Senator Cunningham reminds residents about upcoming changes to driver's license facilities

Cunningham is alerting his constituents about big changes to how Illinois issues driver's licenses. Starting September 1st, anyone looking to renew their license, or get one for the first time, will have to make an appointment before visiting a Secretary of State office.

The new appointmentonly program, called "Skipthe-Line," is being introduced by Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias to end the dreaded ritual of waiting in line for hours to renew a driver's license.

"This new approach should drastically improve the experience of getting a driver's license in Illinois," said Cunningham, a Democrat who represents portions of Chicago and the Southwest Suburbs. "However, it will take some getting used to for both

State Senator Bill motorists and the Secretary of State's office, so it's important that Illinois residents familiarize themselves with the appointment-only process to make the transition as smooth as possible."

> The easiest way to book an appointment is to visit the Secretary of State's website at www.ilsos.gov. Visitors can easily search for appointments by facility, date, and time. Those who do not have access to a computer or are uncomfortable using one can call (844) 817-4649 to schedule an appointment with an operator.

> Motorists seeking some other vehicle-related service, such as title and registration or renewing license plate stickers, are not required to make an appointment and can walk into any Secretary of State facility. Many of those services can be accessed online as well.

In conjunction with the 'Skip-the-Line" program, the Secretary of State's office is changing operating hours at many of its facilities. Starting Sept. 1, the facilities closest to the 18th Senate District will operate as follows: Chicago South: 9901 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Midlothian: 14434 S. Pulaski Rd., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Bridgeview: 7358 W. 87th St., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. No Saturday hours. and Orland Township: 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. No Saturday hours.

For more information about the "Skip-the-Line" program, visit the Secretary of State's website.

Presenter Gary Wenstrup, Source: garywenstrup.com

As a musical entity The Beatles have not existed for over 50 years, yet their story, their personalities and most importantly their music continue to fascinate and resonate. Thanks to a treasure chest of memorable songs and an uncanny ability to chart fresh musical direction with each new album, The Beatles remain one of

Beatles History at the Library

the world's most popular and iconic bands.

Thursday, August 24, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM, Midlothian Public Library (located at 14701 Kenton Avenue) will present "The History of the Beatles in One Hour." With performance and interview clips, presenter Gary Wenstrup will trace the arc of the Beatles' career from their development in Liverpool, through Beatlemania, into their psychedelic phase and finally their dissolution.

After a rewarding career in advertising sales, Gary Wenstrup retired and developed courses on the Beatles, Simon & Garfunkel and Motown Records for the Continuing Education Department of College of DuPage. Gary has lectured at over 100 libraries across the country. Gary's Beatles presentation was deemed "The Best of The Best" by the Library Administrators Conference of Northern Illinois (LACONI). Gary is also a reoccurring guest on the popular podcast "Something about the

The presentation is free, but registration is requested. To register or for more information about this and other events at the library, visit midlothianlibrary.org and click "EVENTS" or call (708) 535-2027.

We're getting ready for the 2024 PackUp!

Tuesday, March 19 and Wednesday, March 20, 2024, we need you to join us for this oneof-a-kind volunteer opportunity.

We are looking for 150 volunteers to make this event a success. Your help will positively impact the lives of people with disabilities.

Sertoma Centre has once again been selected to receive donated merchandise from the Inspired Home Show at McCormick Place. With your help at the PackUp, we'll have over \$200,000 in brand-new housewares merchandise to put on sale at our next Super Sale Event on April 13 and 14, 2024. All proceeds benefit Sertoma Centre's consumers and programs.

Contact Gwen Rucker, Volunteer Services Manager, at 708-730-6210 or grucker@ sertomacentre.org.

Two Marist students awarded Gaelic Park Irish Heritage Scholarship

Marist High School 4200 W. 115th Street, Chicago, IL, 773-881-5300, Chicago's premier coed Catholic college preparatory high school, announces two

students have been awarded the Gaelic Park Irish Heritage Scholarship for the 2023-2024 school year.

Marist seniors Daniel Gallagher and Addison



Daniel Gallagher and Addison McBride, Marketing & Communications, Marist High School

McBride were selected as recipients for the scholarship. Daniel is a student ambassador and volunteers. Daniel and his family have raised over \$130,000 for Misericordia over the past 10 years. He has been recognized for his academic excellence and named to the Dean's List. Addison is a part of National Honor Society, Theater, and Speech Team. She also has been recognized for her academic success and was named to the Honor

"We are grateful for the support of Gaelic Park in the awarding of scholarships to our current students," said Larry Tucker, President of Marist High School. "Marist is a standout school because of the people who are part of our community, that means faculty, staff, alumni, and our amazing students. Daniel and Addison are both fine examples of individuals who contribute to making Marist the great place it is," continued Tucker. "As two organizations that recognize the importance of culture and tradition, we appreciate Gaelic Park's commitment to supporting not only our students, but also Catholic education in the Chicagoland area."

Open House for TOPS IL

All are welcome to come to TOPS IL., 1776 Crestwood meeting on Wednesday August 23, 2023 from 5 to 6:45 pm. Come to learn about taking weight off sensibly. Our group meetings are every Wednesday at the ELKS lodge 4428 W Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL. The meetings have a weigh-in and an informational program. For more information call Barb at 708-710-8086 or Nancy at 708-388-2894.

Don't miss Saturday Front Porch concert

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy local talent at some of Blue Island's best venues. This year, we present: Andrew Moreno on September 23 at 7 p.m. at the historic Fred & Emma Cunningham House: 12808 Elm Street, Blue

A \$10 donation is suggested for your attendance, with all proceeds benefitting the artists.

Ravinia Words & Music Program

The Words & Music Program provides patrons of Chicagoland libraries complimentary lawn passes to attend concerts featuring the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and other classical artists every season. This summer season, guests from 61 suburban libraries and the Chicago Public Library

The Words & Music are expected at 14 concerts. More information on each concert and venue details can be found on Ravinia's website at www.ravinia.org.

Orland Park Public Library patrons can sign up to receive tickets for the available concerts this summer. Tickets are limited to 2 tickets per household. Patrons can request tickets 10 days prior to each concert. Requests can be made in person at the Adult Services Desk on the second floor or over the phone at (708) 428-5150. Limited to valid OPPL cardholders. Orland Park Public Library, 14921 Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462.

Sheriff Dart Warns Public of Phone Scam

Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart is warning the public of a telephone scam where a caller identifying as a Sheriff's Office employee tells victims they must send money or risk arrest.

In this scam, the offender tells victims that a warrant is being issued because they failed to show up for jury duty, and they must pay a fee to remedy the situation and avoid arrest.

To make the scam seem legitimate, the caller is using the actual names and respective titles of Sheriff's Office employees. The caller may also use legal or police jargon during the call to sound like a law enforcement official and further intimidate the victims.

The public should be aware that these types of calls are scams, and they should not send money or provide personal information to the caller. The Sheriff's Office does not request payments in this manner, nor does the Office accept payment via money transfer apps.

Individuals who believe they have been a victim of this scam are asked to call the Sheriff's Police Investigation Section at 708-865-4896 or the Sheriff's Police nonemergency number at 847-635-1188.

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Orland Grassland Volunteers Quarterly Meeting



Bobolink sitting on Wild White Indigo at Orland Grassland. Photo Courtesy: Jeanne Stacey

by Orland Grassland Volunteers

The Orland Grassland

Volunteers will start their August quarterly meeting on the 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14700 Ravinia Avenue. Our guest speaker, Dave Dolak, Professor of Instruction, Columbia College Chicago, will deliver his program, "Rocks on the Beach: Geology 101 in Sandals, a History of the Great Lakes Geology."

"Beachcombing for rocks along the beaches of Lake Michigan is not only fun, but also serves as a text-book study into the geology of the Great Lakes Region. Rocks brought hundreds of miles south from outcrops in Canada show the movement of the glaciers during

the Ice Age. This presentation will add a new dimension of geologic appreciation to your next stroll along the beaches of Lake Michigan" said speaker, Dave Dolak.

Afterwards, there will be a discussion about how the glaciers formed Orland Grassland and where evidence of glaciers can be seen. In addition, the volunteers will be getting updates from task groups on birding and seeding strategy. There's usually some pretty good treats, too! Call 708-942-8023 for more information, visit www.orlandgrassland.org or look for us on Facebook at Orland Grassland Volunteers group.



Bill O'Sullivan of the musical act JigJam Band

Chicago Gaelic Park Irish Fest 2023

Chicago Gaelic Park Irish Fest is set to make its exuberant return following a pandemic hiatus. The longstanding fest, formerly held over Memorial Weekend, features 3 stages of musical and dancing entertainment, a Performing Arts Stage, and

a Children's Tent with activities and entertainment. Irish Fest 2023 will take place on Friday, August 25 (4 to 11 pm), Saturday, August 26 (3 to 11 pm), and Sunday, August 27 (3 to 11 pm) at Chicago Gaelic Park, 6119 West 147th St. in Oak Forest, Illinois.

The Irish music lineup includes the talented west of Ireland quartet Boxing Banjo, 7-time All-Ireland Harp and Fiddle Champion Lisa Canny, and the Irish-bluegrass band JigJam fresh off its Grand Ole Opry debut. Cork-based Irish trad-rock band Gaelic Brew, Canada's fiddling and stepdancing group The Fitzgeralds, and Minnesota's Celtic rockers Wild Colonial Bhoys will also perform in addition to local favorites Larkin & Moran Bros., Liam Durkin, Dirty Wellies, The Chancers, Myles McVeigh & The Hoyle Bros., and Gerry Haughey.

Irish Fest 2023 also includes performances by 5 Irish dancing schools and 2 pipe bands. An abundance of Irish entertainment will be complemented by country-pop singer Clayton Shay, Dancing Queen: An Abba Salute, and the rock cover band 4Cast.

Please visit www.chicagogaelicparkirishfest.org for more Irish Fest 2023 information and to purchase admission tickets in advance at the best pricing. Parking is free and plentiful!

Rep. Rita Celebrates Tinley Park Land Sale Law as Real Opportunity to Improve the South Suburbs

State Rep. Bob Rita recently is praising a new state law he led this year to create a new recreational and parks showcase in Tinley Park that will create exciting new opportunities for the South Suburbs.

Gov. JB Pritzker has signed House Bill 3743 into law. The bill's passage was led by Rita in the House from his work with the Tinley Park Park District, his colleagues in the Illinois House and Senate who represent Tinley, and a large coalition of local supporters.

The bill calls for the state of Illinois to sell the rundown former Tinley Park Mental Health Center property to the Park District to move ahead with building

a multi-million park and sports complex on the site. Rita also helped ensure \$15 million was included in the state budget to clean up the property and prepare it for the Park District to take over.

Rita, D-Blue Island, joined supporters in Tinley in late June to call on the Governor to sign the bill into law.

"This is what the community wanted. They wanted to see a friendly, safe green space, recreational hub, for the entire South Suburbs," Rita said at the news conference.

Rita said the site will bring people together and draw activity to the area that doesn't exist today. The project will serve adults and children, including those with disabilities, and attract sports tournaments and other programs that benefit the entire region.

"We have watched this site sit and waste away for years and years. It's time to act, and this new complex is the right fit for Tinley Park and the Southland," Rita said.

"I look forward to working closely with the leaders at the Park Board to make this a turning point for the region, and to build a recreation and park area that makes us proud for many generations ahead. Thank you to Governor Pritzker and my colleagues in Springfield for working together to support our plan."

Sen. Cunningham and Sheriff Dart give law enforcement new tools to crack down on carjackings

Illinois is implementing a new requirement that will assist law enforcement in quickly tracking stolen vehicles, thanks to support from State Senator Bill Cunningham and Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart.

"Vehicle theft and carjacking incidents have become a growing concern in our communities," said Cunningham, a Democrat who represents portions of Chicago and the Southwest Suburbs. "With this new measure, law enforcement will be able to apprehend these malicious violators quickly and effectively, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our residents."

Law enforcement officers said they are at a disadvantage when it comes to putting a stop to carjackings because they can't access real-time tracking information after

the incident. With this new legislation, law enforcement will be able to contact auto manufacturers around the clock to ping where a stolen car is located, allowing police to find the perpetrator and arrest them before they get away.

If a driver hasn't subscribed to the vehicle's tracking service, the car manufacturer will waive all fees related to the tracking service during law enforcement response or investigation. The hotline will operate 24 hours every day of the week and will be available to state, county, and local law enforcement throughout the state for the purpose of tracking vehicles that have been carjacked or used in a kidnapping.

"Carjackings are one of the most violent crimes plaguing our communities. Too often police are blocked by automakers that have set up unnecessary red tape, or, worse yet, don't even answer the phone," said Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart. "I conceived of this hotline as a way to get quicker access to location information while still protecting consumer privacy. This is a commonsense step to address this vicious crime. This legislation will help the victims of these terrifying crimes and significantly decrease the chance that these vehicles will be used in other violent crimes, including murder or armed robberies. As Sheriff, I'm committed to exploring and utilizing both traditional and out-of-the-box ideas to confront violence in our communities and protect the public."

House Bill 2245 goes into effect January 1, 2024.

Higher Education's Role in Civic Engagement

The Palos-Orland Area League of Women Voters will host the program "Higher Education's Role in Civic Engagement" on Saturday, September 9th at 10 am at Palos Heights Public Library 12501 South 71st Avenue.

Moraine Valley Community College (MVCC) President, Dr. Pamela

Haney, will present the latest information available on the opportunities and challenges facing educators and students in our democracy. Dr. Haney recently became the sixth president of MVCC. She previously served as Vice-President for Academic Affairs. Join us and "Meet and Greet" other interested

persons from your community over coffee and pastries at 9:30 am. Everyone is invited. Visit our website at lwvpalosorland.org or follow us on FaceBook for the latest information on our events and programs. For questions on this program, please contact Sheryl Gallaher Co-President, (815) 351-3671.

Come hear Jazz, Standards and Love Songs at McCord



Fred Johnson, photo courtesy McCord Gallery

Join us Thursday, August

24th at 7:30 pm for the Fred Johnson Trio performing everything from romantic ballads perfect for slow dancing or just gazing into your special someone's eyes, or dancing to nostalgic favorites and modern sounds, this trio is a guaranteed great time.

Fred has toured worldwide with the likes of Tyrone Davis, Otis Clay and B.B. King among others, been part of the Von Freeman jam sessions, and plays horn for Mike Walters Orchestra.

Reserve your seat for an intimate evening of music and song. Tickets are reserved by calling our office at 708-671-0648 or available when doors open at 7 pm. Refreshments are included.

McCord Gallery & Cultural Center 9602 W. Creek Road, Palos Park.

Estate Planning at Chicago Ridge Public Library

Which critical documents should all adults have in place to maintain control of your healthcare and financial decisions if incapacitated? How can you direct what happens to your estate after death? Join the discussion with Tiffany Clements, Staff Attorney, from the Center for Disability and Elder Law on August 24, 2023 at 10 am at Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 Oxford Avenue, Chicago Ridge, (708) 423-7753.

Autumn in the Park Festival 2023

On The Village Green, free entry, free parking located at 8901 W. 123rd St. Palos Park. Friday, September 15, 2023, through Saturday, September 16, 2023. The parade kicks off at 82nd Avenue on 123rd. The festival is from 11:30 am to 11:00 pm.

For more info, please call (708) 671-3700.



Cirque du Soleil's world premiere 'Twas the Night Before... Photo credit Errisson Lawrence

'Twas the Night Before... by Cirque Du Soleil

Madison Square Garden Entertainment Corp. (MSG Entertainment) announced recently that the acclaimed family holiday theatrical 'Twas the Night Before... by Cirque du Soleil is returning to The Chicago Theatre this holiday season. The holiday themed show at The Chicago Theatre for 28 performances from December 7 through December 28, 2023. Tickets are on sale on now.

"Twas the Night Before... is Cirque du Soleil's first holiday show, based on the classic poem "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" by Clement Clarke Moore. Memorable lines from this cherished classic inspired Cirque's story about a jaded young girl who rediscovers the magic of the holidays. A festive flurry of love and cheer created especially for families, 'Twas the Night Before... features thrilling acrobatics, lovable characters, and a soundtrack including holiday classics re-invented by Cirque du Soleil. The show was conceived and is directed by Cirque du Soleil Senior Artistic Director James Hadley, a 25-year veteran of circus productions and live theater.

With something for everyone in the family to enjoy, 'Twas the Night Before... is the perfect show to introduce the

incredible world of Cirque du Soleil to the next generation of theatergoers.

Tickets for 'Twas the Night Before... at The Chicago Theatre start at \$36 and will be available for purchase online at www.chicagotheatre.com/cirque or at the box office. Service charges apply to internet orders. For groups of nine or more, please contact the Group Sales Department at 212-465-6080 or Group.Sales@msg.com. Accessible and companion seats are available via the Accessibility Services Department at 888-609-7599.

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Governor signs Pappas' historic property tax reform law

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Friday signed into law historic reforms to fix longstanding racial inequities and abuses in the state's property tax system spotlighted in two studies issued last year by Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas.

Pappas' property tax equity legislation will help Cook County property owners who fall behind on their taxes by slashing in half interest rates on late payments, from 18% to 9% per year. The reduction will save homeowners and businesses \$25 million to \$35 million a year, with most savings realized in Black and Latino communities.

The reforms, the state's most significant changes

program's successful traditions.

director

to its property tax code in decades, also were backed by the Chicago Community Trust, one of the nation's oldest and largest community foundations.

"We applaud Governor Pritzker for signing this sweeping bill into law," Pappas said. "We expect this law will rebalance the property tax system in favor of residents and local governments. It's a step toward greater equity and will prevent millions of dollars of generational wealth from being stripped from Black and Latino communities."

In addition to cutting the interest rate, the new law: Permits counties to use new tools to put chronically tax delinquent properties into the hands of municipalities, local developers, and nonprofit organizations so the properties may be more quickly rehabilitated; Closes loopholes that have allowed tax buyers, mostly hedge funds, private equity firms and lawyers, to drain \$40 million each year from governments serving mostly Black and Latino residents.

Pappas' office began drafting the legislation following the release of two studies by her research team, "How Wealthy Investors are Making Millions Exploiting Illinois' Property Tax Law" and "Maps of Inequality." You can read those studies at www.cookcountytreasurer. com. The new law is to take effect January 1, 2024.



Moraine Valley Community College's new director, General McArthur III.

"I want more student-athletes to graduate but also have a good experience while they are here, have them more involved on campus with more community exposure. We

Finn, also the men's basketball coach for the first 23 years,

built the program as only the second Moraine Valley AD.

McArthur is excited to take over the reins and maintain the

New Moraine Valley Athletics

director (AD) at Moraine Valley Community College. McArthur has been adjusting to the new role, vacated by Bill Finn when he retired June 30 after 43 years at the college.

General McArthur III recently became the new Athletics

need to make sure they're as prepared as possible when they transfer and graduate. I also want our campus to be excited about Athletics because we have great teams," he said. "I, of course, want to bring the All-Sports trophy back here. I want to win academically and athletically."

McArthur's background in sports includes playing baseball in high school and basketball intramurally. For the last 21 summers, he's coached park district or travel baseball, starting with his son's team. He's even coached overseas. He knows junior college sports because his son played baseball at one, so he understands what the student-athletes deal with on a daily basis.

In his role prior to becoming AD, McArthur worked with hundreds of students and helped the Cyclones baseball team for a time. Finn introduced him to aspects of the job, so he'd be ready to jump in.

"General has really done a fantastic job learning the nuances of being a college athletic director in the past three years. Moraine Valley's amazing, successful athletic history regionally and nationally is in good hands," Finn commented.

For updates on Cyclones Athletics, visit mvcyclones.com.



Local residents are invited to enjoy cool lemonade, along with treats, activities and live music at Family Fun Day. Photo by Marc Monaghan.

Wrap up the summer with an afternoon of activities and treats at the Family Fun Day block party at Smith Village on 112th Place where the street will be closed between Western and Oakley Avenues, from 11am to 4pm on Saturday, August 26. All are welcome.

Smith Village neigh-

bors and families can enjoy an acoustic rock performance by Erik Donner, an opportunity to meet and pet animals who live at the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, face painting, balloon art, caricatures, a cake walk, games and raffles. Purchase tickets for all activities from \$1 to \$20 for 25 at the Western and

Family Fun Day block party features entertainment, treats for all ages

Oakley entrances.

Visitors should bring an appetite, too! Misericordia Hearts & Flour Bakery, Joey's Red Hots Food Truck, Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences Farm Stand and Pierre's Bakery will be onsite along with food stands selling popcorn, snow cones and tacos.

All proceeds from the event benefit Emilie's Fund, a program that ensures Smith Village residents, who outlive their means, will never be asked to leave their home, making it possible for them to continue living with dignity and security.

For more information about the Family Fun Day or about Smith Village, call 773-474-7300.

Stickney Township to Host AARP Driver Safety Class

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest refresher course for drivers aged 50 and older. The program has helped millions of drivers protect their safety on today's roads. The training is designed to help you: Tune up your driving skills and update your knowledge of the rules of the road; Learn about normal, age-related

physical changes and how to adjust your driving to allow for these changes; Reduce your traffic violations, crashes, and chances for injuries and drive more safely.

The class will be held on Monday, September 25th and Thursday, September 28th from 9 am to 1 pm at the Stickney Township Louis S. Viverito Senior Center.

The senior center is located at 7745 S. Leamington Ave. in Burbank, IL. Registration for the class is required and attendance is required for both class days. The course fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for nonmembers payable that day to the instructor. Please call Stickney Township Office on Aging at (708) 636-8850 to register.

Oak Lawn Memory Care Hosts Pasta for Purpose for Alzheimer's Association

Grace Point Place, an Anthem Memory Care community, will host the spaghetti dinner from 4 to 6 p.m., Aug. 23 at the community located at 5701 W. 101st St., Oak Lawn. The charge is \$10 per person for all you can eat salad, pasta, and dessert. All proceeds will go towards the fight against Alzheimer's. For more information, please call 708-304-8548.

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I belong to the Oak Lawn Chamber, am a Master Gardener and volunteer in Oak Lawn and Lake Katherine gardens, support animal shelters and fan of local sports. Please join me at the Oak Lawn Library on Tuesday October 3rd at 630 pm for the Medicare 2024 cost updates,

educate on what Medicare covers, new laws and the differences between a Medicare Advantage Plans, Drug Plans and Supplements.



Marguerite McEnery of McEnery Financial

Elaine Jones

The Twirling Bears and Bearettes was started by Elaine Jones in 1999. They have been a part of the south suburbs ever since. They have won numerous awards including state, regional and national titles. Jones points out that was dedication, hard work, practice and sticking with it year after year, students can achieve in these sports.

Elaine Jones has been twirling baton since she was 9 years old. She became a judge in 1988 in the USTA, (United States Twirling Association). She began coaching at age 15. Elaine possesses a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She has earned judging certificates in all baton organizations in the U.S. In 2022 she had the honor of becoming the first black female judge for the NBTA, (National Baton Twirling Association), judging twice now at their Nationals and judged the Canadian National Baton Twirling Association championships this summer.

The group currently practices out of the Oak Lawn Pavilion and other locations in the south suburbs. Anyone ages 5 and over can join.

Come learn, baton twirling, pom poms and flag spinning. Registration for this year will be on Monday August 28th and Monday September 18th, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the



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Karen Metcalfe

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her home. Over the years, she added staff and took over another bedroom, the family room, and when she was contemplating permanently turning the dining room table into a workspace, she figured she needed to move out to a permanent office location down the street.

After I finished my bachelor's degree, I was working elsewhere as a bookkeeper. Then I started to work part time in the evenings for my mom so I could pay for the classes for my master's degree. That eventually led to my working with

her full time.

My mom was a wonderful mentor. She suggested additional certifications, professional organizations to join, and taught me how to run the business. This eventually led to her mostly retiring and me taking over the running of the business.

I have been with Eberhart Accounting since 1990. I have a husband, Chris, who works in the business, and two children, one who works for me full time and one who does an occasional project, long

distance from California. to read, study Medieval In my spare time I like history and garden.



Karen Metcalfe, Eberhart Accounting Services, P.C.

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my father passed away in 2017. It is not easy, but we work together with our wonderful employees and appreciate everything they do.

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Brooke and Blaire Bestwina

baby chicks, year-round, but the spring is the best time to start raising them. We can answer any questions people may have, anytime, during business hours. There are always interesting animals and products that you cannot find anywhere else!

We do a lot of chicken business, but we also carry high quality dog and cat food. We say it's like a candy store for dogs in here! Also, rabbit, turtle, fish, ferret, pigeon, and all types of caged and wild bird seeds and treats, not to mention squirrel feed and different types of nuts, by the pound or in bulk!

We welcome new cus-

tomers and cherish our regulars, stop by, and check us out!

Brooke Bestwina, The Feed Store, 5408 S. Harlem Ave., Summit, IL, (708) 458-1327. Mon. through Fri. 9 am to 6 pm, Sat. 9 am to 5 pm and Sun. 10 am to 2 pm. We are closed Wednesdays.



Here is a picture of my sister and I, (Brooke on the right, Blaire on the left). Photo Credit: employee at our store.

Kathy Janes of Class Act Travel

My name Is Kathy Janes and I have been the owner of Class Act Travel in Worth for the past 31 years.

I retired from General Motors Acceptance Corporation in 2000 and then devoted my time to the travel industry. I have been very fortunate in my

Kathy Janes

career to have done quite a bit of travel. My husband, as I put it, was a very good tourist, so that made traveling a joy.

We went skiing in Colorado with our group for over 12 years and each year we went to a different destination. I guess that is how I came to enjoy the travel industry as much as I do. We even do a 30-minute travel program once a month on Palos Heights TV channel 4. Come on and check us out, we have a different guest each week.





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Linda became involved in Evergreen Park since moving to the community. She immediately joined the Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce, and quickly was nominated and elected to the board of directors. After a few years, she rose to the ranks of being an officer, and moved up to the top leadership role as president. Today, she remains a loyal and active member of the Chamber. She received a leadership award from the Village of Evergreen Park in 1996.

The Village Panty reached out and asked her to become involved. In addition to financially

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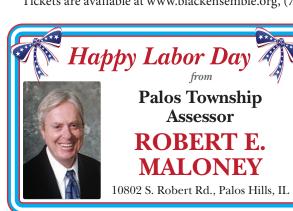
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Black Ensemble Theater continues its hit 2023 season with A Taste of Soul

Black Ensemble Theater's Founder and CEO Jackie Taylor announces the world premiere of A Taste of Soul, written and directed by Producing Managing Director Daryl D. Brooks. The production continues the hit 2023 Season of Excellence: Rejuvenation and runs August 26 through October 15, 2023.

Tickets are available at www.blackensemble.org, (773)

769-4451 and at the Black Ensemble Theater Box Office, 4450 N. Clark Street in Chicago. Performances are Fridays at 8:00 p.m., Saturdays at 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. Tickets for previews (August 26 to 27 and September 1 to 2) are \$56.50 and tickets for the regular run (September 3 to October 15) are \$56.50-\$66.50 (fees included).



Moon at the Bottom of the Ocean

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