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Gurnee man recounts deadly fight

Testimony: Brother killed on Christmas Day

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A Gurnee man testified Thursday in his Lake County murder trial about the fight that ended his brother's life early on Christmas Day in 2022.

Kevin Biron-Bomis, 54, became

teary after about 90 minutes of testimony, describing a night of holiday cheer that ended with the death of his brother Brandon.

"Had I not allowed him to come to my house, and had we not gone to those bars, none of this would have happened," Biron-Bomis said as he wiped his eyes with a handkerchief.

He is charged with first-degree murder in his brother's death, which happened during a fight at the defendant's Gurnee house.

Earlier, the brothers had gone to their father's Glencoe home for a holiday get-together, and they later visited several bars in the Gurnee and Waukegan area.

At their final stop at a bar, they had been asked to leave after Brandon had a negative interaction with

a patron, and Kevin had pushed his brother, which sent Brandon sprawling onto the bar floor.

After the brothers returned to Kevin's house, Biron-Bomis testified that he planned to drive his brother home to Glencoe when Brandon pushed him, and they ended up in a scuffle on the floor.

He testified that his brother began punching him in the back — Kevin said he had back surgery a year

before and had sciatica — and that he "saw red." Biron-Bomis said he punched his brother five to seven times in the face.

"It happened so fast. There was no time to think," he said. "It was just reaction."

Biron-Bomis said his brother was still breathing, but minutes later, he apparently stopped. The defendant said he tried to splash water on his brother and then called 911.



North Chicago elementary school students and mentors from AbbVie fly paper airplanes they made as part of a STEM workshop during the company's annual Week of Possibilities on Wednesday. STEVE SADIN/FOR THE LAKE COUNTY NEWS-SUN

A Week of Possibilities

Thousands volunteer at AbbVie effort for children in North Chicago

By Steve Sadin
FOR LAKE COUNTY NEWS-SUN

Making paper airplanes at school is usually discouraged by educators, but during AbbVie's Week of Possibilities, it was part of the curriculum at Evelyn Alexander Elementary School in North Chicago, where dozens of

company volunteers mentored students with STEM projects.

Kelly Gallego, the executive program director for North Chicago Community Partners, which partnered with AbbVie on local Week of Possibilities events, said they created a STEM carnival together to help the youngsters creatively learn science, technology,

engineering and math.

Among the activities was an engineering challenge, which involved making a paper airplane. Gallego said the students worked with the mentors from AbbVie, a global pharmaceutical company that makes life-saving medicines, to develop aeronautical engineering skills.

"They designed the paper airplane and tested them by throwing them at targets," Gallego said, as smiles came to the children's faces when the planes they crafted glided through the air.

AbbVie volunteers at Evelyn Alexander Elementary were

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Search for Winthrop Harbor hit-and-run

Suspect alleged to be responsible in death

By Rebecca Johnson
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Shaeve White couldn't fall asleep. There was a feeling deep in her gut that something wasn't right.

Tired of tossing and turning, she dragged herself out of bed and sat in her office. That's when she got a call from her grandma. Between tears and the sounds of police in the background, she told White that her mom had been killed in a hit-and-run.

White remembers thinking that she'd never heard her grandma cry before.

"I haven't been the same since, honestly," the 34-year-old Sauk Village resident said.

About four months after Shanna White, 50, was fatally struck by a vehicle in Winthrop Harbor, near the Wisconsin border, the police department announced on Monday that the alleged driver turned himself in to police in Lakewood, Colorado. He remains in custody pending extradition proceedings,

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Shaeve White holds a photo of her mother, Shanna White, outside her home in Sauk Village on Wednesday. ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

OUTDOORS

It's time for breeding martins, jewelwings and more



Purple martins fly around manmade houses in June. SHERYL DEVORE/FOR THE LAKE COUNTY NEWS-SUN



Sheryl DeVore

In June and early July, walk along a slow-moving shallow stream or creek in any woodlands, even very small ones, and you might spot what looks like a black butterfly fluttering near the water or among vegetation.

A closer look reveals an iridescent insect with a metallic green or black body and deep black wings. It's the ebony jewelwing, a type of damselfly. The female is just as lovely, though a bit duller,

and sports a white spot near the tip of each wing.

Ebony jewelwings might sound like mythical creatures hiding in the woods, but they really are quite easy to find, even for the casual nature observer, and the best time to see them is in June.

This June, I found ebony jewelwings, male and female, cavorting along Buffalo Creek at a little park in Long Grove. Another June, I stood on a bridge and peered into a creek with gently flowing water and spotted two males at Reed Turner Woodland in Long Grove.

I've seen them along Indian Creek in Mundelein and many other places close to home. Just the other day, a female landed on a patch of grass next to a vegetated

creek.

Damselflies are the smaller counterparts of dragonflies. They fold their wings when perched, while dragonflies hold them outward. Dragonfly eyes appear to be touching, while damselfly eyes are farther apart. Damselflies don't fly as well as dragonflies and often remain close to vegetation near the water's edge.

Jewelwings are fun to watch because they gather in small groups, maybe four or five clinging to leaves above the water and showing off their colors.

The adult jewelwing damselfly emerges at about the end of May, disappearing in mid-summer,

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