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## Montini Catholic students get a 'taste' of Chicago history

Students in Andrew Weisenburger's History of Chicago class at Montini Catholic High School in Lombard recently got a "taste" of The Windy City's cultural history. The students, including seniors Gianna Luna, Cecily Polan-

co and Stephanie Hoeflich (shown here from left to right) were treated to Chicago-style hot dogs (sans the ketchup, of course) while learning about their relevance and history.

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# Fenton District 100 board puts superintendent on administrative leave

STAFF REPORT  
During a special Fenton High School District 100 Board of Education meeting that took place Friday night, March 29, board members placed Superintendent James Ongtengco on administrative leave, and appointed Fenton Principal Samuel Bentsen as interim superintendent.

The decision to put Ongtengco on administrative leave stems from controversy regarding how he and the district handled sexual misconduct allegations involving a former teacher/staff member who was fired March 18. The teacher/staff member had been on paid administrative leave since last year.

Following the decision, District 100 School Board president Cary Lewis, in comments made on a Fox 32 News report, said, "This decision required careful consideration to address the situation that has weighed heavily on our hearts and minds. And because this is an HR issue, it will remain private because that's simply what needs to happen."

District 100 School Board Vice President Juliet Rago added, "Let me assure you we are all sickened and gutted by the allegations made against the former staff member, and have had many sleepless nights over it. This is our community, and these are our kids."

Nevertheless, the board's decision to put Ongtengco on administrative leave and have Bentsen take over as interim superintendent didn't sit well with those who addressed the board afterward.

"While the superintendent stepping down might be a step in the right direction, it is not enough," said one woman in a Fox 32 News report. "You must be transparent about your plans to investigate this situation further. All adults, including the interim superintendent, must be investigated, and all who compromise student safety must be held accountable."

Another man who spoke at the meeting said, "This process impeded justice tonight. It told us that we were not heard. It told us that we were not listened to, and it feels like we were trying to be lulled and pacified like children, and we are not."

Two weeks ago, angry students, parents, teachers and community members confronted district officials

during two school board meetings after the allegations surfaced.

The former teacher/staff member has been accused of sexually abusing students since 2013, with the allegations reportedly continuing through at least 2019.

The Bensenville Police Department said it was made aware of the allegations last October, and its investigation is ongoing. The accused, who spent time as a teacher, administrator and coach, reportedly had worked at the school since 2007.

On Saturday, March 23, District 100 released a timeline, chronicling events involving the former teacher/staff member in question, and the immediate actions the district said it undertook to address and investigate every anonymous tip provided to school administration.

In that timeline, the accused reportedly sent inappropriate text messages to a student in their class back in December 2011.

The district noted in its timeline that, as recently as Dec. 4, 2023, an anonymous tip was sent to the administration via the school website regarding the staff member in question, alleging that he had inappropriate interactions with three students; one who had already been reported. The administration emailed the information to the Bensenville Police Department along with contact information from the anonymous source.

Two weeks ago, Bensenville Village President Frank DeSimone sent a letter to board of education members, calling for Ongtengco to step down.

DeSimone released another statement March 29, saying that "while I must respect the independence of the elected Fenton Board of Education's decision, I stand with parents and students when I call for outside oversight until this matter is resolved at the school.

"At this point in time, there are simply too many questions left unanswered, and it remains unclear who knew about these allegations, when they knew and why they chose to do nothing.

"We cannot begin to heal as a community until we collectively understand what exactly happened, and more importantly, what is going to be done to ensure that this never happens again."

# Two Chicago men accused of stealing from Elmhurst Walgreens

*Subjects allegedly took more than \$1,000 in items from the Elmhurst store; they then allegedly took more than \$3,000 in merchandise from a Walgreens in Hillside*

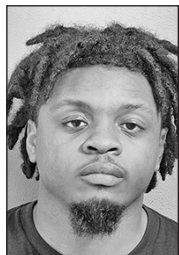
DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Elmhurst Chief of Police Michael McLean announced last week that a judge denied the State's motion to detain pre-trial two Chicago men accused of stealing more than \$1,000 worth of merchandise from an Elmhurst Walgreens store.

Jamar Beach, 37, and Ladontan Miles, 23, both appeared in First Appearance Court on March 26. Each man was charged with one felony count of burglary and one felony count of retail theft.

It is alleged that on March 25, at approximately 11:42 p.m., Beach, Miles and a third unidentified individual entered the Walgreens store located at 160 N. Robert Palmer Drive and took approximately \$1,039 worth of items off the shelf, including hair care and health testing products. It is alleged that the men then concealed the items and left the store without paying for them.

A short time later, the same three men allegedly stole more than \$3,000 worth of merchandise from a Walgreens store in Hillside and led authorities on a high-speed chase as they attempted to flee.

During the high-speed chase, officers unsuccessfully deployed spike strips in an attempt to stop the vehicle, a 2016 Dodge Dart. At this time, a Chicago Police Department helicopter began



Jamar Beach



Ladontan Miles

surveilling the Dodge, which ultimately came to a stop at Stewart Avenue and 72<sup>nd</sup> Street in Chicago.

It is further alleged that all three men then exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Chicago police officers took two of the suspects into custody in a building in the area.

"In DuPage County, we do not tolerate stealing from our businesses and anyone who does so will quickly find themselves arrested, charged and prosecuted," Berlin said. "I thank the Elmhurst and Hillside Police Departments for their efforts in this case. I thank the Chicago Police Department for air support and for apprehending the defendants as they attempted to flee."

"The shared technology and investigative partnerships with neighboring law enforcement agencies was key to building a strong organized retail crime case against these defendants in DuPage County," McLean said. "I thank the Hillside and Chicago Police Departments for their assistance in locating these offenders and working with Elmhurst officers to bring them to justice."

Beach's next court appearance is scheduled for April 22, while Miles' next court appearance is scheduled for April 23. Both cases will be in front of Judge Margaret O'Connell.

# Court grants state's motion to detain pre-trial two Cook County men allegedly found in unrelated incidents to be in possession of loaded guns at Naperville recreation facility

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Naperville Chief of Police Jason Arres have announced that Judge Demetrios Panoushis granted the state's motion to deny pre-trial release for two men, in unrelated incidents, who were both allegedly found to be in possession of a loaded gun at a Naperville recreation facility.

Dijon Lane, 34, of Blue Island, appeared in First Appearance Court and was charged with one count of armed habitual criminal (Class X felony), one count of unlawful use of a weapon by a felon (Class 3 felony) and one count of misdemeanor unlawful possession of cannabis by a driver.

Tavell Jackson, 44, of Maywood, appeared in First Appearance Court and was charged with one count of

armed habitual criminal (Class X felony), one count of unlawful use of a weapon by a felon (Class 3 felony) and one count of unlawful possession of a controlled substance (Class 4 felony).

On March 29 at approximately 6:30 p.m., Naperville police officers on patrol at Topgolf on Odyssey Court, observed an odor of cannabis coming from a vehicle. As officers surveilled the vehicle, they observed a man, later identified as Lane, enter the driver's seat of the vehicle.

Officers approached the vehicle, spoke with Lane and asked him to exit the vehicle. It is alleged that as Lane exited the vehicle, officers observed in plain view a gun, later determined to be a loaded Taurus .40 caliber PT740 with eight rounds in the magazine, tucked inside an opening near the gas pedal. Lane was taken into custody at this time.

On March 30 at approximately 10:05 p.m., officers again on routine patrol at Topgolf allegedly observed a handgun, later determined to be a loaded Taurus 9mm Millennium G2 with 12 rounds in the magazine, in plain view in the netting pocket on the back of the front passenger seat of a vehicle.

As officers surveilled the vehicle, they observed a man, later identified as Jackson, enter the rear passenger seat of the vehicle. Officers pinned in the vehicle with their cars and ordered Jackson out of the vehicle. Jackson

was taken into custody at this time. It is further alleged that when police took Jackson into custody, officers found 12.4 grams of crack cocaine in his jacket.

"Public safety remains the top priority of my office," Berlin said. "As convicted felons, both of these men have forfeited their right to legally possess a firearm. What I find particularly troubling are the allegations that both men brought a loaded firearm to a family friendly recreation facility. This type of behavior is inexcusable and will be fully prosecuted. I commend the Naperville Police Department for their continued commitment to public safety and for their proactive efforts in these two cases that resulted in the removal of dangerous weapons from our streets."

"Our proactive policing efforts continue to result in illegally possessed guns being taken off our streets. This is a critical part of our obligation to safeguard our community, and we'll continue to engage in our proactive efforts throughout the city," Arres said. "I commend my staff for their commitment to making our community safer and DuPage County State's Attorney Bob Berlin and his office for their support in this matter."

Lane's next court appearance is scheduled April 22 for arraignment in front of Judge Margaret O'Connell. Jackson's next court appearance is scheduled April 29 for arraignment in front of Judge O'Connell.

# Motorcyclist killed in collision with vehicle on North Avenue

*Lombard man was pronounced deceased at the scene*

On Friday, March 29, at approximately 6:27 p.m., Villa Park Police and Fire Department units responded to 911 calls for a serious crash at the intersection of North Avenue and Joyce Street.

Upon arrival at the scene, police and fire personnel located the vehicles with significant damage—a 2008 Ford F-250 pickup truck and a 2007 Yamaha motorcycle.

The rider of the motorcycle, Dakota Gallatin, a 31-year-old man from Lom-

bard, suffered fatal injuries during the collision and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver of the Ford pickup truck was not injured.

According to the Villa Park Police Department, the preliminary investigation indicates that the driver of the Ford pickup truck was traveling westbound on North Avenue at Joyce Street. The driver was making a left turn from North to southbound Joyce when the crash occurred. The rider of the motor-

cycle was traveling eastbound on North when the crash occurred.

The incident remains under active investigation by the Villa Park Police Department in conjunction with the Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigations Team (MERIT) Major Crash Reconstruction Team.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Villa Park Police Department at 630-834-7447.



# Lombard police urge drivers to 'Drop it and Drive' law enforcement to step up efforts targeting distracted drivers

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and the Lombard Police Department is stepping up its enforcement efforts to reduce the number of distracted driving incidents on the roads.

Throughout the month, motorists can expect increased patrols looking for texting and driving as well as other traffic violations.

"Distracted driving is one of the leading causes of motor vehicle crashes on our roads today," said Police Sgt. Tom Balsitis. "This Distracted Driving Awareness Month, drivers will see increased law enforcement efforts to stop and ticket anyone who texts or uses their cell phones while driving. Remember, if you have a phone in one hand, you can expect a ticket in the other."

Lombard Police are partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the Illinois State Police, and more than 200 local law enforcement agencies around Illinois throughout April.

The Lombard Police Department

is committed to keeping local roadways safe for everyone. Police urge all drivers to put their phones down and focus on the road.

Together, we can help keep our roads and community safe and reduce the number of distracted driving incidents. Between 2012 and 2021, approximately 32,000 lives were lost in crashes involving distracted drivers.

Everyone has the potential for distracted driving crashes, but those between the ages of 16 and 24 are especially at risk. If you need to text, pull over to a safe location, or if you have a passenger, consider appointing a "designated texter."

Whatever the solution, the message is clear: don't text and drive. In Illinois, using your phone in anything other than hands-free mode is not only dangerous but also illegal. Pay attention or pay the price.

The Illinois distracted driving campaign is funded with federal traffic safety funds administered by IDOT

# Getting to know ... Dennis McNicholas

**Editor's note:** "Getting to know ..." is a feature that is published periodically in *The Lombardian*. It features 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

**Bio:** A longtime Lombard resident, Dennis, who had his own law practice in the village for 44 years, is now an attorney with Wheaton-based Huck Bouma, the largest law firm in the suburbs. His practice is concentrated in estate planning, probate, elder law and real estate.

Dennis received his undergraduate degree from St. Mary's University in Minnesota in 1969. His law school studies at the University of Notre Dame were interrupted when he was drafted out of law school in 1970 during the Vietnam War. After completing military service, he returned to complete his studies at Notre Dame and graduated in 1974.

Dennis served on the Board of Directors of Montini Catholic High School for 28 years. He served on the Board and was president for two years of the Lombard Chamber of Commerce. He also served on the Board of Governors of Elmhurst Hospital for 17 years, and served on the Lombard Economic Community Development Committee for 36 years.

Dennis also has been selected as Man of the Year (2001) and Senior Man of the Year (2017) for the Village of Lombard.

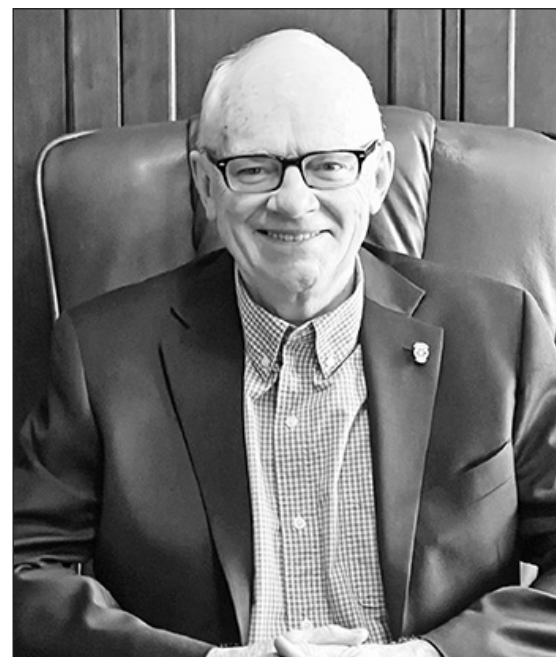
**Family:** I am married to my beautiful wife and best friend, Karin, for 50 years this year. We have three children, Bridget, Matthew and Meghan, and six grandchildren.

**You're a member of the Lombard Rotary Club. What do you enjoy about being involved with the Rotary, and how long have you been a member?**

I have been a member of the Lombard Rotary Club approximately 36 years. I am a Past President. There are approximately 1.4 million Rotarians in clubs around the world. Being a member allows me to assist people I may never meet who live in places I may never go.

**As part of the Rotary, you have been actively involved in the Bikes for Lesotho Project. What do you like about this project, in particular?**

About 25 years ago I began our Rotary Bike Recycling Project. Over the years, we have collected thousands of used bicycles. Before we began the project, I met Lee Ravenscroft. He and his wife own Working Bikes Coop. This is a not-for-profit company in Chicago that takes these used bikes and rehabilitates them for shipment to Third World countries where bikes are a principal means of transportation. When our project became a part of the Lombard Recycling Extravaganza, I met Dave Gorman, the Assistant Director of Public Works with the Village of Lombard. He and a friend began a not-for-profit organization called Bikes for Lesotho which is a country on the east coast of Africa where Dave served in the Peace Corps. Many of the bikes we collect are sent to



Lesotho in containers holding 400 bikes or more which are transported by ship. We still collect bikes.

Inspired by our youngest daughter, Meg, who performed volunteer work in Haiti, I began a Rotary project that collected funds to build four fresh water wells in Haiti. 70 percent of the population in Haiti lacks direct access to potable water. Lack of fresh water causes almost half of the deaths in Haiti and is the leading cause of infant deaths.

**How long have you been a Lombard resident? What do you enjoy about living in Lombard?**

My wife and I moved into Lombard in 1976 and have lived here ever since. My family of origin moved here in 1970. We have so many good friends in Lombard. The government functions well and is constantly searching for ways to improve the lives of its citizens. Lombard is truly home for us!

**What do you like to do in your free time? Do you have a specific hobby or hobbies?**

In my free time, I run and work out with a group of friends. I enjoy golfing, reading, writing children's stories, building models and playing with our grandchildren. After many years of hard work, my agent approved the final draft of a memoir I published entitled, "God Called Collect from Cleveland."

The book was inspired by my bunkmate in Military Police School at Fort Gordon, Georgia. He was discharged from the Army and became a homeless person living on the streets of Chicago. Years after last seeing him, the finger of God brought us together on a cold January Sunday morning in front of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Chicago. The encounter changed his life and the lives of myself and my family.

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

While on the Elmhurst Hospital Board of Governors, I served one year as the chairman of the annual dinner. Mike Ditka was the speaker and Karin and I got to meet and talk with him.

# Meet Princess Alyssa Borbath

STAFF REPORT

**Editor's note:** This is the first in a series of five profiles of the 2024 Lilac Court.

Alyssa Rebeca Borbath is a Glenbard East High School senior, who earned the Lombard school's Academic Award, is an All-Conference athlete and is an Academic All-Conference recipient.

She is involved in the STEM Club, Math Team, tennis, badminton, National Honor Society, NEHS, the Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, the National Spanish Honor Society and the Key Club.

Outside of school the Lilac Princess is an active member of the Elmhurst Seventh Day Adventist Church. She is planning to study engineering with a minor in physics.

The princess "loves the outdoors, LEGOS and playing board games with my family."

Princess Alyssa is the daughter of Raluca Borbath, and sister of Rachel Borbath, 24.



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**Alyssa Rebeca Borbath, a senior at Glenbard East High School, is involved in several clubs at Glenbard East and also is an Academic All-Conference athlete.**

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# Opinion

**Sandro Sez...**

## Scribe trying to get Man Card back after watching season finale of *The Bachelor*

**Editor's note:** Previously published columns by Mike Sandrolini are being re-published periodically on the Opinion page. **This column was originally published in 2018.**

I can't recall when I first received my Man Card.

Perhaps it arrived in the mail during my late teens and early 20s when I concluded that certain pop songs I heard on WLS-AM 890 didn't exactly square up with what I perceive are alpha male standards. For example, the 1970s tear-jerker, titled "Feelings" by Morris Albert (Sample lyrics: "Teardrops ... rolling down on my face ... trying to forget my feelings of love) and then in the 1980s when "Never Gonna Give You Up" by Rick Astley hit the airwaves.

The latter is a tune about some guy looking for a full commitment in a relationship, and wanting to tell a woman how he feels. A full commitment? Expressing your feelings? Rick, what were you thinking? It's safe to assume Rick Astley had his Man Card suspended long-term (if not revoked on the spot for life) after he recorded this ditty.

There are other ways in which one can have his Man Card suspended. Here's my shortlist:

- Watching "The Notebook"
- Watching "Dancing with the Stars" (or ice dancing)
- Watching any of those Hallmark Channel holiday movies. Gentlemen, I don't know how else to say this, but you can't let your sweetheart sweet-talk you into watching "Snow Bride" or "Hitched for the Holidays" with her.
- Putting one of those stick family bumper stickers on the rear window of your minivan.
- Singing "Sweet Caroline" if you happen to be out listening to a live band that happens to play it (which is often). A longer suspension of your Man Card privileges awaits you if you sing the chorus and yell, "So good! So good! So good!"
- Singing "Don't Stop Believing" or "Brown Eyed Girl" (see "Sweet Caroline" entry)

In recent years, I've been upgraded to a Platinum Man Card because I've never taken a selfie as long as I've owned a smartphone (four years and counting) and for being able to quote lines from the old Dos Equis "Most Interesting Man in the World" radio and TV commercials: (Sample quotes: "He's never lost a sock" ... "He lives vicariously through himself" ... "He



By **MIKE SANDROLINI**  
Columnist

has never relied on mistletoe" ... "His shirts never wrinkle" ... "He has won the lifetime achievement award—twice.")

Today, however, I have a confession to make. I have backslidden—in arguably the worst way possible.

Fellas, I can't even look up as I admit that—gulp—I watched most of the two-hour season finale of *The Bachelor*.

Arie Luyendyk Jr., a former Indianapolis 500 winner (that's worth Platinum Man Card status right there), proposed to Becca, then broke off their engagement and went running back to Lauren, who took him back (he originally dumped Lauren for Becca).

Indeed, I know the entire storyline. Sad, isn't it?

I'm still trying to figure out how I let my guard down and allowed myself to get snookered into watching the season finale. Maybe it was all the posts I viewed from women friends on Facebook discussing *The Bachelor* that piqued my curiosity. Or poking fun at the show one day with a co-worker.

The thing is, I never could understand the allure of *The Bachelor* in the first place. Why would anyone—whether a bachelor or a bachelorette—want to experience having his or her love life being played out on national TV? Or, in Arie's case, be the object of every woman's scorn across the country?

I guess it all makes for compelling TV and drives up ratings. Well, I sure fell for it hook, line and sinker.

What have I done? I've been asking myself this question repeatedly since getting a notice from Man Card, Inc. (on official Man Card letterhead, no less) that my Man Card has been suspended indefinitely.

I've been informed that my case will be brought before a Man Card tribunal within the next few weeks. Here's hoping the tribunal offers me a plea bargain since I'm a first-time offender.

After all, the fact that I've never taken a selfie, have never sung "Sweet Caroline" and have never watched "Snow Bride" has to count for something.



## Illinois community colleges empower women to pursue careers in historically male-dominated industries

By Teresa Garate  
VICE CHAIR, ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

As a career advocate for community inclusion and access to critical services like health care and education, I felt compelled to highlight the work of Illinois Community Colleges across our state that empower women to pursue careers in historically male-dominated industries.



March is National Women's History Month when we celebrate and remember women's achievements. Creating opportunities for women through education is a 24/7 mission for the Illinois Community College System.

Illinois' community colleges continue to be leaders in actively dismantling barriers, supporting women's long-term career goals, and providing adequate resources. As a key facilitator of workforce training in our state, the Illinois Community College System plays a pivotal role in reshaping the landscape of gender representation in the workforce.

Community colleges are not merely centers of community education; they are engines of empowerment, driving change and inclusivity. As an Hispanic woman, this empowerment is especially important to me given the student population across our community college system. Women make up more than 50 percent of the enrollment in community colleges, and the colleges serve 72 percent of the minority population in public higher education.

Through innovative programs, dedicated support services, and collaborative partnerships, Illinois

community colleges are paving the way for women to thrive in fields where they have historically been underrepresented.

One of the most significant contributions of Illinois community colleges is the development of tailored programs designed specifically to prepare women for careers in male-dominated industries. From welding and manufacturing to construction trades, these programs provide women and other underrepresented groups with the specialized skills and knowledge necessary to excel in their chosen fields. By offering hands-on training, mentorship opportunities, and real-world experiences, these programs equip individuals with the confidence and competence to succeed.

Illinois community colleges recognize the unique challenges faced by women entering male-dominated fields and take steps to support those challenges. From having the right safety gear to fit women available in a welding program or inviting female industry speakers and alumni to talk to a STEM class, these efforts foster a supportive and nurturing environment that empower women to pursue their career aspirations with determination and resilience.

Furthermore, Illinois community colleges actively cultivate partnerships with industry leaders to ensure that their programs remain relevant and responsive to the evolving needs of the workforce.

These partnerships facilitate internships, job placements, and networking opportunities, providing students with valuable connections and practical experience in their chosen fields. By bridging the gap between education and industry, these collaborations enhance the employability of women graduates

and facilitate their transition into male-dominated professions.

It is essential to acknowledge the critical role of financial aid and scholarships in making education more accessible and affordable for students pursuing careers in traditionally male-dominated fields. Illinois community colleges offer a range of financial assistance options, enabling women and others from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds to pursue their educational and career goals without undue financial burden. By removing financial barriers to education, these colleges ensure that all women can fulfill their potential in these professions and contribute meaningfully to the workforce.

I am proud to be a part of the Illinois Community College Board, a group of dedicated women and men who support the many goals of Illinois' community colleges, including empowering women to forge successful career paths in any industry they choose. Through their commitment to innovation, inclusivity, and excellence, these institutions are transforming lives and driving necessary change in our communities. As we continue to champion gender equality and diversity in the workforce, let us recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of Illinois community colleges in creating a more equitable and inclusive future for all.

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# Speak Out



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This is Lombard calling. Just curious as to when they plan to replace the flashing crossing light at Westmore and the Prairie Path. Those of us who take that route early in the morning would sure appreciate it. Thanks.

**Editor's note: Your inquiry was forwarded to Lombard village officials, who responded: "The pedestrian-activated signal located along the west side of Westmore Meyers Road at the Illinois Prairie Path was damaged as a result of a vehicle accident on January 5, 2024. The Village promptly placed an order for replacement parts, but due to supply chain issues the Village is still awaiting delivery and installation of the signal. We appreciate your patience as we work to resolve this matter."**

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I read the story about residents urging the Village of Lombard to create an Israeli-Palestinian cease fire resolution at a village board meeting (March 28 issue). I respect the people who spoke at the board meeting and why they think a resolution is necessary. But with all due respect, shouldn't they be putting all their efforts into calling and lobbying the Congressmen and Senators who represent them in Illinois and change U.S. foreign policy? In my opinion, this is a national and international issue. What is a resolution passed by the Village of Lombard going to do?

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I just want to thank all the first responders and store/fast-food restaurant employees who worked on Easter Sunday. I thanked one employee as I got my morning coffee at McDonald's, letting her know I appreciate her being there. I think we need to acknowledge more the people who work at drug and grocery stores, gas

stations, on holidays so others can enjoy theirs.

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I recently traveled through two other states, both of which had gas prices ranging anywhere from 20 cents to 50 cents per gallon lower than Illinois. Even here, I go a few towns over from Lombard and the gas prices are 20 cents a gallon lower, and as much as 50 cents lower at Sam's Club. Prices went up awhile back from around \$3.29, then jumped 30 cents, then another 30 to 40 cents after that. The price around here has held steady at around \$3.99 a gallon for more than a week, not budging more than a penny or two. For those of us who travel a distance to work, and for whom public transportation is not an option, this is really putting a strain on already-stretched budgets. I anticipate the county, state or both will be raising taxes once again when the warmer weather is here to stay. And what to do we have to show for it? Potholes, endless construction—which adds to pollution when we are at a standstill on the tollway—and generally crummy roads, compared to the two states I visited. Shaking my head in disgust and despair.

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Credit goes to the individuals asking the village and board for a cease-fire resolution, but I am not hopeful it will accomplish anything. All politics is local, as "they" say, so maybe if enough municipalities participate, the Washington higher-ups will listen. However, I doubt it. I don't claim to understand the situation between the Israelis and Palestinian, but it appears on the surface that Hamas is the one to be protesting against; this terrorist group doesn't care about its own people, willingly putting them in the line of fire. This reminds me of World War II, when

the German citizens had to live under the Nazi regime, regardless of their being caught in the crossfire. I am conflicted as to how much of our tax dollars should support either Israel or Ukraine; are we the only country to be the arbiter of world peace? There is so much that even half that money could be doing for our poor, hungry, destitute veterans, etc., and don't even add up the tax dollars that have been fed into services toward the illegal immigrants. I will be watching to see how the village responds. Naperville has decided not to declare a resolution.

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Like others who have commented in Speak Out, I am disappointed that one, District 87 had the nerve to ask for \$183 million, and two, that so many people voted for it. I would love to know the percentage of votes from each of the District 87 communities. I can guess where many of the yes votes came from, with two high schools in that town. On the other hand, so many people voted against it, and I hope district officials get the message and maybe pare down what they decide to borrow and spend. I am nearly outraged at what feels like arrogance in the district's confidence that this referendum would pass, based on past history of referendums passing. And for those who voted for it, I have you to thank for now making my tax bill even more difficult to pay.

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So you say you think Biden is too old or feeble and can't communicate. Do you think it's fair that you are watching replays of Biden gaffes and not watching Trump gaffes daily where he forgets his wife's name,

mixes up countries and leaders, thinks he beat Obama in 2016, mixes up Pelosi and Haley? And you think it's OK to make fun of Biden's lifelong struggle with a stutter? You have put this man and his crazy ideas about dictatorships, and abandoning the Constitution and his disdain for women ahead of a church-going man who dedicated his life to service in the government, insults no one and has committed no crimes. If you have a 401K, you have truly benefitted from Bidenomics, where stocks are soaring. You have benefitted from hundreds of thousands of unemployed workers being paid to build and repair bridges, roads and potholes. If you consider yourself an educated voter, why can't you sometimes turn the channel from the liars at Fox to the news the world watches with facts behind their words at CNN? Please stop being angry at your country, and have an open mind. This country is already great. Thanks!

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Some of us branded with the big D by our parents and generations before are patriots and Americans first. Our Democratic Party is being taken over by extreme leftists who are all for socialism and communism. We have opened our borders and done everything to weaken America under the Biden Administration to show we can overpower the Trumpsters. Let poor Joe Biden live in a home that will provide the care he needs, and it's not the White House. Let's use what we can to get America back on track and save the Democratic Party before it's too late.

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The Villa Park Board of Trustees

recently passed a resolution calling for a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip. What's next, Villa Park? Declaring Villa Park a nuclear weapons-free zone? There are empty storefronts all over Villa Park. For example, the Pioneer Feed store has been vacant for well over a year. Villa Park trustees, please concentrate on local matters. Thank you.

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This is for all you Biden disciples who don't think that that Joe Biden doesn't have dementia. He has got it. It's obvious that you have never known anybody who's had it. Or you don't have a relative or anyone who's had it. The doctors, they're on the front lines. They see it. But you don't have to be a doctor to see it. He seems to have what is known as vascular dementia. Or you can put this another way; you have what is known as willful ignorance or willful stupidity. Wake up, America.

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Whether it's the Bears or the White Sox, not one penny of taxpayer money should be used to fund sports stadiums. Period. Use public money to fund necessary services, not sports teams. If they threaten to move, then I say adios.

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This is about the illegal immigrant from Venezuela who was charged with murdering that Georgia nursing student (Laken Riley) a few weeks ago. It got me thinking about all the shoplifting that has gone on in Oak Brook. Many of those charged in Oak Brook are here from Venezuela. All I can say is God forbid anything like what happened to that poor woman from Georgia ever happens to someone around here.

## Coming events

### StickerPalooza

Join the Villa Park Public Library on Monday, April 8, at 3:30 p.m. to share, trade, and take stickers to spruce up your water bottle, notebook, laptop and anything else you'd like to decorate. Supplies will also be available to make your own sticker book. Sticker donations are welcome and appreciated. For more information, visit the library's website at [www.vppl.info](http://www.vppl.info) or call 630-834-1164.

### Relay for Life April 20

Jel Sert presents Relay for Life Glenbard East on Saturday, April 20, at Glenbard East High School, 1014 S. Main St., Lombard. Register at [relayforlife.org/glenbardeasths](http://relayforlife.org/glenbardeasths). Community members/non-late night students \$15/Glenbard East students staying the full time \$80.

### B-PAC, GPS program April 11

B-PAC: Glenbard Bilingual Parent Advisory Council and GPS: Glenbard Parent Series in Spanish will present an early childhood program titled "Making Connection Through Play" with psychologist Mariana Gutierrez at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11, via Zoom. Go to [glenbardgps.org](http://glenbardgps.org) for the link to this webinar. This program will be presented in Spanish only. Gutierrez returns to GPS to encourage adults to engage children in play that facilitates muscle growth, curiosity, language development and cognitive skills. She will offer tips to facilitate vital independent play as well. Partic-

ipants will better understand how play brings joy, trust and resilience to relationships and serves an essential role in building strong, positive, healthy parent-child bonds. For further information, visit [glenbardgps.org](http://glenbardgps.org) or contact Luz Luna at [luz\\_luna@glenbard.org](mailto:luz_luna@glenbard.org) or 630-942-7447.

### One-year anniversary Scavenger Hunt at Plum Library

at Plum, April 7, to Saturday, April 13, during library hours. The library is approaching our first anniversary at 411 S. Main St. To celebrate, we've cooked up something sweet: During National Library Week, we'll be hiding a stuffed birthday cake (sorry, not a real cake) in different places around the library. If you spot it, fill out the entry form found at its secret location to win some pretty sweet prizes: gift cards to local restaurants, library swag, and more. Participants must have a Helen Plum Library card to be eligible to win.

### GPS program April 10

The Glenbard Parent Series: (GPS) Navigating Healthy Families will present "You and Your Adult Child: How to Grow Together in Challenging Times" with renowned psychologist Laurence Steinberg at noon and 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, via Zoom. He will offer a blueprint for how caregivers' roles as parents can evolve to offer empathy and encouragement while adolescents learn to

develop fulfilling and independent lives. Participants will learn how to set boundaries and resolve conflicts while maintaining and deepening their loving relationships. Go to [glenbardgps.org](http://glenbardgps.org) for further information and the links to these webinars. To be placed on a reminder list for GPS events or submit a question in advance, contact Gilda Ross, Glenbard District 87 student and community projects coordinator, at [gilda\\_ross@glenbard.org](mailto:gilda_ross@glenbard.org) or 630-942-7668.

### Pancake breakfast to benefit Scout Pack/Troop 140

The Knights of Columbus Council 6090 are holding a Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 28, from 7 a.m. to noon, in the St. Pius X Church Social Center, 601 S. Westmore, Lombard. The cost is \$10 per meal (children 5 and under are free). Proceeds will benefit Pack 140 and Troop 140. Interested in joining Pack 140 or Troop 140? Contact us at [ScoutsBSA140@outlook.com](mailto:ScoutsBSA140@outlook.com).

### 'Travel Planning: New England Fall Colors' at Villa Park Library April 9

Plan your perfect autumn getaway with Celeste Brown. Come to the Villa Park Public Library on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. to discover the best locations, travel tips, and more for experiencing the breathtaking fall foliage in New England. For more information, visit the library's website at [www.vppl.info](http://www.vppl.info) or call 630-834-1164.

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Jane Charmelo

# out & about

## The Outreach House 'reaching out' to provide more services to guests

### Seniors, veterans to have their own pantry day

Since The Outreach House opened its new facility in 2022, it has been able to coordinate its walk-in assistance, infant needs outreach, a community clothes closet and a food pantry in one location—all in order to make its services more accessible to guests.

As the needs have grown, so have the services being offered—thanks to networking and partnerships with other agencies—according to Executive Director Catherine Lynott, who recently announced the addition of a senior citizen day (for ages 65 and over) on Thursdays.

When asked how the idea for a senior day came about, she responded, "When I go to sleep at night, I try to think about how to make The Outreach House better."

It occurred to her that with an estimated 200 new families—adding up to between 450 and 500 families visiting the food pantry each week—and 2,000 visits in February alone (the most visits in one month since the new facility opened), "That means longer lines. The seniors are waiting a long time."

"I decided to start a trial in February [on Thursdays] to see how it would go," she continued, com-

menting, "We started the trial with food only and now expanded so seniors can shop for clothes ... We've had enough volunteers to open the clothes closet as well."

"They [senior guests] are not waiting in line as long," the director observed. "The response has just been fantastic."

Several senior guests last week commented on having a day set aside to shop:

Shaheen: "During the day, [the] time is more convenient and easier for older people. Also easier for parking. Any way you look at it, it's good."

Judy: "First of all it's less of a wait so it's wonderful. It makes you happy to be a senior. It's calmer and less crowded. You have more time to make contacts with others and talk to people."

Rory: "It's been great for me because it is less people."

Another guest: "[You] don't have to wait in line, and get in and out quickly. People are very, very friendly. It's a nice place to stop in and say hi."

Lynott said that on April 4, the Thursday seniors-only day is being expanded to include military veterans.

Several other services and assistance are also being made available to guests.

"We're partners with other non-

profits," she explained, "to give guests more local resources."

For example, in March Access DuPage ([www.accessdupage.org](http://www.accessdupage.org)) provided CPR, AED (automated external defibrillator) and Narcan training, which was held at the Helen Plum Library; 27 people attended. Lynott said Access DuPage plans to install an AED device at The Outreach House sometime in April.

Serenity House ([www.serenityhouse.com](http://www.serenityhouse.com)), an Addison-based nonprofit agency that provides addiction recovery services, will be providing a distribution box containing Narcan, as well as fentanyl testing strips, according to the director, who said she connected with Serenity House during a conference call, and "I reached out."

The Glenbard Early Childhood Collaborative ([www.casedupage.com/glenbard-early-childhood-collaborative](http://www.casedupage.com/glenbard-early-childhood-collaborative)) is planning to reach out twice a month to guests with young children, "to make sure they [young children] are hitting their developmental milestones," the di-

rector described.

Other providers include Lisle-based Christians Against Poverty ([capamerica.org](http://capamerica.org)), which will help guests with financial literacy; Senior Home Sharing ([www.seniorhomesharing.org](http://www.seniorhomesharing.org)), which will provide counseling for seniors; and Endeavor Health ([endeavorhealth.org](http://endeavorhealth.org)), which will provide blood pressure screening and stroke prevention information.

The University of Illinois Extension ([extension.illinois.edu](http://extension.illinois.edu)) has been visiting the food pantry to provide nutrition information to guests, as well as nutritious samples, and will be offering nutrition programs, such as "Healthy Cents," to be held Thursday, April 4, at 1:30 p.m.

The discussion will focus on what is healthy food and is it affordable, food shopping strategies to save money and healthy recipes, plus a tasting of a healthy snack.

For this particular program, contact Lisa Mills at [lamills3@illinois.edu](mailto:lamills3@illinois.edu) or call 630-955-1123, ext. 16.

Giving DuPage Days ([www.givingdupageday.org](http://www.givingdupageday.org)) will run May 1-3, which is "our biggest fundraiser of the year," Lynott emphasized.

She said the main point of the additional services is "trying to provide more resources" to The Outreach House guests.

"They're going to get information for these services that they didn't know existed," Lynott summed up.

The Outreach House, located at 805 S. Main St., Lombard, is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-11:45 a.m.; Wednesdays from 5-6:45 p.m.; and on the third Saturday of each month from 9-11:45 a.m. Plan to arrive 15 minutes before closing time.

Senior and veteran hours on Thursdays are noon to 1:45 p.m.

Municipalities covered include Lombard; Villa Park; Oak Brook; Oakbrook Terrace; Glendale Heights; Addison; most of Elmhurst; and York Township sections of Downers Grove, Glen Ellyn, Hinsdale and Westmont.

Visit [theoutreachhouse.org](http://theoutreachhouse.org) for more information.



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The Outreach House is networking with other nonprofit agencies to provide more resources and services to guests. In one photo (left), Endeavor Health visited the Lombard food pantry to provide information on stroke screening and blood pressure testing. Another photo (above) shows Access DuPage "Be a Hero" training in March at the Helen Plum Library. Twenty-seven people attended, including 25 volunteers and two guests.



# Residents urged to stay up to date with MMR vaccine to prevent measles

The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) is reminding all residents to ensure they are up to date with their measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine to protect against measles due to recent cases in Chicago.

Measles is a highly contagious viral infection and remains a significant public health concern. The good news is that measles is almost entirely preventable through vaccination. MMR vaccines are safe and highly effective, with two doses being 97 percent effective.

## Obituaries

### WAYNE KANKOVSKY, 71

On October 3rd, 2023 Wayne Kankovsky passed away at the age of 71. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, daughter, and many friends.

Born on February 13, 1952, Wayne was a beacon of love and ingenuity throughout his life. His unexpected departure leaves a legacy of warmth, passion, and dedication.

Wayne and Gayle started their lives together in Warrenville, Illinois. They have lived in Lombard, Illinois, for the past 40 years.

Wayne was an esteemed recipient of the Kiwanis George F. Hixson Fellowship award, donated over 100 units of blood, was the Nation Chief of the Illini Princess Nation, and was a Full Beard Santa.

He played the trombone with Swingset, Freenotes, Naperville Municipal Band, Naperville Jazz Band, Addison Community Band and Lewis University Community Jazz Ensemble.

His involvement in community service spanned various roles, such as trustee of the Helen Plum Library, member of the YMCA Indian Trailblazers, and Lombard Swim Team. Wayne also volunteered for the Glenbard East Music Boosters and District 44 Music Parents.

A Celebration of Life for Wayne Kankovsky will be held Saturday, April 6th, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lombard Community Building, 433 E. St. Charles Road, Lombard, IL 60148.

### FERNANDO G. LLAGUNO, 78

Fernando "Fred" G. Llaguno Jr., age 78, of Lombard. Beloved husband of Corynne Llaguno, nee Schmidt; loving father of Katie (Russ) Love and Carolyn (Daniel) Turner; dear son of the late Idalia, nee Villarreal, and the late Fernando G. Llaguno Sr.; devoted grandfather of Lauren and Jacob; fond brother of Mabel Llaguno and Eduardo (Teresa) Llaguno; uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Fernando loved spending time with his family. He was an avid Cubs fan and enjoyed Disney. Fernando worked as a pharmacist for 40 years. Afterwards, he worked at Creative Cards & Crafts in Villa Park.

Visitation was held Monday, April 01, 2024, at Steuerle Chapel, 350 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park. Interment private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to The Salvation Army are appreciated.

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

tive against measles (one dose is 93 percent effective).

When more than 95 percent of people in a community are vaccinated most people are protected through community immunity (herd immunity).

"We strongly encourage all residents to check their vaccination status and ensure they are protected and have received the recommended doses of the MMR vaccine," said Adam Forker, executive director, DuPage County Health Department. "Vaccination not only safeguards individual health but also helps to safeguard the health of our entire community by preventing outbreaks of measles."

Measles can spread rapidly among

individuals who are not vaccinated, particularly in settings where people gather closely, such as schools, child-care facilities, and public events. By staying up to date with vaccinations, residents can reduce the risk of measles transmission and protect themselves and others from the potentially severe complications of the disease.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health's School Vaccination Dashboard, during the 2022-2023 school year, over 96 percent of school-aged children in DuPage County were protected against measles. DCHD emphasizes the importance of timely vaccination for individuals. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) schedule

for MMR vaccination states children should receive their first dose of the MMR vaccine between ages 12-15 months and a second dose between ages 4-6 years.

Teenagers and adults with no evidence of immunity should get vaccinated as soon as possible. Many older adults have immunity against measles, since the majority of people born in the U.S. before 1957 are likely to have been infected naturally and therefore are presumed to be protected against measles, mumps, and rubella.

If you don't have presumptive immunity and are unsure whether you've been vaccinated, you should first try to find your vaccination records. If you do not have written documentation of

MMR vaccine, you should get vaccinated.

The MMR vaccine is safe, and there is no harm in getting another dose if you may already be immune to measles, mumps, or rubella. MMR vaccine is available at most clinics, medical provider's offices, and pharmacies.

DCHD provides the MMR vaccine to eligible children through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program for children who do not have insurance, with insurance that does not cover immunizations, or children who are Medicaid eligible.

For more information about measles or the MMR vaccine, residents can visit the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html).

## Coming events

### AM Connect Friday, April 5

Visit with us the first Friday of the month for the monthly Lombard Chamber get together. This month we will learn the basics of how to use Artificial Intelligence technologies, how they will make your life easier and what the benefits are to you and your business. See some real examples of how to use the ChatGPT, Bard, and other platforms that now use AI. Virginia Weiskopf, CEO of Weiskopf Consulting, will be leading this highly informative discussion. 7:30-9 a.m.; Fairfield Inn & Suites, 645 W. North Ave., Lombard. Visit [lombardchamber.com](http://lombardchamber.com) for more information.

### "The Wizard of Oz' at Glenbard South April 11-13

The Wizard of Oz will be presented on April 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. and on April 13 at 2 p.m. in the Glenbard South auditorium, 23W200 Butterfield Road in Glen Ellyn. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased at <https://glenbardsouthhs.seatyourself.biz> or with cash or check at the door. Patrons should enter at Door 9 for the performances. For more information or special seating arrangements please contact Jessica Keuth-Rahtjen at [jessica\\_keuth-rahtjen@glenbard.org](mailto:jessica_keuth-rahtjen@glenbard.org) or Stephanie Wallace at [stephanie\\_wallace@glenbard.org](mailto:stephanie_wallace@glenbard.org).

### Village of Lombard Blood Drive April 16

The Village of Lombard will hold

a blood drive Tuesday, April 16, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Versiti blood drive bus parked on the lower level mall entrance by Von Maur, and from 1:30-7 p.m. at First Church of Lombard UCC, 220 S. Main St., Lombard. Donate blood and be entered for a chance to win a pontoon boat. Appointments are encouraged but walk-ins are welcome. Contact [bauerc@villageoflombard.org](mailto:bauerc@villageoflombard.org) or visit [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL) to sign up to donate.

### Classical jazz group Zazz at the Maple Street Chapel April 14

Sunday, April 14, at 3 p.m. Zazz will present a classical/jazz concert that melds the genres of classical music and the jazz idiom. They creatively interweave the music and create a unique energized sound. Grooves switch from swing to Latin to straight ahead. The versatile musicians switch from vocals to clarinet or sax, arrange classic tunes and meld them into beautiful tapestries of sound. Admission is \$20. To order tickets or for more information, visit [MapleStreetChapel.Org](http://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.

### Single Mothers Group to meet April 14

SHE Single Mothers Support Group Monthly meets on Sunday,

April 14, 12:15 p.m., at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill Road 60126. We offer a complimentary lunch for all who attend, free child care (ages infants-12 years), and support from other single mothers. Come hear our motivational speaker. Topic: "Tips on Parenting Teens." RSVP to [elmhurstcr.org/she](http://elmhurstcr.org/she).

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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.

### Domestic battery, disorderly conduct, domestic incident, dispute, disturbance

#### March 24

A complainant at Embassy Suites, 707 E. Butterfield, reported a fight on several floors. Nothing was located. The occupants denied any issues.

A complainant at Hyatt Place, 2340 S. Fountain Square, advised at 2:24 a.m. of seeing two subjects fighting. Officers located the two subjects but they were later released without charges.

#### March 22

A 49-year-old Chicago man was charged with two counts of domestic battery and possession of cannabis, and a 54-year-old Chicago woman was charged with DUI, failure to transfer registration/improper display of license plates, and no insurance in the 800 block of E. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:05 a.m.

#### March 21

A complainant at Last Chance, 100 Yorktown, stated a woman verbally threatened to batter him outside the store.

#### March 20

A complainant in the 800 block of W. Foxworth reported at 4:20 a.m. that she was battered by a subject.

Employees at Glenn Westlake Middle School, 1514 S. Main, reported a student made a suspicious, weapon-related post on social media.

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

#### March 24

Eric Avila, 28, of Lombard, was charged with DUI in the 1100 block of S. Grace at 8:18 p.m.

#### March 23

Andrew J. Kern, 33, of Downers Grove, was charged with DUI near Butterfield and Fairfield at 1:34 a.m.

#### March 22

Gerald Kates, 29, of Lombard, was charged with two counts of DUI, speeding, disobeying a traffic control device and no insurance near Main and Grove at 1:07 a.m.

Keith Nanna, 45, of Lombard, was charged with DUI/hit and run in the 300 block of W. St. Charles at 4:53 p.m.

#### March 19

Richard J. Dutch, 31, of Villa Park, was charged with DUI in the 400 block of E. North at 8:26 a.m.

### Harassment, threats

#### March 23

A complainant in the 1-100 block of E. Ash stated at 1:18 a.m. that a subject was harassing him.

#### March 21

A complainant at Helen Plum Library, 411 S. Main, stated he was harassed by a subject while at the library.

#### March 20

A complainant in the 200 block of E. Roosevelt advised at 8:43 a.m. that a male subject was outside of her building, and that she did not want any contact with him. An officer advised the subject that the complainant didn't want any contact with him.

### Identity theft, fraud, forgery

According to information provided by the Lombard Police Department, police reported eight 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 21

A caller reported the driver of a Toyota Camry was weaving in and out of traffic and yelling at people near W. St. Charles and Route 53 at 8:51 a.m. The area was checked, but the driver wasn't located.

### Suspicious incident

#### March 22

A complainant called the Lombard Police Department from a hospital, advising of a gunshot wound to the toe. The complainant stated he was robbed at a Shell gas station somewhere in Lombard. Police checked both locations; nothing suspicious was heard or observed. The complainant became uncooperative.

#### March 20

Police said John Smolak, 73, of Lombard, was issued an ordinance violation for throwing dangerous objects in the 500 block of S. Fairfield at 1:57 p.m.

An employee at Bath and Body Works, 203 Yorktown, reported a subject described as a black male attempted to make a purchase with a fake \$100 bill. The male took the bill back, entered the nearby PacSun clothing store and attempted to use the fake bill there.

### Theft, burglary, attempted theft or burglary, forgery, deceptive practice, obstruction, robbery

#### March 23

A complainant in the 2000 block of S. Finley stated that a UPS package was stolen.

#### March 21

A complainant in the 1300 block of S. Rebecca stated a delivered package had been stolen.

A victim in the 1000 block of S. Main stated her vehicle was burglarized sometime between March 15 and

March 18. A subject(s) attempted to cash one of her checks, but no money was lost.

#### March 20

A complainant at International Village, 1300 S. Finley, reported at 10:23 p.m. being held up at gunpoint while attempting to sell shoes to an unknown black male during a Facebook Marketplace sale.

A complainant in the 800 block of W. Foxworth advised an unknown suspect entered her vehicle and took a lanyard with her work keys on it, along with an ID.

A complainant in the 1600 block of S. Norbury reported a residential burglary with possible suspect information.

### March 19-March 20

A complainant in the 800 block of W. Foxworth reported someone entered his vehicle without force and removed his wallet and its contents sometime during the above dates.

#### March 19

A complainant at a restaurant in the 300 block of W. Roosevelt advised that a subject described as a white male stole chicken from the salad bar and threatened employees. The complainant wanted the subject to be trespassing from the restaurant.

### 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 19 and March 25 at: Lids, 223 Yorktown, at 5:27 p.m. March 19; Mariano's, 345 W. Roosevelt, sometime between 7:30 and 7:35 p.m. March 21; Mariano's, 345 W. Roosevelt, at 4:10 p.m. March 21; Journeys, 144 Yorktown, at 11:07 a.m. March 22; and Target, 60 Yorktown, at 3:38 p.m. March 23.

#### March 23

Deonca, L. Jones, 30, of Chicago, was charged with retail theft, aggravated battery to a police officer, aggravated assault, obstructing ID and criminal damage to state supported property at Target, 60 Yorktown, at 2:11 p.m.

Andre B. Oliviera, 35, of Ada, Michigan, was charged with retail theft at JCPenney, 175 Yorktown, at 4:18 p.m.

### Warrant arrest

#### March 22

Police said Jessica Ramirez Avila, 39, of Lombard, was transported to the Lombard Police Department on an in-jurisdiction warrant from the 800 block of W. Foxworth at 8:31 p.m.

Police said Derek Burns, 19, of Chicago, was transported to the Lombard Police Department on an in-jurisdiction warrant from the 400 block of W. Roosevelt at 10:17 p.m.

#### March 20

Police said Javon Green, 25, of Maywood, was transported to the DuPage County Jail on a warrant at 12:02 a.m.

## Second of two Cook County men accused of home invasions in Lombard and Wheaton sentenced to 72 years

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin has announced that the second of two men charged with breaking into homes in Lombard and Wheaton and shooting a homeowner in August 2020 has been sentenced 72 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC).



Isaiah Johnson, 24, formerly of Blue Island, appeared at a sentencing hearing in front of Judge Margaret O'Connell, who handed down the sentence. On Aug. 2, 2023, Johnson entered a blind plea of guilty to one count of attempted murder (Class X felony) and one count of home invasion (Class X felony).

Judge O'Connell imposed a sentence of 42 years for attempt murder to be served at 85 percent and a consecutive sentence of 30 years for home invasion to be served at 50 percent.

All told, Johnson will be required to serve 50.7 years before being eligible for parole. On March 18, Judge O'Connell sentenced Johnson's co-defendant, Malik Pitts, 25, formerly of Broadview, to 60 years in the IDOC after Pitts had earlier entered a blind plea of guilty to one count of attempted murder, one count of home invasion and one count of attempted child pornography (Class 2 felony).

On Aug. 23, 2020, at approximately 5:04 a.m. Wheaton police officers responded to the 1700 block of E. Evergreen St. for a home invasion. Residents reported that they heard noises coming from outside. The homeowners exited the back door leaving the door unlocked.

Once outside, the residents encountered Pitts and Johnson, at which time Johnson pointed a silver handgun at them as Pitts entered the residence through the back door. Shortly after Pitts entered the residence, Johnson, armed with the gun, directed the victims to walk towards the rear of the residence.

Once inside, Pitts entered a bedroom where two young girls and their grandmother were sleeping. Pitts then attempted to pull down the

blanket, shorts and underwear of one of the girls. At this time the grandmother woke up and began speaking to Pitts at which time he struck her left cheek, ear and neck. The girls' father entered the room and fought with Pitts.

The men then fled the scene in a stolen vehicle.

At approximately 5:22 a.m. the same morning, the Lombard Police Department responded to a call in the 400 block of S. Highland Ave. for a home invasion and shooting that just occurred.

In this case, the male homeowner was awoken by Pitts and Johnson in his living room with Johnson pointing a gun at him asking "Where's the money?" Pitts then went to the upstairs bedroom where the mother and her daughter were sleeping in the same bed.

Pitts ordered them to the main floor of the residence and then ordered the daughter to the basement and ordered her to remove her clothing. When the girl refused and fled, a physical struggle ensued between the father and Pitts.

The struggle went into the backyard of the residence leaving Johnson with a gun behind them.

During the struggle, Johnson fired multiple gunshots, one striking the father in the chest and one into the family car. The gunshot that hit the father went through him and ultimately struck Pitts as well. Johnson and Pitts then fled the scene in the same stolen vehicle driven by a third co-defendant, Keytori Jackson.

Jackson has been sentenced to 14 years for her role in the matter.

"The shockingly violent behavior of Mr. Johnson and Mr. Pitts violated the sanctity of their victims' homes," Berlin said. "We all deserve to feel safe and secure in our homes and crimes such as those committed by these two defendants shroud entire communities under a blanket of fear and anxiety, leaving residents worried about their own personal safety. The sentences levied by Judge O'Connell against both men, sends the strong message that in DuPage County, we value public safety and anyone who threatens the safety of our communities will pay a significant price."

## Lombard Police Department announces St. Patrick's Day enforcement results

The Lombard Police Department announced the results of its recent St. Patrick's Day enforcement campaign aimed at keeping impaired drivers off the roads and ensuring more people buckle up and follow all traffic safety laws.

During the enforcement period, between Friday, March 8, through Sunday, March 17, the Lombard Police Department issued the following:

- 32 speeding citations
- 43 seat belt citations
- 12 car seat citations
- 17 distracted driving (cell phone) citations

• 34 other citations (moving/non-moving)

• Four traffic-related arrests (no valid/suspended/revoked licenses)

• One vehicle forfeiture

"We strongly enforce traffic laws for one reason—to save lives," said Police Sgt. Tom Balsitis.

The Lombard Police Department joined forces with state and local law enforcement and highway safety partners for the St. Patrick's Day enforcement campaign.

The safety effort was funded by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.





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## Girl Scout troop makes donations to Lombard Fire Department

Girl Scout Troop 56348 of Lombard, which is based out of Madison Elementary School and consists of 14 third-graders, recently wrapped up its cookie-selling season. This year, Troop 56348 took its donation money from the cookie sales and

converted it into donations to the Lombard Fire Department. After the girls earned their First Aid badge, Troop 56348 presented the firefighters with 60 donated boxes of cookies to show its appreciation.

# Dr. Kelly talks straight about sciatica

Are you suffering from back pain or sciatica? Then it's likely your biggest problem is pain. But there's another major problem: bad information.

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**MYTH:** Sciatica will just "go away" with some rest.

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**MYTH:** Pain is the only problem associated with sciatica.

**FACT:** In severe cases, sciatica can lead to the inability to control your bowels or bladder - leading to embarrassing situations.

**MYTH:** You must take pain medications to deal with sciatica.

**FACT:** Drugs like muscle relaxants, pain killers, narcotics, antidepressants, and anti-seizure medications have serious potential side-effects and do not cure the root cause of sciatica.

**MYTH:** "I must have done something wrong to get sciatica."

**FACT:** Physical work or simply sitting at a desk for long periods can lead to sciatica. Accidents and trauma can also be the culprits. Pregnancy can cause sciatica.

Sciatica can affect anyone - including super-fit celebrities like Tiger Woods, Sylvester Stallone, and British Olympic medalist Ian Wynne.

**MYTH:** Stop exercising and get several weeks of bed rest to overcome sciatica.

**FACT:** Staying active can help to relieve sciatic pain and prevent the pain getting worse. Staying inactive in bed could be the worst advice - based on a recent study in the Netherlands.

**MYTH:** Sciatica requires surgery.

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# Bills in state Senate would further regulate battery storage and disposal

**Measures passed committee unanimously**

By Cole Longcor  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS  
Two bills that would regulate bat-

tery disposal and storage are awaiting action from the full Illinois Senate after unanimous committee approval.

Senate Bill 3481, sponsored by Sen. Sara Feigenholtz, D-Chicago, would require facilities that store electric vehicle batteries to register with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency by February 2026. The state's Pollution Control Board would set the regulations for the

proper storage of EV batteries.

IEPA Deputy Director James Jennings said the change "parallels" a state program for used tires.

"The primary distinction is that there are going to be some battery storage locations that don't accept tires," he said. "And historically speaking, those have been the sites that have been more prone to fires," he said.

Sen. Sue Rezin, R-Morris, said

she had concerns about fire safety as lithium batteries were the cause of a fire in Morris on June 29, 2021. The fire prompted intervention from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Witnesses who testified at a committee hearing on the bills earlier this month said registered and regulated facilities practicing proper storage procedures would limit the risk of fires.

Senate Bill 3686, sponsored by Sen. Dave Koehler, D-Peoria, would require battery producers and importers to implement an IEPA approved battery stewardship plan starting in 2026. Retailers would be encouraged—but not required—to serve as collection facilities.

The plan would regulate the disposal, storage and recycling of certain removable batteries and portable batteries. The bill applies to most types of batteries, with some exceptions. These include liquid electrolyte batteries and lead-acid batteries, like those used in cars.

It would also regulate "medium-format" batteries, which include certain batteries based on their weight and watt-hours.

Producers would be responsible for implementing the program, with the IEPA approving and monitoring the plans. Under the bill a \$100,000

annual fee would be imposed on the producers.

"The main responsibility is with the producers," Koehler said in an interview. "But there's also responsibilities that retailers have. So, if you're involved in selling these batteries, then you also have commitment to being able to recycle those."

Koehler said that the fee is intended to cover the agency expenses but could be used to start community battery recycling centers in the future. The ability to recycle materials from the returned batteries could help offset the program costs to producers. Producers and retailers are prohibited from charging consumers a point-of-sale fee to cover program costs.

"We need to take and mine out the useful ingredients, the minerals that that make up batteries, and just make sure that they don't end up in the landfills," Koehler said in an interview.

Christina Seibert, the executive director of the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, said collection facilities would be within 15 miles of most residents. She also said that mail back programs could be included in collection plans. Storage and recycling locations would be determined in each stewardship plan and approved by the IEPA.

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# Montini Catholic celebrates Lasallian education at annual Maroon and Gold Gala

Montini Catholic High School recently celebrated its 33<sup>rd</sup> annual benefit auction, the Maroon and Gold Gala.

The event, themed “Empowering & Inspiring Tomorrow’s Leaders,” was celebrated at the Lombard school.

Parents, alumni and friends celebrated Montini’s 58<sup>th</sup> year of Lasallian education, enjoying raffles, games and music in the process.

“Whether you’re an alum, a current parent, an alum parent, a board member, a faculty or staff member, or one of our friends, your presence at this important event is incredibly meaningful and impactful to our students—and that’s the reason you’re here,” said school President Kevin Beirne. “The success of our fundraising events, most significantly, the Maroon and Gold Gala, play an important role in providing us with the financial resources necessary to continue growing and enhancing the Montini Catholic experience.”

Proceeds from the Maroon and Gold Gala and Champions Club \$20,000 Raffle help to power the academic, spiritual, extracurricular, and service learning programs that make the Montini experience an impactful one.

Beirne also offered a special thank-you to all Bronco donors, sponsors, and underwriters who consistently support the gala.

“We know you have many philanthropic options and your belief in our unique mission affirms the important work we do,” he said.

The gala also honored four members of the Bronco family for their

contributions to the school’s success.

- The Faculty/Staff Dedication Award went to admissions director, head varsity football and wrestling coach, and Montini alumnus, Mike Bukovsky.

- The Loyalty Award went to Mike Manna, who currently serves as the vice-chairman of Montini Catholic’s Board of Directors. He is also a Development Committee member.

- Former teacher, coach, dean and assistant principal Kathy Filipiak was honored with the Leadership Award.

- Alumni parent Bob Rawski, owner of Diversified Print Group (Bloomington), took home the Signum Fidei Award as a valued business partner of Montini Catholic.

The evening included Montini Catholic’s much anticipated \$20,000 Champions Club Raffle drawing, which is the school’s most anticipated raffle of the year.

This year, Montini gave away \$25,000 in cash prizes, with \$20,000 going to one lucky raffle ticket holder.

The Maroon and Gold Gala is the school’s largest fundraiser, with all proceeds benefiting academic, religious and community service endeavors. Each year, students volunteer to give back to the community through many community service projects including their Golden Gobbler Food Drive, Sophomore Day of Service, and Adopt-a-Family events. Montini students also attend service-oriented mission trips throughout the year to provide support and service.



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Montini Catholic High School’s Class of 2019 valedictorian—Olivia Herrmann (left)—who is now a teacher at the school, and her mother—Montini Parent Club President Maria Herrmann (right)—took part in the annual Maroon and Gold Gala, which was held at the school last month. Both are from Lombard.

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## Lung cancer awareness

Roughly 25 people showed up for a white ribbon-build event on Thursday, March 14, at Radonova in Lombard. The White Ribbon Project was co-founded by Heidi Nafman-Onda and her husband, Dr. Pierre Onda, to promote lung cancer awareness and also to educate the public about radon gas. “These ribbons, over 100 of them, were distributed today to Radon professionals, representing Midwest AARST,” according to Nafman-Onda after the event. “They were incredibly sup-

portive, raising their ribbons high to help spread the word to communities across the Midwest.” She also narrated that “Many of them know people suffering with lung cancer, and plan to give them to those people and their caregivers. Some are going to display them in their offices or homes or on Zoom calls where they can reach people far and wide.” See photos and additional information in the March 21 *Lombardian*.



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# DuPage County, SCARCE to host 18th annual Sustainable Design Challenge for local high schools

DuPage County and SCARCE are now accepting registrations from local high school students for the 18th annual Sustainable Design Challenge.

The Sustainable Design Challenge, scheduled for April 16, encourages students to construct building and landscape models using environmental and water-friendly design practices.

“Year after year, the Sustainable Design Challenge brings a wave of inspiration as high school students unveil their innovative green building designs,” said Jim Zay, chairman of the DuPage County Stormwater Management Committee. “It’s a testament to their creativity and dedication to environmental stewardship. I eagerly anticipate the impact these budding architects, engineers, and environmental scientists will have on shaping our future built environment.”

In addition to encouraging students to explore careers in such fields, the competition promotes environmental and stormwater education within Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) curricula in local high schools.

SCARCE Founder and Executive Director Kay McKeen emphasizes the importance of STEM education both in the classroom and in real-life scenarios.

“STEM education continues to evolve, offering students increasingly immersive

experiences,” noted McKeen. “Yet, it’s the hands-on engagement provided by competitions like the Sustainable Design Challenge that we think truly ignites their passion for these subjects. By bridging theory with practice, students not only grasp the real-life impacts of sustainable thinking but also gain invaluable skills and insights that extend far beyond the classroom. It’s these transformative moments that propel them towards future endeavors in STEM.”

All DuPage County high schools are encouraged to participate. Past competitors include students from Wheaton Warrenville South (Wheaton), Wheaton North, Naperville North, Glenbard South (Glen Ellyn), Glenbard East (Lombard), Addison Trail, College Preparatory School of America (Lombard), Neuqua Valley (Naperville), York Community (Elmhurst), Willowbrook (Villa Park), Downers Grove North, Downers Grove South, Hinsdale Central, Hinsdale South (Darien), Metea Valley (Aurora), Waubonsie Valley (Aurora), Montini Catholic (Lombard), St. Francis (Wheaton) and Lake Park (Roselle) high schools.

The challenge will be hosted in-person and registration will close on April 8. To register for the challenge or for more information, visit [www.scarce.org/sustainable-design-2](http://www.scarce.org/sustainable-design-2).

# DuPage County approves new strategic plan

DuPage County approved its new strategic plan last week, outlining a clear and comprehensive vision for the future of the county over the next five years.

The plan is a roadmap for progress that will guide decision-making and resource allocation to achieve the county’s vision.

“This strategic plan marks a pivotal moment for our county, setting the blueprint to keep DuPage County thriving and prosperous for years to come. We are committed to working closely with residents and stakeholders to make these goals a reality,” said County Board Chair Deborah Conroy.

The county developed the plan over the course of the last year, with input from residents, community leaders, local officials, and county leadership and staff. The plan incorporates feedback gathered through a variety of channels, including surveys, public forums, and stakeholder meetings. The planning process was led by consulting firm BerryDunn and county staff.

“We are grateful for the input and support of our community members, who helped shape this plan and ensure that it reflects our

shared values and vision,” said Sadia Covert, chair of the County’s Strategic Planning Committee.

The new plan focuses on six key strategic priorities:

- Community well-being
- Fiscal responsibility
- Thriving economy
- Safe community
- Environmental stewardship
- Mobility

Each of these priorities has specific goals and objectives for implementation, as well as metrics for measuring progress. The strategic plan is intended to serve as a catalyst for positive change in DuPage County, improving the quality of life for residents.

The county will begin implementing the plan immediately, with a focus on achieving short-term goals and laying the foundation for longer-term initiatives. The plan will be reviewed and updated regularly to ensure that it remains relevant and responsive to the changing needs of the community.

To view the new plan, visit [dupagecounty.gov/strategicplan](http://dupagecounty.gov/strategicplan).



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## York Township receives dividend

The Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association (TOIRMA) has voted to pay a dividend to all eligible members, which includes York Township. To be eligible, members must have been in the TOIRMA Program for the previous five consecutive years. This is the 33rd consecutive year a dividend has been paid to eligible members and this year York Township’s dividend check amounted to \$16,136. TOIRMA is a self-funded intergovernmental pool established to provide coverage exclusively for Illinois townships that are members of the Township Officials of Illinois. Township Supervisor John Valle said, “We are proud to be a member of the TOIRMA family, sharing the common goal of maintaining fiscal responsibility for York Township.” Pictured with Valle (right) is TOIRMA representative Tyler Knight.

## Opportunity to learn practical money management strategies

Navigating financial management can often seem overwhelming and intimidating, particularly for those uncertain about how to begin.

Studies have shown that financial stress can have detrimental effects on both physical and emotional well-being. Therefore, having access to practical financial resources is essential. These tools can provide guidance and strategies to enhance financial stability, tailored to address individuals’ unique concerns and objectives.

University of Illinois Extension offers the Money Basics series, a free monthly webinar to improve participants’ financial well-being through various money topics. This safe and non-judgmental series will also provide simple tools to use in everyday life. The series covers the psychology of money, the cost of debt, understanding credit, debt repayment strategies, savings strategies, and the keys to financial security.

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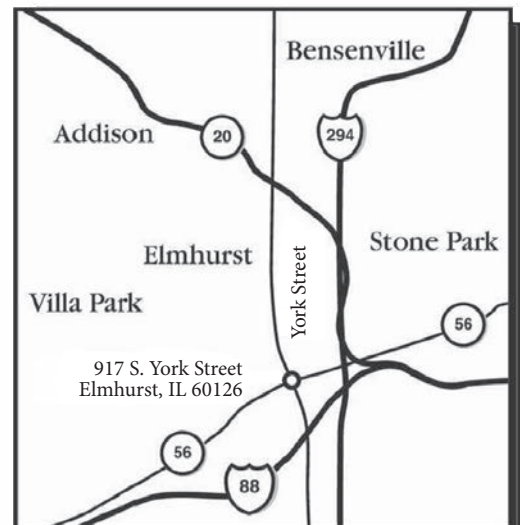
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# Sports

## Rams win the title at their own invitational

*Glenbard East wins first-place medals in all three doubles flights; Brandt and Flanagan win the No. 1 doubles title and raise their season record to 18-1*

The Glenbard East badminton team delivered a first-place performance at its own six-team invitational on Saturday in Lombard.

The Rams compiled a first-place total of 29.2 points in the round-robin event, which featured four singles flights and three doubles flights. Hoffman Estates finished second with 24.9 points, while Downers Grove South claimed third with 22.8 points.

Each team received 1.1 points for winning a match in two straight games. A team earned one point for winning a three-game match.

All three of the Glenbard East doubles tandems that competed in Saturday's event went undefeated, with each of those three teams posting five wins during the day. The Rams' doubles success helped them defeat the event's five other teams in the day's head-to-head matchups. Those five head-to-head victories moved Glenbard East's overall season record to 11-3-2.

The Rams have won nine of 10 head-to-head battles since starting their season with a 2-2-2 record.

Glenbard East's victorious doubles teams at Saturday's invite included the standout duo of seniors Ellie Brandt and Claire Flanagan, who won all five of their matches without dropping a game to secure 5.5 team points and win the invite's No. 1 doubles title. Brandt and Flanagan, who have qualified for the IHSA state doubles meet in each of the last two seasons, improved their 2024 record to 18-1 with Saturday's five wins.

Brandt and Flanagan won their first three matches at the 2023 IHSA state meet. They then lost to a York duo in the quarterfinal round. The pair of Rams picked up one win in the consolation round of the double-elimination state meet before their season ended with a loss to a tandem from Hinsdale Central.

Senior Lindsey Elias and junior Caitlin Rossi teamed up to win the No. 2 doubles title for the Rams on Saturday. Elias and Rossi, who earned 5.3 team points in the invite, lost two games during their five victories. They lost one of those games in their match against Hersey, but wound up pulling out a 21-12, 20-22, 21-13 win in that contest. Rossi and Elias battled to a 21-11, 15-21, 21-15 triumph against their opponents from Hoffman Estates.

Glenbard East's duo of junior Eishaal Bhimla and freshman Daniela Romero won the No. 3 doubles

title at Saturday's invite. Bhimla and Romero won their five matches without losing a game to accumulate 5.5 team points.

Senior Emily Puth of the Rams went 4-1 and earned the second-place medal in the No. 1 singles flight on Saturday. Glenbard East junior Ren Manning won three of five matches and placed third at No. 2 singles. Senior Alyssa Borbath went 3-2 for the Rams to finish third at No. 3 singles. Glenbard East sophomore Gabi Jackonyte went 2-3 at No. 4 singles during Saturday's invite.

In head-to-head action at the invite, Glenbard East prevailed 7-0 over Glenbard South and 6-1 over both Geneva and Hersey. The Rams posted 4-3 victories over Hoffman Estates and Downers Grove South.

Glenbard East hosted a five-team invite on March 23. Stevenson, which won the team title at last year's IHSA state meet, won the first-place plaque at the recent event in Lombard after compiling 30.8 points. The Rams placed second with their total of 17.3 points. York landed in third place with 14.1 points.

Brandt and Flanagan suffered their only loss of the season when they dropped a match to a Stevenson duo during the March 23 invite. Brandt and Flanagan won three of four matches at the invite to earn a second-place finish at No. 1 doubles.

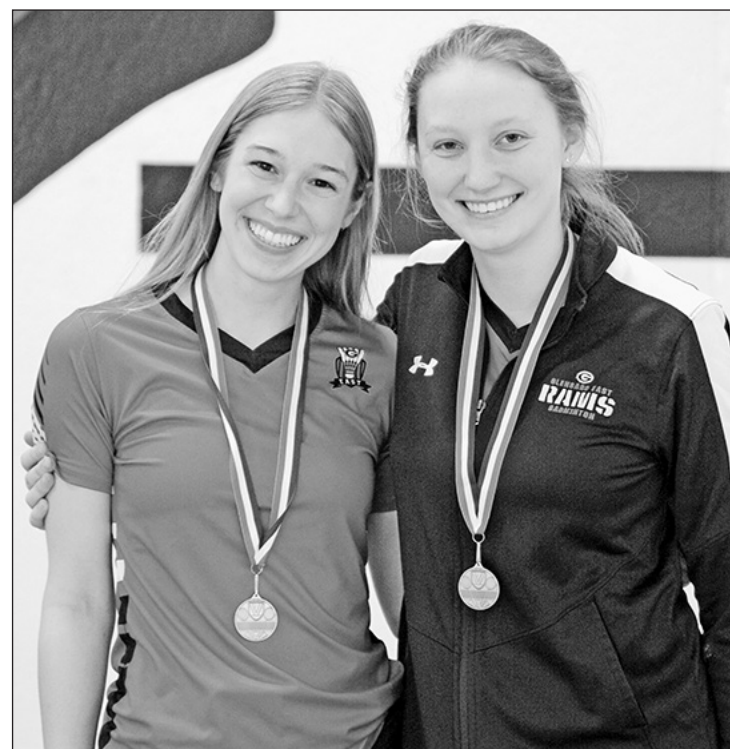
The Rams began their Upstate Eight Conference schedule with a 15-0 home win over Streamwood on March 21. Each conference dual meet features 10 singles matches and five doubles contests.

Glenbard East's schedule continues with this week's conference duals against Larkin and Elgin, along with this Saturday's invite at Willowbrook.



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Glenbard East's badminton team won the championship plaque at its own six-team invitational on Saturday. The Rams delivered first-place finishes in all three of the round-robin events. Glenbard East's tandem of seniors (below right - left to right) Claire Flanagan and Ellie Brandt coasted to five straight victories on Saturday without dropping a game to capture the invite's No. 1 doubles title. The duo of Flanagan and Brandt qualified for the IHSA state doubles meet in each of the last two seasons. The pair of Rams improved their 2024 record to 18-1 with Saturday's 5-0 performance. Glenbard East's duo of senior Lindsey Elias (below far left) and junior Caitlin Rossi (below left) won five straight matches to claim the event's No. 2 doubles title. Junior Eishaal Bhimla and freshman Daniela Romero teamed up to post five straight victories and win the championship in the No. 3 doubles flight. Pictured (above - left to right) in the team photo are: (front row) Rossi, Bhimla, senior Emily Puth, Flanagan, senior Alyssa Borbath and senior Hannah Linley; (back row) sophomore Gabi Jackonyte, junior Kaitlyn Kelly, Romero, Elias, junior Ren Manning and Brandt. The Rams earned head-to-head wins in all five of Saturday's matchups to raise their season record to 11-3-2. "We've been red-hot," said Glenbard East coach Scott Llorens, who noted that the team has won nine of its last 10 head-to-head contests.







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## Montini standouts run at Illinois Top Times meet

Above: Sophomores Sydney Gertsen and Ashlynn Lindt of Montini Catholic High School's girls track and field team competed at the recent Illinois Top Times indoor meet at Illinois Wesleyan University's Shirk Center in Bloomington. The Top Times meet, which takes place at the end of the indoor track and field season, is regarded as the state's premiere high school indoor competition. Gertsen and Lindt participated in the meet's Class 2A level on March 23. Gertsen (No. 790 - right) completed the 1,600-meter run in a 12<sup>th</sup>-place time of 5 minutes, 18.35 seconds. She set a new program record with that time. Lindt (No. 791) finished the 3,200-meter run in an eighth-place time of 11 minutes, 32.96 seconds. Lindt, who is a Lombard resident, achieved a personal-best time in the 3,200-meter run with that performance. Montini's girls track and field team will compete in this Saturday's outdoor meet at Willowbrook High School.



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## Glenbard East graduate excels at Illinois Wesleyan

Lauren Huber, a 2021 Glenbard East graduate, recently completed her junior season with Illinois Wesleyan University's women's basketball team. Huber led the Titans to an overall record of 23-6 during their 2023-24 season. Illinois Wesleyan posted a 14-2 record during the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) regular season. The Titans shared the conference title with Carroll University, which also went 14-2 in conference play. Carroll defeated Illinois Wesleyan 88-78 in the championship game of the conference tournament on Feb. 24. Huber (No. 5) provided team-high totals of 22 points and nine rebounds in that contest, which took place on Illinois Wesleyan's home court in Bloomington. The Titans won a first-round game in the NCAA Division III Tournament on March 1 at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. Illinois Wesleyan's season then ended with a 62-59 loss to Wartburg College in a second-round contest on Wartburg's home court on March 2. Huber scored a team-high 21 points and grabbed a team-leading 14 rebounds in her team's second-round loss to Wartburg. Huber, who played in 24 of the team's 29 games, supplied team-high figures of 15.6 points and 8.1 rebounds per game. For the third straight season, she was a First Team All-CCIW selection. She also earned 2024 Division III All-America honorable mention recognition from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. Huber is a biology major at Illinois Wesleyan. She's also a trained and licensed emergency medical technician. Huber became the Glenbard East girls basketball program's all-time leading scorer during her 2021 senior season, which was shortened due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Glenbard East senior Catey Carney became the Rams' all-time leading scorer during the recently concluded 2023-24 season.



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## Standout performer

During its March 18 meeting, the District 88 Board of Education recognized several Addison Trail and Willowbrook students for their state-level achievements during the winter season of the current 2023-24 school year. The honored students included junior Naomi Campbell of the Willowbrook girls gymnastics team, who advanced to the individual finals in two events at the IHSA state meet in February. Campbell delivered a pair of top-10 performances at the state meet, which took place at Palatine High School. A few minutes after earning a 10<sup>th</sup>-place finish in the finals of the balance beam, Campbell tied for fifth place in the finals of floor exercises. With that performance, Campbell became the first member of the Willowbrook girls gymnastics program to earn a top-five finish at the IHSA state meet in 29 years. One photo (above) shows Campbell (center) at the March 18 board meeting with Willowbrook head coach Andy Isaacson (right) and assistant coach B.J. Macias (left). Other photos show Campbell at the recent state meet.





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# Officials say state veterans homes have reformed after deadly 2020 COVID-19 outbreak, but staffing challenges remain

By Cole Longcor  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Illinois' veterans affairs director recently told a legislative panel that while state-run veterans homes have better policies in place following a COVID-19 outbreak that killed 36 residents at the LaSalle Veterans Home in 2020, understaffing remains a challenge.

"The need for long-term care will explode over the next 20 years," Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs Director Terry Prince told the Legislative Audit Commission. He predicted long-term care populations would grow by 200 to 500 percent in that span.

He said while IDVA has employees who "are dedicated and devoted and willing to work overtime," the department has also let its census decrease at state-run veterans homes to keep staff-to-patient ra-

tios sustainable.

"It could be easy to say yeah, we're gonna fill the Quincy Veterans Home and fill it all the way up to 400 people, but you have to have the staff to do so," he said.

He said staffing remains difficult even though Illinois' "fantastic" benefits package for staff at veterans homes is "nearly \$40,000 higher than the civilian equivalent."

As for responding to COVID-19 outbreaks, Prince said the department is in a much better place than it was in 2020. Beginning in late October that year, the LaSalle home experienced a COVID-19 outbreak that sickened nearly 200 people—a whopping 85 percent of residents and 35 percent of staff tested positive for the virus, which eventually killed three dozen residents.

The deadly outbreak led to legislative hearings and scrutiny of

Gov. JB Pritzker's administration's response. The General Assembly called for an audit, which was published in 2022. The 12-member Legislative Audit Commission held its hearing to review it last week.

The audit made three major recommendations, including mandating testing of staff and residents during COVID outbreaks—defined as two or more cases—and delineating responsibilities between IDVA and IDPH. Additionally, the audit recommended the governor's office increase oversight of administrative staff and create a senior home administrator position within IDVA.

"I want to make sure that it's recognized that this agency threw everything at this situation as they did during the COVID crisis," Prince said.

IDVA Assistant Director Antho-

ny Vaughn told the panel that when he arrived at LaSalle toward the end of the outbreak in December 2020 as the home's newly appointed interim administrator, he found "a dedicated staff looking to do the right thing."

But he also compared the scene to a "Marine Corps unit that's just been through a big battle."

"And they're still recovering, and they're still hurting, but they want the leadership to be able to move on," he said.

While a 2021 report from the Illinois Department of Human Services inspector general found fault with IDVA's response, the auditor general's report was more critical of the state's public health department. The auditor general's office described the previous IDHS inspector general report as "flawed" for its reliance on interviews rather than documentation.

Scott Wahlbrink of the auditor general's office told lawmakers that the Illinois Department of Public Health was not responsive to the crisis even though officials there were repeatedly made aware "on almost a daily basis" from their counterparts at the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs.

"IDPH did not identify and respond to the seriousness of the outbreak," Wahlbrink said. "It was the IDVA chief of staff who ultimately had to request assistance."

That chief of staff, Tony Kolbeck, was among those fired after the IDHS report on the outbreak. IDVA Director Linda Chapa LaVia was fired as well.

Pritzker, in response to the audit in 2021, said IDPH was following U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance not to visit a congregate facility and risk disease spread when a phone call would suffice.

Prince said one of his major changes has been improving com-

munication.

"I have a direct line to Gov. Pritzker, if I need to call the governor for something," he said. "I have regular conversations with the IDPH director."

Since the outbreak, Prince said the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs has made changes to prevent future outbreaks and keep residents and staff safe. Angela Simmons, IDVA senior home administrator, said that IDVA has weekly infection control meetings to review daily tests that are reported to IDPH.

In addition to increased reporting, Simmons said the department has begun including staff from the state's five veterans homes to develop policies for how to respond to situations ranging disease outbreaks to daily incidents.

"Our policy process right now is stronger than it ever has been," Simmons said. "We get input from the homes."

Since the outbreak there have also been major staff changes in IDPH and IDVA. Prince was appointed in April 2021, and IDVA hired a senior home administrator and an agencywide infection specialist. It is also looking to hire a medical director this year.

Rep. Amy Elik, R-Godfrey, asked Prince if the state's veterans homes had seen "outbreaks of other infectious diseases" since IDVA overhauled some of its procedures that have served "as sort of a test."

Prince said the veterans homes have seen other outbreaks with better outcomes.

"I believe in my heart of hearts that the vaccine has been one of the biggest things that has made this a much different story than back in 2020," he said. "We are much better positioned."

*Jerry Nowicki contributed to this report.*



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1. A minute amount (British)
5. Mystical or magical
11. Shortening
14. More satisfying
15. Other side
18. Philippine island
19. More unnatural
21. Mutual savings bank
23. Famed designer Chanel
24. Makes less wild
28. At some prior time
29. The cops who investigate the cops
30. Immune system response
32. Distress signal
33. Engine additive
35. "No Scrubs" trio
36. Very fast airplane
39. A reward (archaic)
41. Commercial
42. Spots where golfers start
44. Polite form of address (Indian)
46. French river
47. Reduce the light
49. Blood-sucking fly
52. A way to categorize
56. Procrastinates
58. Tall slender tower
60. Where researchers work
62. Office of the Pope
63. Office furnishing

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1. Possesses
2. American Board of Orthopedic Surgery
3. Ancient Syrian city
4. Clip
5. In a way, misleads
6. Human gene
7. The Golden State (abbr.)
8. Lizard genus
9. Parasites that invade the skin
10. Took apart
12. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
13. S. California town
16. Suffix plural
17. Painting technique
20. Small Eurasian deer
22. Mr. T character
25. Microsoft
26. Shock therapy
27. Able to be sold
29. A doctrine
31. These three follow A
34. Pulse
36. Quantitative fact
37. Doctor \_\_\_: children's book author
38. Hebrew calendar month
40. Designated hitter
43. Northern Poland village
45. A passport is one form
48. Hand (Spanish)
50. Hit with the open hand
51. Actor Idris
53. Shakespeare's nickname "The \_\_\_"
54. Northern U.S. lake
55. Marvin and Horsley are two
57. Soak
58. Partner to cheese
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