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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood



Somos un Solo Pueblo, México y Puerto Rico. Photo by Annette Dixon.

Chicago Philharmonic celebrated Latino Heritage

Somos un Solo Pueblo, México y Puerto Rico was presented by Puerto Rican Arts Alliance in partnership with Chicago Philharmonic, Cuerdas Clásicas, AfriCaribe, and the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago. Recently, the Latin Music Project Ensemble entertained us with flourishing colors and a rich tapestry of our city's distinctive artistic landscape.

This one-of-a-kind concert honored and celebrated Chicago's vibrant and diverse Puerto Rican and Mexican communities on the iconic Chicago Jay Pritzker Pavilion stage.

Volunteers needed for the South Suburban College Literacy Tutoring Program

South Suburban College (SSC) is seeking participants for the Adult Volunteer Literacy Tutoring Program. The program is structured to train volunteers to become one-on-one tutors for adults needing basic literacy skills. Instruction in basic literacy includes the development of phonetic reading skills, whole language experience, and practical communication skills. Residents can volunteer as tutors and encourage others to take advantage of this free professional development opportunity.

Once certified, SSC's volunteer literacy tutors visit adult learners at locations in or near their neighbor-

hoods. The following locations have been established as tutoring sites: Acorn, Oak Forest; Glenwood-Lynwood; Harvey; Phoenix; Calumet City; Grande Prairie, Hazel Crest; Homewood; South Holland; South Suburban College Main Campus, South Holland; South Suburban College Oak Forest Center, Oak Forest; Lansing; Dolton; Riverdale; Blue Island; Dixmoor; Tinley Park; Markham; Midlothian; and Thornton Libraries.

Illiteracy can be debilitating for adults who have yet to receive the proper instruction. Adults who cannot read experience difficulty completing many daily activities that others

may take for granted.

The September training will occur at the South Suburban College Main Campus in South Holland, IL, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from September 5 through September 21, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This 12-hour program culminates with literacy training certification. Successful tutors are also eligible for letters of support or recommendation for jobs, scholarships, educational opportunities, and more. For information or to register, please contact David Stephens, Adult Literacy Grants Manager, at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2558, or email DStephens@ssc.edu.

Moraine Valley Foundation to host annual golf outing

The Moraine Valley Community College Foundation will host its 42nd annual golf outing on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club in Lemont, with all proceeds going to support student scholarships. Tickets for golfing are going fast, so golfers should register as soon as possible at morainevalley.edu/golf.

Individuals also can support the outing in other ways, such as buying tickets to the post-golf dinner and awards ceremony at Cog Hill for \$75, purchasing split-the-pot tickets or bidding on items in an online silent

auction, which runs from Sept. 11 to 21 at <https://aesbid.com/MVGOLF23>.

Businesses and individuals also can support the event by becoming a sponsor of the golf outing. Available sponsorships include the All-in-FORE-Fun Sponsorship for \$3,000, Dinner and Awards Ceremony Sponsorship for \$1,500, Beverage Cart Sponsorships for \$1,000, Lunch Sponsorships for \$600, and Hole Sponsorships for \$350. Information on event sponsorships is available at morainevalley.edu/foundation/sponsorships.

"The Foundation is proud

to have helped thousands of students with money raised at our past golf outings," said Kristy McGreal, executive director of the Foundation. "We are grateful so many in our community have supported this event over the years, especially our event sponsors for their generous contributions. We look forward to another successful event."

To purchase tickets, become a sponsor and view all event details, visit morainevalley.edu/golf. Contact Lisa Rispoli at (708) 608-4178 or rispolil2@morainevalley.edu for additional information.

Latinx Heritage Month Business Reception set for September 25

On Monday, September 25 from 4:45 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., please join the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) at the 2023 Latinx Heritage Month Business Reception featuring keynote speaker Martin Cabrera, Founder & CEO, Cabrera Capital. This presentation will be followed by a panel discussion focusing on "How to Do Business with the MWRD." This event will be held at the Barbara J. McGowan Main Office Building, 100 E. Erie, Chicago, IL. Register at <https://mwrdr.org/latinx-heritage-month-business-reception>.

27th Annual Elim Dutch Fest

Everyone is welcome to come to our 27th Annual Elim Dutch Fest on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, stores open at 8:00 am. At 13020 S. Central Ave. in Crestwood. For more info call 708-293-6509 or visit our website www.elimcs.org/dutch-festival.

The Dutch Festival offers fun for the whole family! Begin the day with a free and delicious Pannenkoek "pancake" Breakfast (donations accepted) which runs from 7:30 until 10:00 am. Browse the colorful Farmer's Market and Elim's Dutch Village shops from 8 am to

4 pm.

Be sure to come hungry because you'll want to nibble throughout the day at the Food Court on great Dutch and American cuisine like banket (pastries with almond filling), hutspot (beef and potatoes), oliebolle (Dutch pastry), pizza, hamburgers, bratwurst, hotdogs, and more, all at affordable prices.

Everyone in your family will be delighted by the Dutch "Wooden shoe" dancers, amazing reptile shows; kids will enjoy the petting zoo, train rides, and pony rides; in addition to the

Children's Games area.

Parking, shuttle bus service, and admission are free.

All proceeds from the Dutch Festival event go to support the mission and work of Elim, equipping children and adults with disabilities to thrive at Elim and beyond. Elim is an oasis where everyone is celebrated, loved, and equipped to pursue their God-given potential. You will feel that when you step onto our campus that Saturday morning, and you'll leave feeling blessed by having contributed to this work!



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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

Tavern owner cites retirement as driving force behind sale to village

After serving 34 years as main operator for her family's tavern, Teehan's Tavern owner Regis Teehan is retiring at the end of September. The bar, which has been in her family since 1917, will continue to operate under new ownership and management. According to Teehan, her staff will stay on during the transition.

The changes will come in spring 2024, when Teehan says demolition is planned for the 171-year-old building. She says the Village of Tinley Park, who purchased the property in May 2023, intend to essentially replicate the building, with some modernizations, on the same property and lease it along with the Teehan's Tavern name to a new operator. According to

plans released by the Village in March 2023, the business will serve as an anchor for the village's forthcoming Harmony Square, a 1.6-acre mixed use public space.

"One thing my father always said to me was, 'Change always comes,' and I guess this is just one of those changes," Teehan said. "The fact is, though, I'm ready to retire. I grew up in this bar, and I took it over in 1989. This has been a wonderful, wild ride, and now it's time for me to hop off the Tilt-a-Whirl. Believe me, it wasn't an easy decision, but I want to travel and read and spend more time with my family. And the way the world is, who knows how much more time anyone has?"

"Everyone I've talked with from the Village [of Tinley Park] has made

me feel confident that the Teehan's legacy will be honored in the reconstruction and reopening. This bar is like a member of my family. It was my great-grandfather who bought it in 1917. After him, it was Grandma who ran it, then my father. When it came to me in 1989, I was ready to carry the torch, and now I'm ready to pass it. Teehan's has been a part of Tinley Park for over a century. Our tiny farm town has grown a great deal since those days, even since I took over the business, but the heart of Tinley Park remains situated on Oak Park Avenue, and I'm happy to know that the new owners and management understand and respect the role my family's tavern has played in Tinley Park for all of these years."

Fall 2023 50/50 Parkway Tree Program in Mokena

The 50/50 Parkway Tree Program is open to those wishing to plant new trees in parkways adjacent to their property where trees have not previously existed.

To protect the environment and enhance the value of residential real estate, the Village of Mokena has implemented a 50/50 cost-sharing program to encourage the planting of trees in the community's public parkways.

This program is focused on those wishing to plant new trees in parkways adjacent to their property where trees have not previously existed.

Under this program, the resident pays 50% of the cost for a nursery contractor to supply, deliver, plant, and mulch a new parkway tree. The Village pays the other 50%. For more info go to www.mokena.org/newsview.

Oktoberfest returns to Tinley Park

You don't have to be German to enjoy the Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce's Oktoberfest 2023 from 5 to 11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15; 1 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17. Located in the south parking lot at the 80th Avenue train station, 18001 S. 80th Ave., Tinley Park.

Come out for authentic German food, carnival, and

vendor fair, keg-tapping, and traditional and modern music.

Food and beverage vendors will include Arrowhead Ales, Brotherhood Brewing, Hailstorm Brewing, Soundgrowler Brewing, the Scoop, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Chef Klaus' Bier Stube, Nik and Ivy Brewing Co., and Hayes Beer Distribution Co. Visit the Oktoberfest



Oktoberfest feast. Amber Circle Studio, Adobe Stock Photo.

Tinley Park Chamber tinleychamber.org for more info.



Sculpture by artist Jessica Peterson

An exhibition of ceramics and soft sculptures by Jessica Peterson coming to SSC

The Art & Design Department of South Suburban College is pleased to announce a special guest artist exhibition entitled "Abode 2023" by Jessica Peterson. The ceramics and soft sculptures will be displayed in the Photo Four Gallery at South Suburban College now through Friday, October 6, with an Artist Talk on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, from 2 until 3 p.m., in the Photo Four Gallery.

Peterson stated, "My works are internal worlds, invented environments comprised of bird nests, void spaces, the subaquatic, and the juxtaposition of hard and soft forms. These pieces are not meant to be realistic representations but reflect how I perceive my environment. While I use multiple processes, throwing on the wheel and hand-building with casting slip are my preferred tools. The work forms organically, usually coming to a natural ending point. Using rolled pieces of casting slip or petal-like shapes, I bring out the qualities of the habitats I look at of the piece's body. In my printed works, I use lithography, screen print, linoleum, and watercolor."

The SSC Photo Four Gallery is positioned on the College's fourth floor and maintains operational hours from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Thursday. The gallery remains closed on weekends and holidays. The general public is extended a warm invitation to partake in art exhibitions and receptions without any associated fees. For more comprehensive information, contact Pamela Planera, the Digital Media Arts Instructor & Graphic Design Coordinator at South Suburban College, by dialing (708) 596-2000, extension 2211 or email at pplanera@ssc.edu. SSC is located at 15800 South State Street, South Holland, Illinois.

City replacing aging water mains and related infrastructure

The City of Oak Forest is investing in its infrastructure by replacing approximately 8,500 linear feet of aging water mains and other related infrastructure, which will significantly reduce the risk of leaks or breaks and increase our residents' quality of life. Over the next several months, water mains will be replaced on: El Morro Lane from Hillside Avenue to Condado Drive; 151st Street from Condado Drive to 600 feet east; Hillside Avenue from School Street to El Morro Lane; School Street from Briar Lane to Hillside Avenue, currently under construction; Briar Lane from Colina Avenue to School Street; Colina Avenue from Chaucer Drive to Briar Lane, currently under construction; Chaucer

Drive from Colina Avenue to Condado Drive; Rob Roy Drive from Chaucer Drive to David Lane; Central Avenue from Albert Drive to Independence Avenue and Coulter Road from Le Claire Avenue to Laramie Avenue.

The city received \$3.7 million in federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to cover most of the \$4.2 million infrastructure improvement project.

Residents who live in the areas impacted by the project will receive door hangers, ahead of any work in their area, with information regarding street closures and parking restrictions. The work will include the replacement of existing 50-year-old, 6-inch, 8-inch and 12-inch cast iron and ductile iron water main with new PVC water main.

In addition, the project will include new fire hydrants, fittings, and service connections. Once the new water mains are installed, pavement, parkways, and sidewalks will be restored.

The project is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year; however, this is weather depending. Minor disruptions in service may be experienced during portions of the project and/or when connecting existing water services to the new water main. We apologize for any inconveniences and appreciate your cooperation.

For project updates, visit our Construction Notices page at www.oak-forest.org/164/Construction-Notices. If you have any questions, please contact Oak Forest Public Works at 708-535-4090.



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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Chicago Ridge, Worth, Palos Hills, Palos Park, Palos Heights

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra presents the Grammy-winning Mark O'Connor Duo!



Mark and Maggie O'Connor. Photo: Steve Alboucq.

On Sunday, October 8, 2023, the Southwest Symphony Orchestra opens its 2023-2024 season, American Legacy, under the direction of David L. Crane, presenting "Grammy-winning Mark O'Connor Duo! with Maggie O'Connor".

Three pieces will be featured at this concert, Aaron Copland's Appalachian Spring, Florence Price's Symphony No. 3 and Strings & Threads Suite featuring the Mark O'Connor Duo with Maggie O'Connor.

American violinist/fiddler and vocalist, Maggie O'Connor performs a variety of musical styles throughout the U.S. and beyond, most recently as a member of the Grammy award-winning bluegrass group, the O'Connor Band. She spends most of her time now performing with her husband, violinist and composer Mark O'Connor.

The concert is located at Trinity Christian College's Ozinga Auditorium, 6601 West College Drive, Palos Heights. Concert begins at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday October 8, 2023.

Ticket prices are \$7.00 for students, \$25.00 to \$30.00 for seniors, adults \$30.00 to \$35.00, children 10 and under are free. Tickets are available in advance and at the door.

Legacy, Renewal & Unity: Celebrating 100 Years



Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America's Centennial exhibit. Photo: Costa Skenderis.

The National Hellenic Museum (NHM) in Chicago's Greektown neighborhood is hosting the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America's centennial exhibit Legacy, Renewal & Unity: Celebrating 100 Years of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, from September 16, 2023, through February 11, 2024.

Last year, members of the Greek Orthodox church and community

came together to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Archdiocese (1922 to 2022), the legacy of the church and the breadth of the organization's impact. The exhibit was designed to help people from both within and outside of the Greek community understand and celebrate the history of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and offers a multi-media experience incorporating audio, video,

and physical artifacts from the Archdiocese archives.

The exhibit was conceived, created, and produced by a collaborative team from the Archdiocese and A. Stein Production, Inc. of New York City. It is on display at NHM as part of the museum's commitment to the Greek American community.

The National Hellenic Museum (333 S. Halsted Street, Chicago) is open Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and include admission to all exhibits, with special discounts available for seniors, students, and children. Admission to the museum is always free for NHM Members. For more information on current exhibitions, events, and memberships, visit nationalhellenicmuseum.org or call 312-655-1234.

Invitation from the American Legion family

The American Legion Marine Corps League, Burbank Detachment invites everyone to attend the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony Monday, September 11, 2023, at 7:00 am to 9:15

am at Veterans Memorial Park, 111th and Harlem, Worth. Color guards from the Marine Corps League, Burbank Detachment, and the Marris-Meyer American Legion Post #991 will stand

guard during the time between the first and last plane strike on this solemn day to honor all lives lost. This will be followed by a rifle volley and Taps. Please attend.

Advanced Notice of Construction-ADA Ramp Accessibility

The Village of Chicago Ridge will be undertaking a Capital Improvement Project to reconstruct several sidewalk corners throughout the Village. The sidewalk corners will be reconstructed to meet

the requirements set forth by the Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines. These locations were identified in the Village's adopted ADA Transition Plan. This is a sidewalk improvement project that

is being partially funded through an Invest in Cook grant (Cook County). Construction is anticipated to begin in early September 2023 and be completed by late October 2023.

Volunteers are invited by the Sons of the American Legion

The Sons of the American Legion, Marris-Meyer Squadron #991, 1101 S. Depot St., Worth, Illinois and holding a Flying Flags for Heroes Event on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at 9:00 am at First Lutheran Evangelical Cemetery, 4135 W. 127th St., Alsip, Illinois.

For those that have not participated in a Flying Flags for Heroes (FFFH) event, we place flags on Veterans graves followed by a brief ceremony. We have plenty of flags and hope you will join us! Please feel free to bring family and/or friends.

Our Post 991 family is

hoping to play a big part in helping to reach the 2023 National goal to place 1.5 million flags for our fallen heroes, and hope that our American Legion Family, Post #991 will be part of this program!

If you have any questions, you may contact Rick Nolan, Adjutant, at 312-607-0576.

Monarch Celebration!



Monarch Butterfly. Amber Circle Studio, Adobe Stock Photo.

Join us in celebrating the migration of the Monarch Butterfly on Saturday, September 16th, and

Sunday, September 17th. Sign up at www.lakekatherine.org. There is a \$10 entrance fee (children

under 3 are free) which includes 15 minutes in the butterfly tent, a visit with animal guests, a crafting area, and a hayride around the grounds.

Release a butterfly into the tent for an extra \$5. Butterfly release can be added on payment page. Must be 5 years or older to release a butterfly.

This is a rain-or-shine event.

For more information call 708-361-1873. Lake Katherine is at 7402 W. Lake Katherine Drive, Palos Heights.



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SUBURBAN EDITION

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Burbank, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, Justice, Oak Lawn

Property values for Stickney Township released

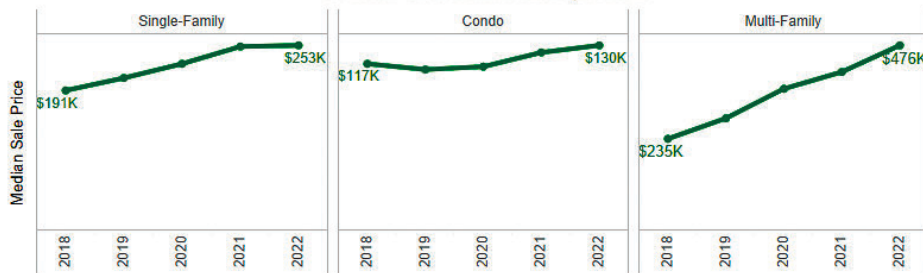
Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi released the initial assessments of residential and commercial properties in Stickney Township.

"I strongly encourage property owners to review their reassessment notice to ensure their property characteristics and market value reflect their home," said Assessor Fritz Kaegi. "It is important to understand that assessments in Cook County reflect market value over the last three years. My office will be partnering with Amy Dimas March, Stickney Township Assessor, to assist property owners and explain reassessments in their community."

"We are here to help property owners. Residents are encouraged to attend a workshop to address their concerns regarding their reassessment notices. The Cook County Assessor's Office will present information about how to understand their reassessment notice and explain how values are determined," said Stickney Township Assessor Amy Dimas March. "The workshops will provide an opportunity to determine if an appeal should be filed, an overview of the online application, and teach homeowners about available property tax savings."

2023: Stickney Township

Trends in median sale prices:



Median Assessor's estimated market values in 2023:

Single-Family \$231K 11,802 homes	Condo \$130K 547 homes	Multi-Family \$383K 455 homes
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Appeals for Stickney Township can be filed until Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

More information on our events, including in-person appeal workshops, is available our website at www.cookcountyassessor.com/event-list.

The Assessor's Office reassesses one-third of the county every year. In 2023, the south and west suburbs of Cook County are undergoing reassessment. The municipalities that are part of Stickney Township include Stickney, Bridgeview, Burbank, Forest View, and Bedford Park.

Burke measure to cut financial red tape constraining local governments signed into law

A measure to give local governments the freedom to borrow from the Illinois Finance Authority (IFA), authored by state Rep. Kelly Burke, D-Evergreen Park, was recently signed into law by Gov. Pritzker.

"By allowing local governments to borrow from the Illinois Finance Authority, a leading low-cost capital lender, we are giving them the freedom to pursue a greater range of financing options that best fit their needs," Burke said.

"During difficult economic times, restrictive regulations on how a municipality can do business benefits no one. I am confident that the IFA will be a valuable partner to Illinois municipalities."

Burke's House Bill 3340 allows municipalities to borrow money from the IFA in order to facilitate economic growth in their business communities. The Illinois Finance Authority has fostered economic development and created jobs by

providing access to low-cost capital to public and private institutions since 2004. This measure received near unanimous support in the House and Senate.

"Clearing the way to financial freedom by eliminating needless regulations is the surest way to build a stronger economy in Illinois," Burke said. "In coming months, I plan to continue to pursue legislation that gives local governments the tools they need to flourish."



President Kari K. Steele a new member of the Public Building Commission of Chicago.

The Public Building Commission of Chicago (PBC) has added a new member. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) President Kari K. Steele was selected by the MWRD Board of Commissioners to serve as its representative on the PBC.

"It is my privilege to be

MWRD Board of Commissioners President Kari K. Steele to serve on Public Building Commission of Chicago

appointed to serve as a new board member of the Public Building Commission of Chicago," said President Steele. "I'm looking forward to contributing to our community's development and ensuring the creation of quality public spaces for all. Thank you, Mayor Brandon Johnson, for this opportunity to serve."

The PBC and MWRD have worked together on various projects since 2015. The MWRD Energy Efficiency Program was established to identify and install energy conservation measures in MWRD

buildings to reduce energy consumption and operating/maintenance costs. Retrofit work in the Calumet, Stickney and North Side service areas included the replacement of obsolete lighting fixtures with LED lighting, steam blanket insulation installation, and HVAC and control upgrades. The entire program covered more than five million square feet of space and will reduce utility consumption by approximately \$811K or 8.5M KWHs annually. www.pbcchicago.com/projects-by-sister-agency/mwrld.

Evergreen Park Senior Council luncheon and program

Please join us on Thursday, September 21, 2023, as we welcome everyone back from our summer break.

We will be welcoming a Pathlights' (formerly PLOWS) representative who will present a program on the various ways this organization may assist seniors.

Our luncheon this month will be Chicken Tetrazzini.

After lunch we will welcome vocalist, Don Reitsma who will entertain with a variety of musical renditions.

The Senior Council, in an effort to support the mission of our Village Food Pantry, is asking all that are able to bring some condiments this month, for donation to the Pantry.

The meeting and program will be held at the Community Center at 11:00 AM. We are open to all Seniors. Come and bring a friend.

The charge for the luncheon is \$10.00. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, September 18th, at the Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St. Evergreen Park.

Student Council announces new executive board

Written by Jennifer Sidlow, OLCHS Staff Writer

Student Council is excited to announce its 2023-2024 executive board. The students are seniors: President Kareem Zaky, Vice President Angel Maya, Secretary Sammah Jadrawi, Secretary Amal Shariff, Hir Patel Treasurer/Social Media

Manager and Treasurer/Social Media Manager Patrycia Szlembarski.

Club advisors Jennifer Sidlow & Susan Szala look forward to working with these go-getters!

Student Council promotes school spirit, student leadership, and community service. Club

activities include the student leadership conference, Thanksgiving food drive, Keyser Family Pediatric Cancer Center Holiday Party, and many others. Members are currently planning Homecoming 2023 Spartans at the Masquerade Ball.

ATTENTION READERS!

by Annette Dixon

Village View Publications, Inc. is celebrating their 50th Anniversary for the remainder of year 2023. We will be giving away a \$50 check from Village View. Every issue we will have a Trivia Question about Village View and that first person who has the correct answer will receive a \$50 check.

New Question for September 5th, Issue.

What year did Village View Newspaper become weekly?

Sorry no winners for August 15th. The answer was 5518 West 95th, Street, Oak Lawn.

All calls and emails in order to qualify for the gift, must be made before the next issue is printed. Village View Newspapers comes out every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Staff of Village View and Printing Company Employees and their families are not eligible to receive a \$50 check. This is not a contest and does not follow the rules that govern the State of Illinois or licensing bureaus.

Bremen Township Cook County Assessor Appeals are now open

The Cook County Assessors appeals are now open for Bremen Township. Appeals for the Cook County Assessor will close on October 2, 2023, at 2:00 pm. Appeals will not be accepted in our office after 2:00 pm, as we must ensure appeals are processed/ submitted on time.

Option 1: If you are filing an in-person appeal and need to visit our office, you must make an appointment, no exception. Please be on time for your appointment, as we are

practicing social distancing in our lobby.

Keep in mind if your assessed value to which you are being taxed is more than what you paid for your home, (only if purchased past 3 years) you may include a copy of the closing/settlement statement as part of your written argument with your appeal. Example: If you paid \$100,000 for your home, but are being taxed at \$150,000, include your closing/settlement statement to help with your

appeal/narrative argument. Example: If your home had fire damage, you should include color pictures of the fire damage, the fire marshal's report and a written narrative form (available in our office) can help as well. If including color pictures, please submit no more than 3 pictures.

Option 2: Property owners may submit their appeals online after the 2:00 pm deadline until 11:59 pm on October 2, 2023. You may file your

appeal online at www.cookcountyassessor.com. Follow the instructions for online appeals. You will be able to follow the process of your online appeal, as our office will not have the ability to follow your appeal. Once your online appeal is filed, you cannot return later to add additional documents.

Our office is located at 16361 Kedzie Parkway, Markham, IL. You may contact us at 708-333-1591 press option #2 to schedule an appointment.

Why is Medicare rationing Alzheimer's drugs?

by Kenneth E. Thorpe

The FDA has recently approved exciting new treatments that can slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease, a scourge that claims more American lives than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined.

One such medicine, Leqembi, reduced early-stage Alzheimer's patients' cognitive decline by 27% in clinical trials, a breakthrough that offers hope to millions of Americans with degenerative dementia.

The question, though, is whether Medicare will allow access to these and other game-changing medications through seniors' prescription drug coverage. For Leqembi, the answer as of July is yes, but it's complicated. And the complications should be ringing alarm bells for seniors nationwide.

Medicare initially balked at providing coverage for Leqembi and similar Alzheimer's treatments.

In a nutshell, Medicare officials decided unilaterally that FDA approval wasn't good enough. Without the expertise or even necessarily the authority to do so, CMS demanded additional testing for monoclonal antibody treatments for Alzheimer's before covering them without requiring patients to join a study.

The first FDA approvals for these treatments came under the FDA's "accelerated approval" pathway, which is designed to get critical medicines to patients as soon as safely possible.

Leqembi received accelerated approval in January this year based on its ability to clear the brain of plaques associated with Alzheimer's

disease. In theory, this should have allowed hundreds of thousands of Medicare patients access to a medicine that could substantially slow the progress of their Alzheimer's.

It didn't. CMS effectively refused to cover the medicine by requiring participation in agency-approved clinical trials or an evidence-gathering data registry as a condition of coverage, neither of which existed at the time.

The CMS actions suggest that the agency was working to avoid having the government pay for the medication. But doing so violated a core Medicare tenet of equal access to FDA-approved medications, setting a dangerous precedent.

Leqembi went on to gain traditional approval in July. CMS now says it will provide coverage as long

as a patient's prescribing clinician participates in an easily accessible national registry. That's a big improvement, but it still leaves troubling precedents in place and restricts coverage to people willing to share their data with a registry.

Worse, delaying or denying access to medications like Leqembi is incredibly short-sighted. The Alzheimer's Association estimates that Alzheimer's and other dementias will cost the United States over \$345 billion in 2023, with Medicare and Medicaid covering much of those costs. Without adequate treatments, such expenditures will balloon to nearly \$1 trillion annually by 2050.

Leqembi is designed to treat patients in the early stages of Alzheimer's. Yet every day during the six months that separated its accelerated and traditional FDA approvals, when CMS was refusing to cover it for almost all patients, more than 2,000 people with Alzheimer's progressed past the point at which Leqembi could have slowed their cognitive decline.

President Biden pledged to reduce the "heart-breaking human toll" of Alzheimer's. We are on the cusp of doing so, provided officials at CMS stop trying to ration treatments.

Kenneth E. Thorpe is chair of the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University. He is also chairman of the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease.

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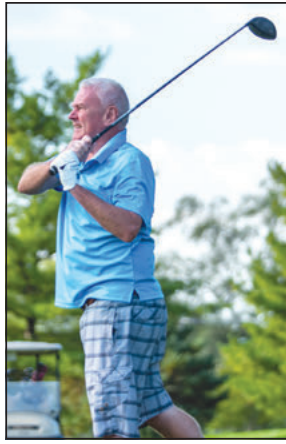
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The Brief report of local gossip

by Annette Dixon

Gaelic Park in Oak Forest should be having a 50th Anniversary sometime soon. A little history from memory only, for I saw a groundbreaking picture in Village View when Vina O'Malley had the paper 50 years ago. I will have to confirm this from our archives. Gaelic Fest took place August 25 weekend with cooler weather, huge crowds and great food. In Blue Island, which is a city, had their 118th Saint Donatus Carnival and festival with some homemade Italian Food. I mentioned this before memory escapes me, I want to say my Aunt Angeline (Lily) Romeo baby sat me until I was 6 years old, and I remember being in Blue Island a lot on the Rock Island Train. My Uncle Joe Romeo was an electrician for the Rock Island, and they were related to the Rita Family and many more people in Blue Island. So, there were many years I was in BI for all kinds of functions. I even ran for State Rep. in 1985 campaigning in

the West Side of BI and knew the current Mayor's uncle. Yes, this is a small world.

Recently I read a religious newspaper and saw many good stories that I will be mentioning about, and St. Donatus Church was mentioned with photos. There was an article about the Archdiocese of Chicago dedicating their new studio for radio and television ministry. The article brought me back to 1981 when I graduated from Governor State University with an undergrad degree in Media Communications. My first job application was with the Archdiocese for a job in Television. I lost that opportunity to a nun with a master's in theology, she had no experience in Media Communication. At least I had one year of experience in filming the inside of the Rialto Theater renovations in Joliet.

Lastly and most important was the part where one woman made history of remembrance and never forget. It happened in 1955, I was in seventh grade in a predominantly all black

school. There were many groups of kids debating each other on their issues as to what should or should not have taken place in Mississippi. Emmitt Till was known personally by only a couple people since our school was at 59th and Princeton in Chicago and he was from 6427 South St. Lawrence, but it was his mother who made the headlines and demanded that regardless how cruel it would be to have an open casket, she wanted the world to see what was done to her son. Even the funeral home had to fight for her and with her, against ordinances, in the City of Chicago.

Obituary

Our condolences to the family of James J. O'Conner, Former CEO of Commonwealth Edison until 1998. It was Mr. O'Connor who gave Village View their first contract with a large company for many years. This man was so well liked by everyone who ever met him. He was the founding chairman of Big Shoulders Fund, he died July 31, 2023.

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by Annette Dixon
 Our society tells us that we need more fresh food in our daily intake, which means staples such as meat for protein, vegetables and fruits should be on a daily basis. Our doctors will tell us the same thing but, we should drink more water. Have you gone to the grocery store lately and find the prices outrageously expensive? One of our customers was complaining about the prices and when I went to the southside meat markets, I found their prices much lower than Chicago. This article is about sale prices and what you need to know if you are using a mobile device in the store. In the Jewel Store, for example in Chicago, they

will have sale prices listed with a plaque indicating the price of the sale. You have to get the QR code on the phone before you get the correct price at the register when checking out with your phone number. I found out later, when I checked my register tape before I left the store that I was charged regular price, and not the sale price on several sale items. When I went to the service clerk, she said I needed a Jewel App and I showed her that I had one. When she looked for the items, they were not listed correctly because she said I would have to click twice in order for them to be entered into my phone. I know I have an I-phone SE model 2020, but only

have problems with Jewel, Rush Hospital, Roosevelt Showcase Theater. Sometimes I think this technology is hindering my ability to think, I can use the phone and have no problems, but after talking with a few younger, more astute people, they have problems also, it is that they have learned to compensate much better on their phone than I have. It was so annoying for me one day when I was with a friend and was trying to use my show card to record a discount instead of paying full price. So at least the assistant helped me, and all was well. But again, I felt inadequate because I was not able to handle that situation with their equipment, therefore, could not select the

seats or pay with my credit card properly, without help. There again in the South Suburbs I would be able to go to the movie theater for less money. In Chicago in the afternoon, we would pay \$15 but with the card it is \$10. I'm sure the suburbs have better discounts or at least would give popcorn with the \$10 afternoon price. Another pet peeve is the cost of Gasoline in Chicago, so when I am in the South Suburbs, I purchase all of my needs in Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn, and Chicago Ridge, their taxes are lower than Chicago at their prices of goods are lower also. I know that Chicago had many issues with stolen goods and property damages, but it is costing us the taxpayer more money. News have reported that high jacking and stolen cars are a problem in the South Suburbs and I'm sure that the police depart-

ments are much more alert and on detail more than in Chicago. I am very confident that the people in the Suburbs will be on the alert and watch for each other and report any mishaps or dangerous situations. We need to have a vigilant attitude and not think all is okay as we venture out onto the street. As one

person once said to me many years ago, keep your eyes open and be alert at all times, that must mean not to be on the phone and to observe what is around you. After re-reading this article I'm sure it is not only about groceries, but some good advice for me to rethink what my needs will be in the future.

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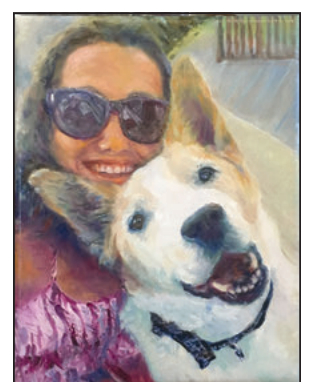
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"Girl and Dog" by Catherine Trezek. Photo by Catherine Trezek.

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Obituary

Marilyn Lovell, wife of former Astronaut Captain James A. Lovell

The following is a statement from Adler Planetarium President & CEO Dr. Michelle B. Larson regarding the recent passing of Marilyn Lovell.

Marilyn Lovell was a beacon of love. Love for her husband Captain James A. Lovell Jr. Love for her family. Love for humanity and the potential we each embody. Love for this planet and all its beauty. There is a lunar mountain that Captain Lovell named after Marilyn when planning his Apollo 8 mission to the Moon, and it is heartwarming to hear him speak so proudly about when Mount Marilyn was officially recognized by the International Astronomical Union in 2017.

When I pass by the image of Mount Marilyn in our Mission Moon exhibit I think of her, and how Marilyn was instrumental in the creation of the exhibition, which depicts the early years of America's space program through the eyes of Marilyn and Jim Lovell and their family.

Marilyn was an inspiring woman and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

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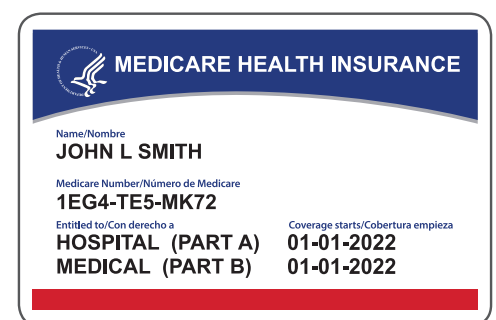
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