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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood

Tickets on sale for Southside Summer Festival, featuring the BoDeans

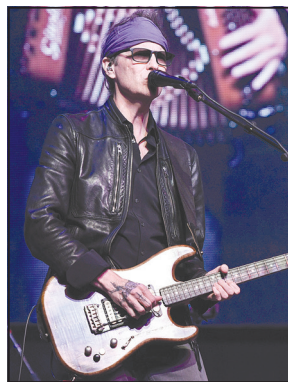
Tickets are now on sale for Southside Summer Festival, which will take place on Saturday, July 20th, from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm, at the Marist High School Stadium 4200 W. 115th St., Chicago, IL. Tickets can be purchased beginning today at marist.net or via the "GoFan" app.

This year's line-up will feature performances by Soul 2 the Bone, The Push Stars, and The BoDeans, who will headline the event.

Open to ages 21 and over,

tickets are \$35 in advance (early bird rate ends Friday, July 19 at 11:55 am), and \$40 at the door. Limited VIP tickets will be available for purchase for \$150 and includes beverages and light food.

Southside Summer Festival has quickly become one of the most highly anticipated events of the warm weather months. Thousands have attended this community event over the last two years. Money raised from



The BoDeans. Photo courtesy Marist H.S.

Southside Summer Festival helps to support scholarships and financial aid for current and future students of Marist High School.

For more information, please visit www.marist.net.

South Suburban College WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker Orientation



South Suburban College (SSC) in partnership with Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership is offering the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Dislocated Worker Program Orientation. Orientation will be held at the South Suburban College Oak Forest Campus, located at 16333 S. Kilbourn Ave., Oak Forest, IL on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 10:30 am. These programs aim to empower individuals by providing them with various workforce opportunities. The programs offer a wide array of services including career choices, training, work experience, and job search assistance.

One of the key benefits of WIOA Programs is the provision of career choices. Participants have the opportunity to explore different

career paths and find the one that aligns with their interests, skills, and goals. This support enables individuals to make informed decisions about their career trajectory, increasing the likelihood of long-term job satisfaction and success.

Dislocated Worker Grant (DWG) is funding provided to assist workers who have been laid off or terminated through no fault of their own. These grants are typically awarded in response to significant events such as mass layoffs, plant closures, or natural disasters that result in a large number of workers becoming unemployed. The goal is to help dislocated workers quickly re-enter the workforce and regain employment.

Overall, both programs aim to empower individuals with the resources and

support they need to obtain meaningful employment, advance in their careers, and achieve economic self-sufficiency. To participate in these programs, individuals must meet the established eligibility and suitability criteria. Go to the following link to register or go to Eventbrite.com and search Adult and Dislocated WIOA Orientation <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adult-and-dislocated-wioa-orientation-tickets-861537159837>.

For information on either program, please contact Brianna Wells, Manager of Workforce Development via email at bwells@ssc.edu or call (708) 596-2000 Ext. 3230 or Kenneth Cohn, Director of Workforce Development via email at kcohn@ssc.edu or call (708) 596-2000 Ext. 6040.

Big Suit: A Tribute to Talking Heads at The Lyric Blue Island

Friday May 10, 2024, the doors open at 6:30 pm, show starts at 7:30 pm.

BiG SUiT is a collection of nine musicians drawn to the cerebral adventures, infectious rhythms, and pioneering music known to the world as Talking Heads. BiG SUiT is inspired by the

film Stop Making Sense, and has recreated it within a live stage format. The road to nowhere leads to Blue Island.

The Lyric Theater is at 12952 Western Avenue, Blue Island, Illinois 60406. Tickets start at \$40.00 you can buy them online at



www.lyrictheater.com. Call 708-972-0700 for more information.

You're invited to the Worth Township Community Resource Fair

Worth Township, along with Pathlights, will host a free Community Resource Fair on Wednesday, May 15th, 2024. The Resource Fair runs from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Worth Township Hall, 11601 South Pulaski Road in Alsip, Illinois. There is no cost to attend, and it is open to everyone.

More than 50 organizations will be on hand to offer information about their no-cost or low-cost services and programs for you and your family. There will be blood pressure readings and other health screenings offered. Our website and Facebook page will continually be updated with a list of all vendors scheduled to

attend.

In addition, there will be several awesome giveaways. This event is free, so come and explore the different resources that your community has to offer.

For any questions or for more information, please contact Worth Township at 708-972-7840 or email info@worthtownship.com.

Representative Mary Gill's May Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

I hope everyone is enjoying the (finally) nice weather and start of Spring! April was a busy month for the legislature, and May is looking even busier! I have been hard at work on all my bills and meeting with so many great organizations in Springfield. I will be back in Springfield for the majority of this month: May 6 through 10, May 13 through 24.

Senator Cunningham and I will unfortunately be unable to host our extended office hours and coffee and conversation this month due to our session schedule this month. We will be back in June!

Check out our events this

month!

Our Veteran's Resources Satellite Office Hours will continue on the first and third Wednesday of every month from 1 until 3 pm at the Mount Greenwood constituent services office.

Senator Cunningham and I are offering a I-PASS transponder drop off box at our district office. As the Secretary of State transitions to the new I-PASS stickers, they are encouraging you dispose of your transponders in an environmentally friendly way. Let us make it easy on you and drop it off here and we will dispose of it for you! Drop off anytime between Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm 10400 S. Western Ave., Chicago.

Please note that only deactivated transponders will be accepted. To deactivate, either call the Illinois Tollway at 800-824-7277 *2 to order a sticker for your car. The delivery time will be 2 to 3 weeks, after which you will need to call the tollway again to deactivate the transponder and receive your \$10 deposit. Alternatively, you can also go to Jewel, pay \$2.50 for your sticker, receive the sticker, and then call the tollway at 800-824-7277 *2 to deactivate the transponder and receive your \$10 deposit. For more information, please call Rep. Gill's constituent service office at 773-445-8128, or email repmarygill@gmail.com.



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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park



Village of Tinley Park promoted firefighters. Photo courtesy Village of Tinley Park.

Village of Tinley Park promotes 14 firefighters

Fire Promotions: The Tinley Park Village Board on Tuesday conducted swearing-in ceremonies for Fire Captain Daniel

Mazziotta and Fire Lieutenants Ryan Simon, Anthony DeAdam, Matthew Sutkus, Michael Gilgenberg, Daniel Tornga, Frederick

Ford, Sean Sarhage, Brian Hoogervorst, Shane Garren, Steven Grzeszkiewicz, Anthony Butera, Louis Pruger and Randy Ludke.

Local Mokena students participate in Student Government Day

The Village of Mokena hosted Student Government Day recently. Students from Mokena Junior High School and Noonan Academy participated in this year's activities.

Student Government Day is held annually to educate and orient our youth in the Mokena area as to how their local municipal government



Students from Mokena Junior High School pose with Mayor Frank Fleischer, Trustee George Metanias, Trustee Melissa Fedora, and Village Clerk Melissa Martini. Photo courtesy Village of Mokena.

Staff members.

This year, students arrived at Mokena Village Hall to learn about areas of municipal operations such as Administration, Finance, Planning and Zoning, and Public Works.

and how partnerships are created between the Village of Mokena and local businesses. Mr. Erickson led the students on a facility tour providing each of them the opportunity to see Altorfer CAT in full operation.

Mokena Student Officials were invited back to Village Hall where they participated in "Mock" Board Meetings. The Mokena Village Board instructed students on how Board Meetings are conducted and guided them through a practice run. Parents were invited for the live "Mock" Board Meeting to see the Student Officials in action.

Student Government Day was a great success. The Village Board thanks all our student participants for their hard work, attentiveness, and leadership and Altorfer CAT for their hospitality.



Students from Noonan Academy pose with Mayor Frank Fleischer, Trustee Debbie Engler, and Village Clerk Melissa Martini. Photo courtesy Village of Mokena.

operates by allowing them to participate with designated officials. Participating students are assigned municipal roles such as Village President, Village Clerk, Village Trustee, and Village

Student Officials were then treated to a facility tour by Altorfer CAT located at 19001 88th Avenue. Store Manager, Shawn Erickson, presented on the importance of the business community

Oak Forest Memorial Day Ceremony

Join the City of Oak Forest and Owen W. Winter, Jr. VFW Post 4241 as they honor our military men and women who lost their lives in service to our country at a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 27, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

at the Veterans' Memorial outside City Hall 15440 South Central Avenue Oak Forest, Illinois. The ceremony will include a presentation of memorial wreaths by elected officials, local schools, and community groups.



Mayor Hank Kuspa presents a wreath at the 2023 Memorial Day ceremony. Photo Chrissy Maher.

Memorial Day Ceremony in Orland Park

The Orland Park community is invited to join the Village this Memorial Day, May 27, 2024, at the Ara Pacé - Place of Peace Memorial at Village Hall

14700 South Ravinia Avenue in Orland Park, Illinois at 11:00 a.m. as we honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

For those unable to

attend, the event will be livestreamed on the Village's YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVoY2SmTo5Qxjyp7H2SgODw>.

Stamp Out Hunger food drive in Oak Forest

Each year, letter carriers across the country head out on their routes on the second Saturday in May to collect donations of non-perishable food items to benefit local food pantries. Since launching in 1993, the National Association of Letter Carriers' annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive has grown into the nation's largest one-day food drive, helping to fill

the shelves of food banks in cities and towns throughout the United States.

The need is great, but you can help. We invite you to join letter carriers and our partner organizations in the fight to end hunger in our communities by participating in the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

Postal Carrier food drive Saturday, May 11th. Simply

leave your donation of non-perishable food in a bag near your mailbox on the second Saturday in May, and your letter carrier will do the rest. We will deliver it to a local food bank.

For more info and to sign-up: <https://bit.ly/3UoATcu>. We need drivers starting at 9 am and sorting volunteers starting at 10 am. Questions: janicevankuiken@gmail.com.

Business Breakfast returns May 9 in Tinley Park

RSVP today at: cmitera@tinleypark.org for the annual Tinley Park Business Breakfast, which returns from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Thursday, May 9 at the Tinley Park Convention Center, 18451 Convention Center Drive.

Speakers will include Mayor Michael Glotz, who will give a State of the Village report; Lakota Group Co-Founder Scott Freres, who will discuss the Village's Comprehensive

Plan and its relation to Tinley Park's growth and economic development; and Thomas Walstrum (pictured), a senior business economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, who will talk about economic indications and key characteristics of the future economy.

The morning also will include a complimentary breakfast with an omelet and crepe station, as well as the annual Tinley Park Business Recognition Awards.



Thomas Walstrum, Photo courtesy Village of Tinley Park

Please RSVP to Business Retention and Marketing Specialist Carolyn Mitera at (708) 444-5170 or cmitera@tinleypark.org.



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Paperless Water Billing Now Available in Palos Heights

Enroll now at <https://palosheights.il.ourcommunity-connect.com> and create your online account.

Once registered, you can pay your bill right away,

pay on a future date, view your invoice and water usage history, set up recurring payments and elect to receive your future bills via email by enrolling in the

paperless option.

Please contact City Hall at 708-361-1800 for assistance with the portal or if you have any questions about your bill.

Cook County Assessor appeal now open through May 23, 2024

From the Desk of Robert E. Maloney, Palos Township Assessor.

The Cook County Assessor Appeal is now open at Palos Township from now through May 23, 2024.

The general forms are conveniently available in the Township Lobby located at 10805 Roberts Road, Palos Hills, IL. Once the form is

completed, you can simply drop in the "Completed" tray and go about your day as comparable properties will be located and the appeal will be filed online.

If the property was purchased in 2021, 2022, 2023 or 2024 then a copy of the Closing Disclosure needs to be attached.

Please note that appeals

for condos and commercial properties are not completed here. The appeals can also be done online for commercial and condo associations. Condo appeals can only be done here if you are basing off a recent purchase.

If you have any questions, contact Heather Malloy at 708-598-4449 or assessor@palostownship.org.

Sheriff Dart warns public of phone and email scams

Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart is alerting the public of a recent uptick in telephone and email phishing scams in which scammers identify themselves as a Sheriff's Office employee in an attempt to defraud victims.

Scammers are using the actual names and respective titles of Sheriff's Office employees to appear legitimate. Scammers may demand victims provide or verify personal and financial information or demand that they make payments via prepaid debit cards, gift cards, and third-party money apps.

The scammers may also send phishing email messages from addresses designed to appear as though they are legitimate Sheriff's Office email addresses. These messages may contain a link or attach-

ment allowing the scammer to gain access to sensitive information when the victim attempts to use the link or attachment.

Scammers often use legal or police jargon to impersonate law enforcement officials and further intimidate the victims.

The public should be aware that these types of calls and emails are scams. Sheriff's Office employees do not ask for immediate compliance with orders or any form of payment via phone or email.

The Sheriff's Office offers the following tips to avoid becoming a victim of these scams:

If you believe a call is suspicious, immediately hang up.

Never give personal information such as Social Security numbers or bank account numbers over the

phone or in response to any suspicious email.

If a scammer claims to be from a specific public agency, including the Cook County Sheriff's Office, contact that agency directly to determine whether there is a legitimate reason to contact you. Do not use any phone number or email address given to you by the scammer.

Do not click on any suspicious links or attachments. If you receive an unexpected email stating you need to confirm some personal and/or financial information, report the email as spam.

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

Free Shredding Event in Chicago Ridge

Shred your sensitive documents securely. Saturday, May 11th from 9 am until 11 am at Village of Chicago Ridge 10455 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge.

There is a two box limit per vehicle. Use boxes or paper bags, no plastic bags are permitted.

Place your boxes in the trunk or back seat for

removal. A volunteer will take your items and the boxes will be returned to your vehicle.

For questions call 708-425-7700.

American Red Cross to honor Chicago Apheresis Nurse

The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago is honoring Patty Samar of Chicago, as this year's Healthcare Hero at the organization's 22nd Annual Heroes Breakfast. The event will be held Tuesday, May 14, 2024, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Hilton Chicago.

Patty Samar worked at Rush Medical Center as an apheresis nurse when she met Kirk, a dialysis patient. Samar befriended Kirk and when she learned that his donated kidney was failing, she helped launch a search campaign to find a live

donor. Samar also decided to get tested and when she learned she was a match for Kirk's kidney donation, Samar did not hesitate to give Kirk the lifesaving gift of one of her kidneys.

"The American Red Cross is proud to honor selfless people in our community like Patty who by saving someone's life, inspires us to find our inner hero," said Celena Roldán Sarillo, chief executive officer of the American Red Cross of Illinois. "We look forward to honoring her alongside the other 17 heroes at this year's Heroes Breakfast."



Patty Samar Red Cross Healthcare Hero. Photo courtesy of American Red Cross of Illinois.

An independent committee of leaders in the business and civic community selected the honorees. For the complete list of 2024 Heroes, visit redcross.org/heroes.

Southwest Symphony Orchestra presents Helen Welch

On Saturday May 11, 2024, the Southwest Symphony Orchestra presents the American Song Book with Grammy-nominated Helen Welch under the direction of David L. Crane.

Take the swing of Ella, sprinkle in the warm alto tones of Karen Carpenter, then add some soul and cheeky British humor and POW you have world-renowned, critically-acclaimed vocalist, entertainer, producer and bandleader Helen Welch. Broadway World boasts, "Helen's sophisticated vocals and humor leave the audiences breezily enchanted."

A native of England,

Helen began her career on television's Romper Room. Since her early success, she has headlined with world-class organizations such as the BBC Big Band, Glenn Miller Europe, Opus One and others at some of the UK's most prestigious venues including: The Ritz, The Savoy, Blenheim Palace, The Grosvenor House Great Room, Claridges, and many theatres in London's West End. Additionally, she held starring roles in a variety of popular musicals including Hello Dolly, Barnum, Carousel, 42nd Street, Calamity Jane and Oliver Twist.

The concert is located at



Helen Welch. Photo courtesy Southwest Symphony Orchestra.

Trinity Christian College's Ozinga Auditorium, 6601 West College Drive, Palos Heights, Illinois. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday May 11, 2024. Ticket prices are \$7.00 for students, \$25.00 to \$30.00 for seniors, adults \$30.00 to \$35.00. Tickets are available in advance and at the door.



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

Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off event in Evergreen Park

The Village of Evergreen Park and Flood Brothers will host an electronics and household hazardous waste drop-off event on Saturday, May 11, 2024,

from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Evergreen Park Senior Center 9547 South Homan Avenue, Evergreen Park. This is a free drop-off event for Evergreen Park resi-

dents. ID is required. Go to this link to learn more about items that will be accepted at this event: <https://evergreenpark-ill.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=972>.

Evergreen Park Police Department Scam Alert

The Evergreen Park Police Department is warning the public of an ongoing scam where a caller claims to be an Evergreen Park Police Officer and instructs the individual to send money in order to avoid criminal charges.

In some versions of this scam, the offenders tell indi-

viduals they missed a court date related to a traffic crash. They are then told to send money to pay for traffic fines and court fees.

These types of calls are scams. Do not send money, sign any documents through DocuSign, or provide personal information to the caller. The Evergreen

Park Police Department does not request payments over the phone, nor accept payment via electronic apps.

Please call the Evergreen Park Police Department at 708-422-2142, if you have any further information or have fallen victim to this crime.

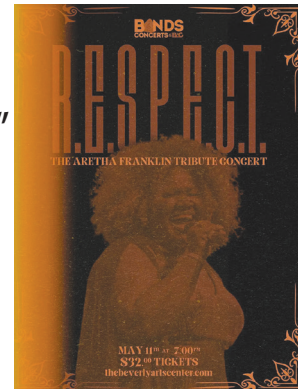
The Beverly Art Center presents "Music for Mom"

This Mother's Day, give your mom the gift of music with the Beverly Art Center's special offering, "Music for Mom." Treat her to an unforgettable evening filled with soulful melodies or rocking tunes, her choice!

The Beverly Art Center is delighted to present two captivating tribute concerts for "Music for Mom":

The Aretha Franklin Tribute Concert by R.E.S.P.E.C.T.:

Experience the soulful magic of Aretha Franklin's timeless hits performed by the talented ensemble, R.E.S.P.E.C.T. From "Re-



spect" to "Natural Woman," immerse yourself in the legendary sounds that have captivated audiences for decades.

An 80s-Themed Tribute Concert by Lisa Rock and Natalie Cordone called 80's Night Out:

Event Details: May 11, 2024, Aretha Tribute Concert 7:00 pm. May 31, 2024, 80's Themed Tribute

Concert 7:30 pm.

The venue is Beverly Art Center 2407 West 111th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60655. Tickets are \$32.00 each.

For more info and ticket purchases, visit beverlyartscenter.org or contact the BAC Box office at 773-445-3838. Early booking is highly recommended, as these concerts sell out quickly.



Pictured left to right: Angela McCann; Missy Farver; Tabatha Duncan; Renee Kuduk; Joanna Barajas; Bridgette Oliver; Tonia Rizzo-Bellik; Kerry Jacobson; Stephanie Ponders and Lauryn Babbitt. Photo courtesy Maura Bruton.

Christmas without Cancer celebrates an early Mother's Day

Christmas Without Cancer (CWC) recently hosted an early Mother's Day brunch at Deja Brew in Oak Lawn, Illinois, to honor 10 incredible mothers who have been affected by the devastation of a cancer diagnosis.

James and Sons Fine Jewelers, located in Chicago, Orland Park, Naperville, Illinois, and Schererville, Indiana, gifted each mother with a unique custom-made necklace, featuring the birthstones of each of her children.

"During our Christmas season, we adopted a local family where the father was newly diagnosed with an

inoperable brain cancer, and in speaking with his wife, she had one item on her wish list, a birthstone necklace," said Renee Copeland, President of CWC. "We reached out to James & Sons Fine Jewelers, who immediately made her request happen. Recently, James & Sons Fine Jewelers reached out to us to tell us how inspired they were, and that they wanted to do more for our mothers. Their commitment to our cause has made a significant impact on the lives of the families we serve. Through the generosity of James & Sons Fine Jewelers, Deja Brew, O'Hara and Friends

Salon, and Nothing Bundt Cakes, we were able to host a Mother's Day Bruch that was memorable for not only our families, but our entire organization."

For over two decades, Christmas Without Cancer has aided thousands of people across the Chicagoland area by adopting multiple families who are going through the devastation of cancer, as well as help with mortgage payments, rent, tuition, daycare, and travel related expenses for treatment.

For more information, please visit christmaswithoutcancer.org.

Evergreen Park H.S. gets national recognition for its music education

Evergreen Park Community H. S. District 231 has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education.

Now in its 25th year, the Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement for providing music access and education to all students. To qualify for the Best Communities designation, EPCHS answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music



Photo courtesy Evergreen Park H.S.

class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and community music-making programs. Responses were verified by school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

"Music education provides an opportunity for every student to not only express themselves with the universal language of music, but to appreciate the many different aspects of life by affecting their audience, society, and them-

selves," said Ken Kazin, band director at Evergreen Park Community High School.

Later in life, individuals who took music lessons as children show stronger neural processing of sound: young adults and even older adults who have not played an instrument for up to 50 years show enhanced neural processing compared to their peers. Not to mention, social benefits include conflict resolution, teamwork skills, and how to give and receive constructive criticism.

Your years dedicated to Harnew are appreciated! We wish you the best in your retirement Ms. Martz, Mrs. Bazarek, and Mrs. Habersat! from Harnew School "Go Hawks"



HAPPY Mother's Day

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Illinois State Treasurer I-Cash Program at Mokena Village Hall

A representative from Illinois State Treasurer Michael W. Frerichs' Office will be searching for Will County resident's unclaimed property on May 9th, 2024, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Village of Mokena 11004 Carpenter Street, Mokena, Illinois 60448.

More information regarding unclaimed prop-

erty and the I-Cash Program can be found by visiting the Treasurers' website at www.Illinois.treasurer.gov/ICASH.

Oak Lawn Village View Newspaper Archive

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Look at the Oak Lawn Library website at <https://www.olpl.org>.

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Justice Chamber of Commerce 22nd Annual Rib Roast

The Justice Chamber of Commerce will hold its 22nd Annual Rib Roast fundraiser on Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Wilkins School 8001 S. 82nd Avenue, Justice. Eat-in or pick up.

On the menu: BBQ Ribs, Pulled Pork, Bake Beans, Chips, Desserts, Soda, Lemonade and Water. We will have Raffle Baskets and Free Bingo. For more info and pricing, call 708-594-1988 or visit www.justicechamberofcommerce.com.



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Evergreen Park Senior Council Luncheon and Program

Grab your Hawaiian mumus and island shirts and join us on Thursday, May 16th for our luau. The guest speaker for this month is Worth Township, Patricia Joan Murphy. Our luncheon this month will be fried chicken with trimmings and dessert.

After lunch we will welcome our favorite, Edizon Dayao. Edizon sings and plays a variety of instruments and never fails to captivate his audience.

The Senior Council, supporting the mission of

our Village Food Pantry, is asking all that can bring paper products such as paper towels and toilet paper for a donation to the Pantry.

The meeting and program will be held at the Community Center at 11 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, May 13th, at the Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St. Evergreen Park. Questions: 708-422-8776.

Check out our website at www.vvnew.com



JCC ANNUAL RIB ROAST FUNDRAISER
JUSTICE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Presented by The Justice Chamber of Commerce
Saturday, May 18 11:00am - 3:00pm
We encourage all to come meet Justice Business Owners!

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Travel



The Best of Ireland

by Annette Dixon

Recently, there was a Tourism Event of Ireland at the Chicago Athletic Association Hotel. It was a small group of presenters from Ireland, both North and South with US Trade Partners and Ireland Industrial Partners.

We experienced the vitality the Irish have for Tourism in their country. From the North to the South they represented several counties. From the North, we first heard from Simon Petka from Lough Eske Castle, Co. Donegal and Yvonne W. McIlree from the Titanic Hotel in Belfast. A visit to county Antrim and County Down is ideal and close to Belfast.



Exterior of Lough Eske Castle Hotel at sunset in Donegal, Ireland. Photo Ben Taylor, Wirestock Creators.

Presenting Original Irish Hotels was Roisin Wallace who spoke of the B&B's, Guest Houses, and Hotels in Dublin and Cashel Co. and most of the Republic. Orla Kelly also mentioned chauffeur traveling in Dublin and neighboring counties. John Horgan was next to mention the River in the center of the city Dublin and the GPO Museum for those interested in the 19th and 20th

century history. A must meet for a walk in Kilkenny is Nevin Cody, and if you're traveling independently don't forget to reach out to the following people:

North - www.lougheskcastlehotel.com; titanichotelbelfast.com; South - originalirishhotels.com; orla@irelandchauffeur-travel.com; http://www.gpowitnesshistory.ie and www.shenaniganswalks.ie.

Drury Lane Theatre's Guys and Dolls through June 9th

Hailed as the perfect musical comedy, Guys and Dolls features music and lyrics by Frank Loesser, based on the story and characters of Damon Runyon.

Featuring unforgettable tunes like "Luck Be a Lady" and "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat,"

it's a story packed with wit, charm, and plenty of heart.

Guys and Dolls runs through June 9, 2024, at Drury Lane Theatre 100 Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. Tickets are available online at drurylanetheatre.com or by phone at (630) 530-0111.



Photo courtesy Drury Lane Theatre.

Statement from Lyric Opera of Chicago

Anthony Freud, general director, president & CEO of Lyric Opera of Chicago, Enrique Mazzola, music director of Lyric Opera of Chicago, and Sylvia Neil, Lyric Opera of Chicago board chair, join together to share news of the death of the company's music director emeritus, Sir Andrew Davis. The renowned conductor served as Lyric's music director and principal conductor for two decades, with an illustrious career that spanned the globe and

included leading significant orchestras on several continents.

Having made his Lyric debut in 1986, Davis served as the company's music director and principal conductor from 2000 to 2021. He led nearly 700 performances of 62 operas by 22 different composers.

"All of us at Lyric Opera of Chicago join the entire classical music world in mourning Sir Andrew's passing. He was a true artistic partner to me and a shining light for so many of

us. We will miss his incredible artistry, his extraordinary wisdom, his irrepressible humor, his unfettered zest for life, and his devotion to the arts and the humanities. We have all been incredibly fortunate to have had Sir Andrew as a constant inspiration for so many years," offered Anthony Freud.

The family is planning a private memorial service. All of us treasure our memories of Sir Andrew and hold Ed Frazier Davis in our fondest thoughts.

Book Review

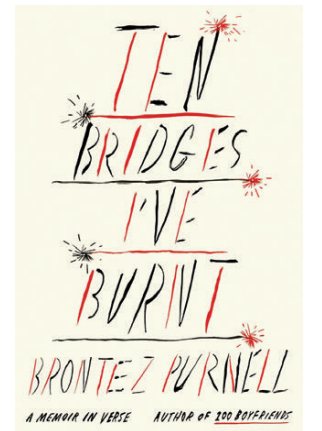
Laura McNeal, *The Swan's Nest* and Brontez Purnell, *Ten Bridges I've Burnt*

by Lorraine Schmall, Dearborn Park.

Two gorgeous books arrived on the shelves on our local library just in time for National Poetry Month: *The Swan's Nest*, a novel that begins in 1845, when Elizabeth Barrett, a young poet in possession of a significant fortune but confined to her room for four years with a chronic disease, received a letter from Robert Browning, whom she'd never met: "I love your verses with all my heart, Dear Miss Barrett, and I love you too," and *Ten Bridges I've Burnt*, a 21st-Century memoir in verse by Brontez Purnell, a poet, punk-rocker, dancer, actor, screenwriter, handsome, Queer, "troubled Negro Youth in his forties."

I chose *Ten Bridges* because we all know how *Swan's Nest* turns out and because the publisher has a blurb about certain "sexcapades." Now that I've read the book, I love Brontez Purnell. I want to be his grandmother (I just became one; it's divine) and feed him baked ham and apple crisp and tell him to be safe, that he's perfect, and must love himself more. Most readers will agree.

Purnell says the title is "a line describing how the person being interpreted has been misunderstood. And I think only the people that actually catch that, I think that's who



this book is truly for." He addresses his parents, his sister, his uncles, his lovers, his friends: "You deliberately misinterpret me, like, constantly see me only as the man who represents the 10 bridges I burnt but not the hundred that I've built."

His life has not been easy: Brontez grew up gay in Triana, Alabama (population: 400), an experience he calls "its own specific brand of horror." Triana is an EPA Superfund site, and DDT and PCB's are as numerous as mosquitoes down there. His family life sounds challenging. "Oh, my poor father, all he wanted me to do was like p-ssy and shut the f-ck up." His mother is not left alone. "She doesn't raise hell with me anymore... simply because she doesn't have the energy, what we call "wisdom" could easily be called "fading of hormonal response."

He's mockingly grateful he has never had to deal with the disappointment of "the lie of the nuclear

family" because "my parents never married and I had the privileged position of being a pagan love child." Hysterical, right? But he jumped on a train to Oakland, California, as a fairly young man "to breathe the air." Oakland. If Brontez has to deal with "whose fault my childhood was all I can say is "it took a village."

"The most high-risk homosexual behavior I engage in," Purnell writes, "is simply existing." He cannot be happy with his weight and tries to change it to get the "compliments [that] are signifiers that we are participating in capitalism picking ourselves up by the boot straps taking control of the fact that if our bodies are unpleasant to the eyes of the average stranger it can only mean a moral deficit. I do work on my body to attract members of my same sex when I could just as easily pray for the courage to die alone." No, Brontez. Keep on.



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Community H.S.

by Brian Frangella,
OLCHS Staff Writer

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and for Oak Lawn
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sophomore Isaac Bayas,
this motto is making all
the difference. With only
a year of tennis experience
under his belt, the relen-
less pursuit of excellence
is a driving force behind
his season record of 7-2
at second singles for the
Spartans.

“He has beaten out
veteran players and locked
in a spot playing second

singles at the varsity level,”
head coach Adam Winchell
said. “Isaac continues
to excel in practices and
matches and takes lessons
and plays with his dad
to improve even more.
Isaac has a real shot at
doing some damage and
qualifying in the South
Suburban Conference Red
meet and at the Illinois
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Letter to the Editor

Last summer, while visit-
ing Chicago, I had the plea-
sure of hearing the harmo-
nious song of cicadas in
the city for the first time.
Standing beneath the
trees, I closed my eyes
and immersed myself
in their soulful melody.
Little did I know then
about the magnitude of the
impending double emer-
gence of Broods XIX and
XIII this spring.

Despite a 13- or 17-year
lifespan, periodical cicadas
spend just weeks above
ground, when males “sing”
to woo potential part-

ners. The emergence of
two broods who haven't
appeared together in more
than two centuries prom-
ises to be extraordinary for
those fortunate enough to
witness (and hear!) it.

Cicadas are not harmful
to humans, animal com-
panions, household gar-
dens, or crops; they actually
benefit the environment in
many ways. Females are
little arborists, inadver-
tently pruning trees as they
dig small slits in branches
to lay their eggs. Their
burrowing aerates the
ground and improves water

filtration. And when their
short time above ground
is over, their decomposing
bodies enrich the soil as a
natural fertilizer.

These remarkable beings
are not culinary curiosi-
ties or threats to be elim-
inated. They are simply
trying to complete their
life cycle in peace. Let's
recognize the significance
of this moment for the
cicadas themselves, and
allow them to enjoy their
long-awaited, albeit brief,
visit undisturbed.

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Competitive drive pushes Delgado for Oak Lawn Badminton

by Brian Frangella, OLCHS Staff Writer



Amaya Delgado. Photo Oak Lawn Community H.S.

Even though junior Amaya Delgado didn't play badminton for Oak Lawn Community High School until this year, she made the most of the opportunity. Having earned an undefeated regular season in the South Suburban Conference Red

matches, Delgado certainly performed well, leading the team with the most singles' wins.

"Amaya took on the challenge of joining varsity without prior experi-

ence," head coach Elianna LaSpina said. "Amaya's natural talent and her competitive drive have helped her find success on the courts. Amaya has made great strides since the beginning of the season and perseveres through tough matches."

Palos Heights Garden Club Edible and Usable Weeds

Palos Heights Garden Club (PHGC) topic for Monday, May 20, 2024, will be Edible and Usable Weeds presented by Keighty Ward. Learn about the various edible and usable weeds that can be found in your own garden and elsewhere.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said "What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered."

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