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DAILY HERALD TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2011

Itasca traffic crackdown:

Itasca police will conduct a seat-belt enforcement effort from 11 p.m. Friday until 3 a.m. Saturday. The department has a zero-tolerance policy for violations; no warning tickets will be issued. The campaign is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, administered through Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Traffic Safety.

Bloomington offers awards:

Bloomington's 10th annual Character Counts Awards were given this spring to residents who personify traits such as respect, responsibility and citizenship. Awards went to: Sue Crosson-Knutson for her Bloomington Press Noteworthy Neighbors and Examiner.com columns; Maryellen Johnson, editor of the Bloomington Almanac; Perry Knutson, president of the Bloomington Lions Club that formed the Westfield Middle School Leo Club in 2008; Setette Philipps, volunteer PTO president at Winnebago Elementary; Polly MacDougall, Winnebago volunteer PTO treasurer; Bruce Root, volunteer DuJardin Elementary mentor; Glenn Spachman, a DuJardin mentor; and Bloomington's McElroy Pediatric

Dentists William McElroy and Jennifer Campbell, who volunteer to explain the importance of preschoolers.

Park deficit reduced:

Glen Ellyn Park District's 2011 budget still has a deficit, but it's less now than it was before. Last week, park board commissioners voted to reduce the deficit by \$274,000 through a combination of cuts and the sale of the park director's vehicle. Board President Melissa Creech had asked park district staff to find ways to cut about \$381,000 — the amount of the current deficit, plus an estimated unbudgeted cost of \$20,000 for a search firm hired to locate a new park director. Some of the bigger cuts include \$50,000 for improvements at the Frank Johnson Center, more than \$13,000 for new furniture and amenities at the Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center, and \$12,000 in the district's marketing budget.

New administrator in Dist. 4:

The Addison Elementary District 4 school board approved contracts for principal positions at Ardmore and Fullerton schools and for an assistant principal and dean at Indian Trail Junior High School. This fall, Carrie Stange will be the new principal at

Fullerton School. She is the former director of elementary schools at Valley View School District 365U in Romeoville. Linda Archila will be the new principal at Ardmore; she is currently a second-grade bilingual teacher at Fullerton. Janet Diaz will be the new assistant principal at Indian Trail, where she currently serves as dean of students. Cristina Ardizzone, a sixth-grade math teacher, will fill Diaz's dean post.

Marklund Golf Classic:

The 29th annual Marklund Golf Classic is Thursday at Hilton Chicago-Indian Lakes Resort, 250 W. Schick Road, Bloomington. Registration is at 11 a.m.; lunch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.; and a banquet at 5:45 p.m. All funds raised support programs Marklund provides for infants, children and adults with developmental disabilities. Several sports celebrities will attend, and an auction will feature items like Blackhawks tickets, a speedboat experience and vacations to Hawaii, Vegas and more. The cost is \$550 per golfer; foursome sponsorships range from \$2,200 to \$3,000. For details, call Tracy Beattie at (630) 430-5312, email tbeattie@marklund.org or visit marklund.org.