



TERRA COSTA HOWARD

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 42

Dear Terra,

The College of DuPage football team has won a three-peat NJCAA Division III National Championship!

Following a stunning late-game touchdown against the Rochester Community and Technical College Yellowjackets, the Chaparrals clinched a 33-29 victory on Dec. 2 here in Glen Ellyn. That puts our Chaparrals 3-for-3 since the NJCAA recognized non-scholarship football with a national title.



College of DuPage is a national leader in community college football. Under former Head Coach Matt Foster, COD fielded the only community college football program in the state. Coach Foster also helped to found the [Red Grange Bowl](#), the national championship game that COD has hosted since 2016. Coach Foster was named to the NJCAA Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame last month, making him COD's 11th Hall of Famer.

Congrats to the players, Head Coach Matthew Rahn, and the entire College on this great achievement! You can read more about this victory [here](#).

Enjoy reading (and cupcakes!) at Lisle Library TOMORROW!

Books AND cupcakes? Happy Holidays!

The Lisle Library District is holding its Winter Read Kick-Off tomorrow (Friday), with ice sculpting, live music, wintry crafts, and cupcakes from the Courageous Baking food truck (while supplies last).

Festivities start at 5 p.m. with a special winter storytime at 6 p.m. The party will last until 7 p.m. at 777 Front St. in Lisle.

Celebrate Winter Read with the Library!

ENJOY
CUPCAKES FROM COURAGEOUS BAKERY (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST), LIVE MUSIC, ICE SCULPTING, AND A WINTER CRAFT!

WINTER READ KICK-OFF PARTY

5PM TO 7PM
FRIDAY 08 DECEMBER

777 Front Street Lisle, IL 60532 630-971-1675

Don't miss the "Picasso: Fifty Years Later" show at Elmhurst Art Museum

DuPage County is becoming a magnet for exciting exhibitions of works by influential 20th Century artists.

After being dazzled by the Frida Kahlo and Andy Warhol exhibits at College of DuPage, I was very excited to head to the Elmhurst Art Museum's "Picasso: Fifty Years Later," an exhibition exploring the Modern master's work,



lasting influence, and legacy.

It was fascinating to see so many of Picasso's works displayed in conversation with some stunning pieces by other artists. This exhibit, which is part of a national tour, will be at the Museum, at 150 Cottage Hill Ave., through Jan. 7. The show was brought to us by [Discover DuPage](#), the [Illinois Arts Council Agency](#) and Enjoy Illinois. Just click [here](#) to learn more.

Light up your holidays in Lombard's Lilacia Park

We had so much fun at the Jingle Bell Jubilee event in Lilacia Park last weekend! I can tell you that the displays are amazing again this year (and as you can see from the photo at right, I made a very influential new friend.)

The displays will be illuminated from 4:30 to 10 p.m. daily from now through Jan. 1 at the park, at 150 S. Park Ave. in Lombard. There are lots of special holiday events planned, so click [here](#) for the full list.

The Lombard Fire Department is collecting toys for their annual Toy Drive through Dec. 15. Donations will benefit Toy Express and Teen Parent Connection. The drive will end with a Toy Parade on Main Street, from St. Charles Road to Wilson Avenue, at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. You can click [here](#) to find a list of collection sites.



Electronic recycling in Wheaton this SATURDAY

Bring unwanted electronics to the monthly electronic recycling collection from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Wheaton Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty Drive. This is a drive-through event, and volunteers will help unload items from your car.

There is a charge for all televisions and monitors at this event. For more information, see [the City's website](#).



Drop by Glen Ellyn's Polar Market SATURDAY

You can celebrate the season with holiday shopping from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Glen Ellyn Park District's Polar Market at Maryknoll Park, 845 Pershing Ave.

There will be carolers singing winter favorites, and you can buy popcorn and hot chocolate to enjoy while you shop.

This event is open to all ages. Visit [here](#) to learn more.



Make life sweeter for shelter animals (and yourself) at A.D.O.P.T's Cookie Walk SATURDAY

If you love to bake (or just love baked goods), you'll want to head to the A.D.O.P.T Pet Shelter's Annual Holiday Cookie Walk, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at 420 Industrial Drive in Naperville.

They're asking for local bakers to donate homemade treats. Those of us who prefer snacking to baking can walk through and select our holiday favorites. And of course, you're invited to visit with the shelter animals. (Just make sure your little ones don't give any



chocolate to the dogs – it's highly toxic to them.)

All proceeds benefit the animals of A.D.O.P.T. Pet Shelter. To learn more, please click [here](#) or email kallie@adoptpetshelter.org to sign up.

Welcome the new Heavy Rescue Squad 61 to Glen Ellyn's Volunteer Fire Department fleet MONDAY

The Glen Ellyn Volunteer Fire Company will have a short ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11 at Fire Station 61, 524 Pennsylvania Ave., to welcome the new Heavy Rescue Squad 61 to their fleet.

The history of a "push-in" ceremony dates back to the days of hand-drawn and horse-drawn apparatus, when the equipment was pushed into the station by firefighters.

The new Squad 61 replaces a vehicle that has served Glen Ellyn for 32 years!

GLEN ELLYN VOLUNTEER
FIRE COMPANY
PRESENTS...
HEAVY RESCUE
SQUAD 61
IN-SERVICE CEREMONY



MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023 6:30 PM
FIRE STATION 61
524 PENNSYLVANIA AVE.
GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS

Glen Ellyn Schools offer webinar on how to support an anxious child TUESDAY

If you need guidance on how to support an anxious child, don't miss Glen Ellyn School District 41's next webinar, "Your Child's Anxiety", from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12.



Glen Ellyn School District 41
Families
join our next Mental Health Series
Your Child's Anxiety
December 12, 2023
6:30-7:30 via Zoom
REGISTER HERE:
<https://coolkcenter.info/Dec12GLENELLYN>
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Glen Ellyn

This webinar will offer simple strategies to help a child to identify and work through their anxiety more effectively. It's part of the district's 12-session series of parent coaching webinars on mental health issues. To register, please click [here](#).

Got an hour? Save a life by donating blood

If you have an hour, you can help save lives this week by donating blood.

Donate blood at the Glen Ellyn Park District's blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Ackerman SFC, 800 St. Charles Road. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ups are also welcome. For more information you can click [here](#).



Winter
Blood Drive
giving warms the heart!
DECEMBER 12 | 9 AM-3 PM
ACKERMAN SFC, 800 ST. CHARLES ROAD

The Lisle-Woodridge Fire District and Lisle VFW Post 5 will host their blood drive from 2 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at the Lisle-Woodridge Fire District Training Center, 1005 School St. in Lisle.

You can click [here](#) to schedule a time to donate; walk-ins are also welcome.

Holiday music performances at Cantigny

Guests attending Christmas at Cantigny festivities are encouraged to stop by the Visitors Center to warm up with a hot drink and enjoy special musical performances each Tuesday and Wednesday evening in December.

This Tuesday, Dec. 12, young musicians from the Wheaton Community School of the Arts will be performing, starting at 6 p.m. You can click [here](#) to learn more and see a complete schedule.



Learn about safer firearm storage at Be SMART in Glen Ellyn on Dec. 14

Whether you're a gun owner, or you know someone who owns a gun, you're invited to join your neighbors to hear about the Illinois Safe Storage survey from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 393 N. Main St. in Glen Ellyn.

Be SMART was launched in 2015 to promote responsible gun ownership and reduce accidental child gun deaths.

The presentation will include information on awareness and methods of firearm storage within home and vehicles will be presented. You can click [here](#) to register.



Downers Grove asks for donations of gently worn cold-weather clothing to their Winter Coat Drive

The Village of Downers Grove is collecting donations of new and gently worn coats, winter hats, and scarves for all ages, now through Dec. 29. The drive will benefit organizations such as Sharing Connections and DuPage PADS.

Donations can be dropped off between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Public Works Facility, 5101 Walnut Ave. and Fire Station 2, 5420 Main St. The Village asks that clothing items be clean and wearable.

A graphic for the 'Winter Coat Drive' featuring three colorful winter coats (pink, blue, and red) at the top. Below them, the text reads 'WINTER COAT DRIVE' and 'November 13 - December 29, 2023'. It lists accepted items: 'Accepting coats, winter hats, gloves and scarves for all ages. Please, NO CLOTHING.' There are icons for 'Holes' and 'Stains' with a red 'X' over them, indicating they are not accepted. Below that, it says 'Gently worn coats should be clean and wearable.' and 'Drop off during business hours, 8am to 5pm at: PUBLIC WORKS, 5101 Walnut Ave. FIRE STATION 2, 5420 Main St.' At the bottom, it states 'Items will be donated to those in need via organizations such as Sharing Connections and DuPage PADS.'

Go nuts with Glen Ellyn's Kiwanis holiday sale, now through Dec. 11

You can help to provide healthy snacks to local children (and get some healthy snacks for yourself) by supporting the Glen Ellyn Kiwanis Club's Holiday Nut Sale, now through Dec. 11.

The proceeds from this sale benefit the Club's Weekend Snack Pack project, which provides extra food for the weekend to vulnerable children. Every week, the Club works with the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry and other local Kiwanis Clubs to prepare more than 500 snack packs for students in our area.



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Order your Holiday Nuts today!

...benefitting a variety of Glen Ellyn community needs and funding for scholarship



Now through December 11

For more information, you can contact Penny Linneweh at plinneweh@comcast.net or visit the Kiwanis Club website [here](#).

Upcoming Events

We have lots of events coming up, so please take a look and mark your calendars today!

Thursdays in Dec: [Christmas Spirits](#) from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursdays in December at Cantigny Park, 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton

Dec. 15: [Family Bingo Night](#) from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ackerman SFC, 800 St. Charles Road, Glen Ellyn

Dec. 16: [Sports and Fun with Santa](#) from 10 a.m. to noon at Ackerman SFC, 800 St. Charles Road, Glen Ellyn

Dec. 22: [Whoville Holiday](#) from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Maryknoll Park, 845 Pershing Ave., Glen Ellyn

Dec. 31: [Glen Ellyn Park District's Last Chance Burn](#) from 7 to 10 a.m. at Ackerman SFC, 800 St. Charles Road. For ages 14 and up.

If you have any questions about pending legislation or other issues related to your state government, please don't hesitate to contact my office at 630-812-9292 or RepTCH42@gmail.com.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and stay strong,



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