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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood

Governor Pritzker signs bill guaranteeing insurance coverage for glucose monitors

Governor JB Pritzker signed legislation into law requiring insurance and managed health plans provide coverage for continuous glucose monitors, an essential tool for diabetes care. SB2969 expands safe and affordable treatment options for thousands of Illinoisans. Continuous glucose monitors are essential devices for patients with both Type I and Type II diabetes to maintain safe blood sugar levels and prevent the need for emergency medical care.

“No one, regardless of their socioeconomic status or insurance coverage, should go without the care they require,” said Governor Pritzker. “But for too long, diabetics have had to make the impossible choice between obtaining this necessary medical equipment or putting food on the table. That is an unacceptable burden to ask diabetics to bear, and this legislation will ensure insurance companies support these essential devices and those that use them”

More than 1.3 million Illinoisans suffer from diabetes. Continuous glucose monitors track blood sugar throughout the day, allowing up-to-the-minute data for patients to use when assessing diet or the need for insulin. Although diabetes is a manageable disease, the tools to monitor and control the disease are essential for that management to be successful. Failure to treat elevated or decreased blood sugar levels can result in serious illness for patients,

often requiring expensive emergency care and hospitalization.

Diabetes disproportionately affects minority and low-income communities, further exacerbating the equity gap caused by high-cost monitoring devices. CDC data shows Black, Hispanic, and Native American Illinoisans are all at a higher risk of getting diabetes. This legislation ensures the most at-risk Illinoisans cannot be denied coverage that is desperately needed to stay healthy and prevent further medical complications.

Governor Pritzker has codified several other insurance expansions into law during his time in office to expand access to necessary healthcare that has been neglected or gone uncovered by insurance providers in the past. Legislation signed by the Governor has required insurance coverage for prostate cancer and breast cancer screenings, naloxone, prophylactic AIDS medicine, over-the-counter birth control, and more. Governor Pritzker also signed an executive order during the COVID-19 pandemic requiring telehealth be covered at the same rate as in-person care, codifying that protection into law in 2021.

“The American Diabetes Association applauds Senator Julie Morrison for sponsoring SB 2969 and Governor Pritzker for signing it into law today,” said Gary Dougherty, Director of State Government Affairs for the Association. “Advances in diabetes technology are



changing lives. Continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) provides glucose readings every few minutes, allowing for improved monitoring and management of diabetes. By requiring state-regulated health plans to cover CGMs, even more people will have affordable access to this technology which can lower their risk for dangerous complications of diabetes.”

“On behalf of the Illinois Association of Area Agencies on Aging, we thank Governor Pritzker for signing Senate Bill 2969. This legislation will help more older adults and their caregivers to access real-time glucose data monitoring to better manage their diabetes and reduce unnecessary hospitalizations. We would also like to thank Senator Morrison and Representative Ness for their leadership on this issue that will improve the health of seniors and all Illinoisans,” said Marla Fronczak, President of the Illinois Association of Area Agencies on Aging

“This important new law will help people suffering from diabetes stay healthy. We thank Governor Pritzker for signing this important law and Senator Julie Morrison and Representative Suzanne Ness for getting it through the General Assembly,” said Dr. Rodney Alford, President-Elect Illinois State Medical Society.

Sarah Polley, *Run Towards the Danger*: confrontations with a body of memory

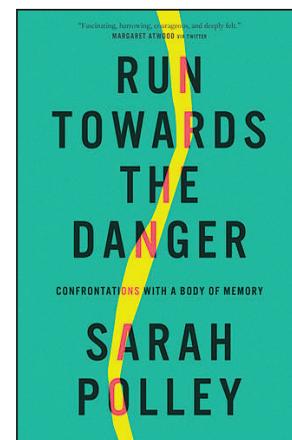
I first met Canadian actress, director, and activist Sarah Polley in her autobiographical movie *Stories We Tell*. In this award-winning documentary, 27-year-old Polley interviews her hilarious and unconventional family and friends—unscripted and live on camera, only to discover she was the accidental result of her late mother’s affair with a quite-famous Quebecois actor and director who never acknowledged her. Sarah was the last to know.

Some of us loved Sarah years earlier during her six-year contract with Disney as Anne of Green Gables/ Anne of Avonlea, the pert, perfect, dreamy, optimistic girl who bravely learns her lessons when life diverges from fantasy. We might recall 8-year-old Sarah as Beverly Cleary’s television Ramona, about whom an adult woman recently blogged; “she was my literary spirit animal. Creative, imaginative, precocious, and harboring the ability to create both sunshine and minor disaster.” The incongruity of what her fans believe and what Polley lived is stark: child actors are most often “gutted by the experience.”

Like the secret of her

conception, it was a “mystery for me” ... “why any parent would put a child, for any substantial time” in an environment that exists for profit and “their children’s well-being” is impossible. Sarah Polley not only survived childhood but continues to act and direct to high praise and with beautiful and unsettling effect; to wit, in an upcoming film, she directs Frances McDormand and Rooney Mara in *Women Talking*, about an isolated religious colony struggling to reconcile their faith in light of serial sexual assaults within.

In her debut book, *Run Towards the Danger*, Polley edges away from sunshine and optimism. “It’s difficult, when you’ve resisted telling a story for so long, to know where to start. Especially when it has haunted you not to tell it.” Dark and difficult though it is, Polley’s book will earn her new fans who will feel and hear and see what she has. Her (step?)-father’s empathy with Lewis Carroll’s pedophilia as Sarah portrays Alice in the Stratford Festival’s *Through the Looking Glass* makes us squirm. Terry Gilliam’s direction to 8-year-old Sarah to run



through fiery explosions on the set of *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen* singes our hair.

Emotional reflections on difficult births and child-raising puts tears in our eyes: “I’m nostalgic for the present, mourning its passing even as it happens.” Her silence when she should have spoken in the “Me, too” movement flushes us with shame. e vigorously nod our heads at her observation: “almost everyone’s family manages to make them feel like a failure” and to imagine “them being proven wrong and acknowledging it is... a pipe dream.”

When she suffers a vestibular concussion, we, too, feel dizzy, confused and depressed. *Run Towards the Danger* is the recovery advice she got from a noted sports physician, and we ultimately “pin our ears back” and go after life, just as he told her to do. Check it out.

Lorraine Schmall,
Dearborn Park

Fireworks are at the Falls

Blue Island’s annual waterfront celebration returns on Sunday, July 3rd. Celebrate the summer with music, food and drinks,

followed by a dazzling firework display over the waterfalls along the Cal Sag Channel. The festivities begin at 4 pm, fireworks

start at 9 pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us at SEPA Station #3/ Waterfall Park at Fulton & Irving, Blue Island.



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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

A community's quality of life is determined by the sum of its "parts".

Ease of transportation, quality of schools, recreational opportunities and local government services are all important factors when determining your family's home. The Village of Mokena, nestled in the northeast corner of Will County, is ideally situated between Interstate 80 and U.S. Route 30. Our residents enjoy convenient transportation to interstate highways, rail service and two major airports. Interstate 80, which runs along the northern border of Mokena provides easy access to I-355, I-55, I-57 and I-294. Daily, over 100,000 motorists pass through the I-80/Rt. 45 interchange with another 35,000 traveling through the 191st/LaGrange Road intersection. In addition, Mokena is home to both the Hickory Creek and Front Street Metra stations located along the Rock Island line

to downtown Chicago's LaSalle Street Station. Approximately 1,000 people use these facilities daily to travel to and from the Chicago loop for work and play.

There is no shortage of recreational opportunities in Mokena. As a walker, I frequently take advantage of the walking paths throughout our community. No matter what the season, I am in awe of the scenic beauty along the Hickory Creek Preserve and Old Plank Trail and urge you to take advantage of these local gems. Bad weather? Not a problem. The Mokena Park District offers a wide variety of recreational programs including indoor basketball/volleyball courts, walking track, fitness center, exercise rooms, etc. at The Oaks field house. There are plenty of opportunities for organized team sports,



Frank A. Fleischer,
Village President

Burros Football, Jr. Griffins Football, Mokena Baseball/Softball Association to name a few. There are also a multitude of civic and charitable organizations that would welcome new members.

The Village of Mokena employees take great pride in offering our residents great customer service and user-friendly programs, such as the prescription drug drop off location. Our employees are knowledgeable, experienced, friendly and helpful. I encourage you to contact the Village Hall at any time with your questions or concerns at 708-479-3900.

Police seeking hosts for beat meetings

The Tinley Park Police Department is looking for residents and homeowners' associations that would be interested in hosting beat meetings for their respective neighborhoods.

Police officers would

be available to come and discuss safety tips, share information on upcoming events, consider crime prevention strategies and in general work with the public to ensure the Tinley Park community stays a safe

place for families.

Interested in hosting a meeting in your neighborhood? Just send an email to Deputy Chief Larry Rafferty at lrafferty@tinleypark.org or call him at (708) 444-5300.

Mokena Village Hall is available as a temporary cooling center

In light of the extreme heat and humidity this week, the Mokena Village Hall is being made available for Mokena residents to use as a temporary cooling center. For more information on use of

the facility, call the Mokena Police Department's non-emergency number at (708) 479-3912.

Make it a point to check in regularly this summer on relatives and neigh-

bors, particularly those that are elderly or may be in poor health. Extreme heat coupled with high humidity is never something to take lightly. Stay cool, stay safe, and help others do the same.

The Orland Park Police Department begins Fourth of July safety campaign to encourage safe and sober driving

The Orland Park Police Department announced plans for stepped-up July Fourth traffic enforcement with a focus on impaired and unbuckled drivers. The safety campaign will run from June 16 through the early-morning hours of July 5 to encompass three summer weekends leading up to and after Independence Day.

"It's simple: If you're driving, don't drink or use marijuana or other drugs," said Orland Park Police Chief Eric Rossi. "Our officers will be working around the clock to keep impaired drivers off the road and enforce all other traffic laws."

The Orland Park Police Department will join the

Illinois State Police and more than 200 local police and sheriff's departments for the increased statewide enforcement effort.

Use these tips to help ensure a happy and safe holiday:

Designate a sober driver and give them your keys before you go out.

Don't let friends or family members drive under the influence.

If you are drunk or impaired by marijuana or other drugs, call a taxi, take mass transit, use your favorite ride-sharing app, or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely.

Designate a member of

your party to be the sober driver.

Promptly report drunk drivers to law enforcement by pulling over and dialing 911.

Make sure everyone in your vehicle wears their seat belt. It's not only the law, but also your best defense against an impaired driver.

The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," "Drive High Get a DUI" and "Click It or Ticket" programs are made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The enforcement period runs concurrently with IDOT's media campaign, reminding motorists that "It's Not a Game" to drive impaired.

Summer food drive concert in support of Orland Township food pantry

The Southwest Community Concert Band has made Orland Park its home, performing five seasonal concerts and Summer Park Concerts throughout the year annually. On Saturday, June 25, the Band will hold their Summer Food Drive Concert in support of the Orland Township Food Pantry, in alignment with their mission to integrate with our community by promoting music awareness and providing musical services.

Admission to the concert is complimentary and open to the public. However, a donation is highly encouraged and greatly appreciated. All food and cash donations from this concert will be donated to the Orland Township food

pantry. Attendees are asked to bring their own blanket and lawn chairs for this outdoor concert. The show and food collection will begin at 2 p.m. at United Methodist Church of New Lenox located at 339 West Haven Avenue.

The Orland Township Food Pantry supplies food to low-income residents who need immediate assistance by providing bags of non-perishable items, frozen and refrigerated food, and bakery goods. Since taking office in 2009, Supervisor Paul O'Grady has expanded the Food Pantry and has made it possible to assist more than 300 families every month.

"We're grateful for The Southwest Community Concert Band's contin-

uous support of the Orland Township Food Pantry," said Supervisor O'Grady. "It is because of our community partners like them that we can accomplish all that we do at the Township. This concert is a great way to get out and have some fun with family and friends, all while supporting a great cause!"

While the Food Pantry is staffed by Township personnel, it could not accomplish everything it does without the hard work of community volunteers and the generous donations of residents and local organizations and businesses. Please call the Food Pantry at (708) 403-4222 for information on volunteering and other donation opportunities, or visit the website at www.orlandtownship.org.



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Riding Jane Crow: Black Women and the Railroad

(NAPSI)—How to measure freedom and equality in American society? One way may be to look at how Black women are treated on the trains.

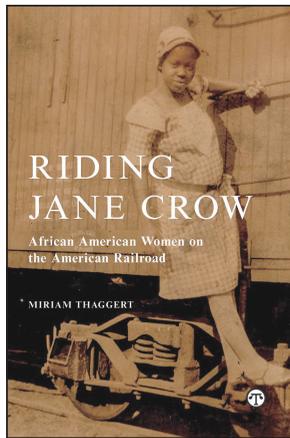
Hidden History: That's the idea behind *Riding Jane Crow*, (University of Illinois Press, \$22.95) a new book by Miriam Thaggert, author of *Images of Black Modernism*. It compellingly studies Black women's train travel and work in the 19th- and early 20th-century United States (and even in the 21st). A fascinating hidden history of gender and race based on diaries of Black female passengers, court transcripts, and the archives of the Pullman Company, illuminating the discrimination Black women faced while traveling and working on trains.

Railroad Stories: Thaggert highlights the perspectives of four distinct groups of women: Black intellectuals such as Anna Julia Cooper and Mary Church Terrell, who give written accounts

of their own travel experiences; middle-class women of some means who enact their legacies through legal recourse; waiter-carriers who work serving food on the tracks; and the maids employed by the Pullman Company on their luxury cars. Each of these perspectives fundamentally contributes to the historical train-riding experience while each woman's story yields details about that experience that go largely unvoiced.

Alongside letters and stories, Thaggert collects blueprints, schematics, and advertisements, constructing a door-to-door picture of the course that a train ride may have taken. She compares the celebratory train songs popularized by Black women to the lonesome masculine counterparts so deeply ingrained in the American musical tradition.

The book has been called, by *Pilgrim Magazine*, a must-read for anyone interested in the life of the



A new book offers fascinating insights into America as it tracks the way Black women have experienced train travel over the years.

train in American history and especially the racial underpinnings that are less frequently the topic of its story.

A Unique Train Of Thought: It suggests it's the Black woman who most fully measures the success of American freedom and privilege, or "progress," through her travel experiences.

Learn More: For further information and to order the book, go to www.press.uillinois.edu/books/?id=28nsg7gk9780252044526.

Trail Tale opens at Homerding Park June 30th

For the month of July, the Worth Park District and the Worth Public Library District invite you to walk our new Trail Tale at Homerding Park. We've put a picture book on display so that as you walk the path from the parking lot to the playground, you will be able to read a story as a family. At the end, scan the QR code and fill out our quick survey for the chance to win a four pack of tickets to the Brookfield Zoo!

We will be featuring the book *Perfectly Pegasus* by Jessie Sima and will be hosting a ribbon cutting and Storytime on June 30th at 11am to mark the occasion. This new way of reading together allows children to interact with their grownups around literacy in a different way, encouraging them to ask questions, lead the group as you walk and read, and learn how to follow a story in sequence. All while enjoying one of

the beautiful parks that the Worth Park District has to offer and engaging in physical activity as a family. This activity can be done anytime the park is open and done at your own pace or even over and over, as we know how kids like to do.

For additional information, visit the Worth Public Library's website at www.worthlibrary.com. Worth Public Library District at 6917 W 111th St, Worth, IL 60482.

Election Day is approaching

Election day for the Primaries is Tuesday, June 28 – Polls are open from 6 am to 7 pm.

Early voting started in June. Anyone wishing to vote early can do so at the Palos Heights Recreation Center, 6601 West 127th in Palos Heights. The nearest "Ballot Drop Box" is also at the Palos Heights Recreation Center.

If you wish to vote the day of the election, there are 8

polling places determined by where you live. If you are not sure on your polling location, feel free to call the Village Hall at 708-671-3700 for assistance.

If you wish to vote by mail, you can apply online at cookcountyclerk.gov/votebymail.gov - You must submit this application by June 23, and it must be post-marked by June 28 to be counted.

By now everyone should

have received an information form from the Cook County Clerk's office which includes your polling place. It's important to get out and vote!

Important dates: June 23 is the deadline to request a mail in ballot.

June 27 marks the final day of early voting.

June 28 is primary Election Day, also the latest date a mail in ballot can be postmarked to be counted.

Annual fundraiser helps McCord

We are accepting donations now through July 20, so bring us those items you no longer want or use! Please no clothing or Electronics.

During our Gallery hours, Monday thru Friday 10 am to 4 pm and Saturday 11 am to 4 pm.

This annual fundraiser

helps McCord continue to bring the arts to you!

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

Palos Heights has Independence Day celebration

Everyone is welcome to come to our Palos Heights Independence Day Celebration on Sunday, July 3rd, 2022. At Memorial Park, Rt. 83 and College Drive.

The schedule of events at Community Park are; 10am

to 1pm Inflatable wristbands \$20 per child. No individual tickets sold at the event.

At Memorial Park events are; 5pm gates open, 5 pm to 6:45 pm DJ at Gazebo, at 5 pm to 9:15 pm Beer and food vendors tent. At 7 pm to 9pm Live band "Soda" at

the Gazebo at 9:15 pm 30 minute Fireworks show!!

Palos Heights Independence Day Parade is on Monday, July 4th, 2022 at 12:00 pm on Harlem Avenue, Sensory Friendly Zone 120th to College Drive.

Moraine Valley Foundation gala raises thousands



Confetti flies after a winning bid during the Moraine Valley Foundation's Fundraising Gala.

The Moraine Valley Foundation raised more than \$70,000 at its "Maskerade Night" Fundraising Gala to support Moraine Valley Community College. The money raised will be used for student scholarships, student emergency funds and to help support

various college projects.

Approximately 180 people attended the event, which was held on Moraine Valley's campus and was emceed by Julian Tillery, manager of theater operations and services at the college's Fine and Performing Arts Center. A live auction led by Raising

Paddles. Entertainment was provided by Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos.

For information, Moraine Valley Foundation at (708) 974-5740. Please help make our students' dreams possible through a donation to the Foundation at morainevalley.edu/donate.



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SUBURBAN EDITION

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

Imagine this. . . "George Washington Slept Here"

As a surprise to you, your spouse purchases a colonial farmhouse in the historic New England area, where, supposedly, George Washington spent a night during the Revolution. Sounds exciting, except for the fact that the home is in dilapidated condition, with holes in the roof, a kitchen without a wall, three inches of dust all over the house, and no water in what is supposed to be the deepest well in the county.

Such is the premise of "George Washington Slept Here", written by Broadway playwright legends Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, originally produced in 1940.

The Evergreen Park Recreation Department Candlelight Theatre will present this comedy classic with three performances in the Performance Hall of the Evergreen Park Senior Center, 9547 S. Homan Ave.

The production opens on

Thursday, June 23 at 7:30 pm, with a Friday, June 24 performance at 7:30 pm. There is no performance on Saturday evening that weekend, but a 3pm matinee closes the run on Sunday, June 26.

Local resident Cathi Diamond is directing the production, with a cast that includes Suzanne Noonan, Glenn Pniewski, Kevin Denny, Jack Gannon, Heather Altena, Tom Jakubczak, Michelle Pniewski, Ella Altena, Andrew Kenny, Krystyna Herndobler, Suzy Summers, Brianna Mooney, Mary Pniewski, Sophie Altena and Tim Broniec.

The play was done as a film in 1941 starring comic legend Jack Benny, although changes were made to the characters and to the plot. The story was more or less redone a few years later in the film "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House" and "The Money Pit" with



Tom Hanks.

Tickets are available in the Recreation Department at the Community Center, 3450 W. 97th Street, and you can use a credit card. Tickets are also available at the Senior Center on the days of the performance, with the box office opening one hour before showtime (cash or check only at the Senior Center). Adult tickets are \$12 and senior/student rate is \$10.

The Evergreen Park Youth Department will be on hand, selling concessions to support their fine program.

"We call ourselves 'The Little Theatre That Could,'" Ms. Diamond continued. "The Village and the Recreation Department have provided a wonderful, intimate black box theatre venue. More information can be found at www.evergreenpark-ill.com.

Oak Lawn Trustees propose "Business License Fee Amnesty" for 2022

A pair of Oak Lawn Trustees are proposing that the Village forego collecting business license fees for the 2022 fiscal year in what they are calling a "Business License Fee Amnesty" program.

"Illinois is losing the battle of business-friendliness, as evidenced by the announcement this week that Caterpillar is leaving Illinois for Texas," said Soch. "We dropped 10 spots (from 26 to 36) while our neighboring states all improved or maintained their rank."

The pair feel the Village can handle the projected \$600,000 hit to their 2022 budget because of cuts the Village made during Covid and because of strong retail and gaming tax revenues.

"Trustee Soch and I both work in industries that are getting hammered by inflationary pressures, labor shortages, and ongoing supply-chain issues" said Mallo, who manages a manufacturing plant in Chicago. "The Illinois Policy report is exactly right, we must prioritize

taking care of our businesses and find ways to cut the punitive tax burdens on them."

The Trustees have placed their Amnesty proposal on the Agenda for the Villages next Board meeting, a Special meeting scheduled for 5:30 pm on Thursday, June 23rd in the lower-level conference room at Village Hall.

Illinois Policy Report: <https://www.illinoispolicy.org/pritzker-hands-businesses-650m-in-taxes-fee-hikes-during-pandemic>.

Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce awarded two 2021 outstanding Chamber members

Members and supporters of the Oak Lawn business community gathered at Wolfe Wildlife Park Tuesday, recently for the monthly Chamber Member Luncheon.

The luncheon began at 12:00 p.m. with opening remarks by Chamber President Jim Makin of Allegra Marketing and an Invocation by Daniel Stidham from Calvary Church. This was followed by the Installation of a new Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Board of Director, Susan Latocha of Advocate Aurora Health. Mayor Terry Vorderer swore Susan into the Board of Directors with a term ending 12/31/22.

For her constant support and engagement in the Oak Lawn Chamber and the Oak Lawn Business community, the Oak Lawn Chamber awarded the 2021 Outstanding Chamber Member of the Year to the Kathleen Farrell of Oak Lawn Bank & Trust. The award was presented by the emcee Jim Makina.

Kathleen Farrell is a supportive and engaged member of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce.

She is always polite, friendly and professional...as well as organized and prepared. Kathleen serves on multiple boards and shows unparalleled commitment to each as well as to the Chamber as a whole. Kathleen is an understated person who quietly shows up without taking the spotlight, with the end goal of improving the Oak Lawn business community, our Village and the Chamber of Commerce.

Kathleen Farrell has been a great supporter of the Chamber. She always steps up and volunteers. Oak Lawn Bank & Trust is very charitable and sponsors multiple events/raffles and Kathleen is the driving force behind that charity.

A second Outstanding Chamber Member of the Year for 2021 had previously been awarded posthumously to the daughters of Helen Cuprisin of Alphabet Soup for Helen's constant support and engagement in the Oak Lawn Chamber and the Oak Lawn Business community. This was awarded at the May Chamber Member Luncheon at the Hilton Oak Lawn/Chicago on Tuesday,



Kathleen Farrell

May 10, 2022. Helen passed away November 23, 2021. Remarks were made by Helen's good friend George Cachares of Fyzical Balance & Therapy Center and the award presented to Helen's three daughters who were in attendance. Helen designed both the annual Fire & Safety Coloring Book and the Chamber Membership Directory for many years and was a friend to many in the Chamber membership. Helen Cuprisin will be missed.

For information, call the Chamber office at 708-424-8300 or our website: www.oaklawnchamber.com.

EPCHS photo exhibit and reception at Evergreen Park Public Library

A new photography exhibit titled Read Beyond the Beaten Path, by Evergreen Park Community High School Students opened in June, at Evergreen Park Public Library. The community is invited to a reception to meet the artists

and peruse the exhibit, on Monday, June 27, at 7 pm. "We are so happy to partner with the EP library again! I am incredibly proud of the way the students were able to express the theme with their own individual ideas and flair," said art teacher

Libby McArthur. Artwork will be on display until September 1. Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy Avenue, 708-422-8522 is open Monday-Friday, from 9 am to 6 pm and Saturdays, from 9 am to 5 pm.

House moderate caucus supports tax relief package, reduction in state gas and grocery taxes

Helping to combat inflation and providing needed tax relief to Illinois residents, members of the Illinois House Moderate Caucus supported a tax relief package that provides more than \$1.8 billion in aid for people and families across the state.

“With record inflation, nearly all families are hurting in some form, and this package helps to reduce the tax burden residents and families face,” said state Rep. Mike Zalewski, D-Riverside, and chief sponsor of the relief package. “By suspending grocery taxes, doubling property tax rebates, and freezing the gas tax, this plan helps reduce the costs of daily needs and provides the tax relief that our residents deserve in these challenging times.”

Senate Bill 157 passed

both chambers with bipartisan support. Key relief components in the package include:

Suspending the grocery tax for one year, saving shoppers more than \$400 million

Freezing the gas tax for 6 months, saving drivers \$70 million

Doubling the property tax rebate to save up homeowners up to \$300 per household

Increasing and expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit to cover more residents

Assisting working-class parents by giving eligible tax filers one-time direct checks for \$50 per adult filer and \$100 for each of their children.

Creating a back-to-school tax holiday for school supplies and doubling the current tax credit

that teachers can get for purchasing their own classroom materials

This relief package was passed in conjunction with the state budget, which helped to convert a previous \$17 billion debt into a surplus while providing tax relief and has led to all three major credit rating agencies issuing credit upgrades for the state.

“As I talk to residents across my district, it’s very clear that the rising cost of basic necessities, like food and gas, are having a very direct impact on people, especially middle to low-income residents and our seniors,” said state Rep. Natalie Manley, D-Joliet. This bipartisan relief plan will reduce the tax burden placed on residents and help them keep more of their hard-earned money in their pockets.”



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To the Editor:

The right to vote is a fundamental liberty of our democracy and the Cook County Clerk’s Office places the utmost importance on protecting and preserving that right.

Right now, one of the greatest threats to the integrity of our elections is the tremendous amount of disinformation and misinformation that is circulating on websites and social media, implying widespread fraud or misconduct in election operations. Understandably, this has caused fear and confusion for many voters.

That is why my office has created a new “Trusted Source” webpage that provides detailed information about election transparency and integrity. The webpage contains detailed FAQs to address voter concerns about allegations of election fraud as well as questions about voter identification, the processing of ballots, and mail ballot drop boxes. There are separate, detailed sections that focus on questions about voting by mail and methods to ensure election transparency and integrity. The page also provides a list of other trusted election sources at the national, state, and local levels. The webpage also outlines the extensive measures that the Clerk’s Office takes to protect the electoral process and to offer safe and accessible voting methods. Some of these measures include a voter registration process that ensures only those meeting state eligibility



requirements can vote and tracks those who have cast a ballot; extensive cybersecurity protections; extended Early Voting; a secure Vote by Mail process; and secure ballot drop boxes at county-wide polling locations.

The real truth is that elections are administered by state and local officials who implement numerous safeguards to protect the secu-

city of your vote, pursuant to state and federal laws and processes. As the election authority for suburban Cook County, nothing is as important as ensuring that voters have complete faith and confidence in the security of our elections.

As we approach the June 28 Gubernatorial Primary Election, I strongly encourage all voters to visit our new Trusted Source webpage to have their questions and concerns answered and to learn details about the many facets of the elections process. Knowledge is power and an educated voter is the key component to meaningful participation in our voting process. Karen A. Yarbrough Cook County Clerk.

SHERIFF DART

FIGHTS FOR COOK COUNTY

■ Sheriff Dart organized the movement to ban untraceable ghost guns and is leading the charge to stop violent criminals who aren’t allowed to possess firearms from purchasing ammunition.

■ Taking illegal guns off our streets and going after the violent gangs that threaten the safety of our neighborhoods.



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Oak Lawn Village View Newspaper Archive
Explore digitized microfilm from the Oak Lawn Village View.
Hosted by the Internet Archive.
Look at the Oak Lawn Library website at <https://www.olpl.org>.

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www.bpcia.org | Justice Chamber of Commerce
www.villageofjustice.org |
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Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady announces the Supervisor's Supper Club

Are you looking to try new restaurants and meet new friends? This club might be perfect for you. Join Supervisor Paul O'Grady and other Orland Township senior residents for food, drinks, and fun!

The Supervisor's Supper Club will meet quarterly for dinner at different local restaurants. There is no cost to join the club and attend meetings, but bringing a monetary or non-perishable food donation for the Orland Township Food Pantry to each dinner is highly encouraged and greatly appreciated. After joining, members will receive alerts of upcoming meetings in order to reserve their dinner place. Email pogsupperclub@gmail.com to join today! Those in need of assistance registering may call Orland Township at (708) 403-4222.

"The Supervisor's Supper Club is a great way to make meaningful connections and stay active in the community, by trying different local restaurants and meeting fellow residents." Said O'Grady.

Registered members are invited to reserve their dinner place with Supervisor O'Grady at sip Wine Bar, located at 17424 Oak Park Ave. in Tinley Park for the first meeting on Thursday, June 28 at 5 p.m. Reserve your spot for dinner and drinks by emailing pogsupperclub@gmail.com, or by calling the Township.

For more information on programs, services, and events being held at Orland Township, visit the website, orlandtownship.org. Follow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/supervisorogrady.

Primary early voting is at the City of Oak Forest city hall

For the June 28, 2022 Gubernatorial Primary Election, traditional Early Voting will take place June 13 through June 27. For the November 8 Gubernatorial Election, traditional Early Voting will take place October 24 through November 7.

The City of Oak Forest hosts Cook County staff for the early voting period for the June 28 gubernatorial primary election.

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Mercy Circle Murder Mystery dinner raises funds to purchase a new communication system for residents



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John and Cindy Lunz of Mt. Greenwood share a moment at the Murder Mystery Dinner, a fundraiser for Mercy Circle, a senior living community in Chicago's Mt. Greenwood neighborhood.

The event exceeded fundraising goals, benefiting residents of Mercy Circle by funding a new campus communication system including large TV screens displaying calendars of upcoming events, daily menus and important messages throughout the community, according to Mary Bannon, major gifts officer for Mercy Circle and organizer for this fundraiser.

Produced by Murder Mystery Company, the performance, titled "Death of a Gangster," is set in a speakeasy during the Jazz Age. The theater department at Mother McAuley High School loaned costumes so the staff and servers can be a part of the action and 115 Bourbon Street lent props to set the scene.

Oak Lawn Garden Club holding walk

For more information or to schedule a private appointment, please call 773-253-3600 or visit MercyCircle.org.

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Oak Lawn Garden Walk on June 26, 2022 from 1 to 5 pm. Tickets are \$10.00, and tickets are available at the Chicago Ridge Mall at 9620 South Ridgeland, and at the Village Gazebo on June 26, from 10 am to noon. Or call 708-577-3366.

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Single tickets are available today and online at lyricopera.org, by calling Lyric Audience Services at 312.827.5600, or by visiting the Box Office at the Lyric Opera House from 12-5pm CT. Discounts are still available for subscription pack-

ages and groups of 10 or more. Good seats remain for all performances, but limited availability is anticipated for many dates.

Music Director Enrique Mazzola conducts three operas in the fall: the season-opening performances of Verdi's exhilarating Ernani, part of Lyric's Early Verdi Series; the Lyric premiere of Verdi's epic masterwork Don Carlos in its original five-act French version; and the Lyric premiere of Rossini's sparkling comedy Le Comte Ory. Mazzola also conducts a one-night-only concert event featuring beloved soprano—and Lyric Special Projects Advisor—Renée Fleming and baritone Rod Gilfry in concert with

the Lyric Opera Orchestra, offering the Lyric premiere of Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Kevin Puts's *The Brightness of Light*.

Other classics include the return of a whimsical production of Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel*, conducted by Lyric's former music director Sir Andrew Davis; and Bizet's *Carmen*, featuring opera's most alluring femme fatale and some of its most recognizable and popular music.

The season includes two much-anticipated world premieres that each bring new creative voices to Chicago: the soul opera *The Factotum*, a comedy set in a Black barbershop on Chicago's South Side; and *Proximity*, a trio of new American operas that confront head-on some of the most challenging issues facing Chicago—and society at large.

The upcoming season at Lyric also features two grandly scaled productions of beloved Broadway musicals: the North American premiere of an internationally heralded new vision of *Fiddler on the Roof*, and a revival of *West Side Story*, the best-selling musical in Lyric history.

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Goodman Theatre – Join us for opening night of *Life After*



Samantha Williams and Skyler Volpe in Britta Johnson's Life After. Photo by Jeremy Daniel

Don't miss the Chicago premiere of this award-winning "luminous new musical...lush, poetic and surprisingly funny" (*The San Diego Union-Tribune*). Samantha Williams

(Broadway's *Caroline, Or Change* and *Dear Evan Hansen*) leads the cast as 16-year-old Alice—a young woman who, in search of facts, uncovers a more complicated truth as she

pieces together events of the fateful night that changed her family forever—with Ashley Pérez Flanagan (*Fury*), Lauryn Hobbs (*Fury*), Paul Alexander Nolan (*Frank*), Lucy Panush (*Hannah*), Bryonha Marie Parham (*Beth*), Jen Sese (*Mrs. Hopkins*), Skyler Volpe (*Kate*) and Chelsea Williams (*Fury*).

Rising star Canadian playwright/lyricist/composer Britta Johnson, who began writing *Life After* as a teenager, informed by her own experiences as a young person grappling with grief, performs "Poetry"—the song she calls the "beating heart" of the story.

My Fair Lady is at the Cadillac Palace Theater, tickets on sale now

From Lincoln Center Theater that brought you *The King & I* and South Pacific, comes "a sumptuous new production of the most perfect musical of all time" (*Entertainment Weekly*), Lerner & Loewe's *My Fair Lady*. Director Bartlett Sher's glowing production is "thrilling,

glorious and better than it ever was" (*New York Times*). "Every so often a revival comes along that reminds you how indispensable great theater can be" (NY1).

Boasting such classic songs as "I Could Have Danced All Night," "The Rain in Spain," "Wouldn't

It Be Lovely" and "On the Street Where You Live," *My Fair Lady* tells the story of Eliza Doolittle, a young Cockney flower seller, and Henry Higgins, a Linguistics professor who is determined to transform her into his idea of a "proper Lady." But who is really being transformed?

Lighthouse Immersive to spotlight *Immersive Monet & the Impressionists*

Guests will be immersed in works by Monet, Renoir, Degas, Cassatt and more in six American cities this summer.

Previous Lighthouse Immersive Exhibits Hailed as "A Mesmerizing Interactive Experience" (*Architectural Digest*), "Breathtaking" (*NBC*) and an "Artistic Spectacle" (*New York Times*).

TORONTO – In the wake of reaching over 5 million tickets sold to Immersive Van Gogh and the opening of Immersive Frida Kahlo to tremendous acclaim in eight cities, Lighthouse Immersive is shifting its focus to the Impressionist Movement of the late 19th century with Immersive Monet & The Impressionists: a tantalizing exploration of the



Immersive Monet and the Impressionists Photo by Patrick Hodgson

radical artists that shook up the art world in an attempt to capture both the transient nature of beauty, and the timeless beauty of nature.

"Claude Monet and his peers are inspirational figures in art history and

natural choices for an immersive experience," said Corey Ross, producer of Immersive Monet & The Impressionists and founder of Lighthouse Immersive.

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Thursday, March 18, 2021 (NAPSI)—There is good news for many individuals who care for a loved one living with an injury or illness connected to military service. They're now eligible for free professional

assistance.

Who Helps:

A new program offered by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation provides veteran caregivers with trained professionals to perform daily tasks,

including housekeeping, meal preparation, grocery shopping, and grooming.

Military caregivers nationwide can apply for 24 hours of services free through the Foundation's website hiddenheroes.org/respite. The number of available hours is limited, so caregivers are urged to apply right away.

"Military caregivers have always struggled with the enormous responsibility on their shoulders, but the risks and restrictions of COVID-19 have sent rates of caregiver burnout, depression and isolation soaring," said Steve Schwab, CEO of the Elizabeth Dole Foundation. "We developed this emergency assistance program to give America's hidden heroes the precious time they need to rest, relax and recharge."

The Foundation is managing the program in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, CareLinx, Wounded Warrior Project, AARP, and Bob Woodruff Foundation. The professional caregivers are provided by the trusted and licensed professionals of the CareLinx network and follow CDC guidelines to ensure everyone's safety.

"I was skeptical that using respite care would actually

help—I thought it might be more work than it was worth," said veteran caregiver Jennifer Mackinday. "But it was game-changing. It was the first step for me to start taking better care of myself mentally and physically."

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Wear light-colored clothing to make ticks easier to find. Tuck long pants into socks and boots.

Apply an EPA-registered insect repellent containing 20% DEET, picaridin, IR3535, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus according to label directions.

Conduct full-body tick

checks on family members (underarms, ears, belly button, behind knees, between legs, waist, hair and scalp) every two to three hours. Also check any gear or pets taken on outings.

If you become ill with fever and/or rash after being in an area where ticks may have been, contact your health care provider. Some tick-borne illnesses can be life-threatening. For example, if untreated Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever may cause death as quickly as five days after symptom onset.

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