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News Digest

May 24, 2007

Kane County

County to begin push on seat belts

The Kane County Sheriff's Office will launch an "enforcement blitz" over Memorial Day weekend aimed at encouraging drivers to buckle up.

Although compliance checks suggest 88 percent of Kane County's drivers are using their seat belts, the department would like to get that figure as close to 100 percent as possible, a news release stated. Patrol officers will issue tickets in enforcement of Illinois' mandatory seat belt law, which requires drivers, front passengers and passengers younger than age 16 to use restraints.

According to 2006 sheriff's office statistics, of the 2,716 auto accidents countywide, 23 involved fatalities and 532 resulted in documented injuries.

West Dundee

Effort to get care packages to troops

Country Insurance & Financial Services agents Sam Scaccia and Bernie Gaston, together with their assistant Colleen Chase in the Country office at 763 S. Eighth St., are working to get letters and care packages to the men and women who have been deployed for war.

From June 1 to June 14, the local Country office is serving as a drop-off location for letters and care package supplies and will send them to military personnel using guidelines provided by Any Soldier Inc., an organization dedicated to supporting military personnel in harm's way who don't regularly receive mail.

Items collected at the local Country office will be sent to at least one unit, depending on the size of the donations. They will choose a military contact registered with Any Soldier Inc.

According to Any Soldier Inc., a letter showing personal support is the best thing to send to soldiers, as soldiers request letters more than any other item. However, if you want to send something more, consider bringing magazines, DVDs, nonperishable snack items, or toiletries to the Country office. Or visit the "What to Send" area of the Any Soldier Inc.'s Web site, www.ansoldier.com, for guidelines on other contributions. Military units are in different circumstances, and their needs vary greatly.

Any Soldier Inc. helps nearly 115,000 American soldiers in all branches of the military, both active duty and reservists, and has become one of the leading efforts in making sure the men and women who have been deployed for the war are cared for, via letters and packages.

School District 303

Fun Run to benefit St. Charles North

The St. Charles North Running Booster Club will hold its annual 5K Fun Run and walk at 8 a.m. June 3, departing from the school, 255 Red Gate Road. The run/walk routes go through scenic adjacent neighborhoods.

Cost is \$15 in advance or \$20 the day of the event. Participants will be eligible for door prizes after the event. Refreshments will be served.



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To register on the day of the event, arrive between 7 and 7:30 a.m.

All proceeds will help fund the school's cross-country and track and field programs.

To register, go online at www.northrunners.org or call coach Kevin Harrington at (630) 443-2732 or e-mail kevin.r.harrington@d303.org.

Meetings

Today

Huntley: Village board meets at 7 p.m. in the village boardroom in the municipal complex, 10987 Main St.

Kane County: The Kane County Historic Preservation Commission meets at 7 p.m. in the third-floor conference room, Kane County Government Center, Building A, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Geneva.

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