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Advocating for lung cancer, radon awareness

Lombard-based Radonova (www.radonova.com), which sells radon detection kits, hosted a lung cancer awareness event on Thursday, March 14, called the White Ribbon Project (www.thewhiteribbonproject.org). Project co-founder and Colorado resident Heidi Nafman-Onda, pictured here, explained that she and her husband, Dr. Pierre Onda, launched the project in October 2020 after she was diagnosed with lung cancer in October 2018—which was discovered during another diagnostic procedure. As a health educator and “lifelong health enthusiast” with no history of smoking, she soon learned about radon gas. Nafman-Onda’s son, an environmental engineer, asked her if she knew their home’s radon level, and a subsequent test showed the home to contain twice the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guideline amount of less than 4 pCi/L (picocuries per liter). According to the EPA, “Radon is a radioactive gas that forms naturally when uranium, thorium or radium—radioactive metals—break[s] down in rocks, soil and groundwater.” The EPA also states that people are exposed to radon “primarily from breathing radon in air that comes through cracks and gaps in buildings and homes. Also pictured at the event is “Radon Man” from Naperville-based Radon Reduction Systems, Inc. (www.TheRadonMan.com), who works in radon mitigation services. See more information and photos on page 10.

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Woman from unincorporated Lombard charged with cruelty to animals

DuPage County Sheriff James Mendrick announced last week that a woman from unincorporated Lombard had been charged with one misdemeanor count of cruelty to animals and two misdemeanor counts of violation of owner's duties.

According to a statement from the sheriff's office, sheriff's detectives, with the assistance of DuPage County Animal Services, conducted a search on March 11 at the home of Sharon Manuel,

59. Manuel's residence is located in the 1000 block of Columbine Avenue in unincorporated Lombard.

The search reportedly resulted in the rescue of three adult dogs, as well as seven puppies between the ages of two to three weeks, related the statement from the sheriff's office.

Authorities obtained a warrant to search the residence after receiving complaints from concerned citizens regarding animal

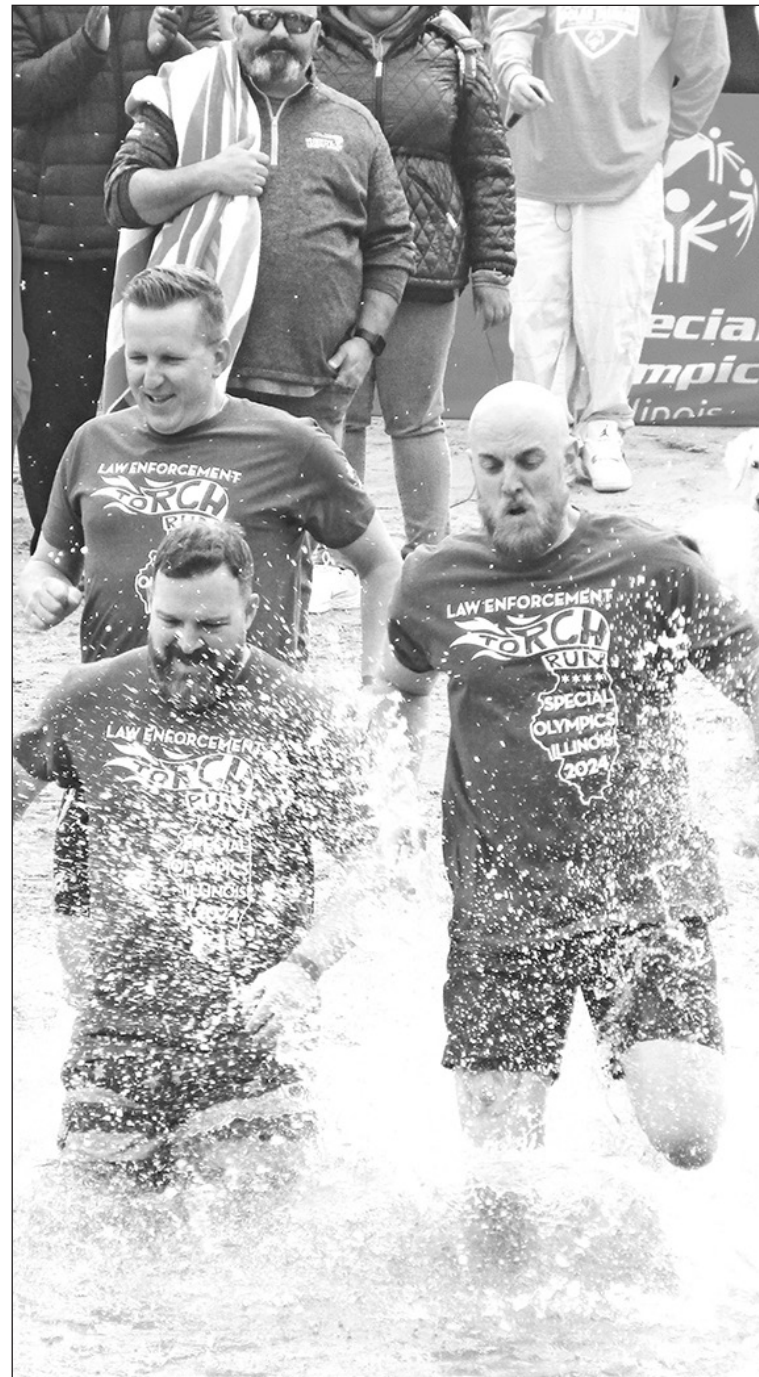
mistreatment.

The subsequent investigation reportedly uncovered "a distressing situation where innocent dogs were subjected to neglect and abuse."

"These neglected animals were rescued from appalling conditions and we take animal cruelty very seriously here in DuPage County," stated Mendrick, who added that the rescued dogs are in the care of DuPage County Animal Services.

"It is alleged that Ms. Manuel left her dog Ghost tethered overnight without food or water on a leash so short that he could not even lay down," said DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin. "Our pets deserve our love and compassion and should not be subject to the type of inhumane treatment as alleged in this case."

Manuel's next court date is scheduled for April 4.



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Taking the plunge for a great cause

Approximately 350 participants from around the Chicago area, and around the state, who took part in Saturday's Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge at the Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club were greeted with above-average temperatures for this time of year. However, when they stepped into an outdoor pond at the Bath & Tennis Club, it sure felt like winter, as the water temperature was around 35 degrees. Nevertheless, individuals, along with teams comprised of police departments, schools and corporations—as well as teams consisting of friends, families and community members—gladly plunged into the frigid water in order to help benefit Special Olympics Illinois—a not-for-profit sports organization that offers year-round training and competition in 18 sports to a community of more than 55,000 traditional athletes, young athletes, unified partners, coaches, volunteers, and more. Chicago Bears tight end Cole Kmet (top left) was on hand for the event ... and took the plunge himself!

Getting to know ... Rick Galfano

Editor's note: Today's issue is the debut of "Getting to know ..." a feature that will be published periodically in the *Lombardian*. It will feature leaders in the community, in business, in education, at non-profit organizations, or someone who does a lot of good in the community. Do you know someone who Lombardians should get to know? If so, send us the name of that person and why he or she should be considered to: news1@rvpublishing.com

Rick Galfano is president and CEO of the Lombard Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He took over as president and CEO in May, 2023. Prior to his role with the Chamber, Galfano was the owner of Universal Sales, a promotional products company in Lombard, for 10 years.

Family: Wife Sheila; children, Courtney and Eric

What got you interested in the Lombard chamber president and CEO position?

I have served on many nonprofit boards, including Sacred Heart German Fest, and when I found out the position was open, without hesitation, I knew I wanted to be



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Rick Galfano

a part of this organization and lead it. I also knew how important the chamber is to businesses here in Lombard, especially

during the pandemic, since I owned a local business. I wanted to carry on this long tradition of serving and helping the business community of a town I have lived in my whole life.

What is a short-term goal for the chamber, and what is a long-term goal?

Long term, I expect our chamber to increase membership each year, since that is how we provide the most benefits to our business community. To get to that, short term goal-wise, we need to first increase the size of our events to bring more of the public out to enjoy. Then, increase our social media presence so more citizens know about the events and the businesses in Lombard.

What is the most rewarding part of being chamber president and working with Lombard business men and women?

Seeing and hearing about local businesses thriving and growing in our town and knowing we may have helped in a little way in the challenges they encountered.

What is your outlook for the Lombard business community in 2024?

Diversity in businesses and community will continue to expand and prosper in

Lombard. Brick and mortar stores and office buildings will evolve to different uses in serving our community. Services will be needed for these new opportunities, as well, and Lombard's businesses and its chamber will be there providing solutions.

What do you like to do outside of work?

Do you have a specific hobby or hobbies?
My wife, Sheila, and I volunteer as dog foster parents at the West Suburban Humane Society. I am also "pop" of our grandson Joey, and our daughter is currently pregnant with her second son Cooper. My wife and I travel on cruises as well as autumn convertible drives in our Mustang.

Do you have a 15-minutes-of-fame moment or had an opportunity to meet or rub shoulders with someone famous?

I played hockey for several years growing up, and my junior year of high school at Glenbard East, was asked to try out for the 1984 Olympics. I made it to the last cut before missing out on the camp in Lake Placid N.Y. Being a goalie, I was thrilled, also, to meet Ed Belfour of the Hawks. I also met Jay Leno. How about that for a wide brush with fame?!



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Large crowds of shoppers stopped by the old Yorktown 2 Center building throughout the week last week to take part in Rhea Lana's of West Chicagoland's bi-annual event. RLWC owner Christine DeGraf (left) is a Lombard native and a Glenbard East graduate.

Rhea Lana's of West Chicagoland's bi-annual event packs 'em in at 2 Yorktown Center

STAFF REPORT

Throughout last week, and during the weekend prior to last week, if you happened to be around the area of the old 2 Yorktown Center building, you undoubtedly noticed the parking lot was full—so much so that vehicles had to park in the adjacent Yorktown Shopping Center lot.

What was going on there? Well, Rhea Lana's of West Chicagoland—one of the largest children's consignment sales in the country—hosted a bi-annual "pop-up" event.

During the weekend of March 9 and 10, Rhea Lana's held pre-sale days, which were not open to the public. The March 10 pre-sale day

was dedicated to shoppers who are moms-to-be, teachers, health care workers and those who are in the military. There also was a pre-sale day held March 13.

Public sale days were held March 11, 12, 14 and 15.

Christine DeGraf, owner of Rhea Lana's of West Chicagoland, said

throughout the week of the event, families in the community can sell their gently used children's items—ages newborn to teens/juniors—for

other families to purchase. These items include clothing, equipment

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Opinion

Slices of life

Northern cold versus southern cold

I'm a recent transplant—from a northern state to a southern one. I now spend winters in Florida, but for most of my life, I endured the (harsh, frigid, bitter, unending, Arctic, hyperborean) winters of Minnesota, aka Minnesnowta (cold nose, warm heart).

I like to think it made me stronger. Hell, I know it did. You can't survive and endure 30 degree negative temperatures (with a windchill of unspoken proportions) without cultivating some sort of inner fortitude (not to mention frostbitten fingers).

It's been a cold winter in Florida. By, cold, I mean about May or September in Minnesota terms. The lows have hovered around the 40s and 50s. We've had a night or two in the mid 30s. People cover their plants and wear winter coats to the grocery store. I've even seen gloves and a stocking cap or two, but I haven't yet seen my breath.

People who think it's cold when you can't even see your breath outside don't really understand cold. They've probably never even had their cheeks burn while walking from the car to the front door.

Let's just put this out there: it doesn't get cold in Florida. 50 degrees Fahrenheit is not cold. 40 degrees is not cold. Even 32 degrees, while technically freezing, isn't cold—if you are from Minnesota.

In the north, we wear shorts in 32 degrees—without a second thought. Anything near or above freezing is not cold. We consider it warm.

We do the polar bear plunge into any one of our 10,000 frozen lakes, but before we dive into the cold water, we have to cut a hole through the ice to actually get there.

In the south, people complain when the pool temperature dips below 80 degrees (Fahrenheit).

In the south, it's a blustery day if you have to wear socks. In the north, blustery requires layering two sets of leggings—before you put on your fleece-lined jeans. And that's just for



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

life inside your house.

Yesterday I was listening to the radio and a winter warning came on—for pets. The overnight low was a predicted 35 degrees and pet owners were advised to be cautious and careful about the hypothermia levels of their beloved's paws.

In the north, humans are a sturdy lot, nearly impervious to the frigid temps. Pets take that one step further. They lie on the snow for a relaxed state of fun.

When it is really cold - like a windchill of negative 30—we let them out and then in again within five minutes or less because, well, that's the smart thing to do. When the weather is 35 degrees (above zero), we let them play outside for as long as they want because fur coats were invented for a reason, and that reason is winter.

Today I got a text message from the HVAC folks who service my unit. They reassured us that they are on call 24/7 during this cold snap, in case someone's heater should stop working, causing an obvious emergency to ensue.

I had to stop myself from laughing. I've slept with an open window (and ceiling fan on) every night during this cold spell. Heat hasn't even been in my vocabulary.

Winter in the north versus south is indeed very different—and I haven't even touched on the subject of snow days. That's probably a column all its own.

But let's get down to the nitty gritty. We live in a very big, very beautiful nation. There is north, south, east and

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Bipartisan bill to force CCP-controlled ByteDance to divest from TikTok

By U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi

Last week, the House overwhelmingly passed my bipartisan Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act—legislation I led with Chairman Mike Gallagher of the House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the U.S. and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).



This bill forces TikTok's parent company, ByteDance, which is controlled by the CCP under the laws of the People's Republic of China, to divest from the popular social media company, thus removing the TikTok app from CCP control while keeping it available to American users.

Over the past week, TikTok has run an aggressive, sophisticated propaganda campaign using user's geo-location data and urging them to call their members of Congress and lobby Congress on behalf of TikTok and ByteDance, encouraging minors who oftentimes do not have parental consent to call our offices before accessing the application. TikTok's propaganda operation to mobilize children into a political influence campaign infuriated members and underscored the point of my legislation.

This incident demonstrated that TikTok already has the capability to weaponize its users at a moment's notice to influence American politics. Last week, it was a notification to call Congress to block a bill; next week, it could be a notification asking users to call their representatives to block aid to our allies or security partners, including Taiwan.

The CCP's control of ByteDance, and therefore TikTok, is a grave national security threat to our country, and we cannot stand by and

allow it to continue.

During a hearing held by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on March 12, I asked FBI Director Christopher Wray and Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines if they could rule out that the CCP was responsible for the propaganda campaign.

Both told me that they could not rule that out. Directors Wray and Haines also confirmed that the CCP used TikTok to influence and meddle with the 2022 midterm elections and told me that it is possible the CCP will employ the same strategy as November's presidential elections approach.

The choice of whether to keep TikTok running for American users is ByteDance's. Our goal is to allow American users to continue to use TikTok. Any claims of this being an outright ban are false.

This is not the first time a foreign adversary-controlled company has been required to divest a popular social media app. In 2018, the Trump Administration directed Beijing Kunlun Tech, the CCP-owned parent company of the popular LGBTQ+ dating app Grindr to divest the app from its portfolio due to the sensitive and personal data it stored. That is what my legislation would direct ByteDance to do with TikTok, and I am hopeful the Senate will swiftly follow through on passing this important legislation and sending it to President Biden for his signature to become law.

Securing \$14.5 million in federal funding for our communities

President Joe Biden signed into law a six-bill minibus spending package passed by the House and Senate recently that funds part of the federal government for the rest of Fiscal Year 2024 and averts a partial government shutdown.

Included in that package was \$14,490,287 in federal funding I

was proud to secure for 15 local community projects located throughout the Eighth Congressional District, including millions more for local and state organizations to transform and improve our communities for decades to come.

As a member of Congress, one of my main priorities is improving the lives of my constituents and enriching our local communities, and I am thankful to all the organizations and community leaders who worked with my staff and I to get these projects approved and funded.

State of the Union

On March 7, President Joe Biden delivered his 2024 State of the Union address before both chambers of Congress, updating the American people on the state of our country. During his speech, President Biden reiterated his calls for Congress to pass more substantive legislation to restore the reproductive rights stripped away by the Supreme Court's 2022 decision to overturn Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey.

I was honored to invite Planned Parenthood of Illinois President and CEO Jennifer Welch as my guest for the State of the Union. Thanks to her dedicated work, Illinois has become a beacon for reproductive freedom for countless Americans from neighboring states who have seen their own rights reduced or erased by far-right politicians.

With the Alabama Supreme Court's decision to restrict in-vitro fertilization (IVF) still top of mind for so many, the President's call to protect and expand reproductive rights rings louder than ever before, and Congress must pass legislation codifying the rights of Roe v. Wade into law.

Raja Krishnamoorthi represents the 8th Congressional District of Illinois, which includes part of Addison, Wood Dale and Bensenville.

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A huge shout-out to the Lombard DMV. I used to dread going there to renew my driver's license. But today I was in and out in less than 30 minutes and everyone, and I mean everyone was extremely pleasant! Not sure if it's due to the change in command with a new Secretary of State but whatever it is, keep it up guys!

I am not surprised at the non-answer given by District 87 in response to a question about Glenbard North (March 7 Speak Out). It only alludes to the transportation aspect of the students who live closest to Glenbard North. No answer as to why the school never expanded when enrollment did, or why the students are sent to East instead of West, which is a little closer. And if North has experienced declining enrollment, I would hope the district would start sending those students back to the school that is in their own backyard. It is not fair that these kids are bused so far, so early in the morning, and probably don't feel a sense of school spirit for a school that is not even in their community.

A caller said the Supreme Court "wants to tell us who we can vote for." The caller also says "I believe every state should have their right to govern, with the exception of national defense." Finally, the person says Trump should not be on any ballot. It sounds like you are the one trying to say who we can vote for—by not allowing Trump on the ballot. The Supreme Court said states cannot exclude him, so how is that telling us who we can vote for? And as for states "governing," by wanting to remove Trump from the ballots, they are indeed

governing; telling me I don't have the choice. And don't get me started about the voting in the primary election. Being that we must vote a straight ticket, we cannot choose candidates from several parties should we want to. You can in the general election, but in the primary, it does not fairly reflect my choices. Besides, it is nobody's business what my political persuasion is, yet I have to "declare" when I ask for a ballot. So much for a "secret" ballot.

Measles cases have popped up in Chicago schools, and some of those cases include migrant children living in shelters. Among the exemptions for getting vaccinated—like medical and religious—is a migrant child living in a shelter. I just heard that people in infected shelters are being moved to a hotel somewhere in the city to reduce the spread of this contagious disease. There's that cost, but exempt from vaccination? The health cost to other children is way worse. These families wanted to be here, so they should follow the same rules as everyone else. Vaccinate those kids, who are living in such close quarters, to help prevent the spread of measles.

I agree! It was a good speech... even though Biden looked like he could croak at any moment.

The Democrats are better salesman than the Republicans, after listening to Biden's State of the Union address. The speech writers who wrote his speech deserve an A-plus. He made a lot of promises to do what he should have been doing for the last three years. The Democrats who control Biden do a great job of causing problems and selling us on

how hard they are working to solve them. Afghanistan, the border and Roe versus Wade, to name a few. From Bidenomics to shrinkflation on the size of a box of cookies and the sheets of toilet paper in a roll are the big problems Biden addresses.

Concerning Marilyn Fawell's letter to the editor regarding the past three years' disasters for America. (March 7 issue). I must first ask what planet is she living on? Yes, the last three years have proven difficult for many in America. Yet these results took hold because of the chaos over the prior four years of probably one of the worst leaders this country has seen in modern times. Bye-bye.

I have a family member living in another state, where they have a specific Medicaid plan for their child that they pay a small amount for, to cover a specific condition. However, it does not cover services for the child's autism, because that is considered a "mental health" issue. What? "Health" is part of the definition. I also just read about Pritzker trying to tweak certain aspects of health insurance in Illinois, and one person referred to doctors as "both medical and behavioral." Last time I checked, a psychiatrist (behavioral) is a medical doctor, with psychiatry as the specialty. Getting on a soapbox here, but when are the medical and insurance industries going to realize that mental health disorders are a medical issue? Just as some diabetics need insulin, people with certain mental health disorders also need stabilizing medicine to function. When someone in my family was diagnosed with ADHD in childhood, which was helped by medication, only after being seen by a pediatric neurologist was any of it covered by insurance. There is a chasm between physical illness and mental health disorders, the latter of which is often invisible, but equally as medical as any other disease.

As someone pointed out in a past Speak Out, it's interesting that Illinois' soft-on-crime SAFE-T Act went into effect at the same time there was a flood of illegal immigration into the state. It's also interesting that as we're having this flood of illegal immigration, Democrats are pushing to get rid of voter ID.

During his State of the Union speech, Biden had to mention his

• Slices

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west and there is good in every corner. Some may find it in a white, sandy beach—others in a glistening white snowfall.

And there is beauty in both—and everything in between. Let's all relish in that.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

late son after he referred to Laken Riley. That was pretty pathetic. Laken Riley was murdered while out for a run. The man charged with her murder is an illegal immigrant. Biden's son Beau died of brain cancer.

There is someone who keeps calling in saying he or she is a Democrat yet cannot support Biden, and is asking the Democratic Party to find a better candidate or the party is going to go down in flames, so to speak. Has this person not come to his/her senses yet and at least thought of switching parties? Like the saying goes, doing the same thing over and over, and expecting a different result? I am no fan of Trump, but at least you know what you're getting. With Biden, he can change on a dime; that is, when he is coherent.

Hi, so the person who thought the good old days was with Obama, I think the bad old days was with Obama. Obama was the bad old days. He started the bad days. Sorry to say, but that's the way it is.

Being a senior, with current media coverage, my wife and I have become cynical and disillusioned. We recently had the opportunity to attend to play at Visitation Grammar School in Elmhurst. It was called "Footloose." It was amazing; the work and effort of the grammar school kids along with the teachers was spectacular. We had to remind ourselves that the kids were grammar-schoolers. The energy projected was contagious. And no, I'm not a family member. Great job kids; teachers, hoorah.

Hello everyone. We need to stop these chain buyouts. It limits employment opportunities. Please find out what all this buyout stuff is. It

Coming events

Game Truck at Villa Park Library March 26

Game Truck returns to the library's parking lot on Tuesday, March 26 from 1-3 p.m. What is Game Truck? It is a giant truck packed with high-definition TVs, a long row of comfy seats, and lots of gaming consoles and controllers. Once you pick up that game controller, you will know that the party has truly begun. Game Truck is sponsored in part by The Friends of the Villa Park Public Library. Registration is required. For more information, visit the library's website at www.vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Comedian to perform at Maple Street Chapel March 24

Comedian Michelle Krajecki will perform at the Maple Street Chapel Sunday March 24, at 3 p.m. Krajecki travels all over the Midwest and beyond. She was a core member of Flashback, Funny Funny Forward, a vaudeville review with Karen Knotts and The High Fibre Comedy Show. She is currently traveling with Boomer Broads Comedy. Her comedy has been described as "observational," "relatable" and "hilarious." Admission is \$20. To order tickets or for more information, visit MapleStreetChapel.Org, where you can pay using PayPal or print a mail-in order form, or mail in a check payable to "Maple Street Chapel" to Ken Bohl, 213 W. Ash St., Lombard IL 60148-2505. Tickets will also be available at the door for check or cash payment only.

The chapel is located at 200 S. Main St., the corner of Main & Maple, with parking available in the lots on west Maple Street. Funds raised by this concert support the preservation of the historic chapel.

Worship services at Faith United Methodist

Faith United Methodist Church Lombard, 815 S Finley Road, Lombard, is celebrating a variety of Easter activities and warmly invites the community to join us for the following worship opportunities: Palm Sunday, March 24, 9 a.m. Worship Service with palms. Easter Sunday, March 31, at 9 a.m. Worship Service. Will be celebrating communion and decorating the Cross of Christ with live flowers. Questions, please leave a voice mail on church phone number which is 630-627-1039.

limits employment opportunities greatly. Thank you.

Are there any manufacturers reading this? Please offer automobiles for seniors without bells and whistles. Thank you.

When will Sean Casten and Raja Krishnamoorthi grace us with another self-serving and preachy column in this paper? Will they talk about their disgraceful votes against the Laken Riley Act, which requires Immigration and Customs Enforcement to detain illegal immigrants who are charged with theft? Democrats coddle illegal immigrants at the expense of American citizens.

Liar, liar, pants on fire; flames is high as a telephone wire. Biden doesn't remember anything and is running our country? Let's get a Democratic Party candidate who can communicate.

Trump should not be allowed on the ballot. He caused Jan. 6, and a lady died there. Who is responsible for that? Bye.

I noticed JB Pritzker went out to Nevada recently. I read in the *Washington Post* Pritzker has a nonprofit that he founded and solely funds called Think Big America that is backing an effort to put abortion to a direct vote in Nevada. I have to give Pritzker credit. He and the pro-abortion extremists in the Democratic Party probably realize they can't win nationally on their abysmal inflation, immigration and foreign policy records, so they will make this election a referendum on abortion. Pritzker should consider becoming the president of Planned Parenthood someday. I'm sure he would be better in that role than he is as governor.

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Jane Charmelo

out & about

Village of Lombard offers drug take-back program

Police department drop-box open weekdays, weekends

The Lombard Police Department had participated in the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Take Back Day, when residents could safely dispose of unneeded medications, and according to Kim Tuttle, an evidence custodian with the Lombard Police Department, residents last year were asking the village to provide more opportunities to drop off medications.

"It used to be annually," she explained of the DEA event. "The drug take-back day was always a success."

"Residents were asking to have it available more," she narrated, adding that Lombard's program began in 2023, and has replaced the village's participation in the annual DEA take-back event.

Deputy Police Chief Joe Grage echoed that residents were asking for a drug disposal container to be available at the police station, so "I thought I would look into it."

"I looked into the [ongoing] programs that other departments had,"

he recalled.

Grage found that other municipalities were providing drug take-back containers, and also, he realized that on the day of the annual DEA Take Back Day, it was a busy one for Tuttle.

"That was her project for the day," he added with a chuckle.

Grage related that he found out offering a drug take-back program would not cost the police department any money, as it is being paid for by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

He said that once the police department administration was on board, "We became active relatively quickly."

Items accepted include prescription (including controlled substances) and over-the-counter medications; medication samples; pet medications; medicated ointments, lotions, creams and oils; liquid medication in leak-proof containers; and inhalers in a sealed container or bag.

Not accepted are needles/sharps, syringes with needles, thermometers, IV bags, bloody or infectious waste, personal care products, vitamins and supplements, homeopathic remedies, aerosol cans, batteries, empty medical devices and containers, illicit drugs and hydrogen peroxide.

Tuttle said the drugs are shipped to North Carolina-based Inmar Intelligence. There is a strict protocol to collect the items for shipment, such as requiring two individuals to open up the container to retrieve the drugs.

Grage also mentioned that there are strict chain-of-custody guidelines, as well as shipping the items in "tamper-evident sealing." Additionally, there is nothing that identifies what is in the boxes.

Since November of last year, there were "just over 100 pounds that we've collected," Tuttle said.

According to the village, "Drug disposal boxes provide safe collection and disposal of drugs as another means of minimizing the cycle of

prescription drug abuse and addiction."

"Additionally, the proper disposal of prescription medications is environmentally friendly as it prevents medications from entering the water supply by tossing them in the trash or flushing them down the toilet," a village description explains.

"It's quite a hit. People were thankful. Having it in there, it surprised me!" Tuttle summed up.

Grage also noted: "There is a lot of stuff that comes in," adding of the program, "It just seemed like the right thing to do."

The drop-off box is available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on weekends from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lombard Police Department, 235 E. Wilson, Lombard.

For more information, visit <https://www.villageoflombard.org/539/Prescription-Drug-Drop-Box>, which has a link to a sharps/needles disposal page, as well as a link to request a free, pre-paid, pre-addressed mail-back package.

prevents poisoning of children and pets; deters misuse; avoids health problems by accidentally taking the wrong medication, or too much, or is outdated; and it keeps medications from entering streams and rivers after being poured down a drain or flushed down a toilet.

"Water treatment plants are generally not equipped to routinely remove medicines," according to the EPA, so drugs "may flow downstream to serve as sources for community drinking water supplies."

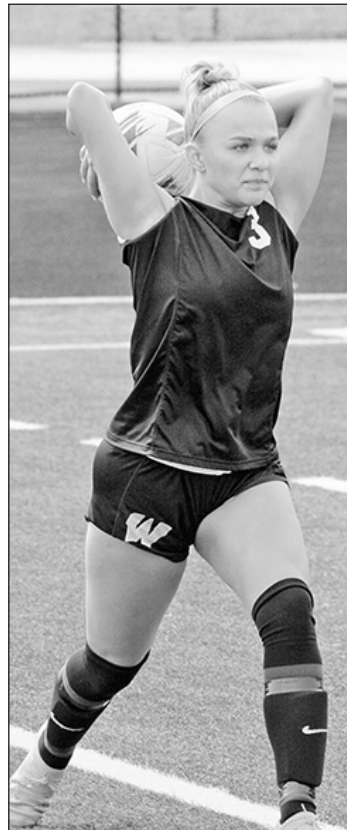
The EPA recommends taking medications to a drug take-back program, but if that is not feasible, mix drugs with "undesirable substances" such as used coffee grounds or cat litter, then put that in a disposable container with a lid, such as an empty margarine tub or sealable bag before placing it in the trash.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) also recommends following the doctor's or pharmacist's instructions for disposing of medications, and agrees that a drug take-back program is "the best disposal option."

On its website, fda.gov, you can follow links to find out which drugs are on the "flush list."

Disposing of drugs properly is important

The EPA says proper disposal of expired or unwanted medication



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Rock Valley Publishing

Warriors kick off their season

Willowbrook's girls soccer team began its season by winning one of three home matches that were all part of Reavis High School's 32-team Windy City Ram Classic. The Warriors opened the event with a 2-0 loss to Lemont in Villa Park on March 12. Lemont scored both of its goals in the second half. On March 14, Willowbrook defeated Oak Forest 1-0. Freshman Lilli Macias of the Warriors broke a scoreless tie when she scored an unassisted goal with a little less than five minutes left in the second half. In their third match of the tournament, the Warriors suffered a 3-1 loss to Mother McAuley on Saturday. Macias scored an unassisted first-half goal to give the Warriors a 1-0 lead. Mother McAuley netted three goals during the second half. Macias (No. 4 - above left) is pictured during Saturday's match. Junior Emily Barth (No. 6 - above middle) and senior Grace Soltys (No. 3 - above right) of the Warriors are also pictured in action on Saturday. Willowbrook will open its West Suburban Gold Conference season with a home match against Morton on April 2.



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The Village of Lombard has a drug "take-back" container located on the municipal campus inside the police station. The program started last year after residents asked the village to provide a permanent container, instead of just participating once a year in a Drug Enforcement Administration-backed (DEA) drug take-back day.

PHYLLIS BAKER, 101

Phyllis 'Pat' Baker nee Tomlin, age 101, of Warrenville, a longtime Lombardian, died March 12, 2024.

Phyllis was the loving wife of the late Elmer W. Baker; adored mom to Jack (the late Kathy) of Lombard and Ken of Winfield; caring grandma of Amy Johnson, Stacy (Steve) Perkins, Abigail (Jake) Epprecht, Bryin Baker, Jessica (Nate) Ewald, Jeff Baker, Jon (Katie) Baker, and Claire Baker; caring great-grandma of Melanie, Christian, Nicole, Rebecca, Megan, Jamie, Zach, Wyatt, Oliver, Bennett, Ada, Oakley, Gage, Nero, Juliette, Remy, and Cameron; caring great-great-grandma of Charlotte Patricia; sister to Richard (Alma) Tomlin and Denis (Donna) Tomlin.

Pat worked at the Lombardian for 25+ years with the MacKays. Pat volunteered for her children's events, PTA, and Cub Scouts.

Pat was a member of First United Methodist Church of Lombard. She also was a member of the Daughters of American Resolution (DAR).

Memorial Gathering will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2024, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM with a Funeral Service at 10:30 AM at the First United Methodist Church of Lombard, 155 S. Main St., Lombard.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the First United Methodist Church of Lombard, 155 S. Main St., Lombard, IL 60148.

Info: www.brustfuneralhome.com or 888-629-0094.

PATRICIA MRAZEK

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our beautiful mother, Patricia Mrazek (née Shead), loving wife of the late Thaddeus (Ted), Mother of Kathleen (Robert) Davis, Charlene (Davin) Meiners, William (Ellen) Mrazek and Janet (Erik Burckle) Wegener Burckle, Grandmother to Jonathan (Alysse) Meiners, Steven (Fiancé Jennifer Crowe) Meiners, Jeffrey (Fiancé Virginija Sidaraviciene) Meiners, Kyle (Fiancé Megan Arcivar) Mrazek, Erin Patricia (Thomas) Diedrick, Megan (Tommy Loranger) Mrazek, Mitchell (Kali) Pavlas and Alexandra Patricia Wegener and Great Grandmother to five, (soon to be six) Nathan and Bryant Meiners and Elizabeth, Willow, Mason and baby-to-be Pavlas, and sister in law Melanie Shead.

She is preceded in death by her Parents Forest W. Shead and Devonta J. (Sullivan) Shead, Brother Terrence F. Shead, Granddaughter Sarah Mrazek and Husband Thaddeus (Ted).

Funeral Prayers were conducted on March 19th at Brust Funeral Home, with Mass of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart Catholic Parish. Interment was at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Info: www.brustfuneralhome.com or 888-629-0094.

DENNIS A. PULCHINSKI, 72

Dennis A. Pulchinski, age 72, a lifetime Lombardian, died on March 12, 2024.

Dennis met his loving wife of 51 years, Lorene, nee Laske, at Glenbard East High School. They were high school sweethearts and married on November 11, 1972. Dennis was the adored daddio of Alicia (Andrew) Orłowski, Kristina (Brad) Bucci, Brianne (Richard) Willix; caring grandpa of Wyatt Orłowski, Brad Bucci, Hannah Willix, Kara Bucci, Colbie Orłowski, and Hollie Willix; dear brother of Karen (the late Bob) Candusso, Kathy Doran, Anthony (Kathie) Pulchinski, and Linda (Steve) Kloeckner; loving nieces, nephews, cousins and numerous friends.

Dennis is predeceased by his parents, Eugene and Georgiana; his sisters, Janet Schiffler and Nancy Huhne, and his grandson Ethan Orłowski.

Dennis was a proud United States Army Veteran and was stationed in Hawaii in the 25th Infantry Division.

Dennis grew up in Lombard and graduated from Glenbard East High, Class of 1970. He remained proud to



be a Ram. He played both basketball and baseball at Glenbard East High School. He coached softball for his daughters' teams at the Lombard Park District and later their travel team, The Downers Grove Rebels. He was a member of the Glenbard East High School's Boosters and was a Superfan of his alma mater. He was a supportive grandpa by going to many of his grandkids' games. He was also a Blackhawk's fan and an avid golfer.

Dennis was a great joke teller and he loved to make people laugh. He would do card tricks and enjoyed playing games with his family. He had quite a sweet tooth and enjoyed going to Dairy Queen for some ice cream.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at Brust Funeral Home, 135 S. Main St., Lombard. Private Interment.

In lieu of flowers, donations to RAMS in Need at Glenbard East High School, 1014 S. Main St., Lombard, IL 60148, and Lambs Farm, 14245 W. Rockford Rd., Libertyville, IL 60048.

Info: www.brustfuneralhome.com or 888-629-0094.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 79368 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on MARCH 4, 2024 wherein the business firm of NEIGHBORHOOD PAWS, 227 N. YALE AVENUE, 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:

Margaret B. Connelly, 227 N. Yale Avenue, Villa Park, IL 60181.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 4TH day of MARCH, A.D. 2024.

Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk
(Published in the Addison Independent, Bensenville Independent & Villa Park Review March 14, 21 & 28, 2024)
452125

IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT DUPAGE COUNTY

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT NAME CHANGE)

CURRENT LEGAL NAME: JOCELYN RUBY SAUCEDO ARGUELLO

Case Number: 2024MR000141

My current name is: JOCELYN RUBY SAUCEDO ARGUELLO. I wish my name to be changed to: JOCELYN RUBY LUJANO ARGUELLO. The court date for the Request I filed is scheduled on: June 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at 505 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL, DuPage County, in Courtroom #2007.

/s/ Jocelyn Ruby Saucedo Arguello

(Published in the Addison Independent, Bensenville Independent & Villa Park Review March 21, 28 & April 4, 2024)
452555

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the TOWNSHIP OF YORK in the County of DuPage and the State of Illinois, that the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING of said Township will take place on:

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7:00 O'clock P.M. at

**York Township Hall
1502 S. Meyers Road, Lombard**

for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following:

THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF YORK APRIL 9, 2024

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Welcome and Introduction by Anthony Cuzzone, Town Clerk
5. Call for Nomination of Moderator
 - a. Closing of Nominations
 - b. Election of Moderator
 - c. Oath of Moderator
6. Approval of Minutes of the
 - a. Annual Town Meeting of April 11, 2023
7. Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs

- a. Fiscal Year 2023/2024
8. Resolution of Electors: Authority to Sell or Lease Property
9. Resolution of Electors: Public Question "Shall the Township of York expand its transportation services to include all able-bodied people between the ages of 19 and 64?"
10. Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes)
11. Announcement of Next Annual Town Meeting on April 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
12. Benediction
13. Adjournment

Anthony Cuzzone
Town Clerk

(Published in the Elmhurst, Independent, Addison Independent, Bensenville Independent & Villa Park Review and Lombardian March 21, 2024)
452669

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the Township of Addison in the County of DuPage and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Township will take place on
Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
401 N. Addison Rd. Event Center
Addison, IL

For the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear, and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and specially to consider and decide the following.

- I. Call To Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Qualification of Voters
- IV. Election & Swearing in Of Moderator
- V. Approval of Minutes of Annual Town Meeting of April 11, 2023
- VI. Reading of Expenditures from All Funds for Fiscal Year 6-1-2023 to 5-31-2024

- VII. New Business
Resolution to delegate to the Township Board for a period of 12 months the power to purchase, sell or lease township property and to authorize the Township Board to specify any such property.
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- IX. Notice of Next Annual Town Meeting April 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Or After
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Adjournment

BY:
Pamela Joy Moretti
Town Clerk
Dated: March 13, 2024
(Published in the Addison Independent, Bensenville Independent & Villa Park Review March 21, 2024)
452754

NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 79370 was filed in the office of the County Clerk of DuPage County on MARCH 8, 2024 wherein the business firm of CRUZ TAXI EN LIMO, 638 N IOWA AVENUE, VILLA PARK, IL 60181-1508 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:

Jaime Oswaldo Cruz Silva, 440 W. Stevens Drive Apt G08, Addison, IL 60101.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Wheaton, Illinois, this 8TH day of MARCH, A.D. 2024.

Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk
(Published in the Addison Independent, Bensenville Independent & Villa Park Review March 21, 28 & April 4, 2024)
452850



ALLEGRA BANQUETS

Easter Brunch

INVITES YOU TO EASTER BRUNCH BUFFET
SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST, 2024
Availabilities: 10:15AM • 1:00PM • 3:45PM

<p>BREAKFAST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Omelet Station ~ Eggs Benedict Scrambled Eggs ~ Breakfast Potatoes French Toast ~ Smoked Bacon & Sausage 	<p>FRESH SALADS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caesar Salad ~ Chpped Salad
<p>CARVING STATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roast Beef ~ Baked Ham ~ Lamb ~ Turkey 	<p>SOUPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cream of Mushroom ~ White Borsch
<p>SIGNATURE ENTREES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken DeVolille ~ Creamy Tuscan Chicken Braised Beef ~ Pork Tenderloin ~ Fish Pasta Vodka Sauce 	<p>CHILDRENS BUFFET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Nuggets ~ French Fries ~ Corn
<p>RAW BAR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salmon ~ Cocktail Shrimp ~ Seafood Salad 	<p>SWEET TABLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miniature Pastries ~ Cookies Seasonal Fresh Fruit Coffee ~ Soda ~ Juice Mimosas or Champagne Welcome
<p>SIDES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potato ~ Dumplings ~ Mix Vegetables ~ Sauerkraut 	<p>Adults: \$45.95, Children \$22.95 (3 to 12) Children Under 3 Eat FREE</p> 

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Lombard police blotter

INFORMATION TAKEN FROM LOMBARD POLICE FILES

The Lombard Police Department recently reported the following arrests and citations. Persons charged with domestic battery are not named in order to protect the privacy of victims. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a conviction, and that subjects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Juveniles age 17 or younger are not named.

Criminal damage, criminal trespassing March 11

A complainant in the 100 block of W. St. Charles reported her vehicle's windshield was damaged and two tires were slashed sometime between March 10 and March 11.

A complainant in the 100 block of N. Martha reported that his truck had been keyed.

A complainant in the 2200 block of S. Stewart reported her vehicle had been scratched and a door handle damaged sometime between March 10 and March 11.

March 7

A complainant in the 500 block of E. Central reported that his mailbox had been damaged, and that the incident was captured on recorded video on Feb. 16.

March 6

A complainant in the 200 block of W. Colleen Drive advised at 8:04 a.m. that the tires on her vehicle were slashed sometime during the previous night.

March 5

A complainant in the 700 block of S. Chase reported the tires of his vehicle were slashed on March 4.

A complainant in the 600 block of S. Arthur reported damage to his parked vehicle that occurred sometime between March 4 and the above date.

Domestic battery, disorderly conduct, domestic incident, dispute, disturbance March 6

A school resource officer at Glenbard East High School reported two students had a fight in the hallway.

A physical altercation between two juveniles took place at 1 Yorktown at 6:02 p.m. Witnesses advised it was a planned fight. A school resource officer and guardians of the juveniles were notified.

A complainant in the 700 block of E. Butterfield advised of three males fighting on the second floor. An officer could not locate anyone.

March 5

A complainant in the 2000 block of S. Highland reported an altercation involving two subjects.

DUI, DUI-drugs, transportation of open alcohol, possession of open alcohol, consumption of alcohol by a minor, selling alcohol to a minor March 10

Oscar Sotot, 29, of Chicago, was charged with DUI near Roosevelt and Finley at 1:24 a.m.

March 9

Thomas Bona, 43, of Carol Stream, was charged with DUI, open alcohol, improper lane usage and no insurance near North and I-355 at 10:15 p.m.

March 5

Rebecca Brach, 39, of Franklin Park, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of DUI and two counts of endangering the life of a child in the 200 block of Yorktown at 9:25 a.m.

Harassment, threats March 8

A complainant in the 900 block of S. Norbury reported at 2:38 p.m. that a subject photographed him and displayed a hand gesture.

A complainant in the 300 block of W. Graham reported telephone harassment by an unknown caller/texter.

Identity theft, fraud, forgery

According to information provided by the Lombard Police Department, police reported four incidents of identity theft or fraud in which a victim's identity was fraudulently used either to make charges on a credit card, open a business, bank or credit account, fraudulently deposit checks, alter a check, receive unemployment benefits—or a victim was convinced by a subject to deposit money into an account, send a check, or to buy gift cards.

Road rage March 8

A complainant near North and Route 53 reported offensive driving by an unknown driver in a white Ford Transit.

Sale of tobacco to a minor March 6

Mohammed Khan, 23, of Lombard, and Josephine Tinerella-Torres (age not given) of Franklin Park, were issued citations for sale of tobacco to a minor at Vibe Smoke Shop (620 E. Roosevelt) and at a Shell station (600 W. North), respectively.

Retail theft

The Lombard Police Department reported the following incidents of retail theft or attempted retail theft that took place in the village between March 5 and March 11 at: Fairfield Inn, 645 W. North, at 8:51 p.m. March 10; and Lombard Body and Fender, 27 E. Willow, sometime between March 9 and March 11.

Suspicious incident March 11

A complainant in the 1400 block of S. Fairfield suspected a person was in her bedroom. No person was located.

March 9

A complainant in the 300 block of N. Garfield advised of receiving a voicemail from possibly her brother. The complainant advised her brother was just released from prison and has an active warrant. The complainant would like extra patrol around her house.

March 8

A principal at Schafer School, 700

E. Pleasant Lane, reported a juvenile modified a school supply into a potential weapon.

Theft, burglary, attempted theft or burglary, forgery, deceptive practice, obstruction, robbery March 10

A complainant in the 2300 block of S. Fountain Square advised his rental car, a Kia Sportage, had been stolen. Broken glass was found where the vehicle had been parked.

March 9

Virginia Woods, 38, of Villa Park, was charged with obstructing identification and driving while license revoked near S. Westmore-Meyers and E. Roosevelt at 12:55 a.m.

March 8

A complainant in the 600 block of S. Arthur reported the theft of his construction business sign from a yard.

March 7

A complainant reported the theft of a delivered package in the 300 block of N. Lombard.

March 6

A complainant in the 500 block of S. Main reported he believes that another family member has taken money from his other brother.

March 5

A victim at AMC, 80 Yorktown, reported someone broke a vehicle's driver-side window and removed items from the vehicle.

A victim in the 200 block of S. Chase reported that his handgun had been stolen.

March 11

Tricia Carlson, 54, of Schaumburg, was charged with retail theft at JCPenney, 175 Yorktown, at 1:29 p.m.

March 10

Chaundice Tolbert, 25, of Chicago, was charged with retail theft at JCPenney, 175 Yorktown, at 2:54 p.m.

March 9

Martin Gochev, 28, of Park Ridge, was charged with retail theft at JCPenney, 175 Yorktown, at 12:40 p.m.

March 8

Steven Johnson, 32, of Chicago, was charged with retail theft at JCPenney, 175 Yorktown, at 5:14 p.m.

Warrant arrest March 11

Police said Bradley Keane, 36, of Lombard, was served with a Kankakee County failure to appear warrant in the 2700 block of Technology at 12:51 p.m.

Police said Robin Smith, 58, of Chicago, was transported from the Cook County Jail to the DuPage County Jail on an original retail theft warrant.

March 8

Police said Ignacio Valdez, 18, of Glenwood, was transported to the Lombard police station on an in-jurisdiction warrant near S. Route 53 and W. Fullerton at 2:25 a.m.

Fatal traffic crash under investigation

On Saturday, March 16, at approximately 8:27 p.m., the Lombard police and fire departments responded to numerous 911 calls reporting a serious traffic crash on Route 53 at North Avenue.

Upon arrival at the scene, police and fire personnel located a collision involving a semi-truck and bucket truck, with two workers sustaining serious injuries.

Lombard firefighter/paramedics rendered aid to the two injured work-

ers and transported them to Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove. One of those workers was later pronounced deceased at the hospital.

The Lombard Police Department, with the assistance of the DuPage Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigative Team (MERIT) Major Crash Investigation Unit, is actively investigating the circumstances surrounding this fatal traffic crash.

'The dream of American democracy' A social gathering with 'Jane Addams' to be held Saturday

The Lombard Historical Society (LHS) is pleased to welcome Betsey Means of WomanLore as she presents "The Dream of American Democracy-A Social Gathering with Jane Addams" on Saturday, March 23, at 2 p.m. in the Carriage House at 23 W. Maple St. in Lombard.

Join us for an intimate visit with the founder of Hull House, Jane Addams, as portrayed by acclaimed reenactor, Betsey Means of WomanLore: Performing Women in History. Stay for tea and cookies with Ms. Addams following the presentation.

This is a ticketed event. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members and are available on the website: LombardHistory.org.

About Jane Addams

Addams worked at Hull House from its founding to her death as a crusader for social justice, dedicating her life to advocating for the underprivileged and oppressed, fighting for the rights of workers, women, and children.

Considered a pioneer in the field of modern social work, Addams was the first woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931 and at the time of her death in 1935 she was the most well-known female public figure in the United States.

Betsey Means is a professional actress with 20 years of experience who is dedicated to inspiring audiences through the language of the past. She has performed with the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Shakespeare on the Green, Blue Rider Theatre, and the Chicago Children's Theatre, among other groups.

She is the artistic director of WomanLore which brings to life women in history who have made significant historical contributions. The scripts from WomenLore are adapted directly from the women's own writings.

For more information about this event, or the Lombard Historical Society, please visit lombardhistory.org, email info@lombardhistory.org, or phone 630-629-1885.

• Rhea (Continued from page 3)

(such as strollers, and pack-and-plays), shoes, toys, books, games, puzzles and children's furniture.

"Really anything that's gently used and in great condition for children through teens, with all parts and pieces and in working order," she said.

Rhea Lana's consignors price, prep and enter their items from their homes. Then, they checked in the items at the old 2 Yorktown Center building during each event's drop-off days.

She said Rhea Lana's of West Chicagoland markets the event, and facilitates the sale of the items for the consignors, who make 60 percent of their sales.

DeGraf grew up in Lombard, is a Glenbard East graduate, and now lives in Glen Ellyn with her husband and two children. She is in her 14th year of hosting Rhea Lana

events.

"Lombard has a very special place in my heart," DeGraf said. "My first sale was in Villa Park, and we've had to move around to various cities—always in the western suburbs—a bit as our building size needs grew, but we have been at Yorktown since 2019.

"I'm grateful for Yorktown and Lombard for supporting RLWC and its mission of families helping families."

DeGraf noted that Rhea Lana's of West Chicagoland will be having a back-to-school fall and winter sale sometime in August—again at 2 Yorktown Center—and will be accepting consignors. More information on this sale will be coming either in May or June, she said.

For more information on Rhea Lana's of West Chicagoland, visit: www.wchicagoland.rhealana.com

Coming events

Solar Seminar March 27

State Rep. Diane Blair-Sherlock is hosting a Solar Seminar at her district office 28 S. Villa, Villa Park March 27, 7-9 p.m. Learn how to power your home with the sun. Jeff Gahrns, a solar ambassador for the Illinois Solar Education Association, will explore the basics of how solar energy works, considerations for homeowners considering solar including costs and incentives and how to “electrify your home.” Here is some background about this educational program: <https://illinoisolar.org/solarambassadors>. RSVP is requested, but not required by calling our office at 630-415-3520 or email JaxWest.D46@gmail.com.

Spring craft open house at Villa Park Library

The Villa Park Public Library will hold a Spring Holiday Craft Open House on from 2-4 p.m. on both Friday, March 29, and Saturday, March 30. Children of all ages can celebrate the springtime holidays with a craft! Young children will need some adult help. Registration is not required, but supplies are limited. For more infor-

mation, visit the library’s website at www.vppl.info or call 630-834-1164.

Lombard Park District presents ‘Mean Girls’

Lombard Park District presents the city’s premiere of Mean Girls, Jr., based on the hit movie and record-breaking Broadway musical comedy. Tickets for this “fetch” and family-friendly show (presented by a talented group of local performers ages 8-16) are available to purchase in person at Sunset Knoll, 820 S. Finley Road, Lombard, or by calling 630-620-7322. Performance dates and times: Friday, March 22, 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 23, 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.; and Sunday, March 24, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6.

Helen Plum Library program

“Tracking Down Your Infamous Ancestors” Monday, March 25, at 7 p.m. Just about every family has a “black sheep.” Find out how to use photographs, newspapers, court cases, prison and parole records, and other state and federal records to uncover infamous ancestors. Register at helenplum.org or call 630-627-0316.

Obituary

VIRGINIA SCHRADER, 101

Virginia Schrader, nee Reedy, age 101, of Lombard, died March 13, 2024.



Virginia was the loving wife of the late Henry; dear mom of Carol (the late David) Weiland of Lombard and Timothy of Darien; caring grandma of Michelle and Stephen Weiland of Lombard; many nieces and nephews.

Virginia is predeceased by her daughters Susan Schrader and Debora Schrader and nine siblings.

Virginia was married to Henry on June 9, 1951, for 56 years. She was a proud centenarian. She was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish since 1960. She was regularly active in the Council of Catholic Women (CCW).

Virginia was a talented seamstress and quilter. She was a member of the Meadowlark Quilt Club at the Lombard Park District;

sewed English smocking and made dresses for her granddaughter. She made pink elephants for the Pink Elephant Resale Shop where she was an active volunteer. Those pink elephants ended up in the hands of the patients at Elmhurst Hospital.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 114 S. Elizabeth St., Lombard. Interment at Assumption Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Sacred Heart Parish, 114 S. Elizabeth St., Lombard, IL 60148 or <https://sacredheartlombard.org/> electronic-giving.

Info: www.brustfuneralhome.com or 888-629-0094.



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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT NAME CHANGE)

CURRENT LEGAL NAME: JENNA RAE JURACKA

Case Number: 2023MR000726

My current name is: JENNA RAE JURACKA. I wish my name to be changed to: JENNA RAE TOOMEY. The court date for the Request I filed is scheduled on: May 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at 505 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL, DuPage County, in Courtroom #2007.

/s/ Jenna Juracka

Dated: 3/11/2024

Candice Adams
Clerk of the Circuit Court
8085-940502

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take place on:

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7:00 O'clock P.M. at

**York Township Hall
1502 S. Meyers Road, Lombard**

for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following:

THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF YORK APRIL 9, 2024

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Welcome and Introduction by Anthony Cuzzzone, Town Clerk
5. Call for Nomination of Moderator
 - a. Closing of Nominations

- b. Election of Moderator
- c. Oath of Moderator
6. Approval of Minutes of the
 - a. Annual Town Meeting of April 11, 2023
7. Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs
 - a. Fiscal Year 2023/2024
8. Resolution of Electors: Authority to Sell or Lease Property
9. Resolution of Electors: Public Question "Shall the Township of York expand its transportation services to include all able-bodied people between the ages of 19 and 64?"
10. Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes)
11. Announcement of Next Annual Town Meeting on April 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
12. Benediction
13. Adjournment

Anthony Cuzzzone
Town Clerk

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Jean Kaczmarek
DuPage County Clerk
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White ribbons sending a message

The Colorado-based White Ribbon Project is a grass-roots project co-founded by Heidi Nafman-Onda and her husband, Dr. Pierre Onda. She said it was “a knee-jerk reaction to being disrespected and humiliated” after her 2018 lung cancer diagnosis prompted her to speak out about a connection between lung cancer and radon exposure. She also shared that, as a health educator, she did not know about radon, so “Why would we expect the general population to know about it?” Her frustration at not being heard turned to hope when, after placing white ribbons on the trees around her Colorado home—and when her husband made a wooden white ribbon to hang on their front door—a photo on Facebook helped spread the message and subsequent requests for the wooden white ribbons. As for using wood, “I

wanted it to be perpetual,” Nafman-Onda emphasized. The National Safety Council (NSC) states that “Radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer after cigarette smoking.” Nafman-Onda also stated that lung cancer “has killed twice as many women as breast cancer since 1987.” The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) states: “Because radon comes naturally from the earth, people are always exposed to it.” Here, Nafman-Onda (above left) is shown at Radonova on Thursday, March 14, with a lung cancer awareness white ribbon during a volunteer ribbon-painting event. “I feel great about what we’re doing ... we’re saving lives,” said Nafman-Onda, who related that the project has reached all 50 states and 34 countries. Visit www.thewhiteribbonproject.org for more information.

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Warriors battle to a second-place finish at the conference meet

Ojeda runs to a pair of victories; Edison and McBride also turn in first-place performances

Willowbrook's girls track and field team earned a second-place finish in Friday's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet at Morton High School's west campus in Berwyn.

Downers Grove South won the championship of the seven-team indoor meet with its total score of 136.9 points. Willowbrook amassed 108.4 points in its second-place finish. Hinsdale South landed in third with 107 points. Leyden (44.8 points) finished fourth, while Addison Trail claimed fifth with 34 points. Proviso East (31.5 points) and Morton (30.4 points) finished sixth and seventh, respectively.

Junior Amelie Ojeda ran to a pair of first-place finishes for the Warriors during Friday's indoor conference meet. Ojeda completed the 800-meter run in a winning time of 2 minutes, 25.18 seconds. Ojeda finished her victorious effort in the 1,600-meter run in 5 minutes, 22.9 seconds.

Freshman McKenzie Edison of Willowbrook won the 400-meter run at the indoor conference meet. Edison completed the race in 1 minute, 2.85 seconds.

Senior Mia McBride of the Warriors sailed to a victory in the high jump. McBride cleared 4 feet, 11¾ inches in her best attempt of Friday's meet. Junior Malin Meeker, who cleared 4 feet, 6 inches at the meet, provided Willowbrook with a fourth-place finish in the high jump.

The Warriors' 4 x 160-meter relay team of junior Mickenzie Alandy, junior Camryn Doolley, senior Tia Kelly and junior Olivia Gwaltney

delivered a winning effort at the conference meet. The quartet completed the race in a first-place time of 1 minute, 28.38 seconds.

Gwaltney joined junior Holly Harris, junior Elena Bullivant and junior Grace Capps to complete the 4 x 400-meter relay in a fourth-place time of 4 minutes, 28.85 seconds.

Junior Molly Brown teamed with sophomore Mariangela Popoca, Meeker and junior Alana Romero to earn a fifth-place finish in the 4 x 800-meter relay. The four Warriors completed the race in 11 minutes, 4.21 seconds.

Alandy finished the 55-meter dash in a fourth-place time of 7.67 seconds. Alandy sprinted to a fifth-place finish in the 200-meter run, which she completed in 28.71 seconds.

Dooley delivered an eighth-place time of 29.24 seconds in the 200-meter run. She produced a 10th-place time of 7.95 seconds in the 55-meter dash.

Edison finished second in the 300-meter run, which she completed in 43.75 seconds. Bullivant earned a sixth-place finish in the 300-meter run, which she negotiated in 46.78 seconds.

Popoca finished fifth in the 1,600-meter run with her time of 6 minutes, 8.88 seconds. Harris completed the 800-meter run in a sixth-place time of 2 minutes, 39.08 seconds.

McBride ran the 55-meter hurdles in a fourth-place time of 10.25 seconds. Junior Sophia Stach of the Warriors completed the same race in an eighth-place time of 12.3 seconds.

Missing nearly half a century, a mystery looks to be solved

By Margaret Downing
ROCK VALLEY PUBLISHING REPORTER
On Monday, March 11, after 48 years, the mystery of what happened in 1976 to two missing men has apparently been resolved.

An area fisherman using sonar radar recently located a vehicle submerged in the Pecatonica River near Rockford. The vehicle, which was pulled from the river last week, contained skeletal remains believed to be of two men—Clarence Owens and Everett Hawley, 65 and 75—who disappeared along with the 1966 Chevy Impala they were last seen in 48 years ago.

The car was located and raised by fire protection divers after having been

notified through the fisherman.

It was reported that Hawley, who lived in Stockton, and Owens, who lived in Freeport, were last seen on Feb. 19, 1976. Local authorities are working with a forensic anthropologist to identify the remains in an investigation that's expected to last some time.

Almost half a century later, there can now be closure to the mystery of what happened to them.

The pair were reportedly in attendance at a farm auction near the county line of Winnebago and Ogle counties before their disappearance.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office cold case database notes that "an intense multi-agency investigation

that involved the Stephenson County Sheriff's Department, Illinois State Police and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department" were all involved at the time.

According to reports, as of last week, there were multiple fire protection agencies involved in the retrieval of the vehicle, including the Rockford Fire Department and Boone County Fire Protection District divers, who gathered around 9 a.m. March 11 at the site where divers and a crane helped with retrieval. Around 2:30 p.m., crews pulled the vehicle out of the water.

Winnebago County Sheriff Gary Caruana explained that this is still an ongoing investigation.



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The 1966 Chevrolet Impala was hoisted from the Pecatonica River by a crane.



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P.E.O. celebrates 70 years

The Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) Chapter IR in Lombard recently gathered to joyfully celebrate its 70th birthday amongst balloons, shining gold stars and Marguerite daisies galore. Festivities included enjoying a stunningly beautiful commemorative cake and each sister sharing her favorite memory of being a Chapter IR member through the years. If friendship and sisterhood are the cornerstone of P.E.O., then philanthropy is the bridge to the larger community. Since its inception in 1869, P.E.O. has celebrated women by providing nearly \$415 million dollars to more than 122,000 women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and stewardship of Cottey College. Our chapter provides an annual scholarship for a Glenbard East High School senior. Our Chapter IR sisterhood is growing, thriving and our primary objective continues to motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations, through increased opportunities in advancing their education. Further information about the international organization can be found at peointernational.org.



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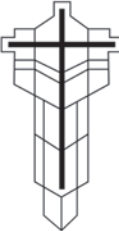
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of drink, if you so desire. We look forward to seeing you there. Visit lombardchamber.com to register.

U of I Extension offers Gardeners Corner newsletter

The University of Illinois Extension offers the *Gardeners Corner*, a quarterly newsletter with a variety of topics, at extension.illinois.edu/newsletters/gardeners-corner.

Egg Hunt, brunch at Cantigny March 24

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• Warriors

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Willowbrook juniors Isabella Santillan and Rosemary Kling finished seventh and eighth, respectively, in the 3,200-meter run. Santillan completed the race in 14 minutes, 22.69 seconds, edging Kling, who posted a time of 14:22.91.

Junior Emily Hogan of the Warriors finished second in the shot put. Her best attempt of the meet covered 33 feet, 5¼ inches. Willowbrook

junior Iryae' Watts secured a third-place finish in the shot put. Her best throw of the meet traveled 32 feet, 3¾ inches.

McBride provided the Warriors with fourth-place finishes in the pole vault and the triple jump. She cleared 8 feet, 6 inches in the pole vault at the conference meet. McBride sailed 32 feet, 11 inches in her best effort of the meet in the triple jump.

Dooley finished second in the long jump. She covered 16 feet, 1¾ inches in her best attempt of the conference meet. Alandy, who traveled 15 feet and ¼ of an inch during her finest attempt, posted a seventh-place finish in the long jump.

Capps contributed an eighth-place finish in the triple jump. Her best attempt of the meet covered 29 feet, 7 inches.



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Sports

Broncos start their season with two home wins

Catalano hits leadoff homers against Glenbard South and Payton; Boyer drills a grand slam in Saturday's victory over the Grizzlies

The Montini Catholic baseball team opened its 2024 season with a pair of home victories. The Broncos began their season with a decisive 10-0 five-inning win over Glenbard South on March 13. Montini improved to 2-0 following Saturday afternoon's 9-5 win over Chicago's Walter Payton College Preparatory High School.

Montini seniors Quinn Boyer, Cash Campbell and Dominic Catalano hit home runs during the team's season opener against Glenbard South. Catalano hit a solo homer to right field to lead off the bottom of the first inning. Boyer added a solo homer later in the first inning. Campbell delivered a three-run homer in the bottom of the second inning to raise the Broncos' lead to 5-0.

Boyer went 3-for-3 in Montini's win over the visiting Raiders. Freshman Johnny Louise went 2-for-2 with three runs batted in. Louise hit a bases-loaded double in the bottom of the third inning to drive in three runs and push his team's lead to 8-0. Junior Max Bell went 2-for-3 for the Broncos.

Senior Jack Calcagno pitched three hitless innings for the Broncos in their win over Glenbard South. He recorded five strikeouts and allowed two walks. Senior Jaylen Howery pitched two hitless innings in relief for the Broncos to finish off a no-hitter. He struck out three batters and didn't issue any walks.

Payton College Prep hit a pair of



home runs over the left-field fence in Saturday's blustery conditions. The visiting Grizzlies hit a three-run homer in the top of the third inning to take a 3-2 lead. A two-run homer in the top of the fourth inning pushed Payton's lead to 5-2.

Boyer stepped to the plate with the



CHRIS FOX PHOTOS Rock Valley Publishing

Montini Catholic's baseball team started its season with a pair of home victories. The Broncos opened their 2024 campaign with a 10-0 five-inning win over Glenbard South on March 13. Montini improved to 2-0 with Saturday's 9-5 triumph over Walter Payton College Preparatory High School. Senior Dom Catalano of the Broncos hit a home run to lead off the first inning in each of his team's first two games. Catalano is pictured (left) while rounding the bases after senior Quinn Boyer homered with the bases loaded in the bottom of the fourth inning of Saturday's contest. Boyer's grand slam gave the Broncos a 6-5 lead. Another photo (above) shows Boyer (No. 15) being greeted by his teammates after that homer. Boyer hit his first home run of the year in Montini's season opener against Glenbard South.

bases loaded and no outs in the bottom of the fourth inning and launched a grand slam homer over the right-field wall to give Montini a 6-5 lead.

Boyer added a run-scoring single in the fifth inning.

Boyer went 3-for-5 and drove in five runs in Saturday's victory. For the second straight game, Catalano

homered to lead off the bottom of the first inning.

Montini junior Zachary Baka pitched one and one-third innings in relief and earned the win on Saturday. Catalano replaced Baka on the mound and pitched two scoreless innings. Junior Drew Church pitched the seventh inning for Montini.

Church struck out the side in order to end the game.

The Broncos are scheduled to play four games this week, including a home contest against Willowbrook on March 20. The team will spend its spring break in Florida next week. Montini will play multiple games in Tampa.

Glenbard East Rams battle to a tie against Willowbrook

Glenbard East beats Addison Trail to pick up its first win of 2024

The Glenbard East baseball team kicked off its season with a 1-1 tie at Willowbrook on March 12.

Two days later, the Rams defeated Addison Trail 11-1 in a six-inning game played at Lee Pfund Stadium at Legion Field in Carol Stream. Glenbard East fell to 1-1-1 following Saturday's 13-2 home loss to Schaumburg.

The Rams trailed Willowbrook 1-0 going into the top of the seventh inning. Infield singles by junior Connor Peckham and senior Grant Bruen gave Glenbard East two base runners. With two outs, the Warriors' catcher fired to first base after a pitch in an attempt to pick off Bruen. The throw went into right field, and Peckham raced home from second base to score the tying run.

Glenbard East held the Warriors scoreless in the bottom of the seventh inning. The umpires then ended the game because of darkness.

Senior Trevor Rehnstrom pitched four strong innings for the Rams in their season opener. He piled up six strikeouts while allowing two hits and no walks. He gave up one unearned run.

Senior Chris Ludwig relieved Rehnstrom and pitched two scoreless

innings. He didn't allow any hits and issued one walk while striking out two batters.

Junior Brian Kud pitched a scoreless seventh inning for the Rams. He struck out two batters. He issued one walk and did not allow any hits.

Peckham went 3-for-4 and drove in two runs in Glenbard East's win over Addison Trail on March 14. Bruen went 2-for-3 with two runs batted in. Junior Aiden Towey went 2-for-3 with a triple and drove in one run. Ludwig went 1-for-3, drove in one run and scored three runs. Senior Brett Verduyze went 1-for-4 with

two RBIs.

Junior Konrad Toth pitched five scoreless innings for the Rams in their win over the Blazers. He allowed three hits and one walk while striking out seven batters.

Schaumburg scored 10 runs in the top of the first inning of Saturday's contest, which lasted five innings.

Glenbard East's schedule this week includes games against Glenbard West, York, West Aurora and Wheaton Academy. The Rams will spend their spring break in Tennessee, where they will play several games next week.



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Glenbard East's baseball team started its season by playing Willowbrook to a 1-1 tie in Villa Park on March 12. The Rams evened the score at 1-1 when junior Connor Peckham scored on a Willowbrook throwing error with two outs in the top of the seventh inning. Peckham is pictured (left) while heading toward home plate to score the tying run as Glenbard East head coach Clayton George looks on. Another photo from the game shows Glenbard East senior Chris Ludwig (No. 1 - above) firing a pitch in the bottom of the sixth inning. Two days after facing the Warriors, Glenbard East defeated Addison Trail 11-1. The Rams dropped to 1-1-1 following Saturday's 13-2 loss to Schaumburg in Lombard.

Rams start their season with two decisive wins

Carver lashes six hits to help the team to a 2-0 start;

Rams drop to 2-2 after losing a doubleheader at Glenbard West

The Glenbard East softball team started its 2024 season with last week's home victories over Hoffman Estates and Buffalo Grove. The Rams then fell to 2-2 after losing both games of Saturday's doubleheader at Glenbard West.

Glenbard East defeated Hoffman Estates 18-4 in a five-inning contest in Lombard on March 11. One day later, the Rams beat Buffalo Grove 13-2 in another five-inning game in Lombard.

Freshman Lilly Carver went 3-for-3 and drove in four runs for the Rams during last week's season opener against Hoffman Estates. Junior Marley Szeluga went 2-for-2 and drove in three runs. Senior Ally Block went 2-for-3 with one RBI. Junior Melissa Saldana went 2-for-2 with two RBIs. Freshman Althea Fitzgerald also went 2-for-2 with a pair of RBIs.

Glenbard East senior Gabby Walton went 2-for-3 with a home run and drove in three runs during last week's victory over Buffalo Grove. Carver went 3-for-4 and drove in two runs. Saldana went 3-for-3 with two RBIs. Senior Sophia Opila went 2-for-4 with one RBI. Freshman Claire Bolta went 1-for-3 with two RBIs.

Bolta pitched a complete game for the Rams in their March 12 win over Buffalo Grove. She gave up one earned run, two hits and one walk while recording four strikeouts in five innings.

Glenbard East led Glenbard West 9-3 in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader. The Hilltoppers overtook the Rams by scoring 11 runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Glenbard West prevailed 14-9 in Saturday's first game. The Hilltoppers beat the Rams 6-2 in the second game of the doubleheader.

Saldana went 2-for-3 and drove in three runs during Saturday's first game. Carver went 2-for-3 with a double and a triple in the Rams' 14-9 loss to Glenbard West. She scored

three runs and drove in one run. Walton went 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

Carver went 2-for-4 and scored two runs in Saturday's second game. Freshman Ally Amrhein went 2-for-3

for the Rams.

Glenbard East's schedule this week includes games against Hinsdale Central, Elmwood Park and Riverside-Brookfield.



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Glenbard East's softball team began its season with home victories over Hoffman Estates and Buffalo Grove. The Rams defeated Hoffman Estates 18-4 on March 11. One day later, Glenbard East beat Buffalo Grove 13-2. One photo from the Rams' March 12 triumph over Buffalo Grove shows freshman Lilly Carver (No. 22 - above left), who went 3-for-4 and drove in two runs. Carver went 3-for-3 with four runs batted in during the Rams' season opener against Hoffman Estates. Another photo from Glenbard East's win over Buffalo Grove shows junior Melissa Saldana (No. 7 - above right) heading toward home plate to score a run. One more photo from the game shows freshman Claire Bolta (No. 14 - bottom left) firing a pitch for the Rams. Glenbard East fell to 2-2 after losing both games of Saturday's doubleheader at Glenbard West.

Rams finish second to the Raiders at the indoor conference meet

Glenbard East's boys track and field team finished second in the team standings of Saturday's Upstate Eight Conference Meet, which took place at Glenbard South High School in Glen Ellyn.

Glenbard South won the title in the 10-team indoor meet with its total score of 135 points. The Rams delivered a second-place total of 109 points. South Elgin placed third with 79 points.

Junior Amonte Cook of the Rams sprinted to a victory in the 55-meter dash at Saturday's meet. Cook completed the race in 6.68 seconds. Senior Joey Rosenthal of Glenbard East finished the 55-meter dash in a third-place time of 6.75 seconds.

Junior Josh Roimicher of the Rams blazed to a first-place finish in the 200-meter run, which he completed in 24.01 seconds.

Senior Ryan Van Dam of the Rams won the 800-meter run in 2 minutes, 3.4 seconds.

Glenbard East senior Eric McClain won the long jump at the indoor conference meet. McClain covered 20 feet, 11¼ inches in his best jump of the day. Junior Chris Ren-

ford of the Rams finished third in the long jump. Renford's finest jump of the meet covered 20 feet, 3¾ inches.

Glenbard East's foursome of Roimicher, McClain, Cook and Rosenthal won the 4 x 160-meter relay at Saturday's meet. The four Rams completed the relay race in a first-place time of 1 minute, 16.87 seconds.

Van Dam and Rosenthal joined seniors David Hernandez and Ryan Stringer to run the 4 x 400-meter relay in a fourth-place time of 3 minutes, 51.87 seconds.

Freshman Alex Hernandez joined junior Emmett Cross, senior Aaron Carnahan and junior Leo Contreras to form the Rams' 4 x 800-meter relay team that completed the race in a sixth-place time of 9 minutes, 22.72 seconds.

Senior Danny Zlatanov of Glenbard East finished third in the shot put and fifth in the high jump. Zlatanov's best attempt of the meet in the shot put covered 43 feet, 7 inches. He cleared 5 feet, 5 inches in the high jump at Saturday's meet.

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Rams kick off 2024 season

Glenbard East's girls soccer team began its 2024 season with last week's non-conference match against Wheaton Academy. The Rams and Warriors battled to a 1-1 tie in the March 13 contest in Lombard. After a scoreless first half, Glenbard East junior Cleo Glenzinski (No. 4) gave her team a 1-0 lead when she scored an unassisted goal with about 20 minutes left in the second half. Wheaton Academy delivered the tying goal about 10 minutes later. The Rams continued their season earlier this week, when they faced Glenbrook North in a non-conference home match. Glenbard East will begin its Upstate Eight Conference season with a match at Larkin on April 2.

Rams deliver a first-place performance at the Upstate Eight Conference Meet

Glenbard East wins three individual titles and two relay races on its way to capturing the team title

The Glenbard East girls track and field team won the championship at the Upstate Eight Conference Meet, which took place on Friday in Lombard.

The Rams piled up 113 points to win the team title in the 10-team indoor meet in their own field house. Bartlett finished second with 67 points. West Chicago and South Elgin tied for third with 57 points each.

Glenbard East junior Elena Kosorog won the 3,200-meter run at Friday's meet. She completed the race in a first-place time of 12 minutes, 17.82 seconds.

Senior Catey Carney of the Rams prevailed in the shot put. Her best throw of the meet traveled 33 feet, 10¼ inches.

Junior Mackenzie Fodrey of Glenbard East delivered a first-place effort in the triple jump. Her best jump of the day covered 35 feet, 10½ inches.

Fodrey placed fourth in the pole vault and sixth in the long jump at the indoor conference meet. She cleared 8 feet in the pole vault. She sailed 15 feet, ¾ inches in her best attempt of the meet in the long jump.

Glenbard East freshman Makayla Hagenbart finished fifth in the pole vault. She cleared 6 feet, 11¾ inches in her best attempt of the meet.

Junior Emily Fisher placed third in the high jump. She cleared 4 feet, 9¾ inches in her best attempt of the day. Sophomore Allison Yuknis finished fifth in the high jump. She cleared 4 feet, 6 inches in her best effort of the meet.

The Rams raced to victories in two relay events at Friday's indoor conference meet. The foursome of Hagen-

bart, Fisher, junior Emma Carneiro and freshman Taylor Griffith won the 4 x 200-meter relay in a first-place time of 1 minute, 57 seconds flat.

Glenbard East's quartet of sophomore Alexandra Van Dam, Griffith, senior Samantha Kelly and sophomore Andie Novak won the 4 x 400-meter relay. The four girls completed the race in 4 minutes, 30.34 seconds.

The Rams' foursome of Novak, junior Erica Long, junior Marta Karasiewicz and Kelly delivered a third-place time of 10 minutes, 53.13 seconds in the 4 x 800-meter relay.

Van Dam finished second in the 400-meter run, which she completed in 1 minute, 6.76 seconds. Kelly turned in a sixth-place time of 1 minute, 9.78 seconds in the same race.

Fisher ran the 55-meter dash in a third-place time of 7.79 seconds. Carneiro completed the 200-meter run in a sixth-place time of 29.97 seconds. Hagenbart finished the race in an eighth-place time of 30.7 seconds.

Novak placed third in the 800-meter run with her time of 2 minutes, 34.08 seconds. Long posted a fifth-place time of 2:40.95 in the race.

Kosorog and senior Annabelle Stevenson finished fourth and ninth, respectively, in the 1,600-meter run. Kosorog completed the race in 5 minutes, 50.44 seconds. Stevenson posted a ninth-place time of 6 minutes, 13.82 seconds.

Junior Isabella Zuccherro of the Rams ran to a second-place finish in the 55-meter hurdles, which she completed in 9.87 seconds. Yuknis delivered a fourth-place time of 10.98 seconds in the race.



PUZZLE Page

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Small Eurasian deer
4. Irish county
10. A major division of geological time
11. Broadway actor Lane
12. Canadian province (abbr.)
14. Human gene
15. Two
16. A famous one is blue
18. Utter repeatedly
22. Ring-shaped objects
23. Spoils
24. Occurs
26. Commercial
27. Near
28. Products you may need
30. Pledge thrown down as a challenge
31. TV network
34. Silk or cotton garments
36. Soviet Socialist Republics
37. Retired American football coach Dean
39. Hot dish
40. A type of gin
41. Atomic #84
42. Sawhorse
48. About ground
50. Medicine man
51. Seedless raisin
52. Capital of Albania
53. Appendage
54. OJ trial judge
55. By the way (abbr.)
56. Bicycle parts
58. Barbie's friend
59. Moved one's neck to see
60. Commercials

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3. Salary
4. Influential world body
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9. Hospital employee (abbr.)
12. Nonsense (slang)
13. Town in Galilee
17. Value
19. A fake name
20. Sheep in their second year
21. Town in Surrey, England
25. Appropriate for a particular time of year
29. Creative works
31. Recesses
32. W. Pacific island group
33. Tolkien character
35. Ancient symbol co-opted by the Nazi party
38. Pioneer
41. Scribe
43. Painted a bright color
44. Lowest members of British nobility
45. Actress Thurman
46. Type of sugar
47. Crest of a hill
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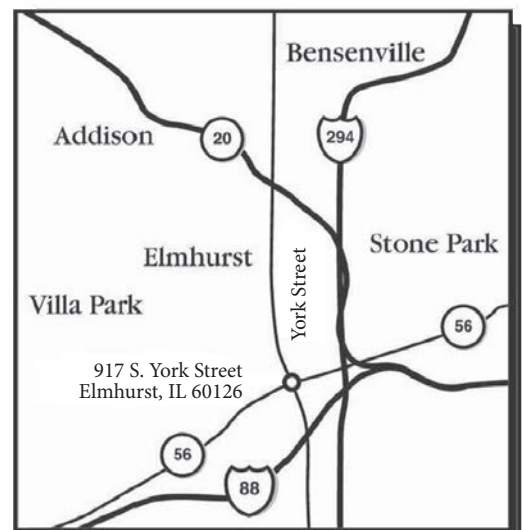
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Warriors play to a draw in 2024 season opener

Willowbrook moves to 1-0-1 after beating Bartlett

The Willowbrook baseball team began its 2024 season with a 1-1 tie against Glenbard East in a March 12 contest in Villa Park. One day later, the Warriors defeated Bartlett 8-2 in a game played at Lee Pfund Stadium at Legion Field in Carol Stream.

Willowbrook scored in the bottom of the fourth inning to take a 1-0 lead over the Rams in last week's battle, which was played in warm conditions in front of a large audience. Senior Aiden Baerenklau tripled but was later thrown out at home while trying to score on a groundball by sophomore Jory Crocker. Junior Sam Marrese singled to drive in Crocker.

Senior Dylan Jenkins pitched five scoreless innings for Willowbrook in

the season opener against Glenbard East. He recorded seven strikeouts while giving up three hits. He didn't issue any walks.

Senior Owen Riesen of the Warriors pitched a scoreless sixth inning against the Rams. Senior Ryan Knebel pitched the seventh inning



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Willowbrook's baseball team began its 2024 season with last week's home game against Glenbard East. The game ended in a 1-1 tie after seven innings. Junior Sam Marrese (No. 3 - left) drove in the Warriors' only run of the game with a single in the bottom of the fourth inning. Glenbard East tied the score at 1-1 in the top of the seventh inning. Senior Owen Riesen (No. 23 - above) of the Warriors is pictured while firing a pitch in the top of the sixth inning of the March 12 contest. Umpires declared the game over due to darkness at the end of the seventh inning. One day after facing Glenbard East, Willowbrook defeated Bartlett 8-2 in a game played in Carol Stream.



and struck out three Glenbard East batters.

The Rams scored the tying run with two outs in the top of the seventh inning. A throw from the catcher to first base, in an attempt to pick off a runner, went into right field, allowing a runner to score from second base.

After Willowbrook failed to score in the bottom of the seventh inning, the game was called due to darkness.

Baerenklau went 1-for-4 and drove in two runs in the Warriors'

8-2 win over Bartlett on March 13. Junior Martin Anfinson also went 1-for-4 with two runs batted in. Junior Ryan Bannon went 2-for-3 and scored one run.

Sophomore Bobby Biggs pitched two and two-third innings for the Warriors in the March 13 contest against Bartlett. He struck out five batters and allowed two hits and four walks. Biggs didn't give up any earned runs.

Sophomore Noah Edison pitched three and one-third innings in relief

and earned the win for Willowbrook. He recorded three strikeouts while allowing one hit and two walks. He didn't give up any earned runs.

Crocker pitched a scoreless seventh inning for the Warriors. He struck out two Bartlett batters.

Willowbrook's schedule this week includes games at Montini Catholic and Glenbard South.

The Warriors will head south next week to spend their spring break in Tennessee, where they will play multiple games.

Warriors post a second-place finish at their indoor conference meet

The Willowbrook boys track and field team finished second in last week's West Suburban Gold Conference Meet, which took place at Proviso West High School on March 14.

Downers Grove South won the championship at the seven-team indoor meet with its total of 167 points. Willowbrook compiled 126 points in its second-place performance. Morton landed in third place with 104 points. Hinsdale South claimed fourth with 66 points. Addison Trail posted a fifth-place total of 34.5 points.

Senior Evan Weder of the Warriors won the first-place medal in the high jump at the indoor conference meet. Willowbrook sophomore Otis Powell finished second in the high jump. Weder and Powell both cleared 6 feet, 2¾ inches during the meet.

Junior Jordan Pate provided Willowbrook with a victory in the long jump at last week's conference meet. Pate covered 21 feet, 2 inches in his best jump of the meet. Senior Noah

Boyd of the Warriors finished fourth in the long jump. He traveled 20 feet, 1¾ inches in his best attempt of the competition.

Willowbrook junior Jaden Royal delivered a first-place effort in the triple jump at the conference meet. Royal traveled 43 feet, 4 inches in his finest attempt of the meet. Powell placed third in the triple jump. He covered 41 feet, 10 inches in his best jump of the competition.

The Warriors won a pair of relay events at the conference meet. The foursome of senior Liam Moran, junior Matt Orlovski, Weder and senior Samuel McNeilly completed the 4 x 400-meter relay in a winning time of 3 minutes, 40.3 seconds.

Willowbrook's foursome of junior Kasen Blain, sophomore Evan Haworth, junior Jake Skibbie and McNeilly won the 4 x 800-meter relay. The four Warriors finished the race in a first-place time of 8 minutes, 26.32 seconds.

Powell joined senior Joe Hanson, Pate and junior Jaylin Miller to post a second-place time of 1 minute, 37.01 seconds in the 4 x 200-meter relay.

Miller finished second in the meet's 200-meter run, which he completed in 23.67 seconds. Hanson finished the same race in a sixth-place time of 24.39 seconds.

Miller and Hanson finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 55-meter dash. Miller delivered a finishing time of 6.76 seconds. Hanson completed the race in 6.83 seconds.

McNeilly raced to a second-place finish in the 600-meter run, which he completed in 1 minute, 27.88 sec-

onds. Blain posted a fourth-place time of 1 minute, 30.37 seconds in the same event.

Weder (55.1 seconds) and Moran (55.35 seconds) placed fifth and sixth, respectively, in the 400-meter run.

Haworth finished fifth in the 800-meter run (2:06.74). Senior Alex Perry turned in a 10th-place time of 2:27.22 in the same race.

Willowbrook junior Adriano Quintero completed the 3,200-meter run in a sixth-place time of 10 minutes, 37.03 seconds. Sophomore Angel Perez of the Warriors posted a seventh-place time of 11 minutes, 31.64 seconds in the same event.

Senior Luca Parato and sophomore Hayden Roscoe finished seventh and eighth, respectively, in the 55-meter low hurdles. Parato completed the race in 8.26 seconds. Roscoe posted a finishing time of 8.61 seconds.

Parato finished the 55-meter high hurdles in an eighth-place time of 8.82 seconds. Roscoe turned in a ninth-place time of 9.16 seconds.

Junior Jake Koterba of Willowbrook finished second in the shot put at the conference meet. His best effort of the event covered 45 feet and ¼ of an inch.

Junior Anthony Porter of the Warriors turned in a fifth-place finish in the shot put. His best attempt of the day covered 40 feet.

Willowbrook juniors Liam McBride and Robin Mulbraski finished fifth and sixth, respectively, in the pole vault at last week's indoor conference meet. McBride cleared 9 feet during the meet, while Mulbraski cleared 7 feet, 6 inches.

Answers

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Junior Stevyn Fox of Glenbard East finished seventh in the high jump. He cleared 5 feet, 3 inches during the meet.

Senior Garin Ohanian and junior Max Salek finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in the pole vault for the Rams. Ohanian cleared 8 feet, 11¾ inches during the meet, while Salek cleared 8 feet, 6 inches.

Junior Myles Pascasio of Glenbard East ran to a third-place finish in the 55-meter hurdles race, which he completed in 8.87 seconds. Senior James Kuntmann of the Rams finished the 55-meter hurdles in a seventh-place time of 9.61 seconds.

Hernandez earned a fifth-place finish in the 400-meter run, which he completed in 56.48 seconds. Junior Jakobie Marshall of the Rams finished the 400-meter run in an eighth-place time of 59.74 seconds.

Contreras finished the 800-meter run in a seventh-place time of 2 minutes, 15.33 seconds.

Senior Chris Hallerud and junior Miles DePhillips finished seventh and eighth, respectively, in the meet's 3,200-meter run.

Hallerud completed the race in 11 minutes, 15.37 seconds. DePhillips posted a finishing time of 11 minutes, 22.27 seconds.

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