of Interest from non-profit and local government organizations qualified to receive federal/State of Illinois financial assistance grants.

These funds provide services for older adults (age 60 and over) as authorized under the Older Americans Act of 1965 in the eight-county region. The funding period follows the federal fiscal year from Oct. 1, 2024, through Sept. 30, 2025.

Fundable services include:

- Aging and Disability Resource Network services (Information and Assistance, Medicare/Medicaid Benefits Counseling, and Public Education)
- Transportation
- Community Connection Collaborative (Education, Recreation, and Health Screening)
- Legal Services
- Friendly Visiting
- Targeted Outreach to Culturally

Diverse Older Adults

• Health Promotion

The service provider must adhere to the AgeGuide General Service Requirements in addition to

service-specific requirements. For further information about grant requirements and the application process, visit www.ageguide.org/rfp.

"We are thrilled to open this funding opportunity for Fiscal Year 2025," said Marla Fronczak, CEO of AgeGuide. "We look forward to fostering new local partnerships and building on existing relationships to provide exceptional services to help older adults thrive in their communities."

Successful applicants must comply with all applicable pre-qualification requirements. These include, but are not limited to: provide Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System for Award

Management (SAM) numbers, demonstrate acceptable fiscal management/stability (including the abil-

ity to meet matching requirements), and show evidence of good standing with the Secretary of State with no Debarred/Suspended/Stop Payment/Excluded parties listings.

Counties Served: DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will

Letters of Interest should be sent to RFPS@ageguide.org no later than March 22, 2024.

GPS ED named District 88 business partner

During its Feb. 26 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education named GPS Education Partners (GPS Ed) as a Business Partner.

This program recognizes businesses and organizations for their support in building futures for District 88 students and helping to accomplish the district's mission and vision. These collaborations are vital to ensure students are successful, and District 88 truly values and appreciates these partnerships.

GPS Ed is a nonprofit that has been leading the work-based learning revolution in Wisconsin for more than 20 years and is continuing to expand throughout DuPage County. The organization creates bridges for students and business partners to unite and lift local economies through the development of young leaders. They help students find the connection between their education and an attainable career. For more information, visit gpsed.org

During the meeting, the board and administration thanked GPS Ed for all they do for District 88's students, families and learning community.

Free parking on Wednesdays at Cantigny for those who register

Cantigny plans to offer free parking on Wednesdays for those who register in advance, effective now through Oct. 30.

"This is another step toward expanding our reach in the community and making Cantigny even more welcoming," said Matt LaFond, executive director. "We hope to inspire first-time guests and repeat visitors to explore Cantigny and all that we have to offer."

The park previously offered complimentary parking only on the first Wednesday of the month. Starting next week, guests can enjoy free parking every Wednesday by signing up online

at Cantigny.org. Those who register receive a QR code for scanning at the park entrance.

Also in 2024, Cantigny will close on Tuesdays. Closing one day per week enables maintenance work in high-traffic areas without disrupting the visitor experience.

Cantigny parking fees in 2024 are as follows:

- \$5 weekdays, through Oct. 31
- \$5 weekends, through April 30
- \$15 weekends, May through October
- \$20 Concert Sundays, June through August

Warriors and Rams open their seasons at the Vic Lesch Invitational

Srey wins four individual events and claims the all-around championship

The Willowbrook and Glenbard East boys gymnastics teams joined five other teams to participate in the season-opening Vic Lesch Invitational, which took place last week in Villa Park.

The Glenbard West Hilltoppers won the title in the Feb. 29 competition with their total of 102.65 points. Willowbrook, which hosted the invitational, placed second with its total of 91.8. Glenbard North (83.4) finished third, while Glenbard East (82.95) landed in fourth place. Glenbard South (64.85) delivered a fifth-place finish, while Addison Trail (56.35) and York (53.85) claimed sixth and seventh, respectively.

The Vic Lesch Invitational features a unique format, with each team having two gymnasts compete in each event.

Glenbard East senior Vaden Srey won the invite's all-around title with his total score of 53.65. Srey captured four first-place medals during the meet. He won first-place honors in floor exercises with his score of 9.55. He also produced first-place

finishes in the still rings (9.5), the vault (9.3) and the parallel bars (9.3).

Srey finished second on the horizontal bar (8.2) and third on the pommel horse (7.8).

One year ago, Srey won the championship on the pommel horse at the IHSA state meet.

Glenbard East junior Gregorio Monroy earned a top-10 finish at the invite with his eighth-place score of 6.1 on the still rings.

Junior Daniel Javier represented Willowbrook in each event at the invite. Javier finished second in the vault with his score of 9.2. He delivered a fourth-place score of 6.4 on the pommel horse. Javier finished fifth on both the still rings (7.95) and the horizontal bar (7.35).

Javier posted eighth-place scores in floor exercises (7.55) and on the parallel bars (6.2). He finished fourth in the invite's all-around standings with his total of 44.65.

Willowbrook sophomore Jae Newman finished fourth on the still rings (8.2). He also finished fourth in two other events—the parallel bars

(7.8) and the horizontal bar (7.7). Newman placed fifth on the vault (8.65).

Senior Isaac Smith of the Warriors claimed fourth in floor exercises (8.85). Junior Jacob Seremak provided Willowbrook with a sixth-place score of 5.95 on the pommel horse.



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Willowbrook's boys gymnastics team hosted last week's season-opening Vic Lesch Invitational. Srey and Newman joined the Warriors at the Feb. 29 competition in Villa Park. Each team at the invitational has two gymnasts compete in each event. Junior Daniel Javier represented Willowbrook in all six events of the invite. He is pictured (above right) while approaching the vault. Javier earned a second-place score of 9.2 on the vault. He placed fourth in the invite's all-around standings with his total score of 44.65. Javier placed fourth on the pommel horse (6.4), fifth on the still rings (7.95) and fifth on the horizontal bar (7.35). Sophomore Jae Newman of the Warriors is pictured (above left) during his fourth-place performance on the parallel bars, which earned a score of 7.8. Newman also delivered fourth-place effort on the still rings (8.2) and the horizontal bar (7.7). He posted a fifth-place score of 8.65 on the vault.

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CERTIFICATE NO. 79355 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on FEBRUARY 20, 2024, wherein the business firm LITTLE SPROUTS LITERACY, 319 S. NAPERVILLE RD., STE. 101, WHEATON, IL 60187 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows:

Jennifer Collander, 918 Maryknoll Cir., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 20TH day of FEBRUARY, A.D. 2024.

Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk
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60148. Attendance at this meeting is highly encouraged.

Beginning March 7, 2024, IFB specifications will be available. Contact Pam Hernandez at phernandez@sd44.org

Questions related to the solicitation may be submitted, in writing, via email to phernandez@sd44.org by April 12, 2024. Questions will be answered via email in the form of an addendum to all potential bidders.

Bidders must be fully aware and comply with USDA and state regulations regarding School Nutrition Programs. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, waive any irregularities or informalities.

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Notice is hereby given that Lombard Elementary School District 44 ("the School Food Authority-SFA"); is requesting bids to provide Food Service Management Company Services for the operation in the Federally funded School Nutrition Programs.

Bids will be accepted at:
Attn: Pam Hernandez Payroll/
Operations Support Coordinator
Lombard Elementary District 44
150 W. Madison Street
Lombard IL, 60148

Bids will be accepted by 10:00 AM CST on Monday, April, 29, 2024, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bids must be submitted in full as outlined in the solicitation.

A meeting to tour the facilities will be held at 1:00 PM CST on Monday, March 25, 2024 at Glenn Westlake Middle School, 1514 S Main St., Lombard IL

A dominant performance

Senior Vaden Srey of the Glenbard East boys gymnastics team won the all-around title at last week's seven-team Vic Lesch Invitational at Willowbrook High School. Srey delivered first-place performances in four of the Feb. 29 invite's six events. He earned his first-place scores in floor exercises (9.55), the still rings (9.5), the vault (9.3) and parallel bars (9.3). Srey, who is pictured during his winning performance on the still rings, finished second on the horizontal bar (8.2) and third on the pommel horse (7.8) on the way to posting his winning all-around total of 53.65. Glenbard West's Louie Diab finished second in the Invitational's all-around standings with his score of 52.6.



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coming to our building," versus to rented spaces that were previously used for the workshops.

The workshop is for "people who want to learn how to trap, and do it the right way," McAuley emphasized. "People should not just go out and buy a trap and trap without a plan."

As in, "I caught this cat; now what do I do with it?" she added.

The main reason for scheduling a TNR through Feral Fixers is because "We have to have the spay/neuter arrangements first [with the veterinarian services]," McAuley said, so they cannot hold on to cats for an indefinite period of time.

And, she noted, "There is a huge shortage of veterinarians to spay/neuter. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a shortage by 2030, but we're already there."

So, in addition to learning about the various types of traps and equipment Feral Fixers uses, the workshop will educate about the methods

of trapping, such as baiting the trap and timing.

"There isn't a two-word explanation of the methods," McAuley quipped, reiterating that potential trappers need to call Feral Fixers first before attempting to trap a feral cat.

She added that the workshop also educates residents/caretakers on how to feed and care for a feral cat prior to trapping it, and during cold weather.

"Timing is everything," she summed up.

The TNR workshop will be held Sunday, March 24, from 1-3 p.m. at Feral Fixers, 330 Eisenhower Lane N, Lombard.

Feral Fixers will also be holding an adoption event on Saturday, March 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lombard facility.

Visit feralfixers.org for an adoption application in advance for pre-approval, and for more information on the organization. You can also email info@feralfixers.org.

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Michèle J. Davenport, 473 N. Pioneer Drive, Addison, IL 60101.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 20TH day of FEBRUARY, A.D. 2024.

Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk

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NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 79350 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on FEBRUARY 13, 2024 wherein the business firm of MF-MAINTENANCE, 21 N. HARVARD AVE., VILLA PARK, IL 60181 was registered; that the true or real name or names of the person or persons owning the business, with their respective post office address(es), is/are as follows:

Cristian Lopez, 21 N. Harvard Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 13TH day of FEBRUARY, A.D. 2024.

Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

THE VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE, DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, will receive sealed bids for the 2023 RESIDENTIAL STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM until Eleven A.M. (11:00 A.M.) (prevailing time), March 26, 2024 at the office of the Municipal Clerk in the Village Hall, 12 South Center Street, in the Village of Bensenville, Illinois, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The contract documents, including plans and specifications, are on file at the office of the Owner, Village of Bensenville - Department of Public Works, 717 East Jefferson Street, Bensenville IL 60106,

(630) 350-3411. Copies of the bid documents may be obtained from the Village of Bensenville website <https://www.bensenville.il.us/bids.aspx> or email Brad Hargett, Assistant Village Engineer, at bhargett@bensenville.il.us at no charge for each set along with a copy of the Contractor's "Certificate of Eligibility" issued by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

A bid bond, certified check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit on a solvent bank, payable to the Village of Bensenville, or cash in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory performance bond in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract sum as a security for the faithful performance of the Contract and also a Payment Bond in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract sum as a security for the payment of all persons performing labor on the Project under the Contract and furnishing materials in connection of the Contract. The successful bidder shall also furnish a Certificate of Insurance. No bid shall be withdrawn after opening of bids without the consent of said Municipality for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled time of opening bids.

The Village of Bensenville reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding and to accept the bid deemed most advantageous to it, all in accordance with the standard specifications.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on February 20, 2024, the Board of Police Commissioners of the Village of Addison amended the existing Rules and Regulations of the Board of Police Commissioners of the Village of Addison. These amendments to the Rules have been printed for distribution and may be obtained from the Addison Village Clerk, One Friendship Plaza, Addison, Illinois. The new Rules and Regulations shall go into operation ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notice.

By Order of the Board of Police Commissioners of the Village of Addison.

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Contest winner

During its Feb. 26 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education congratulated Willowbrook High School junior Maggie Brennan (pictured) on being named the winner of the District 88 Foundation Pickleball Tournament Marketing Contest. Brennan is a Villa Park resident. The foundation received 22 entries from 13 students. The judges selected Brennan's submission. Entrants were asked to come with a creative name for the foundation's pickleball tournament, along with a marketing flyer to promote it. The event—named by Brennan as the "Pickleball Paddle Battle"—took place at Willowbrook on Sunday, March 2. Brennan's design was used to promote the event through the district's newsletter, website and social media outlets. Her design was also distributed throughout the community. The District Board of Education and administration presented Brennan with a certificate and a \$100 gift card for winning submission.

Answers

PUZZLE 1

8	7	4	2	5	6	3	1	9
1	3	2	7	8	9	6	4	5
6	9	5	4	1	3	8	7	2
2	1	7	3	4	5	9	6	8
5	4	3	9	6	8	7	2	1
9	8	6	1	2	7	5	3	4
7	2	9	8	3	4	1	5	6
3	5	1	6	9	2	4	8	7
4	6	8	5	7	1	2	9	3

PUZZLE 2

4	7	1	9	6	8	5	2	3
9	2	8	5	3	7	1	6	4
6	5	3	1	2	4	8	7	9
8	4	7	3	9	1	6	5	2
3	6	9	2	8	5	4	1	7
5	1	2	7	4	6	3	9	8
7	3	6	8	1	9	2	4	5
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PURL	ALACHUA
PEAR	STOB
DRAT	UNITES
ORIS	GROG
FEED	DOOR
POD	ONUS
ENR	SAMAS
DECAPITATED	I
ASININE	EEBIE
MENACE	SALV
TEST	BLE

Correction

Correct answers to last week's Sudoku Puzzle

PUZZLE 2

4	5	7	2	1	6	3	8
1	6	8	3	4	9	2	7
9	2	3	8	7	5	6	1
5	3	4	7	2	1	9	6
7	9	1	5	6	8	4	3
2	8	6	4	9	3	1	5
8	7	9	6	3	4	5	2
6	1	2	9	5	7	8	4
3	4	5	1	8	2	7	9

Naperville man sentenced to 13 years for drug induced homicide

Fatal dose of fentanyl supplied to Addison woman

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin announced that a Naperville man accused of supplying a fatal dose of a fentanyl to a 35-year-old Addison woman was sentenced to 13 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Courvoisier Thomas, 40, appeared at his sentencing hearing in front of Judge Mia McPherson, who handed down the sentence.

On Sept. 27, 2023, Thomas en-



Courvoisier Thomas

tered a plea of guilty to one count of one count of drug induced homicide, a Class X felony. Thomas will be required to serve 75 percent of his sentence before being eligible for parole.

He will receive credit for time already served in the DuPage County Jail from Feb. 8, 2022, through Feb. 22, 2024.

On Nov. 17, 2021, officers with the Addison Police Department were dispatched to a residence on Blocke Avenue for a report of an unresponsive woman. Upon their arrival, officers found the victim unresponsive. While at the residence, officers located baggies containing a white pow-

dery substance, later identified as a fentanyl/fluorofentanyl mixture. The victim was transported to Glen Oaks Hospital where she was pronounced deceased.

Through the course of their investigation, officers learned that on Nov. 17, 2021, Thomas went to the victim's residence and sold the fentanyl/fluorofentanyl mixture to her. After purchasing the narcotics, the victim ingested the fentanyl/fluorofentanyl mixture supplied to her by Thomas, causing her death.

On Feb. 7, 2022, a DuPage County judge issued a \$5 million with 10 percent to apply arrest warrant for Thomas. Thomas was arrested the

following day.

"The loss of a young woman to illegal narcotics is a sad reminder of the heartbreak caused by drug dealers seeking to enrich their lives at the expense of others," Berlin said. "To successfully rid our streets of illegal narcotics, we must not only continue educating the public about the potentially deadly consequences of drug use, we must also send a message to those who peddle this poison, such as Mr. Thomas, that they will pay a significant price for the death of anyone who dies as a result of ingesting narcotics they supplied. In this case, Mr. Thomas' price tag is thirteen years behind bars."

District 88 appoints new assistant principal at Willowbrook

Joseph Helton is a Villa Park resident, and the son of late superintendent

During its Feb. 26 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education approved the administration's recommendation to name Joseph Helton as Willowbrook High School's new assistant principal, effective July 1.

Helton, who is currently a dean at Addison Trail High School, is the middle son of the late Dr. Scott Helton, who was District 88's superintendent for eight years, until his death in December 2020. Joseph Helton began his career at Morton West High School, where he taught special education, coached football and served as



Joseph Helton

the head wrestling coach. He coached both football and wrestling at Addison Trail.

"Helton quickly connected with and engaged students and families, and his positive influence has been impressive in his short time as an educator," said Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause.

"We couldn't be more excited to welcome him to the administrative team, and we look forward to Helton having a long career in District 88."

Helton earned his bachelor's degree in special education from Elmhurst University and his master's degree in principal leadership from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

"I want to build strong connections with

our staff and students," Helton said. "I want to collaborate with our staff to make the best decisions for our students individually and as a school. My goal is to enhance the comprehensive system with the Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) staff to ensure student success at Willowbrook High School. I am most looking forward to meeting the students and getting to know the Willowbrook community. It is filled with an amazing culture that I can't wait to be involved in."

Helton lives in Villa Park with his family. "I am surrounded by educators and family who are just as excited about this opportunity as I am, especially my wife, Lizzy Helton [Kalal], who's a Willowbrook alumna, and my son, JT Helton, future Warrior."

Obituary

On Feb. 20, 2024, Sandra "Stare" Dollinger peacefully passed away. Born Oct. 28, 1938 in Aurora, Illinois. Beloved wife of Robert J. Dollinger; loving mother of Steven (Julie) Dollinger, Deborah Dollinger, and Julie (Albert) Dollinger DeSalvo; devoted grandmother of Ryan, Jacob and Christopher DeSalvo, Philip Dollinger, Crystal Doll-



inger; cherished great grandmother of Caden, Ellery and Ainsley Stear, and Charlie and Ben DeSalvo.

Sandra was the daughter of Paul and Marian "Goodwin" Stare of Aurora, IL. She was in the Holy Angel Grade School in the 4th grade when she started singing with the children's choir and continued through 8th grade and into Madonna High school for girls, where she also sang with the Palestine Choir of Aurora and attended Alverno College for girls in Milwaukee, WI, on scholarship.

Sandra also performed using her vocal talent with the West Suburban Symphony. She married the love of her life, Robert J. Dollinger of Aurora, IL in 1958. After living for four years in Aurora they moved to Villa Park, IL. This is where her husband was teaching in 1966 with their 3 children, Steven, Deborah, and Julie. They lived there until June 2023.

Sandra started her Antique Furniture business, Astorville Antiques, in 1990 and retired with a great deal of success in 2001. Sandra and her husband, Bob, traveled to Ireland four

times, Germany three times, also Scotland, Paris, Jamaica and many U.S. States.

Sandra is survived by her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, her sister, Suzanne Ellis, brother Paul (Mary) Stare and sister-in-laws Joan Lutz and Linda Dollinger.

Services were held Monday, Feb. 26, 2024. Interment Private. Memorials to Alzheimer's Association or Dementia Society of America are appreciated.

Funeral info: steuerlefh.com or (630) 832-4161.

Commission is accepting nominations for the 2023 Green Champion Award

Nominations are due by March 21

The Villa Park Environmental Concerns Commission advises the village president and board of trustees on matters relating to the preservation, protection and improvement of the environment, including the quality of land, air and water.

In 2016, the commission created its Green Champion award program to recognize any outstanding environmental achievements of individuals, groups, organizations or compa-

nies in Villa Park.

The annual certificate will be presented in one of the following nine categories:

- Energy efficiency
- Renewable energy
- Conservation of natural resources
- Recycling programs and use of recycled content products
- Green produce use and use of recycled content materials
- Water conservation
- Transportation
- Outreach and education
- Other innovation projects and

programs

How do I nominate a deserving candidate?

You can submit an online nomination form by accessing the Village of Villa Park website and searching for Green Champion Award or using the link on the Commission's web page. When accessing the online form, use the username public@villaparkvillage.com and password "public". A print version nomination form is also available at <http://www.invillapark.com/DocumentCenter/View/6355/Green-Champion-Award-Nomination-Form> and may be submitted to

the Village of Villa Park Environmental Concerns Commission by email at EnvironmentalConcerns@invillapark.com or to the Village of Villa Park (Attn: Environmental Concerns Commission) 20 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181.

Nominations are accepted for residential and nonresidential properties in Villa Park and may be submitted by property owners, business owners and by others who feel a project or site deserves recognition.

For more information, contact Commission chair Bob Wagner at 630-484-8856.

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