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## Chicago man charged with threatening Lombard police officer

*Details of suspect's conversation released*

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Lombard Chief of Police Roy Newton announced that a Chicago man has been charged with threatening a Lombard police officer.

Daryl Meeks, 41, appeared in bond court where Judge Robert Kleeman set bond at \$150,000 with 10 percent to apply. Meeks has been charged with two counts of threatening a public official, a Class 3 felony. He has also been charged with misdemeanor DUI and other traffic offenses.

On Thursday, Jan. 13 at approximately 1:54 a.m., a patrol officer

with the Lombard Police Department observed a vehicle allegedly driving erratically. The vehicle, allegedly driven by Meeks, eventually made an abrupt stop in the roadway at which time the officer conducted a traffic stop. While speaking with Meeks, the officer allegedly observed an odor of alcohol and burnt cannabis from the vehicle. After allegedly failing field sobriety tests, Meeks was placed under arrest.

Once back at the police station it

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## Friday night crosstown game salutes 50 years of Title IX

*Former coaches, athletes from  
AT, WB invited on Jan. 21*

On Friday, Jan. 21, Willowbrook High School will host Addison Trail for a crosstown varsity girls basketball game to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Title IX. School officials announced that former coaches and student-athletes from both high schools have been invited to attend, especially those who participated in or coached girls athletic teams at either high school.

Title IX is a federal civil rights law in the U.S. that was passed in 1972 to prohibit sex-based discrimination in any school or other education

program that receives funding from the federal government. The law has helped increase access and equality for female athletes.

A pre-game social will take place at 6:30 p.m. and alumni will be announced during halftime. At the game, Addison Trail alumni are encouraged to dress in green to signify hope, while Willowbrook grads are urged to wear purple to indicate dignity.

For more information, contact Rachel Karos at rkaros@dupage88.net or 630-530-3408.



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## A job well done

Maria Tiscareno receives her medal for having completed the 43rd annual Bank of America Chicago Marathon from her brother Ricardo, who is a Bank of America employee and race volunteer. Ricardo arranged to make sure he was able to present Maria with her first medal — a dream two years in the making. Ricardo is an Addison resident while Maria and her family live in Bensenville. Story and another photo inside.

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# Coming events

## Thursday, Jan. 20

### • Robot Club

From 4 to 4:45 p.m. at the Addison Public Library, have you ever wanted your own robot? Come check out our Coji bots and learn how they work. For grades 1-5. Info: [addisonlibrary.org/events](http://addisonlibrary.org/events).

### • Renter's rights and responsibilities

Starting at 6 p.m. on YouTube/Facebook via the Addison Public Library, this presentation will focus on helping tenants understand their rights, as well as a landlord's expectations and responsibilities. Info: [addisonlibrary.org/events](http://addisonlibrary.org/events).

## Friday, Jan. 21

### • Craft time for littles

From 10-10:45 a.m. at the Addison Public Library, craft time for littles is geared toward ages 2-5, but open to

all ages. Info: [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or call 630-543-3617.

### • Crafting for the community circle

From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Large Meeting Room of the Addison Public Library, join us for a crafting circle with a focus on donating to local organizations. Bring your current projects. Info: [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or call 630-543-3617.

## Monday, Jan. 24

### • Device drop-in

From noon-2 p.m. at the Teen Program Room of the Addison Public Library, need help getting familiar with a new device? We can help! Info: [addisonlibrary.org/events](http://addisonlibrary.org/events).

### • Developing an effective home-based business

From 6:38-8 p.m. on Zoom via the Addison Public Library, join SCORE Mentor Susan Hartung to start tackling the challenges faced by business owners who operate out of their homes. Whether you've worked at home for years, or you are contemplating starting a home business, this workshop will provide you with lots of ideas. Info: [addisonlibrary.org/events](http://addisonlibrary.org/events).

### • Virtual field trip:

#### Triton College's Cernan Space Center

Starting at 7 p.m. on Zoom via the Addison Public Library, we'll go for a tour of the constellations with an astronomer and be able to ask questions along the way. Info: [addisonlibrary.org/events](http://addisonlibrary.org/events).

## Monday, Jan. 24-Friday, Jan. 28

### Hive Mind (for teens)

From 3-4:30 p.m. each day at the

Addison Public Library. Chill out with us. All week we'll showcase different ways to calm down, focus, and recharge. Try some ASMR and simple crafts, or talk with experts about mental health. Info: [addisonlibrary.org/events](http://addisonlibrary.org/events)

## Tuesday, Jan. 25

### Silhouette Studio basics: Monograms

From 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Addison Public Library, learn the basics of Silhouette Studio, the design software used for the Silhouette Cameo vinyl cutter. We'll show you the basic editing tools and steps for creating a monogram. Designs created in Silhouette Studio can be cut using the Silhouette Cameo into vinyl for decorating towels, glasses, wood signs, and more. Info: [addisonlibrary.org/events](http://addisonlibrary.org/events)

## Thursday, Jan. 27

### • Windows and Mirrors Book Club at the Library

From 6-6:45 p.m. at the Addison Public Library, join us for a discussion of Ancestor Approved: Intergallic Stories for Kids edited by Cynthia Leitich Smith. A collection of stories and poems by contemporary Native American authors, Ancestor Approved has something for everyone. All participants will receive a free copy of the book to keep; copies are now available. For grades 3-5. Info: [addisonlibrary.org/events](http://addisonlibrary.org/events)

### • Desueño Dance: Cha Cha

Starting at 6 p.m. at the Large Meeting Room of the Addison Public Library, start the new year by learning some new moves. Join Denita from Desueño Dance to learn how to dance the cha-cha, an Afro-Cu-

ban dance. Info: [addisonlibrary.org/events](http://addisonlibrary.org/events).

## Friday, Jan. 28

### • Let's Move story time

From 10 to 10:30 a.m. at the Addison Public Library, please register for this session. Info: [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or call 630-543-3617.

### • Digital converting: VHS to MP4

From 1-2 p.m. at the Addison Public Library, learn how to preserve your VHS tapes by converting them to digital MP4 files. During this class, you will get a demonstration on the Creative Studio's digitizing equipment and ElGato Video Capture software. Info: [addisonlibrary.org/events](http://addisonlibrary.org/events).

## Saturday, Jan. 28

### Drop-in crafts

From 2-2:45 p.m. at the Addison Public Library. Learn more at: [addisonlibrary.org/events](http://addisonlibrary.org/events)

## Saturday, Feb. 12

### Daddy Daughter Dance

Starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Addison Park District Community Rec Center, Dad, join your daughter for a fairy princess party full of fun, food games and song. Fee: \$25. Info: [addisonparks.org](http://addisonparks.org)

### Ongoing events

#### Ladies Night Wine and Golf

Ninety (90) minutes of golfing fun includes instruction from a certified PGA coach at Links and Tees Golf Dome starting at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26, Feb. 9 and 23 and March 9 and 23. Info: [addisonparks.org](http://addisonparks.org)

#### Storytime Inside

From 10-10:30 a.m. Thursdays

through Feb. 3 at the Addison Public Library. Storytime inside is geared toward ages birth-3, but all ages welcome. Please register for each session separately.

Info: [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or call 630-543-3617.

### ¡Hola! (drop-in)

Join the Addison Public Library on Thursdays from 10:43 to 11:15 a.m. for an in-person bilingual story time in Spanish and English. Drop-in.

Info: [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or call 630-543-3617.

### Homework help

From 4 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays Jan. 20-Feb. 25, meet with a volunteer from an area college or university in our Children's Services area for assistance with homework or skill building.

For grades K-12 on a first come, first served basis. Info: [addisonlibrary.org/events](http://addisonlibrary.org/events)

### Computer basics

Learn computer basics from 6-7 p.m. at the Adult Program Room of the Addison Public Library. Info: [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or call 630-543-3617.

### Heroes story time

From 10-10:30 a.m. at the Addison Public Library, join us for stories and activities about everyday heroes, superheroes, and more. Info: [addisonlibrary.org](http://addisonlibrary.org) or call 630-543-3617.

*Clubs and organizations are welcome to send entries for this column to: [news1@rvpublishing.com](mailto:news1@rvpublishing.com). Please include a phone number or e-mail address to contact for information.*



Giovanna Mosely  
Addison Trail senior

## AT senior takes first in ICCA scholarship program

Addison Trail senior Giovanna Mosely recently earned first place in the Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association (ICCA) Scholarship program.

Mosely was one of 11 finalists and was announced as the top finisher during the ICCA Championships, which took place on Jan. 8 and 9 in Springfield. The scholarship supports senior cheerleaders throughout Illinois in their pursuit of continuing education. The nomination process involved submitting an application with an official transcript (non-weighted GPA and ACT/SAT score), a coach's questionnaire and a video that showcases cheerleading skills, as well as participating in an interview.

Mosely earned \$3,000 based on her athletic abilities in cheerleading, her leadership skills, her grades and more. She is the first Addison Trail student-athlete to receive this award

# New food pantry set to open in Bensenville

## Start-up supplies, funds, volunteers still needed

By Dee Longfellow  
FOR THE BENSENVILLE INDEPENDENT

An organization known as Morning Dove Community Services, Inc., is taking steps to open a new food pantry in Bensenville and is seeking help from residents to get things started.

Founder and CEO Twangie Smith stresses that she is a Christian woman who is initiating the effort and plans to get it off the ground, while managing her own health issues.

"The pantry is brand-new," Smith told the Independent. "I've always wanted to do something big to help others but the volunteering I have done over the past 30 years just wasn't satisfying my humanitarian thirst anymore."

She said she had found a couple of stay-at-home positions that she worked for a while but found that they "turned out to be not so stay-at-home after all."

Smith mentioned that she has been on dialysis for more than four years now.

"When my treatments began back in 2017, it made it kind of hard for me to volunteer in the capacity that I had been [in the past]," she said. "At first, everything stopped. But as things got more under control, I started planning how I could make this food pantry happen."

Her patience and perseverance have paid off so far, but more help is needed.

**"I saved my money and lo and behold, late last year, I was able to file the documentation needed to officially get the pantry started."**

—Twangie Smith,  
Founder and CEO

"I saved my money and lo and behold, late last year, I was able to file the documentation needed to officially get the pantry started," Smith said. "My 501(c)(3) application is pending approval because the government is backed up because of COVID-19."

Smith learned that the state of Illinois only requires a small pantry to be open once a week for two hours.

"I think my [physical] condition can handle that," she said. "But it would be nice to have a business-minded volunteer around, if anyone is interested and available."

Smith said the pantry has not yet opened its doors because she wants to get donations in to help with supplies and start-up costs. She has started a GoFundMe page, but it hasn't drawn much yet in the way of dollars.

She is planning a grand opening on Saturday,

Jan. 29 from 12-2 p.m., but she realizes it may only have a small amount of food to give away at that time.

"I checked into getting support from the Northern Illinois Food Bank but I was told that my organization had to be running for at least six months before the pantry could participate in their program."

Besides funds and food contributions, the pantry's immediate need is for shelving units. If anyone or any company has anything like that they are able to donate, call Smith at 815-517-7363 to arrange to drop them off. Items can be taken directly to the Morning Dove Community Services office at 1043 S. York Rd., unit LL4 in Bensenville, but hours are sporadic at this time, so rather than dropping by unannounced, Smith suggested that people phone her first so she can be there at the office herself or arrange for someone.

To make financial donations, please use the following link: <https://gofund.me/14d6205b>. The pantry is also on Facebook and Twitter @LoveBirdsMDCSL.

The Independent will continue to bring its readers news coverage of the new food pantry as it grows over the next few months, including when it opens, what other needs there are and when they will be able to distribute contributions to the community.

## District 88 news

## Board seeks public input from stakeholders

Now through Friday, March 11, District 88 parents/guardians are invited to complete the Illinois 5Essentials Survey.

This research-based survey helps identify strengths and areas for improvement in a school's learning environment and provides stakeholders with a voice in improving their schools.

The survey provides a comprehensive picture of a school's organizational culture in an individualized report measuring the following

five "essentials" deemed critical for school success.

- Effective leaders
- Collaborative teachers
- Involved families
- Supportive environment
- Ambitious instruction

The District 88 Board stressed that it truly values public feedback and encourages all parents/guardians to participate in the survey.

The goal is to gather a variety of input to ensure we continue to accomplish our mission of working for

the continuous improvement of student achievement.

A link to the survey can be found at the District 88 web site, or go to <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois>.

#### 'Equity Journey Continuum' added to D88 strategic plan

As part of its updated strategic plan (which was adopted in Nov. 2020), the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) recently implemented an Equity Journey Continuum,

an informational tool allows school district officials to view data through the lens of equity to identify gaps in student achievement, opportunities and supports.

Through this initiative, districts will be placed along an equity continuum — from Step 1 (large gaps) to Step 4 (minimal gaps) — in the three areas of ISBE's strategic plan: Student Learning, Learning Conditions and Elevating Educators. More than 20 data elements will be used to determine placement. Districts will be

given to preview their Equity Journey Continuum data later this month (January), and the information will be included on the 2022 Illinois Report Card.

District 88 assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction Yvonne Tsagalos shared details of the Equity Journey Continuum during the District 88 Board of Education meeting on Monday, Jan. 10.

To view the presentation, a video is available at the District 88 website.

## COVID surge prompts multiple state responses

### General Assembly calls off in-person sessions this week

By Peter Hancock

CAPITOL NEWS/ILLINOIS

A continuing sharp spike in COVID-19 cases being driven by the omicron variant has pushed the state's hospital capacity to its limits and is prompting the state to bring in additional health care workers from other states and countries.

Gov. JB Pritzker said Jan. 12 that more than 2,000 additional health care workers have been deployed throughout the state, including 919 in hospitals hit hard by the surge, with another 552 scheduled to arrive within the next several days.

"This current wave of COVID is causing more people to get sick than ever before in the pandemic," Pritzker said. "And the vast majority of the serious illnesses and deaths are

among the unvaccinated."

As of Jan. 12, the Illinois Department of Public Health was reporting 7,219 people hospitalized with COVID-19 in the state, down slightly from the record 7,353 who were hospitalized on Jan. 11.

Another 271 people in the state had died of the disease just since Jan. 10.

"We have never had this many COVID patients in the hospital at any point in the pandemic. Not in spring of 2020; not in the winter of 2020," IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said, noting that the previous pandemic record was 6,175, set in November 2020.

Over the past seven days, more than 227,000 new cases have been confirmed in Illinois out of 1.9 mil-

lion tests performed, for a seven-day case positivity rate of 12 percent.

"But as difficult as this moment is, there will be an end to it," Pritzker said. "We have all the necessary tools for prevention, and we are nearer than ever to having everything we need to detect and treat the disease to keep even the most vulnerable people alive. I can't say enough about how extraordinary our hospitals and our health care heroes have been throughout this pandemic."

Pritzker said the state was taking several actions to bolster its health care workforce, such as allowing out-of-state health care providers to continue practicing in Illinois with expanded permissions to care for all patients, not just COVID-19 patients.

In addition, doctors trained in other countries have been given permission to provide assistance to licensed physicians in Illinois. And out-of-state providers, including physicians, nurses and mental health providers, are being allowed to provide telehealth services to patients in Illinois if they have a pre-existing provider-patient relationship.

Meanwhile, Pritzker issued an executive order Jan. 11 spelling out protocols that schools now need to follow whenever a student or school employee tests positive for COVID-19.

Consistent with the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the order requires infected individuals, regardless of their vaccination status, to be

excluded from school premises for a minimum of five days and a maximum of 10 days following the onset of symptoms or the date of their test.

Schools also must exclude students or employees who come into close contact with an infected person for a minimum of five days after their exposure, and those individuals must continue to wear a mask at times around others, including while outdoors, for an additional five days after they return to school.

The surge in COVID-19 cases has also resulted in other state actions.

House and Senate leaders in the General Assembly announced Jan. 11 that they were canceling in-person session days this week, although committees will continue to meet remotely.

## Judge orders detention of armed juvenile charged with BMW dealership burglary

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Westmont Chief of Police Jim Gunther announced that Judge Anthony Cocco has ordered an armed Cook County juvenile accused of burglary and assaulting a police officer at a Westmont BMW dealership be detained until at least his next court appearance which is scheduled for Jan. 27.

The juvenile has been charged with two counts of armed violence (Class X felony), one count of burglary (Class 2 felony), one count of possession of a stolen motor vehicle (Class 2 felony) one count of aggravated assault with a motor vehicle (Class 3 felony) and one count of aggravated assault on a police officer (Class 4 felony).

On Jan. 1, the juvenile's co-defendants; Angel Martin, 23, of Dolton; Semajie Wheeler, 18, of Chicago; and Brian Garrett, 19, of Chicago, appeared in bond court where Judge Leah Bendik set bond at \$1 million with 10 percent to apply for Martin and \$750,000 with 10 percent to apply for Wheeler and Garrett.

All three men have been charged with two counts of armed violence (Class X felony), one count of burglary (Class 2 felony) and one count of possession of a stolen motor vehicle (Class 2 felony).

On Dec. 31, 2021, at approximately 4:27 a.m., the Westmont Police Department received information of a

burglary in progress at Laurel BMW located on Ogden Avenue. Two officers responded to the call and upon their arrival allegedly encountered two individuals, later identified as the juvenile and Martin, exiting the showroom and entering a white Acura with two occupants, later identified as Wheeler and Garrett.

Following an investigation into the matter, it is alleged that after arriving at the dealership, the juvenile and Martin, armed with a pry bar, attempted to enter the building on the east side but were unsuccessful. It is alleged that the two then joined Wheeler and Garrett in the Acura, drove to the west side of the building, exited the vehicle again and attempted to gain entry to the building with the pry bar.

It is further alleged that Martin eventually grabbed a landscaping rock and threw it through a pane of glass in the garage bay door. It is alleged that the juvenile and Martin then entered the building through the broken window. It is alleged that once alerted to the arrival of the police, the two suspects exited the building and entered the Acura to flee.

Officers however, had blocked the driveway with their squad car. Officers exited their squad car and as the Acura attempted to flee, drew their weapons and ordered the suspects to stop and exit the car.

It is alleged that the defendants attempted to flee in the Acura, which was driven by the juvenile, by driving directly at one of the uniformed officers, at which time the officer discharged his duty weapon striking the juvenile in the chest and grazing Martin, who was seated in the front passenger seat.

As the vehicle allegedly approached, the officer ran out of the path of the Acura and used his free hand to push off the vehicle to avoid injury. It is alleged that the vehicle then fled east on Ogden Avenue to northbound Route 83. Near 22nd Street in Oak Brook, it is alleged that the vehicle crashed into a ditch and the four occupants fled on foot.

All four suspects were apprehended a short time later with assistance from various law enforcement agencies that had responded to assist. The juvenile, who was the alleged driver of the vehicle, was taken to a hospital for medical attention. He remained at the hospital until Jan. 10 when he was discharged into the custody of authorities.

It was later determined that the Acura had been stolen on Dec. 21 out of Lake County. When processing the scene, officers located three firearms inside the Acura; a Glock 23 40 caliber with an extended magazine, a Poly 80 gun with a round in the chamber and a Glock 17 9mm with a fully

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— Robert Berlin, DuPage County State's Attorney

loaded 24-round magazine.

Officers also found a Glock 19 with an extended magazine just outside the Acura near the driver's side door. Three of the firearms appeared to have switches which could render the firearms fully automatic. Inside the vehicle, officers also found a 50-round drum magazine that was nearly full, 28 key fobs for various automobiles and two pry bars.

"The filing of identical charges against the juvenile accused in this case sends the message that in DuPage County we will not tolerate this type of violent behavior and will ag-

gressively prosecute anyone accused of such conduct, regardless of age," Berlin said. "I commend the Westmont Police Department and the DuPage County MERIT Public Integrity Task Force and Forensic Investigation Unit for their quick response and apprehension of the suspects in this case."

"Every day, law enforcement officers face the dangerous unknown whether or not they will be forced to fire their service weapon in performance of their duty," Gunther said. "On the last day of the year, 2021, or of our officers had to make that difficult decision. We are all very grateful that none of our officers were injured that evening. They displayed courage and a professionalism that night which we are all very proud."

The cases against the juvenile co-defendants are assigned to Judge Michael Reidy. Their next court appearance is scheduled for Jan. 24 for arraignment.

Each of the juvenile's co-defendants faces a possible sentence between 15 to 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections if found guilty of the Class X armed violence charge.

An investigation into the officer discharge of his firearm is current under way by the DuPage County MERIT Public Integrity Task Force and Forensic Investigation Unit.



# Warriors roll to a win over Glenbard East

*Porro turns in Willowbrook's top individual series against the Rams; she claimed second at the Plainfield South Invitational with a 1,272 total*

**STAFF REPORT**

The Willowbrook girls bowling team has turned in several strong performances during the current 2021-22 season.

last week's 2,952-2,655 victory over Glenbard East at the Rams' home venue—Bowlero in Glendale Heights.

Willowbrook sophomore Jacquelyn Porro rolled a three-game series

of 593 in the Jan. 10 victory over Glenbard East. Porro fired game scores of 172, 197 and 224. Senior Molly Williams provided a 570 series for the Warriors by bowling scores of 190, 222 and 158 in her three games.

The Warriors faced Downers Grove South in a Jan. 11 dual meet at Willowbrook's home venue—Stardust Bowl in Addison. The visiting Mustangs edged the Warriors 3,136-2,998.

Porro fired a team-leading three-game series of 648 with game scores of 210, 238 and 200. Senior Megan Beausoleil turned in a 521 series for the Warriors with games of 156, 179 and 186.

Willowbrook's varsity and junior-varsity lineups competed at the Plainfield South Invitational on Jan. 8.

The varsity placed eighth out of 18 teams. Porro led the Warriors to

their eighth-place showing in the team results by finishing second in the event's individual standings with her six-game total of 1,272.

The Warriors' junior-varsity squad placed second out of nine teams at Plainfield South's invite.

Sophomore Annabelle Thompson rolled a 1,026 series to finish fourth in the individual standings.

Senior Amia Jackson fired a series score of 910 to land in 10th place.

## Driver Services facilities to reopen Jan. 24, 25

Out of an abundance of caution and due to the continued high numbers of new COVID-19 cases statewide, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is announcing that all Secretary of State departments—including Driver Services facilities—will resume conducting in-person transactions Monday, Jan. 24. The Secretary of State offices and facilities first closed on Jan. 3, due to the surge in COVID-19 cases statewide. Driver Services facilities operating on a Tuesday-Saturday schedule will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

"After careful consideration and out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to extend the closures of offices and Driver Services facilities an additional week, with a re-

opening date set for Monday, Jan. 24, due to the continued high number of COVID-19 cases," said White. "The health and safety of employees and the public remains my top priority, and face-to-face transactions potentially increase the further spread of the virus."

"We are pleased to see what appears to be the beginning of a downswing in COVID-19 cases and, if this trend continues, we will reopen Jan. 24 for face-to-face transactions."

White noted that three Commercial Driver's License (CDL) facilities have reopened for in-person CDL services only. The CDL facilities are: Rockford at 4734 Baxter

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### Answers

**PUZZLE 1**

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**PUZZLE 2**

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# Nominations open for 24th District senior hall of fame

The Illinois Department on Aging is accepting nominations for the Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame, and state Sen. Suzy Glowiak Hilton (D-Western Springs) is encouraging residents to highlight local, exemplary individuals aged 65 or older who live in the 24th District.

"Older residents enrich our communities by contributing insight, experiences and achievements," Glowiak Hilton said. "As residents continue to support one another through challenging times, the Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame is an opportunity to highlight local heroes for their successes and

offer well-deserved recognition." Created in 1994, the Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame honors older adults' accomplishments and contributions to their communities. Each year, four Illinoisans ages 65 or older are inducted into the Hall of Fame for their work in community service, education, arts or the labor force.

Nominations for 2022 inductees must be submitted by June 1. For more information, visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/aging/HallofFame>.

*Editor's note: This was submitted by the office of State Sen. Suzy Glowiak Hilton.*

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Road., Springfield at 2701 S. Dirksen Pkwy., and Marion at 1905 Rendelman St.

White continues encouraging the public to visit [ilsos.gov](http://ilsos.gov) for online services. Online transactions will remain open for all departments to conduct office services, including, but not limited to the following:

- Renewing a license plate sticker.
- Renewing a driver's license or ID card for those who qualify (individuals may call 217-785-1424 to confirm their eligibility or to obtain their PIN).
- Obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card.
- Obtaining a driver record abstract.
- Filing Business Services documents, such as incorporations and annual reports.

In addition, the Drivers and Vehicles Services hotline phone number remains open at 800-252-8980. Customers with issues involving administrative hearings may email [adminhearings@ilsos.gov](mailto:adminhearings@ilsos.gov) call 312-793-3722 or 217-782-7065.

As a reminder, White has extended all driver's license and ID card expiration dates to March 31. Expiration dates for commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) and commercial learner's permits (CLPs) have been extended to Jan. 31, 2022 for CDLs and CLPs with expiration dates between Nov. 1, 2021, and Jan. 31, 2022.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the federal REAL ID deadline to May 3, 2023.

For more information, visit [ilsos.gov](http://ilsos.gov).



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## Willowbrook Speech Team places fourth at its home meet

The Willowbrook High School Speech Team competed in its home tournament last month. The Willowbrook team finished in fourth place out of 20 participating schools in the Dec. 11 event, which had a "Muppets" theme. Willowbrook's top performers at the tournament included: senior Katherine Wentworth, who won the second-place medal in Dramatic Interpretation and teamed with senior Damian Rocha to place fourth in Dramatic Duet Acting; senior Elizabeth Michael, who earned the second-place medal in Original Comedy; and senior Emily Maher, who placed third in Impromptu Speaking and fifth in Prose Reading. The duo of sophomore Sophia Marino and freshman Frank Mendez advanced to the finals in Humorous Duet Acting. Willowbrook's tandem of junior Amelia Tortorici and sophomore Sean O'Brochta placed fifth in the same category.

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