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A Village on the Move

CRESTWOOD ADVISER

Happy Birthday, America! Just as our nation continues to evolve, so does Crestwood.

As nation states go, America is still in its infancy. At 239, even as we hold sway as the world's foremost democracy, our country still experiences growing pains. Crestwood has had its own winding journey in our small corner of this great nation. Long before the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, history crossed paths with this general area when Father Jacques Marquette, according to the evidence of his own maps and journals, is said to have traversed through what would be the northern boundary of Crestwood on his way to what is now Palos. Since that time, Crestwood has grown from an initial rural outpost to an established village, eventually becoming the thriving community robust with commerce and opportunity that we know it to be today.

And just like America, Crestwood continues in its growth and evolution. Even as we pause to celebrate the independence of our great union, Crestwood forges ahead, working with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRGC) on a plan to convert an abandoned stretch of land along the Cal Sag Canal into an urban water walk area replete with shops,

restaurants and landscaping. This development has the potential to create thousands of jobs and bring millions in new tax revenue to the Village. Mayor Lou Presta has been the driving force of this project and thanks to his numerous hours and dedication to this Crestwood will be turning a corner and becoming stronger financially for the future.

Long an impediment to this plan was the presence of roughly 700,000 cubic tons of gravel, dirt and limestone that had to be moved prior to any development taking place. At Mayor Presta's request, Governor Rauner agreed to assist the Village in disposing of this material, enabling the state to acquire it for use in construction and road repair and development — a win for the state's budget, as well. It will take approximately 34,000 truckloads to remove all of the material from the site to prepare it for construction, but the work is underway to open a new chapter of prosperity in Crestwood's history.

Work on the Cal Sag development project is underway, preparing for a new and prosperous chapter in Crestwood's growth as a community.



Crestwood congratulates and celebrates the victorious 2015 Chicago Blackhawks on their at-home win of the Stanley Cup.

Crestwood Salutes Stanley Cup Winners the Chicago Blackhawks

A sweeter Stanley Cup win could hardly have been imagined. To win it is glorious — immortal, even, some would say — but to win at home after having been denied a home Cup win for more than seven decades takes that euphoria to heights almost entirely unknown. Crestwood joins with the rest of the team's fans throughout Chicagoland, statewide and beyond in congratulating them on this incredibly hard-won honor, and hopes that they continue enjoying toting the Cup about town throughout the off-season.

Thank you to Crestwood's own Mike Gapski, Head Athletic Trainer for the Blackhawks, for his contribution to the win and for executing his role in such a great organization so brilliantly. Just two months ago, Gapski, a 1976 graduate of St. Rita's High School in Chicago — as well as a graduate of St. Rita's Grammar School — was inducted into the St. Rita's Hall of Fame for his continued pursuit of excellence. With yet another Stanley Cup win under his belt, Gapski has once again helped to do Chicago — and the Village of Crestwood — proud.

Sparks IN THE PARK

**Picnic Guidelines: Beer and wine are welcome at Sparks in the Park. Hard liquor is prohibited. Picnic blankets are encouraged; lawn chairs must have rounded edges that will not damage the artificial turf.*

Don't Miss Crestwood's 1st-Ever Sparks in the Park!

Bring your family out to Standard Bank Stadium **Friday, July 3**, for a family-friendly night of fun, film and fireworks to celebrate the new improvements to the park. Picnic on the newly installed artificial turf*. Enjoy discounted concessions and Disney's Planes on the new videoboard. And for a grand finish, stay for an impressive fireworks display!

What: Crestwood's 1st-Ever Sparks in the Park | **When:** Friday, July 3, 8:00pm

Where: Standard Bank Stadium (14011 Kenton Ave., Crestwood) *(Continue on page 12)*





Village Hall

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Letter from the Mayor

Dear Crestwood Residents,

Summer is at its peak, and we'll be celebrating America's independence and our freedom on July 4. While we're celebrating with our families, friends and loved ones, let's remember our founding fathers who fought to establish this great land, as well as those young men and women who serve every day to protect our liberty. They're the living embodiment of those soldiers who fought at Bunker Hill, at Valley Forge, at Gettysburg, and throughout the European and Pacific Theaters of World War II, giving so much of themselves — and some giving all — to keep us safe and free here at home.

Let's also remember to keep ourselves safe this Independence Day and throughout the summer. The warm weather and kids on summer vacation mean that we should be extra vigilant about looking out for kids playing, crossing traffic or riding their bicycles. Kids can be unpredictable and make mistakes — let's keep our eyes on the road and keep them safe.

Independence Day brings its own safety concerns. If you're buying fireworks for home use, please buy only authorized, legal fireworks and exercise proper caution and responsibility when using them. Better yet, attend a community fireworks display instead, like our Sparks in the Park event Friday, July 3, at 8pm, at Standard Bank Stadium, celebrating both our nation's independence and, locally, the new renovations to the stadium itself. Bring your family and friends and picnic on the newly laid AstroTurf, and enjoy a screening of Disney's Planes on the new videoboard, followed by an impressive, professional fireworks display. Concessions will be available throughout the evening, so bring your appetite, your families and friends, and let's have a great night out at the ballpark.

Standard Bank Stadium also will be the location for the 3rd Annual Battle in the Burbs, benefiting Special Olympics, taking place Sunday, Aug. 16, at 2:30pm. I'll be there, as will numerous other mayors from the South Suburbs, to once again challenge the area police and fire chiefs to a rousing game of 16-inch softball. Admission this year is FREE, courtesy of our generous sponsors.

And, once again, please keep in mind the men and women serving to protect us here in Crestwood and everywhere in the world.

Happy Independence Day,

Sincerely,

Mayor Lou Presta



Village Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings - 8:00pm-10:00pm

Crestwood Civic Center | 14025 Kostner Ave | July 9th and 23rd

Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm-9:00pm

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | July 7th and 21st

Planning Commission – Zoning Board 8:30pm-10:00pm

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | July 6th and 20th

Recreation Commission - 6:30pm-8:30pm

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | July 7th and 21st

Highly anticipated Cal-Sag Trail connects Southland to waterways



President Mariyana Spyropoulos, Commissioner Debra Shore and others participated in the recent Cal-Sag Bike trail ribbon cutting.

Officials unveiled the first half of a long-awaited trail that will connect Southland communities seeking recreation along the Cal-Sag Channel.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) joined federal and state officials to open the west segment of the Cal-Sag Trail, extending 13 miles from Lemont to Alsip. The MWRD dedicated half of the land on which the trail was built.

“We are thrilled to make this contribution and see the first half of the Cal-Sag Trail come into fruition,” said MWRD President Mariyana Spyropoulos. “This trail will connect communities and lives, and it is our belief that everyone should have access to our waterways and green space. The Cal-Sag Channel is particularly important to the MWRD, because we have been tasked with protecting and improving it, and we are happy any time we have a chance to highlight our work and utilize this critical resource.”

Although the trail has been more than 10 years in the making, area planning maps from as far back as the 1970s promoted a multi-use path along the waterway. The trail was eventually made possible thanks to federal and state contributions, MWRD

land donations and extensive community outreach and fundraising efforts from local municipalities, Friends of the Cal-Sag Trail and other local organizations.

When totally complete, the Cal-Sag Trail will connect 14 communities within the Southland and Millennium Reserve area, from Lemont all the way to the Burnham Greenway near the Indiana border. The eastern segment is scheduled to be complete by 2017. The 13-mile western segment runs along the Cal-Sag Channel from 131st Street and Cicero Avenue in Alsip on the east to Archer Avenue and Route 83 on the west end. Much of it runs through Cook County Forest Preserves, and it connects with several existing bike trails in the forest preserve system.

While more than 185,000 people live in the 14 communities a mile from the trail, more than 1.2 million people live within a 15 minute drive of the Cal-Sag Trail. Not only will the trail preserve and enhance the natural and historical qualities of the channel and Calumet River, it will provide an accessible opportunity for recreation and healthy lifestyles, said Steve Buchtel, executive director of Trails for Illinois.

“This is the most important health infrastructure

project in Illinois in the last 20 years. There is no hospital, no fitness center, no physicians network in Illinois that’s going to improve the health and wellbeing more for so many people as the Cal-Sag Trail. And as this trail connects to the communities east of Alsip and other trail systems, that health impact is going to grow,” Buchtel said.

When complete, the Cal-Sag Trail is expected to be the longest trail in the Southland and will be the busiest regional trail in the Chicago area after the Chicago lakefront trail.

The trail will be used by bicyclists, hikers and neighbors. In addition to recreational opportunities, the trail is expected to create a rise in business opportunities. The trail connects users to regional trails, transit, retail areas, parks, forest preserves, marinas and nature centers.

“This trail has changed people’s perspective about the Cal-Sag Channel 180 degrees,” Buchtel said. “The towns are talking about incorporating the trail and views of the channel into development and open space projects. People are clamoring to clean up all this invasive brush that blocks view of the river — that’s a word people are using. It’s a river now, because of the trail.”

Crestwood Fastpitch Breast Cancer 5K Run/1M Walk

On Sunday, June 14th, Crestwood Fastpitch Association held its First Breast Cancer 5K run/1M walk. It rained most of the early morning hours, and then again in the afternoon and into the evening. At about 9:00am the rain stopped as people came to register for the walk/run. The route through the neighborhood was set and marked out. At 10am the 35 participants left from Walker Park, heading down 139th to right before the Forest Preserve, continuing down to 137th Pl. and then back towards Long. At Long, the 15 runners turned left and ran the longer route through the neighborhood behind the old White Hen, back to 137th St. over to Lawler, U-turned at the soccer fields and continued back to Walker Park to complete the 5K. Meanwhile, the 20+ walkers continued down 137th Pl. to Laramie and back up to Walker Park. Once back at the park, runners and walkers caught their breath and recuperated with water, bagels and bananas.

The first runners back were the three Kingzette boys with 10-year-old Ethan leading the way. Eleven-year-old Kaila Butvilas was the first for the walkers. Encouraged by the runners, Kaila showed a burst of energy as she made her way up the Walker Park path. Ten-year-old Suzy

Brouche, with her father, was the final runner. Ethan did so well that he completed his 5K run ahead of all the walkers. Impressive!

Crestwood Fastpitch would like to thank everyone who participated in the walk/run, the volunteers who helped work the event, and all those who gave donations. Thanks to Hometown Bagels for their bagels. Thanks to Crestwood Fire and Police for leading the way and following the walkers. Special thanks to Crestwood EMA and the four EMA Oak Forest members for making sure the runners and walkers had safe streets on which to travel.

Crestwood Fastpitch was able to raise just over \$1,000 between registration, shirt sales and donations. A Certified check was presented to Little Company of Mary’s Comprehensive Breast Health Center. The hope is to make the Crestwood Breast Cancer 5K/1M an annual event, growing in participants and donations each year.

TOP PHOTO: Participants in the Crestwood Fastpitch Association’s 5K Run/1M Walk helped to raise just over \$1,000 for Little Company of Mary’s Comprehensive Breast Health Center. BOTTOM PHOTO: Ethan Kingzette (center) took First Place, Kaila Butvilas (left) claimed Second Place, and Suzie Brouche earned Third Place at the Crestwood Fastpitch Association’s Breast Cancer 5K Run/1M Walk.



Village Parking Notice



Crestwood Village ordinance prohibits parking on *any* village street between 2am and 6am. The reason for this ordinance is so police will be alerted to abandoned vehicles or suspicious vehicles that require investigations. This ordinance also ensures that all streets throughout the Village will be open to fire and rescue equipment in the event of an overnight emergency. This is especially necessary in areas where narrow streets can block large fire trucks. We will continue to enforce this ordinance. Thank you for your cooperation with this ordinance. The initial fine for this violation is \$75.00. This is a Village-wide ordinance. **PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR LATE NIGHT AND OVERNIGHT GUESTS ARE MADE AWARE OF THIS AS WELL!**

Recap of Torch Run on June 14th

As you may know, the Crestwood Police Department is a supporter of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. This last weekend, our officers carried the Torch as it made it's way to the Opening Ceremonies of the Summer Games, where the Torch Run presented FOUR MILLION dollars to Special Olympics!. This could not have been possible without all the support that so many of you have shown us. Besides running the Torch, our officers volunteered their time, awarding medals to the athletes, showing off our squad cars, and even taking a turn in the dunk tank. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible!



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5331 W. 135th Street
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JUNK IN THE TRUNK

It's a garage sale out of the trunk of your car!

Saturday, August 8

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Sellers Needed—Public Welcome!

FREE ADMISSION/ FREE PARKING TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

THE GARAGE SALE IS HELD IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE REC CENTER

5331 W. 135th Street, Crestwood, IL 60445

Sellers Fee: \$13.00 Crestwood Resident / \$18.00 Non-Resident
(Guarantees a reserved 18 ft by 20 ft space (size of 2 parking spaces) to sell your treasures)

- Sellers are responsible for their own tables and electric. **Sellers keep all profits.**
- Sellers under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older.
- No firearms, guns, tobacco, alcohol, unsuitable material or fireworks can be sold. Sellers will be asked to leave if items are deemed illegal or inappropriate by the CRWC staff & no refunds given.
- The CRWC will advertise this event in the local paper and by flyers and signs around the community.
- More than one 18 ft by 20 ft space can be purchased. Mark the # of spaces and enclose payment.
- Please return form and payment by Saturday, August 1st. You will be emailed a confirmation.
- Event will be held rain or shine. Tents and canopies are allowed. Set up is between 8 to 8:45am.
- **Questions:** 708-371-4800, ext. 2014 or email: junktrunk2015@yahoo.com
- Make checks payable to CRWC. Payment received after August 1 will not guarantee a reserved spot.

Sellers First and Last name _____

Sellers Contact Phone # _____

Sellers Email Address _____

of 18 x 20 Spaces: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Return the bottom of this sheet with payment by August 1 to the CRWC, 5331 W. 135th Street, Crestwood, IL
Any questions, please call 708-371-4800, ext 2014 or email: junktrunk2015@yahoo.com



Police Raise \$7,000 for Special Olympics at Cop on Rooftop Event

On Friday, May 29th, the Crestwood Police Department participated in its annual Cop on Rooftop at Dunkin' Donuts, raising \$7,000 for Special Olympics.

Throughout the day, officers could be seen on the roof of Dunkin Donuts, located at 137th

and Cicero Ave., collecting donations. Every person making a donation received a coupon for a free doughnut. More generous donors received stainless steel mugs for their Dunkin' Donuts coffee. Torch Run Gear was also available at the event.

Anyone still wishing to make a donation for Special Olympics can send it to Detective Chris Soderlund at the Crestwood Police Department (13840 Cicero, Crestwood, IL 60445) or he can be contacted at 708-926-7240.





We Watch, We Call!

Mayor Presta and the Board of Trustees have heard the requests of many to report crimes in our Village. Working with our Police Department, a compiled snapshot of a month's reporting will be shown here in the Adviser. Our intent is to inform the public in order to protect and be vigilant in calling upon our Police. The Mayor urges all to stay tuned in to your neighbors' well-being and property. Call our police, report suspicious activity, be aware. (911 or Dispatch non-Emergency 708-385-5131).

Police Cadet

Explorer Program

The Crestwood Police Department is looking for youths between the ages of 14 and 19 who may be interested in joining our Cadet/Explorer program. While we do quite a few activities and much training that are law enforcement-related, the main purpose of this program is to help these young people to develop good communication and leadership skills. We also provide training with other agencies, including Cook County Department of Homeland Security, Illinois State Police, Cook County Sheriff's Police, FBI, DEA, Secret Service and others. Applications are available at the Crestwood Police Station Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 9pm, and 8:30am to noon Saturday.

**CHILD FRIENDLY
NEIGHBORHOOD**
**PLEASE
SLOW DOWN!**
THE VILLAGE OF CRESTWOOD

Slow Down and Keep Our Kids Safe

For the second year in a row, the Crestwood Police Department will start the summer with a campaign to educate the motorist, encouraging all drivers to slow down in residential neighborhoods.

To show your support and to remind drivers to slow down, all residents are invited to display one of our yard signs, reminding the drivers of our "Child-Friendly Neighborhoods." Signs are available at the police department for \$10.

Deceptive Practice

05-01-2015: A woman reported that two unauthorized purchases were made with her bank card, the first one at Best Buy for \$1,406.00 and the second at Office Max for \$119.00.

05-02-2015: A man reported that he had applied for a Best Buy credit card and never received it in the mail to his Orland Park residence. He was then contacted by Best Buy through his email and received a receipt, showing that his account has just made two purchases. He was able to contact Best Buy and the account was closed.

05-03-2015: An elderly woman received a phone call from a man claiming to work for the government, who informed her that she was eligible to receive a government grant. The caller requester her social security number and bank account numbers, that she did provide the caller. Afterward, the woman realized that this was not a wise decision and was able to freeze her accounts before any transactions were made.

05-04-2015: It was reported on behalf of a victim who was under medical care that his credit cards had been used at several locations, including Target for \$172.00.

05-11-2015: A resident reported that she received a bill claiming that she owed fees for an eBay account. It appears that an eBay account was opened using the woman's identity.

05-12-2015: A male suspect was attempting to purchase (3) \$950.00 money orders from Walmart, when it was discovered that he was using a fake drivers license and credit card. Officers interviewed the suspect and confirmed that the license was fake. After learning the man's real identity, he was arrested and charged with a felony count of identity theft.

05-21-2015: A woman in the process of trying to buy a home discovered that two separate tax returns had been filed, using her identity.

05-18-2015: A female resident received a call from a man who claimed to work for the IRS. The man said that she owed back taxes and he demanded that she make a payment. The woman asked the caller several questions and he finally hung up on her.

05-27-2015: A female reported that she has been receiving several suspicious e-mails informing her that her loan was approved and is available to be picked up.

05-29-2015: A man reported that several credit accounts were opened in his name without his permission and now have numerous charges.

Thefts

05-01-2015: Unknown suspects removed a set of tires and a snowblower from a garage of an unoccupied residence in the 135th block of Lawler Ave.

05-02-2015: A trailer containing power equipment was stolen from the 134th block of Cicero Ave.

05-07-2015: Unknown suspects entered an unlocked

vehicle, ransacked it and took a set of keys in the 4200 block of 142nd Street.

05-07-2015: Unknown suspects entered an unlocked vehicle and took \$380.00 from the center console in the 131st block of Fairway Drive.

05-13-2015: Unknown suspects entered a locker and took a gym bag from XSport Fitness.

05-15-2015: Two residents from Blue Island were attempting to sell their cell phones off of Craigslist and agreed to meet a potential buyer in the 132nd block of Cicero. The buyer arrived and provided \$1,100.00 in counterfeit money. When the victim realized the money was counterfeit, the offenders grabbed both phones and fled on foot.

05-17-2015: Unknown suspects entered an unlocked vehicle and ransacked it, but taking nothing, in the 136th block of Lawler.

Retail Thefts

05-02-2015: A female was arrested and charged with retail theft after attempting to steal \$248.00 worth of merchandise at Walmart.

05-06-2015: A female was arrested and charged with felony retail theft after attempting to steal \$354.00 at Walmart.

Twelve people were issued local ordinance citations for retail theft during the month of May.

No License/Suspended Driver Arrest

05-03-2015: A male was arrested and charged with speeding and driving while suspended in the 4500 block of Cal Sag Road.

05-05-2015: A male was arrested after being involved in an accident at 137th and Pulaski and charged with driving with a suspended license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

05-07-2015: A male was arrested and charged with speeding, driving under the influence of alcohol, no insurance and improper use of registration in the 5000 block of Cal Sag Road.

Burglary

05-03-2015: Officers responded to the 5700 block of 128th Street for a report of a burglary to a vehicle in progress. Officers surrounded the area and were able to apprehend the suspect who was in the process of burglarizing a van. The suspect was charged with burglary and possession of burglary tools.

Warrant Service

05-18-2015: Officers responded to Doc's Bar and Grill for a fight in progress. One subject was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, and one subject was arrested on a warrant for DUI from DuPage County.

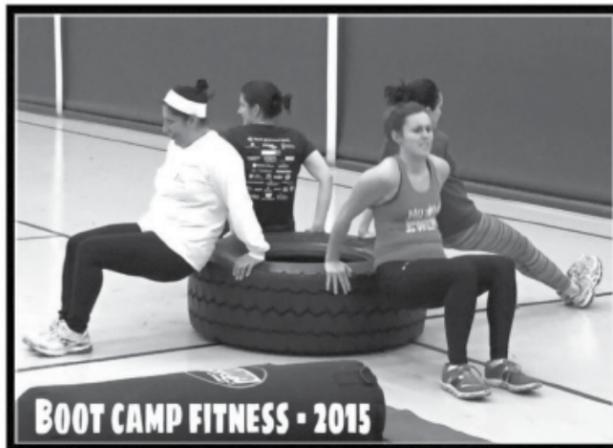
Curfew Violations

05-17-2015: Four juveniles were arrested for curfew violation at 3:10am in the 135th block of South End Lane, and later released to their parents.

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1ST INAUGURAL TRUNK OR TREAT - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Sunday, October 25th from 2:00 to 5:00 PM



Any local business or organization looking to get involved in either helping sponsor this event or being a part of this new, fun event contact us at 708-371-4800, ext. 2014.

This is a great opportunity to showcase your business or organization!

Thanks in advance for your support!
Call us for more details!!!!!!

Thanks to everyone that voted and participated in the "pick the logo" contest. We appreciate your input!

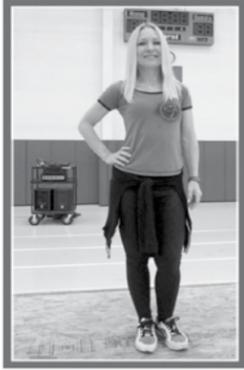
Look for more information soon about the Trunk or Treat Event!

2015—Trunk or Treat
When: Sunday, October 25
Location: Crestwood Rec & Wellness Center—Parking Lot
Time: 2:00 PM



A SAFE, FUN HALLOWEEN ALTERNATIVE FOR FAMILIES





Lynn Kata Zumba at the



Cardio Kickboxing - Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 10:45 AM at the



An All-Inclusive Membership or an Exercise Punch Card (EPC) is required to take the class.



THE SPOTLIGHT DRAMA CLASS

Kids will experience different aspects of theatre
Improv, puppetry, mime work, public speaking, skits,
drama games and more will be covered in this fun class.



Boys and Girls
5 to 11 years old
Mondays—July 13 to August 10
Time: 3:00 to 4:00 PM
Fee: \$31.00—Residents
\$36.00—Non-residents

Instructor: Erin Cunnea

Erin is a recent graduate of Mother McAuley and has had a love for the stage since age six. She has been involved in shows through the Oak Lawn Park District, Mother McAuley, the Beverly Arts Center, and the Orland Park Theatre Troupe. You may have also seen Erin at the Crestwood Rec Center where she has assistant coached youth basketball teams for five years. She devotes much of her time at Incarnation School, where she directs a Theatre Enrichment Class and co-directs and choreographs the annual Talent Show. Erin looks forward to sharing her passion for theatre with the class this summer!



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Summer 2015 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Bump, Set, Spike! Learn volleyball fundamentals and techniques, or freshen up on your skills. In this fun, three day camp you'll learn the basic techniques of volleyball including passing, setting, spiking and serving. A game will be played each day.



Camp Instructor
Lisa Agner, Volleyball Coach



DON'T WAIT—REGISTER NOW
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Tues, Wed & Thurs
July 21, 22 & 23
Entering grades 2nd thru 4th
Time: 10:00 to 11:15 AM
Fee: \$34.00 res / \$38.00 non-res
Entering grades 5th thru 8th
Time: 11:30 AM to 12:45 PM
Fee: \$34.00 res / \$38.00 non-res



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The BRIDGE Teen Center - July Activities



July 1, 8, 15 (Wed., 1:30-2:30)
ACOUSTIC GUITAR
Always wanted to learn guitar? Here's your chance to learn the basics and give it a try! No guitar needed.



July 7 (Tues., 1:00-3:00)
PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE
Volunteer at the thrift store next to The Bridge by helping sort, clean, and shelve donated items.



July 7 (Tues., 2:00-3:30)
MONOPOLY GAME DAY
Gather up your money and your "get out of jail free" cards and come do your best to buy Boardwalk and Parkplace.



July 23 (Thurs., 12:45-4:15)
BTS: US CELLULAR FIELD, HOME OF THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX
Don't miss this chance to see the press box, dugout, and step on the field of your Chicago White Sox.



July 23 (Thurs., 5:00-6:00)
YOGA
Relieve some stress and tone your muscles with this feel-good workout. Beginners welcome!



July 28 (Tues., 1:30-3:30)
HOW TO DJ WORKSHOP
Like music? Learn how to mix and mash up songs like a real DJ.

For complete descriptions, visit www.thebridgeteencenter.org.
To sign-up for a free program, call 708.532.0500 or sign-up online.

Shepard Announces Honor Roll for Second Semester

Alan B. Shepard High School in Palos Heights proudly announces that the students listed below qualified for honor roll through the second semester of the 2014-2015 school year.

Students with a grade point average between 3 and 3.49 qualified for Honor Roll; between 3.5 and 3.99 for High Honors; and, 4.0 or above earned Honors With Distinction. It is possible to exceed a GPA of 4.0 with weighted grades offered in honors and Advanced Placement courses.

High Honors - Freshmen

Sarah Kiwan, Noelia Perez, Arthur Hernandez, Caitlyn Piotrowski, Vivian Garza, Tiffany Kozlarek, Kate Lazowski, Omar Samad, Victoria Smith, Paulina Witek, Anisah Yassin, Kyle Figueroa, Yamili Guzman, Wendi Levine, Gerald Linnert, Klaudia Styrnik, Abdel-Rahim Yassin, Jessica Coyle, Faith Jeeninga, Hallie Libner, Cassidy McCarthy, Isabella Taylor, Jacob Yerkes, Emma McVady, Geoffrey Robinson, Francis Sarnowski, Andrew Sulko, Giselle Abarca, Cassandra Schulist, Kate Perez, Alex Molenhouse, Diego Noce, Tyler Martin, Skye-Lynn Tujdowski, Dajah Brown, Karra Flanagan, Monique Hughes-Joseph, Amara Mason, Danielle Minet, Priscilla Ramirez, Allison Wilson, Ashjin LaLonde, DaJawn Avant, Joseph McIntyre, Diana Chraca, Jordon Griffin, James Mundo, Finlay Belsky, Ayah Abualhuda, Denise Graham, Maria Sanchez, and Dwayne Torres.

High Honors - Sophomores

Taylor Senf, Adam Zielke, Mawon Brown, Adrian Cabrera, Sydney Kleina, Patricia Medina-Malpica, Ines Ruiz, Saul Tototzintle, Hailey Pizur, Emily Riley, Michael Lukaszczyk, Lauren McHale, Julia Randich, April Villeroz, Alec Makenas, Jillian MacDonald, Nicolas Harnisch, Heidie Senko, Michael Kaczmarczyk, Chad Longfield, Kamryn Perez, Thomas Quinlan, Will Jarman, Michael Trybula, Ronya Motan, Melissa Pitrowski, Courtney Cardinal, Wade Bittner, Grace Elliott, Megan Karas, Jordan Noftz, Luke Walshon, Alyson Domjan, Alex Kokoszka, Humna Qureshi, Gianna Powers, Vladislav Zhogol, Arnold McCray, Ieva Kondratas, Hannah Medlin, Annie Rangel, Joseph Newhall, Nathan Hughes, Luke Chakinis, Yazan Dmour, Thomas Nolan, Issa AlSahoury, Noe Villarreal, Alexandria Leon, Angelique Harmon, Jesus Paramo, Kyrin Heard, Nathaniel Marszalek, Madison Molenhouse, and Jaelin Moon.

High Honors - Juniors

Elijah Bal, Edmund Leyden, Paige Harkabus, Noah Oprondek, Michelle Wojtas, Heather Banis, Kerry Hermann, Felix Reyes, Sara Al-Rashdan, Kelsey Domina, Carolina Slaby, Cody Esparza, Taylor Novak, Jeremy Schultz, Lamese Ballout, Islam Sandoka, Taylor Domina, Gabriela Juszczyk, Adam Gordon, Eric Walters, Vincent Martin, Hayley Vasil, Sherdell Edwards, Milan Carter, Tiffany Gmyrek, Jacob Knoll, Allison Schuldt, Lynsey Lorch, Scott Curtiss, Ahmad Hamdan, Alaina Peters, Emma Lazowski, Gabrielle Villarreal, Margarita Frausto, Blasé Michel, Joseph Weidner, April Larson, Philip Quinlan, Brianna McDonald, Ross Wils on, Jose Beltran, and Jared Aladenika.

High Honors - Seniors

Sydney Horton, Larry Lesniak, David Donnick, Breanna Graffeo, Raven Vargas, Marie Lippert, Kristen Ryniec, Alexander Covone, Gaston Morales, Sarah Wandachowicz, Kaylee Neylon, Rachel Libera, Colin Pfeiffer, Sara Anderson, Nicole Kocanda, Summer Rice, Jamie Wargin, Justin MacDonald, Calie Edwards, Georgeann Elliott, Emilie Crofton, Shenaya Hopkins, Tyler Callahan, Hoa Le, Jaylin Moore, Alec Anderson, Eric Horbach, Emily Pierce, Samantha Culver, Andrew Miller, Abbey Linnert, Joshua Reynolds, Jocelynn Thurmond, Kenneth Gorski, Kimberly Rinck, Christopher Goldschmidt, Amy Gordon, Atoria Huddleston, Kevin Lynch, Magaly Escobedo, and Steven Reddy.

Honors with Distinction - Freshmen

Rachel Habbal, Delaney Lyons, Lauren Banicki, Isabella Gorzelniowski, Rebecca Ruger, Adam Zatar, Alana Born, Hayley Goebel, Paula Clohessy, Nicholas Condon, Jonathan Runquist, Angeline Schmelzer, Tania Hernandez, Kathy Myrda, Declan Quinlan, Andreina Romero, Charles Szykowny, Jacob Kalabich, David Castillo, Elizabeth Correll, Matthew Dykstra, Meghan Hill, Reiner Mahler, Jamal Mizyed, Andrew Mutzbauer, Ramsey Nakhleh, Amanda Wandachowicz, Mallory Byrd, Stephanie Reichard, Hanin Abuzer, Brooke Pieroth, Noor Ballout, Jacob Kats, Matthew Randich, Connor Sterling, Alexander Spindler, Kiley Boerema, David Cooper, Kareema Keshta, Jacob Wolniak, Brooke Zielke, Nicholas Smeraldo, Rainah Folk, Katherine Juarez, Joshua Lagrosa, Brianna Lukaszewicz, Ryan Smith, Thamer Yasin, Ahmad Zatar, Tyler Divis, Eric Bruesch, Aubrianna Buergel, Jillian Marie Cabusas, Mohamed Efein, Nicholas McLawhorn, Abigail Morgan, Eric Ramirez, Moriah Southall, Caroline Staszak, Melissa Sanchez, Andrew Alheim, Emily Paolini, David Dziuba, Angela Flisk, Cristian Guerrero, Elizabeth Martinez, Nolan Meyer, Joseph O'Connell, Nicholas Dombroski, Brian Hauser, Lucas Gleich, Ashley Klein, Christopher Sneed, Anastasia Gadomski, Crystal Gutierrez, Jocelyn Jamieson, Courtney Kohlman, Tynieshia Rivera-Watts, Sabdiel Romo, and Cole Urban.

Honors with Distinction - Sophomores

Oluwatobi Sogebi, Daniel Becker, Kevin Callahan, Valeria Hernandez, Victoria Churin, Alison Elzinga, Veronica Jacobson, Kelly Pawlak, Kelli Callahan, Matthew Gibson, Caleb Washington, Brenna Braasch, Joseph Iaquina, Ednan Gusic, Brian Nelson, Jenna Huisenga, Thomas McInerney, John Cody, John Clohessy, Timothy Komperda, Marley Wiest, Joseph Monahan, Jack Carberry, Paul Milkus, Connor Kapala, Ellen Mueller, Allison Terry, Stephanie Wasag, Erika Brann, Emma Toomey, Hailey Pezdek, Scott Huston, Alexis Carr, Justin Soriano, Austin Castillo, Brenna Koepp, Maryam Sandoka, Naledge Killins, Aleksandra Mierzewjska, Nicole Connors, Felicia Lonosky, Emilia Burda, Miquela Rubio, Nathan Sanchez, Nicole Fleck, Mark Bomberry, Brian Maty, Aaron Gowaski, Eryk Nowak, Mary Stocklen, Jacob Esparza, Karolina Budz, Emma Sisk, Maura Callahan, Mark Farenga, Paulina Goryl, Robert Marinec, Audrey Stocklen, Hamzah Alkhatib, Jackson Bergman, Ahniya Butler, Hannah Jones, Jacob Walters, Valerie Stone, Elizabeth Dykstra, David Lepak, Reilly Longawa, Samah Rafati, Rita Roberts, and Martin Rodriguez-Falkner.

Honors with Distinction - Juniors

Natalie Bruce, John Wolniak, Abigail Graham, Hayden Wiest, Sara Campione, Jacob McGrath, Aleck Poradowski, Caroline Graham, Michael Graham, Hannah Horstmann, Kylie Sterling, Hannah Vasil, Michael Cuzco, Janet Santoyo, Sarah Quattrocki, Jacob Zuiker, Krystyna Nedza, Dylan Doidge, Kendall Yerkes, Kailey Fitzgerald, Morgan Dolehide, David Lawando-Reddy, Troy-Lemuel Magpantay, Alexander Gowaski, Nancy Lesnicki, Riley McDermott, Bryanna Cross, Taylor Hoekstra, Angeline Schulist, Samantha Stone, Zachary Sierzega, Maria Munoz, Margaret Sera, Alyssa Trinko, Max Jones, Benjamin Meyer, Dylan Porter, Logan Couture, Nickolas Loquercio, Maulika Thakkar, Garrett White, Karsyn Hettlinger, Randall Barnes, Jacob Nolan, Aolani Cahue, Abigail Schultz, Elizabeth Ciukaj, Stefanie Neylon, Jennifer Kempczynski, Jayna Wilson, Grace Spindler, Jacob Vander Weele, Taiah Womack Hayes, Kathryn Baker, Anthony Crespo, Jenna Kozicki, Skylor Hilger, Timothy Kruse, Alana Oliveros, William Fitzgerald, Brandi Roberts, Marlen Terrazas, and Jasmine Anderson.

Honors with Distinction - Seniors

Nathaniel Gibson, Kyle Ruger, Oluwatomi Sogebi, Leeana Skuby, Nicolette Alex, Nicholas Martinez, Logan Dolehide, Gabriella Ramirez, Aubrey Quick, Brandon DeChene, Macryna Caballero, Rhonda Habbal, Jonathan Kalabich, Kayla Cody, Monica Bova, Michael Reddy, Kyle McNamara, Kiersten Mahler, Cesar Jimenez, Jordyn Czarny, Emily Jones, Martha Turwon, Antonio Martinez, William McCormick, Julianna Bliss, Traverse Jarman, Eva Adomaityte, Jessica Bomberry, Brianna Padecky, Rachel Tuttle, Brianna Devitt, Kristen Gries, Jessica Makenas, Rebecca Gleich, Andrea Krolikowski, Ashley Kamholz, Gabrielle Casillas, John Morrissey, David Atut, Elizabeth Gallegos, Benjamin Schlusemann, Sarah Wohler, Kyle Smith, Daniel McEville, Alexis Pezdek, Gina DeMauro, Morgan Powers, Anallely Fernandez, Florian Siggemann, Aleksander Kowalkowski, Jennifer Payne, Robyn Folk, Sanders Yu, Alexander Bohm, Lauren Mikos, Tyler Timmer, Jamie Bledsoe, Joanna Rangel, Nathan Morfoot, Kayla Robinson, Briana Haugh, Mary Lippert, Joseph Brewer, Alexis Lyons, Kimberly Leeper, Ewelina Waksmundzka, Kelly Evancich, Kyle Longfield, Katelyn Paulsen, and Erica Morales.

Earning national honors reflected the staff's dedication and attention to detail.

“The collective work ethic of the students made this award possible. My students were dedicated and thorough, which made creating a consistent design much easier,” Kay said.

Distinguishing the Shepard yearbook from others — Walsworth staff view many annuals, so it's not easy — requiring “going the extra mile to include



Walsworth Publishing chose the 2015 Shepard High School yearbook for its Gallery of Excellence. Just five percent of yearbooks published by Walsworth earn this honor. Faculty sponsor Erin Kay appears with the Shepard yearbook staff.

Honor Roll - Freshmen

Jenna Marrello, Ariel Villarreal, Noelle Brouse, Anthony Lopez, Marquila Young, Ryan Whiting, Deziree Jessie, Trevor Mikos, Molly Sera, Carissa Baxter, Raquel Boglio, Deani Dunigan, Mark Fry, Julian Ortiz, Bradley Fox, Andrew Kuntz, Mary Le, Jamaya Tenner, Bridget Burke, Izabela Budkowski, Jackson Busch, Armoni Gause, Kayla Strezo, Tatyanna Taylor, Nikko Cortez, Kristi Hogan, David Kiebles, Joshua Nolan, Meghan Travis, Lauren Schuldt, Michael Ronga, Trevor Lorek, Elizabeth Scott, Matthew Judd, Jourdan McBride, Anthony Nilsson, Erin Pierce, Madelyn Clemens, Miles Murrell, Erin Buric, Joseph Dyke, Kaci Jasik, Christina Jennings, Gabriela Nowak, Seth Taylor, Natalie Drexel, Issac Hernandez, Nikki Kahle, Nataly Hernandez, Ameen Aqel, Ariel Burns, Kaylen Dunigan, Aaron Lathan, John Nedza, Andrew Pahl, Jacahri Tate, Andrew Sippel, Noor Bali, Amanda Dvorchak, Joseph Ilenikhena, Caitlin Novak Marciniak, Jacob Peterka, Salem Taher, Lizette Villalpando, and Marcus Young.

Honor Roll - Sophomores

Dwayne Dawkins, Sergio Alvarez, Leslie Tello, Mohamed Mouchmouchie, Clare Flynn, Courtney Conner, Stephanie Simmerman, Damonte Watson, Sara Abu AlSamen, Annalynne Atut, Jessica Coughlin, Ahmad Alassaf, Hadeel Aqel, Nakia Davis, Susana Rodriguez, Vanessa Acevedo, Ciaran Fitzpatrick, Valeria Vazquez, Erin Lucin, Alex Moran, Heidi Szymborski, Jennifer Elam, Emily Robinson, Kyara Rogers, Samantha Gebbia, Alma Herrera, Hope Brewer, Nathaniel Fleck, Robert Ricker, Amber Steadman, Nicholas Etchison, Amanda Paulsen, Thomas Cimoch, Raelynn Birks, Natalie Dallio, David Didyk, Santos Rivera, Abyr Safi, Amadeo Fernandez, Bryan Leyden, Ahriyan Harper, John LoPresti, Gerardo Herrera, Paulina Szczech, Jesyl Garcia, Trenaye Collins, Kayla Murphy, Inga Kampmann, Daniel Montes, Matthew Bird, Derrick Donnick, Gabriella Graffeo, Jonathan Marshall, Mackenzie Pfeiffer, Deshelle Croft, Shifa Kassem, Marlena Berry, Troy Fugger, Tiana Gordon, Deanna Loughran, Alberto Lozano, Emily Seaman, Joshua Turner, Taylor Cerle, Alhan Bairat, Adam Brzezniak, Tavion Morris, Adam Zahdan, Donia Abu Husein, Alyssa Conrad, Blake Gilbert, Jacob Macovei, Ankit Patel, Sara Pikowski, Adam Bean, Kailey Hurwitz, Sandy Lakosil, Jaretzi Salinas, and Jaylen Wilson.

Honor Roll - Juniors

Osbaldo Suarez, Cole Akimoff, Casey Radz, Corry Williams, Nate Szygulinski, Amanda Carberry, Michelle Sneddon, Diana Burke, Kathleen Craven, Magdalena Janik, David Prince, Kaitlyn Blanton, Sierra Peterson, Alec Hufstедler, Joshua Vergara, Heather O'Kelly, Edward Urban, Daijerne Slater, Abigail Newsome, Nicole Rivera, Mohamed Rashid, Jenna Abed, Kira Andrist, Jose Velazquez, Brianna Reyes, Rebecca McNicholas, Connor Doolan, Emmesi Kenny, Tamara McCondichie, Allyson Swaagman, Victoria Castanon, Katherine Healy, Theresa Hartl, London Magee, Pedro Martinez, Nicholas Bray, Kylee Schnelle, Suad Sandoka, Pedro Avina, Isaac Hernandez, Dania Dmour, David Quiroz Martinez, Ashley Shellberg, Tishana Holmes, Lydia Jones, Samuel Tuttle, Daniel Boyer, Kara Kosman, Michaela Werner, Jacob Nevarez, Chloe VanWitzenburg, Haley Stevens, Jesus Macedo, Andrew Choragwicki, Jada Jackson, Anthony Rodriguez, Heather Serpe, Matthew Bailey, Katarzyna Latocha, Brooke Pioppo, Joseph Ramirez, Mary VanCura, Maciej Pawlikowski, Emily Urban, Michael Jokubauskas, Omar Zorba, Ivan Cabrera, Theodore Aguilar, John Lucin, Johnny Marquez, Benjamin Sunta, Adriana Arellano, Christian Frinkel, Ryan Paulauskis, Nicole Almazan, Anthony Baudo, and Gerardo Munoz.

Honor Roll - Seniors

Jennifer Pacenti, Robert Peterka, RaVon Smith-Gibson, Micaela Petkus, Jasmine Taylor, Brandon Faro, Kyle Dye, Christopher Dykstra, Tiana Hawkins, Wayne Palaszynski, Travis Pruiim, Kelli Ahern, Ranasia Bean, Kevin Budz, Chase Smolen, Shane Toomey, Shane Wright, William Newhall, Charbel Karaziwan, Sara Shareef, Mohammed Abualhuda, Angela Patla, Heather McMillan, Igor Skubera, Giselle Arroyo, Miranda Echevarria, Mark Albrecht, Justine Flanagan, Kashay Alexander, Jeffrey Taylor, David Gmyrek, Megan Brady, Andrew Kuipers, Richard Mundo, Liam Patt, Carly Gruchot, Paulina Xhemajli, Abigail Dyszczakowski, Kassandra Fuks, Jada Mayers, Christopher Henington, Susana Gutierrez, Sabina Gomez, Liam McCool, Arasally Duran, Luis Flores, Robert Stockdale, Sierra Docks, Bailey Joy, Madalala Abderrazek, Christian Larson, Zackery Haxel, Itzel Villegas, Bahaaldeen Alassaf, Bryan Spoon, Jasmine Hodges, Angelo Robles, Manar Yassin, Tara Dziwak, Destiny Thompson, Jaime Herrera, Sara Kent, Sarah Wedster, Felicia Marr, Reiner Rolle, Tierra Morgan, Sidney Bullock, Cole Kalebich, Samantha Nape, Jarrell Jackson, Bethany Rios, Jada Scott, Christina Lonosky, Kasia Cisak, Mahmood Husein, Kaitlyn Shepard, Adam Gregory, and Jessica Skirmont.

fun features on almost every page of the book,” Kay said.

Students tried to give the yearbook the look of a magazine.

“The yearbook students had to find and interview many students, teachers, and coaches in order to include personal insights and opinions on every page. Each of these features with their own unique headlines helped make the book more fun and interesting,” she said.

Yearbook staff members included Marcos Barba, Sidney Bullock, Demetrius Cooper, Jamir Dunbar, Kevin Dusek, Lola Folk, Adam Gordon, Tiana Gordon, Susana Gutierrez, Briana Haugh, Zackery Haxel, Andres Hernandez, Deanna Loughran, Edgar Madrigal, Rebecca McNicholas, Timberlyn Meeks, Kaylee Neylon, Angela Patla, Mackenzie Pfeiffer, Jazelle Pratts, Philip Quinlan, Emily Robinson, Susana Rodriguez, Miranda Skala-Ramirez, and Chasz Wells.

Shepard Yearbook Named to Nation's Best

Walsworth Publishing, one of the nation's largest yearbook printers, has selected the Shepard High School annual for its Gallery of Excellence. Just five percent of Walsworth yearbooks earn this distinction.

“The 2015 Shepard yearbook's strongest features are its theme and design,” said faculty sponsor Erin Kay. “It is surprisingly difficult to make a yearbook look cohesive through theme and design, but the students succeeded at doing exactly that.”

Kay credited design editor Briana Haugh for developing the winning look.

“Students chose to include several key elements including cones of color, overlapping words, photographs with blurred backgrounds, and bold titles to really create a visually appealing design consistency throughout the book,” Kay said.

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Top 10 From Shepard's Graduating Class of 2015

Shepard High School in Palos Heights proudly announces that the students listed below graduated with the 10 highest grade point averages for the class of 2015.

Each has merited Honors with Distinction, the highest classification possible, for earning a GPA above 4.0 (possible due to weighted grades for Honors and Advanced Placement courses.)

All 10 also qualified for National Honor Society and received Illinois State Scholar honors this year. The top 10 graduates include:

Nicolette Alex – A Shepard Ambassador, Freshman Advisor and a volleyball and softball player, Nicolette will begin studies next fall at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Brandon DeChene – A Mathlete who competed in cross-country and track, Brandon will begin studies in the fall at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Logan Dolehide – President of German Club and captain of Mathletes and soccer, Logan will study business at Carthage College.

Nate Gibson – Captain of the cross-country team and a Mathlete who also competed in Scholastic Bowl, Nate will study actuarial science at Bradley University.

Nick Martinez – President of the senior class and a member of Senior Leaders, Shepard Ambassadors and Peer Mentors, Nick will attend the University of Notre Dame.

Gabriella Ramirez – A Golden Apple Scholar, vice president of NHS, drum major, and secretary of Tri-M (music honors society), Gabriella will study secondary education at Eastern Illinois University.

Aubrey Quick – Secretary for National Honor Society and captain of SSC champion soccer team, Aubrey qualified for Spanish National Honor Society and served as a Freshman Advisor. She will attend Carthage College in the fall.

Kyle Ruger – President of National Honor Society and Tri-M (music honorary society), and a member of marching band and speech team, Kyle will begin

studies at Purdue University next fall.

Leeana Skuby – President of Leo Club and the winner of many individual honors for the Shepard speech team, Leeana will study political science at George Washington University.

Oluwatomi Sogebi – A member of student council, Class Officers and the biodiesel project, Oluwatomi will begin studies in pharmaceutical science at the University of Pittsburgh in the fall.



From left, (front), Nicolette Alex, Gabriella Ramirez, Oluwatomi Sogebi, Leeana Skuby, Aubrey Quick; (second row) Kyle Ruger, Nick Martinez, Brandon DeChene, Logan Dolehide, and Nate Gibson — the graduates who finished with the 10 highest GPAs in the senior class of 2015 from Shepard High School.

Shepard JROTC Closes Year With Awards Ceremony

The U.S. Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Shepard High School concluded its academic year recently with an awards ceremony honoring cadets who distinguished themselves.

Many national organizations presented awards to students for scholastic excellence, JROTC leadership and involvement, conduct, and military bearing. Students named the top cadets in their academic class include freshman, Andrew Kuntz; sophomore, Samantha Gebbia; junior, Diana Burke; and, senior, Josh Reynolds.

Students who won national awards included Charles Burnett, Air Force Association Award for leadership and academic achievement in a non-senior cadet; Susanna Gutierrez, American Legion AFJROTC General Military Excellence Award for cadets who best exemplifies leadership, citizenship and character, and community service.

Also, Daniel Becker, American Legion AFJROTC

Scholastic Excellence Award for leadership, citizenship, character, and community service; Jonathan Kalabich, Gabriella Ramirez, Michael Reddy, Steven Reddy, Aerospace Education Foundation Academic Badge for scholastic excellence.

Also, Logan Couture, Sons of the American Revolution Award for academic achievement, leadership, military bearing and excellence in AFJROTC; and, Diana Burke, Military Officers Association of America award for military leadership, academic achievement, and character.

Also, Tyler Timmer, Veterans of Foreign Wars Award for military bearing and conduct, academic excellence, and leadership; Samantha Gebbia, National Sojourners Award for leadership and academic excellence; Diana Burke, Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction Award for academic excellence, dependability, patriotism, and self-discipline.

Also, Josh Reynolds, Military Order of the Purple Heart Award for leadership, support of JROTC activities, and academic achievement; Trav Jarman,

Air Force Sergeants Association Award for academic excellence, leadership, and discipline.

Also, Justis Lesley, Air Commando Association Award for integrity, leadership, and self-discipline; and, Valeria Vazquez, Celebrate Freedom Foundation/Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University JROTC Award for positive attitude, outstanding personal appearance, courtesy, judgment, and outstanding academic achievement.

The Junior ROTC curriculum includes history, leadership, citizenship, physical fitness, and military drill. Students who enroll in JROTC, which fulfills the district's physical education requirement, do not have any obligation to enlist in the military after high school.





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Weishfest Uses Summer Fun To Support Families Battling Cancer

Non-profit group The Andrew Weishar Foundation, dedicated to its mission of lifting the financial burden faced by families battling cancer, will host Weishfest 2015 at Standard Bank Stadium Saturday, July 18, in Crestwood. This all-day music festival, featuring headliner Eddie Money along with Warrant, the Chicago 6 Band, Mike & Joe, Hunter Smith Band, C2 & The Brothers Reed, Sean & Charlie, and Strung Out, will raise spirits as well as proceeds for families of adolescents and young adults facing cancer. Come on out for the biggest party of the summer. For tickets or more information, visit www.weishfest.com.

What:	Weishfest 2015
When:	Saturday, July 18, 2015, noon-midnight
Where:	Standard Bank Stadium, 14011 Kenton Ave
Cost:	Tickets start at \$25.00.
Why:	To benefit the Andrew Weishar Foundation benefitting families battling cancer

GET UP & GET OUT!!!

Sparks in the Park | Friday, July 3, 8:00pm

Standard Bank Stadium | 14011 Kenton Ave., Crestwood

It's a night of fun, film and fireworks in Crestwood as Standard Bank Stadium hosts this event that's free to the public. Picnic on the artificial turf, enjoy concessions and a showing of Disney's Planes on the videoboard, followed by a professional fireworks display.

Lake Katherine Nature Corps

(Session 1) Monday, July 6th-Friday, July 10th, 10am-2pm

(Session 2) Monday, July 20th-Friday, July 24th, 10am-2pm

Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens | 7402 W. Lake Katherine Dr., Palos Heights

Nature Corps is all about survival, including building your own shelter and canoeing in the lake. Don't forget fishing and campfire building, too. Register in person at the Nature Center by Thursday, July 2 (Program: 383). Children age 11-15 are welcome. Cost: \$95 per session.

Colors and Sounds of Nature Field Camp

Tuesday, July 7th-Thursday, July 9th, 9:30am-12:00pm

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center

9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs

Children will explore the outdoors and create crafts and music inspired by nature. Ages 9-11. Cost is \$15 per child. Register in person only. For more information, call the Little Red Schoolhouse at (708) 839-6897.

Yoga in the Woods | Sunday, July 12th, 9:00am

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center

9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs

A 1.5-mile hike and yoga set to the sounds of nature will leave you in a peaceful state. A yoga instructor will guide you through proper posture, breathing and flexibility. Wear comfortable clothing and bring your own mat or beach towel. No experience necessary. Ages 16 & up. Limit 25. Cost: FREE. For more information or to register, call the Little Red Schoolhouse at (708) 839-6897.

17th Annual Caribbean Beach Block Party



Sunday, July 19th, 12:00-7:00pm

This popular event offers live music on two stages (including Gone 2 Paradise, 95th Street Band, The Bishop's Daredevil Stunt Club, and Johnny Russler & The Beach Burn Band), free activities for the whole family, a mini-Taste of Tinley Park, a classic car show and much more. Attendees can take a free trolley shuttle to the Caribbean Block Party. Rides depart from the 80th Avenue train station beginning at 11:30am; pick-up and drop-off will be every 15 minutes through 7:30pm.

Senior Adventure Camp | Tuesday, July 21st-Thursday, July 23rd, 9:30am-12:00pm

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center

9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs

Seniors, want to have a little summer fun? We'll take you back to the fun you had at summer camp! Seniors only. Participants must be able to walk on uneven terrain for duration of program and get in and out of canoes. Cost: \$15. Register in person only. For more information or to register, call the Little Red Schoolhouse at (708) 839-6897.

Redeemer Invites Everyone to Summer Fest

Everyone is invited to come to Summer Fest at Redeemer's Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 26th, from noon until 2:00pm.

There will be games with prizes, raffles, and free ice cream and hot dogs. For kids, we will be giving away free school supplies, while they last, and will have a free child identification booth set up, as well as free basic haircuts for school-age children, ages 5-13, for the first hour only. Come paint on our Children's Canvas, have your face painted, and pet the animals from Long Road Home Rescue of Crestwood. Redeemer's Lutheran Church is located at 4955 W. 158th Street, Oak Forest. For more information, call 708-687-2432.

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Back to School Health Fair on Aug. 7th at Shepard

District 218 will host its eighth annual Back to School Health Fair on Friday, August 7th, at Shepard High School in Palos Heights.

From 11am to 2pm, the fair will feature free and reduced-cost school physicals, dental exams and eye screens. The event also will feature free food and school supplies.

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile from Advocate Christ Medical Center will provide a limited number of free school physicals and immunizations for the under and uninsured.

Other health care facilities will offer physicals and vaccines at significant discounts.

The Saint Xavier University Health Clinic will offer physicals for \$35, the Tdap vaccine for \$60, and the meningococcal vaccine for \$125. The Crestwood Ingalls Care Center will also offer physicals for \$35.

Parents must bring immunization records in order for children to receive new ones.

The fair also includes more than 60 information booths with staff from government organizations, health care providers, and family support agencies.

For young children, the fair will feature bounce houses, two clowns, and face painting.



Staff from the Ingalls Care Center in Crestwood will provide reduced cost school physicals at the District 218 Back to School Health Fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, August 7th at Shepard High School.

Thanks go out to the generous sponsors of Sparks in the Park:

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Look What's Cooking!!!

Lunch and bingo or a movie for over 50

Friday, July 3	CLOSED
Tuesday, July 7	Pizza & Salad
Friday, July 10	Turkey Sandwich
Tuesday, July 14	Italian Sausage
Friday, July 17	Dessert & Bingo
Tuesday, July 21	Dessert & Bingo
Friday, July 24	Dessert & Bingo
Tuesday, July 28	Brats on a Bun
Friday, July 31	Corned Beef Sandwich

Enjoy a delicious lunch (\$4.00) at the Biela Center at noon. Bingo and a movie start at 1 p.m.. Please help us by making reservations. Reservations for Tuesday lunch must be made by 4 p.m. Friday and reservations for Friday lunch must be made by 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Movies of the month to be shown at the Biela Center

Thank you to the Crestwood Library for donating these movies for our seniors to watch.

July 6-10	"Saturday Night Fever"
July 13-17	"Unbroken"
July 20-24	"The Grand Budapest Hotel"
July 27-31	"Get On Up"

Movies are shown Monday through Friday at 1 p.m.

Never A Dull Moment at the Biela Center

By now you know the Biela Center is located at 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, but do you know what goes on a daily basis? Senior citizens, you never have to be bored again.

Take a look at the many activities that wait for you here:

*Choose a senior fitness group that works best for you-one, two, or three times a week.

*Keep your driving privileges, and your freedom, by attending one of our frequent Rules of the Road classes held throughout the year.

*Every week we offer free movies for your enjoyment in a relaxed atmosphere.

*Lunch and bingo are offered Tuesdays and Fridays all year at the Biela Center.

*Free blood pressure and hearing screenings are offered every month.

*Join us for some of our group trips to casinos, plays, theaters, and other interesting venues.

Chicago South Elks Lodge 1596

The Elks, in cooperation with the Biela Center, continue to collect pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House as well as eyeglasses, greeting cards, used cell phones and chargers for other charities.

For more information, contact the Elks at 708-597-7465 or the Biela Center at 708-371-4860, EXT 6001.

Sorry....No refunds can be made

We've often experienced last-minute cancellations for our various day trips. We have to make it clear that when reservations are confirmed, refunds will not be issued.

Therefore, no refunds can be given for any trip unless we have a waiting list or if you can find a replacement for your reserved space. When you register for a trip, you have two weeks to decide before payment.

Please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled departure time for a trip. We do publish the scheduled departure time for our trips. Your cooperation will be appreciated. Many passengers are very sensitive to strong perfumes and aftershaves. We ask that you think of others if you use them.

Senior Fitness Offered at the Biela Center

The Biela Center offers a great fitness class one, two, or three times a week, and you can work at your own pace. Feel better and sleep better.

Diana Esparza, our instructor, will guide you through your special needs. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11:15 a.m.

The cost is \$30 for 24 classes, \$20 for 16 classes, \$10 for eight classes or a \$2 daily fee.

CASINO TRIPS

When making casino reservations, please have your card number or address and date of birth. Remember, you must have a valid picture ID at the casino....Winning more than \$1,199 requires showing your social security card.....!

Blue Chip Casino 

Enjoy a day at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City, Indiana. The trip includes 4 hours of gambling, a buffet lunch and \$10 in E-Play after 1,000 points.

When: Monday, July 20th
Time: Depart 8:45 am - Return 4 pm
Cost: \$28

Reservations requested by July 6th.



Grand Victoria Casino

for us a day of gambling in Elgin at the Grand Victoria Casino!!!

When: Monday, August 17th
Time: 9 am ; return 4 pm
Cost: \$27.00 (includes \$5 free slot play)

Call to make your reservations NOW!!! This trip will fill-up fast.

"Golfer's Tee It Up" September 21st At Mayor Presta's 20th Annual Senior Miniature Golf Open 

Crestwood Seniors 55 and older are invited to test their golf-skills at Hollywood Park at the Annual Senior Open.

The outing will take place on Monday, September 21st from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00p.m. Everything is free thanks to Mayor Presta and the good friends at Hollywood Park.

Registration is being taken at the Biela Center or call the Biela Center 371-4860, ext. 6001

"Rules of the Road Here on October 19th"

Secretary of State, Jesse White, in cooperation with local organizations, will offer a Rules of the Road review course at the Biela Center free of charge.

The two-hour session helps prepare drivers for the Illinois driver license exam. Topics include written, vision, and road tests.

When: Monday, October 19th, 2015
Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Save your spot by calling the Biela Center at 708-371-4860. EXT 6001

"All Shook Up"

Inspired by the movies and songs of Elvis Presley. It's 1955 and into a square little state rides a guitar-playing roustabout who changes everything and everyone he meets in this musical fantasy that'll have you jumping out of your blue suede shoes with 24 Elvis classics including "Heartbreak Hotel," "Love Me Tender" and more.

When: Thursday, July 16th
Time: Depart 11 AM
Where: Theater at the Center, Munster, IN
Cost: \$74 includes transportation, lunch and show (choice of baked chicken breast or Salisbury steak).

Peaches and Cream Farm Tour 

Enjoy a delicious chicken dinner at Apple Holler. Then hop on a narrated tractor-drawn wagon ride through the orchard and enchanted forest, where you can pick your own sweet juicy peaches straight from the tree. Shop in the country stores and gift shop.

When: Wednesday, August 12th
Time: Depart 9:00 am - Return 5 pm
Cost: \$65 (includes transportation, chicken dinner and 1/4 peck bag of peaches)

- REMINDER -
Don't be disappointed when trips are cancelled. Please sign-up as soon as possible. We have deadlines for booking the trips.
 - The Biela Center

Shipshewana

Join us for a fun-filled day in Shipshewana, Indiana. We will start the day shopping at the Midwest's Largest Flea market. Then on to various shops - E&S Sales, Yoder Popcorn, the Cheese Factory and the Amish shops at Essenhaus Restaurant. Trip is sure to fill-up fast!

When: Wednesday, September 9th
Time: Depart 7:30am; return 7:30pm
Cost: \$72; includes transportation, and dinner. (Lunch is on your own)

This trip is sure to fill-up FAST!!!!

Attention Seniors!!!

The Crestwood Seniors Club is looking for members. They meet on the First and Third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

The club does an array of activities at their meetings. Coffee and sweet rolls are available to be enjoyed as the members visit with each other; planned activities are enjoyed on holidays. For the holidays, the club becomes community involved. The members make favors and bring in presents for nursing home residents...

Consider joining a fun group. Please call the membership chairperson, Sophie Horvath at 385-7760.

Also, the Biela Seniors Club is looking for members. They meet at the Biela Center on the second and fourth Monday at 12:30 pm. Call the Biela Center for more information.



ATTENTION ALL CARD PLAYERS!!!

Crestwood's senior card players are looking for new members to join them for pinochle at the Biela Center on Thursdays at noon. If interested, stop in on Thursdays at noon.



"My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was sixty. She's ninety-seven now, and we don't know where the hell she is."

— Ellen DeGeneres

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BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AT THE BIELA CENTER OFFERED ON JULY 29th

Free blood pressure screening will be offered at the Biela Center on Wednesday, July 29th, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Barbara, our Biela Center Blood Pressure Nurse will be available.

HEARING SCREENING AT THE BIELA CENTER ON JULY 29th

Bruce from the Audible Center for Hearing Excellence will be here on Wednesday, July 29th, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. to conduct hearing screenings and to clean and service hearing aids. This service is free for adults only.

Get to Know Dial-a-Ride and Its Driver



When Ray Mizyed was first behind the counter of his old convenience store, Pantry Express, on 135th St., he probably never imagined that a few short years later, he would be behind the wheel of a Pace bus. But here he is, in the driver's seat of the Pace bus as part of the Village's Dial-a-Ride program.

Crestwood Adviser: You live in the Village, correct?

Ray Mizyed: I live in the Village — 13 years.

CA: You've been driving a Pace bus for how long? Six years?

RM: Ever since 2009.

CA: How did that start for you?

RM: I met Bill Graffeo. He was a customer of mine at the Pantry. They needed a driver. I offered my assistance. Ever since then, I just started driving it.

CA: How do you like it?

RM: I love it.

CA: What's the best part?

RM: Working with the seniors. I love the seniors. They tell me their stories, the old days and stuff like that. Makes me feel good. You learn from them, you

know? You learn from their mistakes; you learn from their success. That's about it. It's all about the seniors and feeling good about myself from the inside, helping someone like them. Maybe when I get old, I'll find someone to help me and my family.

CA: So how does this work? Can anyone ride?

RM: We're for every resident, but the seniors ride for free — over the age of 65, they ride for free. Even kids can get on it — mothers, fathers, grandsons, you name it. Everybody can get on it. But there's a fee for anyone that's under the age of 65 [and over age 7]. If you're a student, of course, it's \$1, and if you're an adult it's \$2, but if you're a senior over the age of 65, it's free.

CA: Who's all involved in the Dial-a-Ride program?

RM: The mayor, of course, is the main person who wants the Dial-a-Ride program to continue because he likes to help the seniors and the Village of Crestwood. And [Trustee] Bill Graffeo, of course — he's in charge of it. He's great. I think Bill's one of the best guys who really contributes — between him and the mayor — for programs like this. He hunts down things so that they can keep the seniors happy. Especially at the Biela Center. We have it every Tuesday — well, mostly every day. ... We make it convenient for them to go shopping when their kids can't take them. Everywhere in the Village of Crestwood.

CA: When can people call to be picked up by the Dial-a-Ride Pace bus?

The hours are from 9am — they can start calling at 9am, but they won't get picked up until 9:30am. It ends at 4:00pm, but our last passenger would be at 3:45pm, because I have to be back by 4:00 at the Village Hall. Except for Tuesdays — Tuesdays it's until 4:30pm.

To schedule a pickup from Dial-a-Ride Monday-Friday, call (708) 371-4800.

Announcing the East Side's Annual "Tractor" 4th of July Parade

It's an East Side tradition that smacks of Americana, and is a lot of fun for participants and spectators. Those wishing to take part in the annual 4th of July Tractor Parade are encouraged to use their imaginations to bring whatever they have that has wheels — a car, riding lawnmower, four-wheeler, go-cart — anything! This year's annual East Side "Hillbilly" 4th of July Parade will kick off at noon, with the line-up starting at the intersection of 142nd and Kildare Ave. at 11:30am. From there, the parade will travel east to Karlov and make its way west down 143rd to Kilpatrick Ave., and back to 142nd and Kildare. Onlookers can gather at Kolmar school or the west parking lot across from Standard Bank Stadium near 142nd. Bring candy to throw to the kids. Decorate accordingly! Hope to see everyone there!



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When Lightning Strikes

Lightning is one of nature's most fearsome forces, and one of its most deadly. It's important to acknowledge and respect its danger, and to be prepared in case a lightning storm strikes in your vicinity.

Outdoors:

- First and foremost: There is *no* safe place outside during a thunderstorm.
- If thunder is within earshot, you are within range of a lightning strike. Seek shelter in a home, large building or a hard-topped vehicle immediately.
- Do *not* run under a tree for shelter during a lightning storm. Trees act as conduits and attract lightning — by standing at the roots, you're making yourself a target.
- Avoid windows and doors, and stay off of porches.
- Remember: There is *no* safe place during a thunderstorm. Picnic areas or other structures with just a roof, as found in many parks, are not safe during a lightning storm. Small sheds are likewise unsafe.

Indoors:

- Turn off computers, stay off of corded phones or anything else directly connected to your home's power source or its plumbing. (Cordless phones and cellphones are OK.)
- Do *not* wash your hands, bathe, shower, or do laundry or dishes during a lightning storm.

If a person is struck by lightning, call 911 immediately. If the person has no pulse and is not breathing, don't wait — attempt CPR right away, if you know how.

Camping Has Returned to Cook County

As announced by Cook County Board President and Forest Preserves President Toni Preckwinkle earlier this year, camping has returned to Cook County, enabling area residents to get out and commune with nature locally in a way that hasn't been possible for more than 50 years. As part of an initiative started in early 2013 aimed at potentially enriching the lives of those in the Chicagoland area, the Forest Preserves has followed through, investing approximately \$30 million into the development of campgrounds that will welcome both seasoned wilderness adventurers as well as those looking to try camping for the first time. Cabins, tent pads, shelters and fire rings are among the amenities that have been installed in the various locations, which include Camp Bullfrog Lake (Willow Springs), Camp Dan Beard (Northbrook), Camp Reinberg (Palatine), Camp Shabbona Woods (South Holland) and Camp Sullivan (Oak Forest).

Each of the new campgrounds features its own distinct character, and a different selection of amenities and lodging. Each is surrounded by woods and prairies. Some are set near a lake or river, while others may cozy up to a nearby nature center. The sites vary in accommodation, from the smaller Camp Shabbona Woods with a capacity of 153, to much the much larger Camp Bullfrog Lake, which can host 334. For more information on this tremendous resource and how you can plan your ideal camping getaway, visit the Forest Preserves of Cook County website at fpdcc.com/camping.



Through an initiative of the Cook County Forest Preserves, camping is now available in Cook County for the first time in more than 50 years.

Sharpen Your West Nile Awareness

A recent case of West Nile virus reported by a resident of nearby Oak Lawn and Palos Heights, should remind all of us to remain on our guard against this insidious disease, to stay aware and learn more about it. To that end, we have prepared this simple overview to assist residents to know the fundamentals about West Nile and what they can do to reduce their risk of infection.

RIGHT PHOTO: Summer brings mosquitos, and with them comes the threat of West Nile virus. Protect yourself against infection by learning about the disease and how you can prevent it.

How is West Nile virus spread?

West Nile virus is bred in birds, and typically is spread by mosquito bite — usually a mosquito, after biting an infected bird, will subsequently bite a person, causing him or her to become infected. Rare cases exist in which people have contracted the virus from blood transfusions, transplants, breastfeeding or pregnancy, but the disease is not communicable through casual contact.

How do I know if I might have West Nile virus? What symptoms should I look for?

Astonishingly, as many as 80 percent of people with infected mosquito bites experience no symptoms whatsoever. But West Nile is a serious condition that can cause brain damage or death in its most serious form. Common symptoms of West Nile virus include fever, headaches, body aches, general fatigue and back pain. Sometimes the symptoms can include skin rash, swollen lymph nodes and pain in the eyes.

How is West Nile virus treated?

Because this is a virus, not a bacterial infection, there is no cure for West Nile. Over-the-counter pain relievers such as ibuprofen or aspirin may relieve some of the aches and other symptoms associated with the disease, but those with more serious symptoms should seek medical attention. Severe symptoms, like brain swelling, may be treated with intravenous fluids and medications to reduce the risk of further infection.

How can I best avoid contracting West Nile virus?

Awareness of your surroundings and self are the keys to minimizing the risk of West Nile virus. Ensure that you have screens on your windows and doors to reduce the chances of infected mosquitos from entering your home. Keep your skin covered as much as possible when going outdoors, including long pants, long-sleeved shirts, socks and shoes. Applying insect repellent to your clothing as well as any exposed skin will be more effective than just applying to your skin alone.

Standing water is a perfect breeding environment for mosquitos. Eliminate standing water around your home to further reduce your risk.

Sources: healthline.com, MayoClinic.org



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July Adult Programming at Crestwood Public Library

"Every Hero Has A Story! "
Summer Reading Program continues until August 8, 2015!
Every week we will be raffling off a \$25 gift card!
Open to all Crestwood library cardholders and residents.

The Basics of Good Genealogy Research
Want to know about your family history but don't know how to get started? The first steps to gathering information about your family and how to record that information will be discussed in this one hour presentation from guest speaker Jane Haldeman. Learn about the many records and resources available and where to begin looking!
Please register. Monday, July 13 6:00 PM

Estate Conservation: Not Just for the Rich & Famous
Is having a will enough? Why would I need a trust? Join us for a no cost, no obligation seminar and insurance sales presentation that will educate you on how to conserve your estate in the way that will help your family the most.
Monday, July 6 6:00 PM

Retirement 101
Thinking about retirement? Join us for a free 1 hour presentation designed to inform you about the most up-to-date retirement and investment planning strategies available. Presented by Morgan Stanley Wealth Management. Please register.
Monday, July 20 6:00 PM

Needles & Yarn
Have you ever wanted to learn how to knit or crochet, or just want to meet some new friends? Join us for a new session of Needles & Yarn at the library! Bring your own materials or use some of ours! For ages 13 years and up.
Please register. Monday, July 27 6:30 PM

Did you recently get a new Kindle, eReader, or iPad ?
We have TWO eBook databases for you to explore and choose from. And best of all they are free and there are no late fees! To learn more about eRead Illinois and Media on Demand, visit our website today! www.crestwoodlibrary.org

Free Computer Classes
Need some one-on-one practice with your computer skills? Sign up for a 45 minute session with one of our librarians on select Fridays during the month!
Please call for available dates and times.

Remember to visit our website: www.crestwoodlibrary.org or call 708-371-4090 for all program details

Coping With the Heat

As we progress into summer and the hotter temperatures approach, ComEd wants residents to be aware of and encouraged by the commitment to upgrades that it has made on behalf of its customers. Through its smart grid program and storm-hardening project, the utility company announced, it has continued to upgrade the grid, its safety and reliability, upgrading substation equipment, installing new transmission wires, poles and smart meters, as well as inspecting circuits and equipment.

"We are committed to providing safe and reliable service to our customers every day, and the work we have completed on our delivery system will help us continue to meet that commitment," ComEd Executive Vice President and COO Terence R. Donnelly said. "ComEd's infrastructure investments continue to deliver real and notable service improvements to customers by providing one of the best reliability performance years on record."

The investments are intended to enhance reliability and serve as an asset to businesses that value a modern, digital-based smart grid, as well as helping to avoid millions of customer interruptions.

Even with the improvements to the grid and infrastructure, ComEd reminds customers that higher temperatures can also lead to higher energy bills, and advises you that you can save energy and money this summer by following a few simple tips:



- **Turn Off Your Lights:** Turn off your lights when you leave a room. Turning off just one 60-watt incandescent bulb that would otherwise burn eight hours a day can save you up to \$23 per year.
- **Add 10 Degrees:** Turn your thermostat up 10 degrees higher during the summer when you leave your home and before going to sleep. You could save up to 15% a year on cooling costs.
- **Close Your Blinds in the Summer:** Cooling your home in the summer takes a lot of energy. You can help keep your home cool by limiting the amount of sunlight that enters by shutting the blinds during the day. If you close your blinds when the sun is up to prevent heat from entering your home, you can lower your cooling bills this summer.
- **Use a Ceiling Fan:** This summer, instead of blasting the air conditioner (and blowing your electric bills through the roof), use a ceiling fan to keep cool. Using a ceiling fan may allow you to raise the thermostat setting about 4 degrees without impacting your comfort.
- **Adjust Your Water Heater:** Set the temperature of your water heater to 120°F. Every 10 degrees you reduce your hot water temperature saves you, on average, 3% to 5% in energy costs.

For more energy-saving tools, tips and resources, visit ComEd.com/homesavings.

July Events at Crestwood Public Library Youth Programs

"Every Hero Has a Story" - Summer Reading 2015

This summer we celebrate all types of heroes: our neighborhood heroes who help us and keep us safe, our heroes in history who have made our nation great, the superheroes we all watch and cheer for, and the hero inside each one of us!

What is your Superpower? Discover it this summer!

Summer Reading registration continues until July 18. It is sure to be a Heroic summer.

Terrific Tuesday Family Entertainers

Noodles the Wonder Dog!

Noodles the Wonder dog returns with more exciting tricks to amaze the crowd!
All ages welcome!

Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 6:00pm

Mr. Smartypants Balloonshow!

Mr. Smartypants brings his entertaining balloon show to the library for the first time. See what amazing heroes are made from balloons! All ages welcome

Tuesday, July 21 2015 at 6:00pm

Tickets required for both shows. Stop at the front desk for your free tickets.

Weekly Programs for All Ages

Messy Mondays: Toddler art for ages 12-36 mo every Monday at 11:00am

Movie Mondays: Watch an exciting movie every Monday at 1:00. Ages 4 and up

Together Tuesday: Family Events every Tuesday Evening at 6:00pm

Super Stories: story time for ages 3-6 years old Thursdays at 11:00am

Terrific Thursdays: Crafts and activities for tweens/ teens every Thursday at 3:00pm

Super Babies: Toddler story time for ages 12-36 mo Fridays at 10:30am

Fantastic Fridays: Fun programs for ages 5 to 9 every Friday at 2:00pm except 7/10

Chess Club: Ages 7 & up. Saturdays at 12:30pm

Please see summer reading guide for more details.

Batman Day!

Kids 4-10, come to the library to celebrate Batman Day on July 23 at 3:00pm with all kinds of Batman activities.

Super Hero Day!

Calling all comic fans come to the library for all kinds of superhero fun!

Saturday, July 25th from 1:30-3:00pm

All ages welcome.

S.T.E.M. Club

This month grades K-4 will discover some extreme powers in the world around us on

Friday, July 10 at 2:30pm and on

Wednesday, July 29 at 6:00pm

We will test some superhero powers.

Space limited. Register at Front Desk

Teens and Tweens

Super Tye Dye

Kids grades 4 and up bring a shirt to the library to create your own super tye dye shirt. Thurs., July 9 at 3:00pm

Duct Tape Crafts

Kids grades 4 and up come learn to make a super bracelet, wallet or create your own!

Thursday, July 16 at 3:00pm

Learn to Draw Comics!

Do you want to make your own comic but not sure how to start? This is the class for you!

Graphic Novelist Dan Dougherty

will be here to teach a two week class on how to draw comics for ages 10 and up.

Class dates: July 23 and 30, 2015

from 3:00-4:00pm

Registration Required for all programs. Call 708-371-4090 for details.

Shepard Students Work as Teacher Interns

With the biggest decision of their young lives at stake, seniors from Shepard High School received the best possible guidance: Working as interns in the field that interests them.

During second semester, the students — all curious about careers in education — dressed in their best and went to work at area elementary and middle schools, and even Shepard itself.

Assigned to cooperating teachers who integrated them into classroom activities and lessons, the Shepard students glimpsed the challenges of instructing children.

“What I didn’t realize about teaching before being an intern is that it is a lot of work,” said Giselle Arroyo.

“Working as a teacher intern helped me. I learned that you can get students to learn anything, but that there are always challenges,” said Carly Gruchot.



Pictured are the Shepard High School seniors who worked as teacher interns during the 2014-2015 school year.

Indeed, the Shepard interns discovered that teaching, when done well, involves much time, energy, and thought that students never see.

“I never realized all the writing and extra work teachers have to do on their own time,” said Joseph Smith.

“There’s a lot of planning that goes into teaching,” Justis Lesley said.

During first semester, students prepared for the experience. They worked on oral presentation skills, studied instructional methodologies, and developed sample lesson plans.

While the progression to leading class activities or lessons moved slowly, the Shepard students quickly discovered joy in working with children.

“That’s what I enjoyed most — building a bond with my students,” said Lesley.

“I enjoyed working hands-on with the students. My teacher let me run things and get a feel for what teaching is like. This experience helped me decide to become a teacher,” said Maggie Escobedo.

Fun & Entertainment

*Sudoku and Crossword Answers appear in next issue

FREE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING FOR CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS!

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are invited to place free advertisements in the Crestwood Adviser. Free classified ads are offered to Village of Crestwood residents only and are limited to 20 words or less and can include information related to the following items:

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- Automobiles
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Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 – 9, without repeating any.

		9		4				
							1	8
	5		8			7		9
		3	6			1		
2		1		9		8		5
		7			8	9		
1		4			2		6	
7	3							
				1		3		

June Sudoku Solution

4	2	9	7	3	6	1	8	5
5	8	3	9	4	1	2	7	6
1	6	7	8	2	5	3	4	9
8	9	1	4	6	7	5	3	2
6	4	2	3	5	9	8	1	7
3	7	5	2	1	8	6	9	4
2	1	8	5	9	4	7	6	3
7	3	4	6	8	2	9	5	1
9	5	6	1	7	3	4	2	8

June Crossword Solution

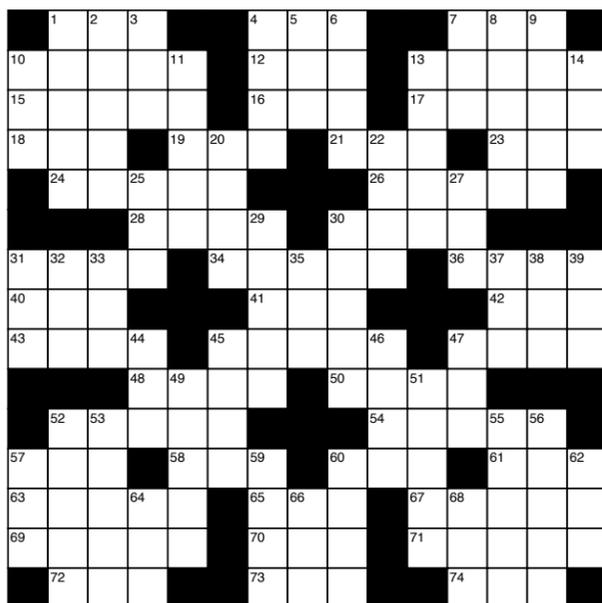
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S	K	Y	S	E	X	R	Y	E	G	E	T		

ACROSS

- 1 Hertz
- 4 Change hue
- 7 Body of water
- 10 Glitter
- 12 Representative
- 13 Extra sense
- 15 Devilfish
- 16 Dined
- 17 Computer characters
- 18 Facial twitch
- 19 Compass point
- 21 Flightless bird
- 23 Shade tree
- 24 Communicators
- 26 Grown
- 28 Nails
- 30 Mix
- 31 ___ Minor (Little Dipper)
- 34 Foot joint
- 36 Roman emperor
- 40 Sleep
- 41 Expression of surprise
- 42 Bone
- 43 Asian country
- 45 Bohemian Hussite military leader
- 47 Nativity scene piece
- 48 Flunk a test
- 50 European monetary unit
- 52 Salute
- 54 Slightly drunk
- 57 Throng
- 58 Picnic pest
- 60 Governor (abbr.)
- 61 Straw
- 63 Spiritual leader
- 65 Serving of corn
- 67 On fire
- 69 Bobbin
- 70 Wing
- 71 Gives
- 72 Eye infection
- 73 Liberal (abbr.)
- 74 Been

DOWN

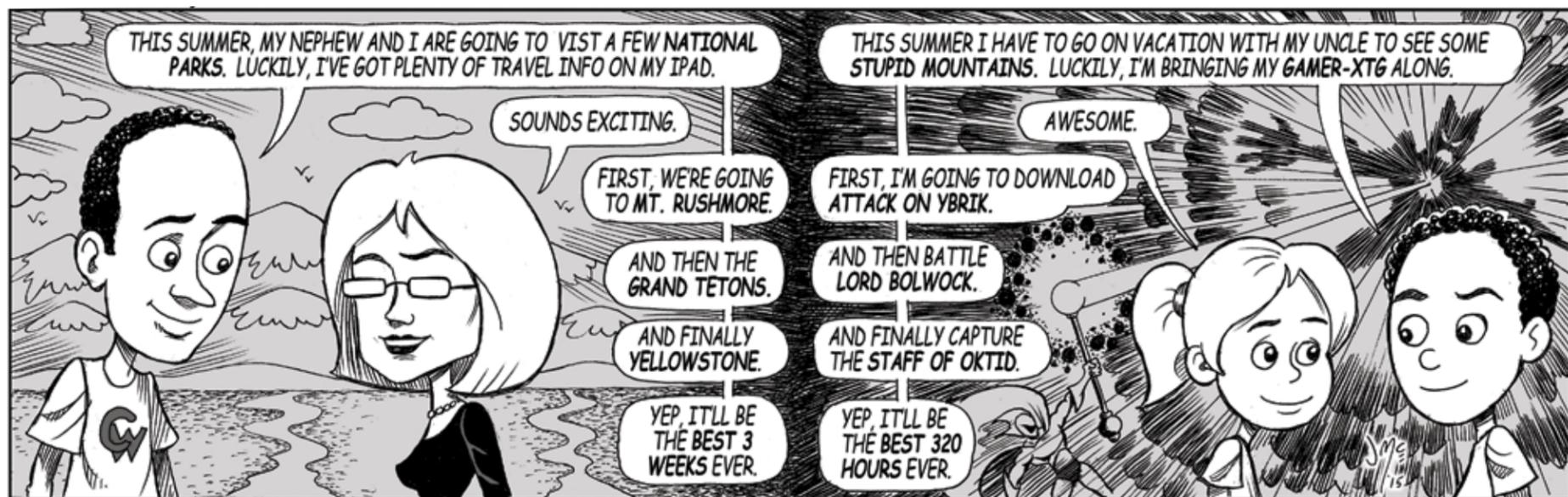
- 1 Ask for legally
- 2 Plural for pennies



- 3 Rested
- 4 Pump
- 5 Still
- 6 Fencing sword
- 7 Bro.'s sibling
- 8 Surpass
- 9 Leaning
- 10 Greenwich Mean Time
- 11 Insane
- 13 Saudi Arabian citizen
- 14 That man
- 20 Baby's "ball"
- 22 Spouse
- 25 Deoxyribonucleic acid (abbr.)
- 27 Pot
- 29 Slow, shelled animal
- 30 Appease
- 31 Spanish "one"
- 32 Ewe's mate
- 33 Resort hotel
- 35 Kilohertz
- 37 Time period
- 38 Big truck
- 39 Kimono sash
- 44 Football assoc.
- 45 Paradise
- 46 Coupe
- 47 Clean
- 49 Help
- 51 Contend
- 52 Day time tv shows
- 53 Monastery superior
- 55 Dardic
- 56 Several feet
- 57 Mr.'s wife
- 59 Duck
- 60 Clutch
- 62 Yea
- 64 Male child
- 66 Boxer Muhammad
- 68 Hardly any

Crestwood's very own ongoing strip,...

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- On Nov. 7th, 1963, fire bells were installed in all of the homes of Crestwood's firefighters, enabling them to hasten their response to emergency calls.
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- Crestwood was one of the first south suburban municipalities to establish a blood assurance program for its residents, in 1971. By 1976, the program had 29 gallon donors and two two-gallon donors.
- In 1972, under the guidance of Mrs. Chris Scalletto, the Village's ecology commission was formed, spending the first Saturday of each month collecting newspapers, bottles and cans in an effort to clean up the Village and, at the same time, help it — funds that were earned were used to plant trees in the parks, purchase playground equipment and to advance leukemia research.

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SPORTS

Shepard Seniors Advancing to College-Level Play

It's no secret that Shepard High School has an abundance of talent on the playing field as well as in the classroom. The senior class of 2015 is no exception. A number of its athletes have been signed to play at the college and university level. Here are the names of those continuing their athletic pursuits at the higher-education level. Congratulations, seniors!



BASEBALL		FOOTBALL
Mark Albrecht, Roosevelt University Adam Gregory, UIS Eric Horbach, Joliet Junior College	Rick Mundo, St. Ambrose Bob Peterka, St. Xavier University Brett Smith, St. Xavier University	Kyle Dye, Valparaiso University Chris Goldschmidt, Carthage College Chris Henington, Lindenwood-Bellevue University Keyon Lansdown, Robert Morris University Jeff Taylor, Aurora University
BASKETBALL – MEN'S		GOLF
Kyle Longfeld, Robert Morris University		Shane Wright, Moraine Valley CC
BASKETBALL – WOMEN'S		SOCCER – MEN'S
Myrissha Mitchell, Robert Morris University		Logan Dolehide, Carthage College
CHEERLEADING		SOCCER – WOMEN'S
Hoa Le, Northern Illinois University Jessica Makenas, Central College	Felicia Marr, Northern Illinois University Emily Pierce, Northern Illinois University	Kelly Evancich, Carthage College Aubrey Quick, Carthage College
CROSS COUNTRY – MEN'S		SOFTBALL
Kevin Dusek, Moraine Valley CC Andrew Miller, Moraine Valley CC		Breanna Graffeo, St. Xavier University
CROSS COUNTRY – WOMEN'S		SWIMMING – WOMEN'S
Tiarra Morgan, Lincoln College Amber Pierce (and Track), Lincoln College	Hatiana Thomas (and Track), Lincoln College	Rebecca Gleich, Carroll University
		TRACK – WOMEN'S
		Raeven McFadden, Lincoln College Carolyn Porter, Lincoln College
		Chasz Wells, Indiana Tech



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Shepard Varsity Baseball Ends Long Drought!

The O.J. Simpson criminal trial opened; *Forrest Gump* won Best Picture, and Timothy McVeigh was arrested for a terrorist car bombing that destroyed the Oklahoma City Federal Building. The year was 1995 and that was the last time the Shepard Astros won a Conference Championship in the sport of baseball — that is, until this spring. The 2015 version of the Astros had a 24-9 record and a 16-3 SSC Red Conference record. That record tied the school's record for wins in a season at 24. Other records broken this season included a 10-game winning streak, team ERA for a season, and team Fielding Percentage. Four seniors from Crestwood were among the 20 members of the squad: Mark Albrecht (signed with Roosevelt University) was a four-year varsity starter who provided experience along with a .275 average at second base. Ken Gorski was the igniter at the top of the Shepard lineup with a .330 average, 28 runs scored (tops on squad), 38 hits (tops on squad), and 16 stolen bases (tops on squad) while manning second, short and third base. Zach Haxel (4.20 ERA and 2 saves) and Cole Jones provided the team with some depth on the mound as well as in the field.

