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The 3rd Annual Document Shredding Fundraiser

DOCUMENT SHREDDING FUNDRAISER
TO BENEFIT
SPECIAL OLYMPICS
Saturday, June 20
10am - 2pm
Crestwood Police Department
13840 Cicero

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Identity theft is one of the fastest growing non-violent crimes in the United States. Nearly 9 million Americans have their identities stolen each year. Proper destruction of personal and confidential documents is a critical step in ensuring that individuals do not become victims of identity theft.

Bring your old tax returns, business records, bank statements, cancelled checks, credit card statements, bills, receipts, and other documents containing personal information. All Shredding will be done onsite while you wait.

SHREDDING PROVIDED BY PROSHRED SECURITY

Each year, Crestwood police officers — with the cooperation of ProShred Security — organize a Document Shredding Fundraiser that is held at the police station.

For the four hours of operation, there is a continuous flow of people that bring their documents to be shredded. The citizens that attend are glad to be able to get rid of the old papers in a safe and protected manner.

There was such a demand that we are now proud to announce the 3rd annual Shredding Event on Saturday, June 20th, from 10am-2:00pm in the front lot of the Crestwood Police Department, located at 13840 Cicero.

All are welcome to bring their personal and business documents for shredding. This includes old tax returns, business records, bank statements, canceled checks, credit card statements, bills, receipts, and any other documents. Participants can watch their sensitive information being destroyed by a truck-mounted shredder provided by ProShred Security, a local business here in Crestwood. Shredding will be done for \$10 for the first box and \$5 for each additional box. All shredding is done on site and you can watch on the video monitor as your

documents pass through the shredder.

According to law enforcement sources, this is one of the easiest ways to protect yourself against identity theft. Identity theft is the nation's fastest-growing crime according to FBI statistics. Nearly 9 million Americans have their identity stolen each year. In fact, you or someone you know may have experienced some form of identity theft.

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personally identifying information — like your name, Social Security number or credit card number, without your permission — to commit fraud or other crimes. Identity thieves may rent an apartment, obtain a credit card, or establish a telephone account in your name. You may not find out about the theft until you review your credit report or a credit card statement and notice charges you didn't make — or until you're contacted by a debt collector.

All proceeds from the fundraiser go to support Special Olympics.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact **Detective Chris Soderlund at 708-926-7240** or csoderlund@crestwood.illinois.gov.

The 16th Annual Beverly Breast Cancer Walk



Although the weather was somewhat dull and misty, approximately 14 thousand people brought sunshine to a great event on Mother's Day, bringing support for prevention and treatment of Breast Cancer. Monies collected help to benefit Little Company Breast Care Center and to raise awareness of prevention methods and available treatments. Thank you to Dean Vallas for generously providing bus transportation for Crestwood walkers and thanks to all the Crestwood supporters who turned out to show their support. *Join us next year for the walk.*



Village Hall

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Letter from the Mayor

Dear Crestwood Residents,

Everywhere I go it seems that people want to know what plans government has to get our state out of the financial mess it currently is in and how these plans might affect our Village of Crestwood. While Governor Rauner has his work cut out for him in attempting to keep the state running and trying to balance its budget, we are fortunate here in Crestwood that our debts are both reasonable and manageable. Within two years, Crestwood will be one of only two municipalities that has a fully funded pension plan for its police officers and development within our TIF areas has exceeded our own expectations providing us with sufficient return on tax dollars to allow us to undertake future projects.

Your elected officials have worked hard to secure a \$360,000.00 grant for the improvement of our roadways and a \$3 million grant to fix flooding issues at 135th and Central, Midlothian Turnpike and Lavergne. We also obtained a sidewalk improvement grant of \$900,000.00 and the \$2.5 million grant to upgrade the village's main business district. With these funds, the entire look and feel of our village will be transformed over the next few years, making our central business district far more attractive and much friendlier for shoppers, tourists and our own residents who will be able to enjoy a stroll or ride a bike to local stores and restaurants.

Our vision for Crestwood doesn't stop with what we have obtained. We have submitted a proposal to Governor Rauner that could enable Crestwood to help save the state considerable costs on its materials for roadway and parking

facility construction, general construction and repairs, while also facilitating economic growth for Crestwood. The project in mind involves converting 60 acres of disused property along the Calumet Sag Canal into a robust retail, restaurant and urban walk area. This plan would also mean creating as many as 2,500 new jobs and generate an estimated \$4.5 million in new sales tax and real estate tax revenues.

By finding ways to reduce waste, utilizing private and public partnerships to smartly develop our land resources and being accountable to the people on every penny of tax dollars we spend, your village elected officials are finding ways to improve our village and the lives of our citizens without indebting future generations of Crestwood citizens. We are hopeful that the governor, who has professed his admiration for the finding of creative ways to redirect resources and save taxpayer's money will support our idea.

Once again I want to express to you my sincere appreciation for the support that you show to myself and your other elected officials. I promise that every day, we are working hard to earn your trust and make Crestwood the place we want to call home.

Sincerely,

Mayor Lou Presta

Village Meeting Schedule

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

Crestwood Civic Center | 14025 Kostner Ave | June 4th and 18th

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

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | June 2nd and 16th

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

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | June 8th and 22nd

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

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | June 9th and 23rd

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!**

Crestwood Fastpitch is hosting a 1Mi/5K Run/Walk for Breast Cancer on Sunday June 14th, 2015, at Walker Park.

Registration starts at 9:30 AM at the Concession Stand. The Run/Walk starts at 10:00 AM. The Walk/Run will take place between 139th st. & 135th st and from Sandra/South End Lane to Lamon

ALL proceeds will be donated to Little Company of Mary's Comprehensive Breast Health Center. Go to www.crestwoodfastpitch.com for more information and to download a Registration Form. If you have more Questions you can e-mail Crestwoodfastpitch1@gmail.com

FORMS SHOULD BE MAILED TO:

Crestwood Fast-Pitch Assoc.,
c/o Village of Crestwood
13840 S. Cicero Ave., Crestwood, IL 60445

or put in a sealed envelope addressed to CW Fast-Pitch and can be dropped in the gray "Drop Box" at entrance to Village Hall, (the box people can drop payments in when Village Hall is closed). Or at Walker Park Concession stand during Crestwood Fastpitch or T-ball games. Make checks payable to Crestwood Fast-Pitch Assoc. Charity Fund. Pre-Registration Walk Fee \$20.00 (includes T-shirt for entries rec'd by 6/6/15). Day of Walk Fee \$30.00 (includes T-shirt while supplies last) Shirts will be distributed at check-in.

Volunteers are needed! The first 20 volunteers will receive free registration and T-Shirt! If interested in volunteering, a sign up sheet is available at the concession stand. Let's make this a great event!



2015 Forest Preserves Permits Now Available

Picnic and events permits for the Forest Preserves of Cook County are now available. They may be purchased online with Visa or MasterCard or in person with cash, check, Visa or MasterCard at the Forest Preserves' General Headquarters (536 N. Harlem Avenue in River Forest), Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

The Forest Preserves have approximately 297 picnic groves (191 with shelters) available for public use. Permit fees vary based on grove size, capacity and special items used on Forest Preserves property. Basic picnic permits range from \$47 to \$115, but special event permits may cost more. There is a discount for non-profit organizations, if they provide appropriate documentation. For more information, visit fpdcc.com/permits-rentals, or contact them at fpdcc.rvp@cookcountyil.gov or 1-800-870-3666 (option 2).



Save the Date for Crestwood's First-Ever Sparks in the Park Event

Put July 3 on your calendar for a night of family friendly fun, film and fireworks to celebrate the new improvements to Standard Bank Stadium when the park hosts the first annual Sparks in the Park event. Picnic on the newly installed artificial turf, enjoy a movie on the new videoboard and stay for an impressive fireworks display!

Free Rain Barrels Still Available

The Village of Crestwood reminds residents that free rain barrels are available for qualified citizens. To qualify, applicants must agree to disconnect the downspouts on their homes and install rain barrels on each downspout where feasible. The goal is to reduce the amount of rainwater entering the public drainage system, which, here in Crestwood, combines both rainwater and sewage from homes. For each rain barrel used, up to 55 gallons of water can be prevented from finding their way into the drainage system. Prevention of overflow in the system is crucial to the prevention of basement backups and other flooding.

The Village will perform a site visit within 90 days to determine if delivered rain barrels are onsite and properly installed.

Those not qualifying for free barrels can still acquire them via the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for \$58 plus tax. For more information or to purchase barrels, visit www.mwrdd.org or call (708) 371-4800, ext. 1002.



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).

Deceptive Practice

04-02-2015: A resident reported that unknown suspects had made unauthorized transactions on his debit card.

04-04-2015: A resident reported that unknown suspects opened up a bank account in her name without her authorization.

04-05-2015: A resident, who had been a previous victim of identity theft, advised that someone applied for a loan using his name and social security number.

04-07-2015: A resident reported that unknown suspects had opened up a Comcast account using their personal name and social security number without authorization.

04-08-2015: A woman who was using a dating website began communicating with a man that was in another country. The man later advised that he was stranded and asked to borrow \$500.00 which the victim then sent via Western Union. Approximately one month later, the suspect asked to borrow another \$600.00 that the victim also sent via Western Union. The suspect then agreed to have company checks sent to the victim for her to deposit into her account. The victim received approximately \$7,000.00 in checks that she deposited into her account that were later discovered to be fraudulent.

04-08-2015: A female reported that unknown suspects had filed a tax return using her social security number.

04-10-2015: A female suspect cashed a tax refund check for \$6,779.00 at Walmart that was later discovered to be fraudulent.

04-20-2015: A resident reported that unknown suspects had attempted to pay Comcast \$588.41 from her debit card without authorization.

04-24-2015: A resident reported that his identity had been used to open several credit accounts without his authority. A safe way to protect yourself from identity theft is to shred your documents that contain your personal information. Be sure to take advantage of the Shredding Event at the police department on June 20th from 10:00am-2:00pm

Thefts

04-03-2015: Unknown suspects failed to pay \$21.41 of their bill at IHOP.

04-04-2015: Two victims reported having their wallets taken from their unattended purses while at Portillo's.

04-10-2015: It was reported that an unknown suspect had tampered with a coin-operated washing machine and removed an unknown amount of change in the 5700 block of 129th Street.

04-14-2015: It was reported that an unknown suspect had gained access to the washers and dryers located in multiple buildings in the 5700 block of 128th street.

04-16-2015: An unknown suspect stole a taillight assembly from a vehicle in the 5300 block of 137th Place.

04-24-2015: An unknown suspect stole a wallet from a customer inside of Xsport Fitness.

Retail Thefts

04-19-2015: A female was arrested and charged with felony theft after attempting to steal \$98.17 worth of merchandise at Walmart.

04-30-2015: A female was arrested and charged with felony theft after attempting to steal \$706.99 at Kohl's.

15 people were issued local ordinance citations for retail theft during the month of April.

No License/Suspended Driver Arrest

04-05-2015: A male was arrested and charged with no valid drivers license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle in the 143rd block of Cicero Ave.

04-08-2015: A male was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended registration and driving with a suspended license in the 135th block of Long Ave.

04-10-2015: A male was arrested and charged with speeding and not having a valid license in the 4700 block of Cal Sag Road.

04-13-2015: A female was arrested and charged with speeding, no valid drivers license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle in the 4700 block of Cal Sag Road.

04-13-2015: A male was arrested and charged with making an improper left turn and no valid drivers license in the 131st block of Cicero Ave.

04-15-2015: A female was arrested and charged with disobeying a traffic control signal, driving under the influence of alcohol and operating an uninsured motor vehicle in the 140th block of Cicero Ave.

04-24-2015: A male was arrested after being involved in an accident and charged with not having a valid drivers license in the 136th block of Pulaski Road.

04-25-2015: A female was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license in the 134th block of Cicero Ave.

04-26-2015: A male was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and driving with a suspended license in the 3900 block of 135th Street.

04-26-2015: A male was arrested and charged with speeding, driving with a suspended license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle in the 132nd block of Cicero Ave.



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.



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.

Crestwood Police Department Designates Lobby As “Safe Place” for Online Transactions

In a proactive and innovative move to protect residents and visitors in the Village of Crestwood, the Crestwood Police Department is offering the Crestwood Police Department lobby as a “safe place” to conduct online transactions.

The public can use the Crestwood Police Department lobby to meet and complete transactions arranged online, and officers and/or members of the Crestwood Police Department will be standing by to increase the buyers’ and sellers’ sense of security.

Locally there has not been any recent increase in robberies involving online transactions; however, there have been a number of cases throughout the country. The Crestwood Police Department joins law enforcement agencies around the state and country in designating safe places for online transactions.

“Transactions of online purchases should never, ever be done in areas like secluded parking lots, in the dark or in unfamiliar locations, especially when you’re dealing with people you’ve never met,” Chief David Weigand said. “There is no way to know if the person you’re conducting a transaction with has the wrong intention. Using our lobby will reassure both the buyer and seller.”

Members of the public are welcome to conduct their transactions inside the Crestwood Police Department lobby, located at 13840 Cicero, Crestwood. Lobby hours are 8am-9pm Monday through Friday, and 9am to 12:00pm on Saturday.



Butter Burgers & Badges in Crestwood

During the month of June, more than 50 Chicagoland Culvers locations — including Crestwood’s — will participate in the Change for Champions program to raise money for the athletes of Special Olympics. These locations will have donation containers at the registers, along with other promotional material. To end the monthly event, Crestwood Police will be participating in a Tip-a-Cop at Culvers on Tuesday, June 30, from 5-9 p.m., with uniformed police officers serving as the celebrity waitstaff to collect “tips” for Special Olympics. In addition, Culvers will donate \$1 of every \$2 mini mixer. Bring the entire family out and join the Crestwood Police as they continue to raise money for Special Olympics.



Jon Bruce Receives the “Citizen of the Year award”

The South Chicago Elk’s club has awarded its prestigious “Citizen of the Year” award to Crestwood Fire Chief Jon Bruce. Presented annually, the award is given to an individual demonstrating a commitment to his or her community. The Elks cited Chief Bruce’s volunteer efforts to charitable causes and his efforts to instill excellence in the emergency response team he supervises. Congratulations, Chief!

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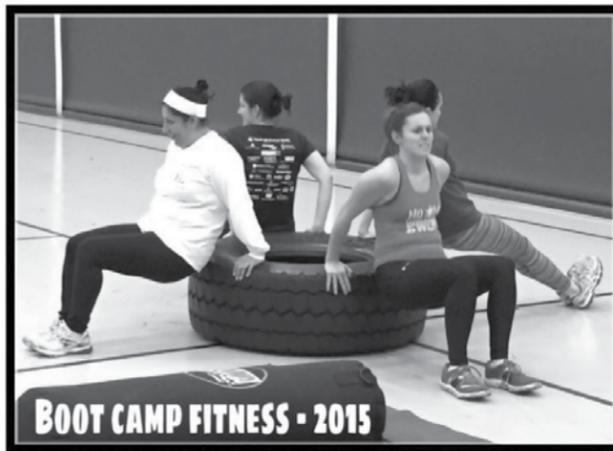
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SUMMER 2015

Ages: 3 to 5 years old



Jump Bunch Sports & Fitness

Jump Bunch feature a different activity each week through age-appropriate introduction to sports and fitness. The preschoolers enjoy great exercises, but in a structured format, that introduces a wide variety of sports, and builds coordination, balance, and confidence. Each class includes warm-ups, floor exercises, the sport activity of the week, stretching, and then cool downs.

Day: **Mondays**
Dates: May 11—June 15
No Class: May 25
Time: **3:30 to 4:15 PM**
Ages: **3 to 5 years old**

Cost:
\$50.00 Resident/Non-Resident

Class Instructors

The Jump Bunch program is in several local park districts and day care centers. Jump Bunch brings a new sport or activity each week. For more information visit the Jump Bunch website: www.chicago-south.jumpbunch.com

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PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

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
6 to 9 years old**

Mondays—June 15 thru July 27
(No Class Monday, July 6)

Time: 5:00 to 6:00 PM

Fee: \$37.00—Residents
\$42.00—Non-residents

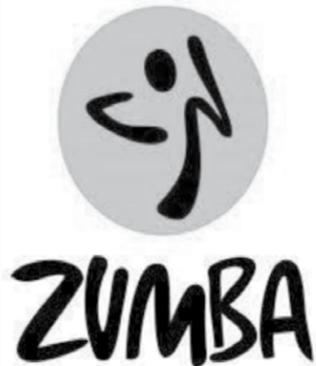
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Instructor: Erin Cunnea

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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The Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, calorie burning, dance fitness party. Feel the music and let loose.

Classes are held on Mondays, Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.
(No Fridays in the summer starting June 5th)

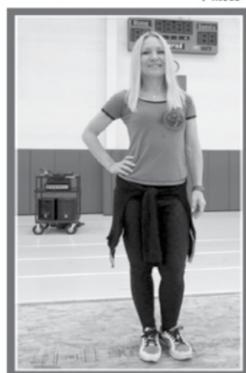
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BOOT CAMP

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Try the No Limit Boot Camp. Get lean and increase your energy.

Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:00 PM!



Lynn Kata Zumba at the CRWC CRESTWOOD RECREATION & WELLNESS CENTER



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.



IHSA Honors Shepard Speech Team



The Shepard High School speech team, pictured here after winning the South Suburban Conference championship, won the IHSA Team Academic Achievement Award for producing a non-weighted team grade point average above 3.0.

The Illinois High School Association recently honored the varsity speech team from Shepard High School for its academic achievements. The Shepard speech team received the IHSA Team Academic Achievement Award for producing a non-weighted team grade-point average above 3.0. This academic honor follows a historic season in competition. Shepard students won nine tournaments during the season, as well as the South Suburban Conference championship.

Nearly 100 Shepard Students Qualify for Language Honor Societies

Nearly 100 students at Shepard High School this year qualified for induction into the French, German, and Spanish national honor societies. Criteria include three semesters of the same foreign language, current enrollment in a foreign language course, 3.6 cumulative GPA in all foreign language courses, 3.0 cumulative GPA in all other classes, good standing behaviorally, foreign language teacher recommendation, and additional teacher recommendation.

Shepard recently hosted an induction ceremony for all three languages. Students qualifying for French National Honor Society include Eva Adomaityte, Kathryn Baker, Sara Campione, Kailey Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Gallegos, Taylor Hoekstra, Emma Lazowski, Sarah Quattrocki, Islam Sandoka, Janet Santoyo, Maggie Sera, Kylie Sterling, Alyssa Trinko, Hannah Vasil, Alexis Carr, Alison Elzinga, Reilly Longawa, Matthew Gibson, Joseph Monahan, Kelly Pawlak, Annie Rangel, Stephanie Wasag, and Marley Wiest.

Students qualifying for German National Honor Society include Logan Couture, Jordyn Czarny, Logan Dolehide, Morgan Dolehide, Cody Esparza, Paige Harkabus, Karsyn Hettlinger, Traverse Jarman, Kiersten Mahler, Taylor Novak, David Reddy, Michelle Sneddon, Ashley Shellberg, Grace Spindler, Allison Schuldt, Jayna Wilson Erika Brann, John Clohessy, Hannah Jones, Timothy Komperda, Tom McInerney, and Brian Nelson.

Students qualifying for Spanish National Honor Society include Sara Abualsamen, Eva Adomaityte, Nicolette Alex, Hamzah Alkhatib, Jasmine Anderson, Randall Barnes, Daniel Becker, Brenna Braasch, Kelli Callahan, Kevin Callahan, Maura Callahan, Milan Carter, Victoria Churin, Elizabeth Ciukaj, Jack Cody, Kayla Cody, Nicole Connors, Bryanna Cross, Michael

Cuzco, Dylan Doidge, Sherdell Edwards, Nicole Fleck, Leslie Garcia, Tiffany Gmyrek, Paulina Goryl, Alexander Gowaski, Abigail Graham, Michael Graham, and Nicolas Harnisch.

Also, Jenna Huisenga, Hannah Horstmann, Scott Huston, Joseph Iaquina, Connor Kapala, Naledge Killins, Sydney Kleina, Nancy Lesnicki, Brenna Koepp, Felicia Lonosky, Jillian MacDonald, Troy Magpantay, Jessica Makenas, Nicholas Martinez, Tamara McCondichie, Aleksandra Mierzejewska, Lauren Mikos, Paul Milkus, John Morrissey, Ellen Mueller, Krystyna Nedza, Stefanie Neylon, Aubrey Quick, Joanna Rangel, Gabriella Ramirez, and Kyara Rogers.

Also, Maryam Sandoka, Heidie Senko, Benjamin Schlusemann, Namra Shafi, Leeana Skuby, DaiJerne' Slater, Oluwatobi Sogebi, Justin Soriano, Mary Stocklen, Allie Terry, Maulika Thakkar, Emma Toomey, Martha Turwon, Gabrielle Villarreal, April Villeroz, Caleb Washington, Hayden Wiest, Sarah Wohler, John Wolniak, Taiah Womack-Hayes, Kendall Yerkes, Adam Zahdan, and Omar Zorba.



(Left) Shepard High School teacher Jennifer Fischer congratulates student Islam Sandoka on qualifying for Spanish National Honor Society. (Right) Shepard High School teacher Jennifer Fischer congratulates student Emma Lazowski on qualifying for Spanish National Honor Society.

District 130 Board of Education Seated, Officers Elected

At its Organizational Board of Education meeting on Thursday, April 30, Cook County School District 130 seated its recently elected board members and also elected three officers to two-year terms.

Rev. Rod Reinhart and Dr. Velda Wright, both of Blue Island, were both sworn into their first four-year terms on the District 130 Board. They replace outgoing board members Jane Blew-Healy and Joyce Pilewski, both of whom served from 2003 to 2015 and did not seek re-election.

Dr. Anne Rapp, also of Blue Island, was sworn into her second four-year term.

Reinhart, Wright and Rapp will serve on the board with Lynne Arendziak, Grace Bell and Alicia Ramirez, who were not up for re-election.

In addition to seating the new board members, the District 130 Board elected three officers to two-year terms: Rapp as President, Arendziak as Vice President, and Bell as Secretary.

Also during the meeting, the board accepted the resignation of Steven

Cheversia, who had served for nearly 14 years. As a result of the vacancy, District 130 will accept applications from community members who wish to join the seven-member Board of Education.

Those interested in applying must submit a letter of interest on or before May 29, 2015. Letters should include a statement as to why the individual would like to serve the Board of Education. **For more information, please visit www.district130.org.**



Cook County District 130's current seated board members: Dr. Velda Wright, Rev. Rod Reinhart, Lynne Arendziak, Dr. Anne Rapp, Alicia Ramirez and Grace Bell.

The BRIDGE Teen Center - June Activities



June 9 (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.



June 9 (Tues., 4:00-5:00)

AROUND THE WORLD: FAIR TRADE

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June 10 (Wed., 2:30-3:30)

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June 23, 30 (Tues., 4:30-5:30)

VOICE LESSONS

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June 24 (Wed., 1:00-2:30)

OPEN STUDIO: FASHION DESIGN

Individualize your own style by learning how to create pieces of clothing.



June 24 (Wed., 1:30-3:00)

PROJECT SERVE: DECORATING CANES

People diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) sometimes need a cane to walk. Design and create colorful canes to give to someone fighting MS.

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

Shepard's Quick Sisters Recognized for Excellence



Two of Shepard's students recently were honored with different distinctions, but share a few things in common — like the same parents and the same last name. Aubrey Quick, a senior, recently was awarded a full academic and athletic scholarship to Carthage College for her excellent work in the classroom and on the soccer field.

"She was a huge impact for our team the last four years," Aubrey's coach, Scott Wilkins, said of her team play. She's played on varsity for us since her freshman year. She's been all-state the last two years. We didn't win conference until her freshman year, and we've won four conference championships in a row. So she's had a huge impact on our program, and setting the standard for our program now."

Since Kailey joined Leo Club, a community service organization sponsored by the Worth Lions Club, she has demonstrated considerable leadership, participating in this year's events, like the Moonlight Harvest Senior Citizen Dance, and regularly volunteering at the Providence Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. But her involvement went beyond simple participation. Her ability to take charge of situations at these events and her positive attitude were recognized by her peers in the Leo Club and by their sponsors, and they have elected her president of Leo Club for the 2015-2016 year.

Congratulations, Aubrey and Kailey!

Aubrey Quick and Kailey Quick have each been recognized for excellence at Shepard.

Moraine Valley Community College to Assist Seniors in Job Searches

For the second year, Moraine Valley Community College (MVCC) is offering employment assistance to seniors through its BACK TO WORK 50+ program. The goal of the program is to assist low-income adults 50 and over to obtain good jobs in their communities, increase their financial capabilities and avoid being victims of financial fraud.

Moraine Valley is one of 16 community colleges selected nationally by AARP Foundation in collaboration with the American Association of Community Colleges to administer BACK TO WORK 50+ in its communities. The college will connect job candidates aged 50 and over to specific in-demand jobs in the home health care, retail and call center industries.

"Since the rollout of the program in January of 2014, Moraine Valley has provided BACK TO WORK 50+ program participants with an opportunity to learn the necessary skills to be successful and advance themselves in key industries," Lisa Bly, assistant dean of Corporate, Community and Continuing Education at Moraine Valley and BACK TO WORK 50+ project director, said. "Program participants were very successful in landing employment in our communities."

"Employers tell us that they are looking for workers who bring assets to the workplace that they need, such as a strong work ethic, reliability, good judgment, and strong interpersonal and communication skills," Bly continued. "Workers over age 50 bring these attributes to the workplace."

BACK TO WORK 50+ also provides the opportunity for participants to develop the skills required in the current workplace through its Workforce Development Program. "We provide real experience and focused training in fast-growing industries," Bly said. "The cohort approach supports an open dialogue within the class, which allows for sharing of experiences and ideas throughout the learning process. The students leave more prepared to move into a job and, by partnering with businesses throughout the region that are hiring, Moraine Valley Community College is able to provide job seekers access to potential employment opportunities."

Job candidates aged 50 and over can register at 1-855-850-2525 (select option 2) to attend an information session and receive job search information. The second session for 2015 will be held at Moraine Valley, T Building, Fogelson Theater, 9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills, Ill., on Thursday, July 9, from 9:00-11:00am.

During this session, candidates will learn how the BACK TO WORK 50+ at Moraine Valley Community College Coaching Program can help them update their personal marketing tools and networking strategies, target their job searches, get job leads, and find resources and training that can help them stay strong while they are looking for their next full-time jobs. For more information, please visit www.aarp.org/backtowork50plus.



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Family Fishing Day | Saturday, June 6, 8:00am-3:00pm

Lake Katherine Nature Center & Botanic Gardens

7402 W. Lake Katherine Drive | Palos Heights, Ill.

Enjoy family fun fishing the entire shore for muskie, catfish, walleye and bass during this catch-and-release fundraiser. All-day and half-day tickets are available. For more information, contact the Lake Katherine Nature Center & Botanic Gardens at **708-361-1873**



Friday Night Hike Series: Bats

Friday, June 26, 8:00-9:30am

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs

Seek out bats by tuning in to their frequency. Ages 8 and up. Limit 25. To register, call the Little Red Schoolhouse at **708-839-6897**.

Radio and the Great American Songbook

Monday, June 29, 6:00-7:00pm | Crestwood

Public Library 4955 W. 135th Street, Crestwood

Steve Darnall, WDCB radio, presents how radio helped to give birth to the "Great American Songbook" by offering songs and singers a unique opportunity to present their songs to a national audience. You'll hear some of the greatest songwriters of the 20th century as they were heard on radio. Registration is requested. Please call the Crestwood Public Library for more information and to register: **708-371-4090**.



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Car Show to Benefit Elim Christian Services

Do you like '60s and '70s muscle cars, '50s and '60s classic cars, hot rods, antique cars, trucks and motorcycles? Then you should come out Saturday, June 27th, 2015, from 10am to 3pm, for the 5th Annual Scott's Garage Benefit Car Show. You'll see a wide variety of vehicles of all makes and models that will take you back to when you were young. This family event is held at Elim Christian Services located at 130th and Central in Crestwood, Ill. The day will provide time for enjoyable conversation and storytelling about vehicles and the memories they carry. Parents, you can take your kids on a memory time-machine trip to see the cars you used to know, as well!

If you're interested in entering a vehicle for the show, it's just \$15 per show vehicle (pre-register price) and \$20 the month of the show. If you just want to visit and view the show, there is free visitor parking. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the day. "Best of Show" and "Best of Class" trophies and plaques will be awarded, and more. Hourly price raffles and 50/50 raffle tickets will be available as well. This is a fundraising event that Scott's Garage of Alsip, Ill. has chosen to hold in support of the 800 persons with developmental disabilities whom Elim Christian Services supports. All proceeds go to Elim Christian Services.

Due to Elim's expansive grounds, this year's Car Show has been expanded to add a separate area for an Art-and-Craft show with items for sale. A playground for the kids to enjoy and tours of Elim also will be available.

Scott's Garage has been in business since 2004 now, and has many connections with children and adults with disabilities and Elim. Per Scott and Paul, owners of Scott's Garage, "The day is all about having fun and helping those with special needs! So, bring your families out to socialize, tell your kids about the cars, trucks and motorcycles, and enjoy the nice surroundings of the forest preserve and listen to a wide variety of music provided by Midnight Mike's DJ Service. Everyone likes to talk about their cars, trucks and motorcycles!"

Come out with your family and friends on June 27th and enjoy the classic car, truck and motorcycle community. The slogan for the event says it all: "It's about having fun and helping those with special needs!"

Find out more by emailing elimshow@scottgarage.net, or calling 708-396-2082.

What: The 5th Annual Scott's Garage Benefit Car Show
Where: 130th and Central Ave. in Crestwood, Ill. 60463
When: Saturday, June 27th, 10am-3pm
Sponsored by: Scott's Garage Inc. of Alsip, Ill.

Save the Date: National Night Out Against Crime 2015

Tuesday, August 4, 2015 | Walker Park

Details to be announced in the July issue of the Crestwood Adviser.

Currently seeking vendors who are interested in advertising their products or services. If you would like to have a table or display, please contact Commander Ronan at **708-926-7233** or email aronan@crestwood.illinois.gov.

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Keeping Cool in the Hottest Months

As we enter summer, it's a good idea to remind ourselves of the dangers of high summer temperatures. Keeping hydrated is important, of course, but keeping the body's temperature in check is also important to staving off complications of heat stroke, cramps and other symptoms. Here are a number of ways that you can protect yourself against the most intense summer heat:



1. Wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothing. Avoid black or red clothes, as they absorb the most light and, consequently, heat. And remember that cotton breathes better than most synthetics.
2. Exercise early in the morning or later in the evening — keeping personal safety in mind — rather than in the late morning or afternoon, when the sun is near or at its peak.
3. Use fans to circulate air around your home, even if it is air-conditioned. If you have air conditioning, leave them on after the sun goes down to increase the flow of the already cool air around your home.

4. Stock your fridge with bottles of ice water and get into the habit of grabbing one each time you go outside. Not only will you stay cool, but you'll maintain a much more stable level of hydration, which aids in maintaining blood pressure.
5. Pack a small, battery-powered fan with you for outdoor activities.
6. Rather than eat large, hot meals, try sticking to small, more frequent meals of lighter fare, including fresh vegetables, fruits and low-fat dairy products. (This also helps to avoid turning on your stove.)
7. Pour ice water into your cap or hat and place it back on your head to keep your scalp cool.
8. If you don't have air conditioning, try to spend part of your day in a cooled public space, such as the library, a movie theater, shopping mall, restaurant or other location. Remember to look after infants, the elderly and those with chronic illnesses in particular. Keep your pets hydrated and protected from the ambient heat and the hot pavement, as well. And always use your common sense — in extreme temperatures, avoid direct sunlight as much as possible.

Source: medicinenet.com

Village & Biela Center Happenings

Unless otherwise indicated, all listed events are at the Biela Center, 4545 Midlothian Turnpike.

For more information
708-371-4860 Ext. 6001

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie	3 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:30 p.m. Crestwood Seniors 1:00 p.m. Movie	4 12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie	5 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie
8 Rules of the Road - 1:30 - 3:30pm 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:30 p.m. Biela Seniors 1:00 p.m. Movie	9 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie	10 Seminar on Scams & Fraud - 1 - 3 pm	11 12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie	12 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie
15 Horse Shoe Casino - 8:30 am 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie	16 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie	17 Blood Pressure - 9:30 AM 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Crestwood Seniors 1:00 p.m. Movie	18 12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie	19 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie
22 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:30 p.m. Biela Seniors 1:00 p.m. Movie	23 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie	24 Hearing - 9:30 AM 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie	25 12:00 p.m. Cards 1:00 p.m. Movie	26 11:15 a.m. Fitness 12:00 p.m. Dessert 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie
29 11:15 a.m. Fitness 1:00 p.m. Movie	30 Pre 4th of July Party 1:00 p.m. Bingo 1:00 p.m. Movie			

JUNE 2015



Look What's Cooking!!!

Lunch and bingo or a movie for over 50

Tuesday, June 2	Hot dog & beans
Friday, June 5	Ham sandwich
Tuesday, June 9	Pulled Pork sandwich
Friday, June 12	Chicken salad on a croissant
Tuesday, June 16	Beef sandwich
Friday, June 19	Italian Sausage
Tuesday, June 23	Sloppy Joe
Friday, June 26	Dessert & Bingo
Tuesday, June 30	Pre-4th of July Party (\$10)

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.

June 1-5	"Terry Fator - Live from Vegas"
June 8-12	"Into the Woods"
June 15-19	"Mall Cop 2"
June 22-25	"Once Upon a Time in the West"
June 29 - July 2	"Jurassic Park"

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 February 10th.

Horseshoe Casino

Spend the day at the Horseshoe casino in Hammond, Indiana. When you register, we will need your card number and an E-mail address. If you DO NOT have a player's card we need your name (as shown on your license or State I.D.), address, date of birth and an E-mail address. Without this information you will not receive the trip benefits.

When: Monday, June 15th
Time: Depart 8:30 am - Return 4 pm
Cost: \$27.00 (includes buffet)

Grand Victoria Casino

Join 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 up fast.

"Rules of the Road Here on June 8th"

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, June 8th, 2015
Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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

Pre - 4th of July Party - June 30th

Celebrate Independence Day early at the Biela Center. Join us June 30th for appetizers, lunch, raffles and bingo. Make your reservation and play for your tickets by June 23rd.

When: Tuesday, June 30th
Time: Appetizers at 11; lunch at 12 and raffles and bingo following for those attending the party.
Cost: \$10.00

"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).

- 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

Chicago Architectural Tour

Learn about the architecture and design of over 50 buildings described in this 90 minute tour. Open-air and air conditioned seating is available. Then on to lunch at Pompeii on Taylor Street.

When: Thursday, June 25th
Time: Depart 8:45 pm; return 4 pm
Cost: \$77 (includes transportation, tour, & lunch)

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 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)

Shipshewana

Join us for a fun-filled 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 us 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.



"I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it."

— Harry S. Truman

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AT THE BIELA CENTER OFFERED ON JUNE 17th

Free blood pressure screening will be offered at the Biela Center on Wednesday, June 17th, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Barbara, our Biela Center Blood Pressure Nurse will be available.

HEARING SCREENING AT THE BIELA CENTER ON JUNE 24th

Bruce from the Audible Center for Hearing Excellence will be here on Wednesday, June 24th 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.

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Animal Welfare League Hosts Shindig at the Shelter

Animal Welfare League will be hosting a "Shindig at the Shelter" Sunday, June 14, 2015, at 10305 Southwest Highway in Chicago Ridge from 12-5pm.



Everyone is invited to attend this free, fun-filled afternoon with crafts and pet vendors, kid's games, discounted microchipping, bake sale, DJ, food, raffles, shelter tours, pet adoption specials and so much more. Blessing of the Animals is tentatively scheduled for 2:30pm.

Vendor opportunities are also available. See the shelter's website for information on becoming a vendor at the event, or contact the shelter directly. Space is limited, so don't delay!

The Animal Welfare League is a not-for-profit humane organization. The League operates two shelters in the Chicago area, which care for more than 19,000 homeless and abandoned animals each year. The Animal Welfare League receives no local, state or federal funding and relies on private donations. The League's services include adoptions, animal redemptions, animal-assisted therapy, humane education, volunteer program, cruelty investigations, a low-cost spay and neuter clinic, and clinic services for those on a limited income. Clinic is open to the general public.

For more information, contact 708-636-8586 x268 or visit the League's website at www.animalwelfareleague.com.

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Students Learn to “Choose Kind” From Mary Cate and Kerry Lynch

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When asked to affirm that “no” has become her favorite word, Mary Cate Lynch somehow found a way to simultaneously contradict and agree with her mom.

“That’s your favorite word, right?” Kerry Lynch asked.

“Ice cream,” Mary Cate yelled, drawing laughs from the crowd of District 218 students and faculty members and, especially, her mom at Shepard High School.

The momentary exchange between Kerry and Mary Cate provided not just a highlight but a snapshot capturing the essence of the “Choose Kind” event.

Everyone laughed and at once understood that, while Mary Cate may look different, she thinks, laughs, plays, and definitely wants her way like every other three-year old.

Mary Cate was born with Apert Syndrome, a rare (one in 160,000 to 200,000 births in the United States annually) craniofacial condition that affects the head, feet, and hands. It is a spontaneous genetic mutation that occurs at conception.

The Lynch family has worked to raise awareness of Apert Syndrome and counted the Monday presentation as the 95th they’ve hosted in area schools.

“We all have things that are different in our lives, right? We all have battles. We have things going on at home or school, maybe we have medical battles. Mary Cate’s had a medical battle with many surgeries in her young life,” Lynch said.

In babies with Apert Syndrome, facial bones and fingers and toes grow together. Lynch opened by talking extensively about the exceptional medical issues. She closed, however, by emphasizing the unexceptional upbringing that Mary Cate has enjoyed.

“Did any of you notice any patterns about Mary Cate?” said Lynch, referencing a video that opened “Choose Kind” that showed her daughter’s life from birth to present day.

“You saw some pictures form when she was born, and some other from after her surgeries. But mostly we saw pictures of her at the park, playing with her friends, having tea parties, and doing things that any other kid does,” Lynch said.



Kerry Lynch presents “Choose Kind” to District 218 students and teachers at Shepard High School.

And that’s kind of the point — whatever our differences, many things make us all the same — of “Choose Kind.”

The event closed with everyone reciting the “Choose Kind” pledge together: “When given the choice between being right and being kind, I will choose kind.”

Lynch borrowed the phrase from the book “Wonder,” which tells the story of a young boy who has enduring facial reconstructive surgery and wonders if peers will accept him.

The main character suffers bullying at first, but perseveres with the help of some friends.

He succeeds, makes honor roll, and even earns an award from the school for courage.

Longtime Crestwood Residents Retiring From Incarnation After Many Years of Service

Bill Liberio moved to Crestwood in 1989 with his wife, Michelle, and three children. The family was active in Crestwood sports including soccer, t-ball, baseball and football. Bill and Michelle’s oldest son served in the Military in Afghanistan and their daughter is an Artistic Supervisor at a large hair salon. Their youngest son, Curt, is an electrician in the local union.

As parishioners of Incarnation for 33 years, they sent all three of their children to school at Incarnation. Bill retired from the Teamsters in 2000 after 28 years of service and began working at Incarnation. Bill has been the supervisor of the maintenance department both at the Parish and the school. He has worn many hats in his years at Incarnation from hanging Christmas lights and disposing of a deceased bat on the playground, to helping the teachers with desks, chairs and any other miscellaneous tasks — always done with a cheerful smile. When asked what he was going to do with his spare time, he responded: “Golf ... golf ... and then some more golf!”

Diane Salamone and her husband, Carl, moved to Crestwood in 1973. She graduated from Chicago State University with a teacher’s degree and has taught in the Archdiocese of Chicago schools for 24 years. Diane and Carl have three boys who were also very active in Crestwood sports. Diane was President of the Crestwood Little League Auxiliary when the boys played baseball. Most recently, Diane has been an active member of the Crestwood Library Board for the past six years, being re-elected this past April.

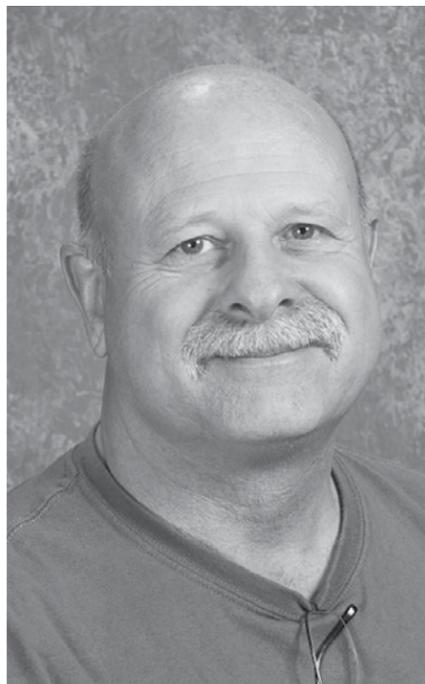
All three boys attended Incarnation, and Diane volunteered anywhere she was needed while their children attended the school. She served on the School

Board and also on the Mothers’ Club Board as Vice President. She also served the parish as the President of their Pastoral Council.

When Diane retires in June she will have taught second grade for the past 20 years. Many of our community children were taught by Diane as she taught nine years at St. Christopher and the past 11 years at Incarnation. In 2010 Diane received an award from the Archdiocese of Chicago for Catechetical and Youth Ministries. All at Incarnation are very proud of all of her achievements as an Incarnation teacher!

What will Diane and Carl spend their retirement years doing? Diane hopes to catch up on some reading and travel — hopefully to Hawaii and Cancun again!

Please join the Incarnation community in wishing both these wonderful people a happy and healthy retirement!



ComEd's Delivery System Ready for Summer Season

Summer is just around the corner and ComEd's workforce and systems are ready for the demands of the warmer temperatures ahead. Through its smart grid program and storm-hardening project, ComEd has continued to invest in upgrading its delivery system and improving its safety and reliability. This work includes upgrading substation equipment, installing new transmission wires, poles and smart meters, and inspecting circuits and equipment.

In its annual summer readiness presentation to the Illinois Commerce Commission, ComEd noted the benefits of its investments in smart grid and smart meter technology, in addition to ongoing storm-hardening work, which have reduced the frequency and duration of power outages. In addition, ComEd's storm restoration has improved by 30 percent since 2011.

"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," said Terence R. Donnelly, executive vice president and COO. "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 achieving a 99.96% reliability rate in 2014."

As part of the its summer preparedness program, the company also conducts emergency response drills that include employees from all areas, testing of computer and emergency systems and reviewing emergency and storm processes and procedures.

Additionally, the utility is engaged with other utilities, state agencies and companies to share best practices for storm response. On May 21 and 22, ComEd and the Edison Electric Institute will co-host an annual storm symposium with leaders from 15 utilities from around the country discussing best practices. On June 19, ComEd will host its second statewide emergency drill with utilities, state agencies and companies working together to understand how to get critical services back following a major weather disaster.

As part of the Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act (EIMA), or Smart Grid law, ComEd is in the midst of a \$2.6 billion program to modernize its electrical grid. The program includes \$1.3 billion to upgrade and storm harden its electric system by replacing thousands of miles of cable and thousands of poles, as well as upgrading substations and other equipment. The utility will spend another \$1.3 billion to digitize the system into a smart grid.

The smart grid includes installing advanced technology to help reduce customer power interruptions. For example, smart switches (also known as distribution automation devices) route power around potential problem areas, often with no noticeable interruption in service.

The investments have, and will continue to, enhance reliability and serve as an asset to businesses that value a modern, digital-based smart grid. In addition to helping to avoid

millions of customer interruptions, smart grid work has provided economic benefits to the state by supporting the creation of 3,600 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs in Illinois, including approximately 1,400 FTE jobs at the utility and its contractors.

To help our customers better manage their electric bills, this year ComEd introduced Peak Time Savings. Customers with smart meters can voluntarily reduce their electricity use during Peak Time Savings Hours by managing electricity use, such as saving laundry for off-peak times, turning up the A/C a few degrees, or turning off lights when leaving a room. Customers can earn a \$1 credit on their electric bills for every kilowatt-hour (kWh) of electricity reduced during Peak Time Savings Hours. ComEd will announce Peak Time Savings Hours on days when electricity is most in demand. Peak Time Savings Hours will typically occur for a few hours between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on three to five days during the summer.

ComEd reminds customers that higher temperatures can also lead to higher energy bills. ComEd customers 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 percent each 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, 3-5 percent in energy costs.

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

June Adult Programming at Crestwood Public Library

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

Radio & The Great American Songbook
 Steve Darnall, WDCB radio, presents how radio helped to give birth to the "Great American Songbook" by offering songs and singers a unique opportunity to present their songs to a national audience. You'll hear some of the greatest songwriters of the 20th Century as they were heard on radio. Monday, June 29, 2015 at 6:00pm. Please Register

Father's Day Card Class
 Join us for another session of Stampin' Up with Debbie Spano as we prepare for Father's Day by making your own set of personalized cards!
 Cost is \$4 per person. Please register.
 Monday, June 8, 2015 at 6:00pm

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.

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

Illinois I-Cash Program
 Did you know that 1-8 Illinois residents has an asset to be claimed through I-Cash? Stop by the library to learn more about this program from a representative from the Illinois State Treasurer's Office. Please Register
 Monday, June 15, 2015 at 6:00 PM

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

June 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 begins Monday, June 8. It is sure to be a Heroic summer.

June Family Night Performers

Juggler Chris Fascione

Chris Fascione brings his one hour show **Juggling Funny Stories** to the library on **Tuesday, June 16 at 6:00pm**
All Ages Welcome. Tickets Require

Entertainer Maggie Erdmann

Maggie Erdmann returns to the library with her magical comedy show titled **"Rhythm of Righteousness"**. All ages welcome.
Tuesday, June 30 at 6:00pm

Space is limited for these programs. Free tickets will be available at the Circulation Desk 2 weeks prior to program

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

Please see summer reading guide for more details. Registration is required for all programs.

Princess Power

Princesses of all ages come to the library to meet a real Beauty Queen!
The reigning Ms. and Mrs. Galaxy Illinois will visit the library for an afternoon of fun. Each Queen will be on hand to read books, help make crowns, take photos and visit with all our princesses.
Saturday, June 13 from 1:30-3:00pm
Cameras Welcome. Please register.

S.T.E.M. Club

This month grades K-4 will use the powers of earth, wind, water, fire & heart to make our world a better place. Learn how to be a Planeteer by doing simple things that help the Earth. The power is yours, Go Planet!
Wednesday, June 24 at 6:00pm
Space limited. Register at Front Desk

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

Free Produce Coming to Bremen Township

Bremen Township will be distributing free produce at the Bremen Township Administration Office in Markham (16361 S. Kedzie Ave.) Friday, June 12th, 2015, from 10:30am-noon, or until supplies last. The Produce Mobile, a program of the Greater Chicago Food Depository, visits on the second Friday of each month, unless it is a holiday. The Produce Mobile is sponsored by Bremen Township and Together We Cope.



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Fun & Entertainment *Sudoku and Crossword Answers appear in next issue

FREE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING FOR CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS!

CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS

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:

- Garage Sales
- Lost and Found
- Large Appliances
- Automobiles
- Motorcycles
- Boats and Trailers

NON-RESIDENTS AND AREA BUSINESSES can place classified advertisements for goods and services for just \$5.00 for twenty words under the following categories:

- Garage Sales
- Appliance and Electronics Sales
- Transportation (Cars, Boats, Motorcycles)
- Homes for Sale or Rent
- Apartments for Sale or Rent
- Employment Openings
- Jobs Wanted

To place your classified ad call 708-293-1430

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Brother LS1217 portable sewing machine. Brand-new, still in box; 17 stitch functions. \$60. Call (708) 371-0619. Ask for Maria.

FOR SALE

Stamina 1350 Recumbent Exercise Bike \$110 like New '92 Dodge Shadow Needs Work \$900. For more info call Bill at (708) 597-1424.

FOR SALE

Lew's fishing equipment new & used. For more info call John at (708) 824-9779.

FOR SALE

Element Electronics 19" Color TV, still in original box asking \$125. New in box Fusion Juicer, asking \$60. Antique Singer sewing machine converted to electric; in tabletop cabinet asking \$200. OBO. Call (708) 388-3253. Ask for Marie.

FOR SALE

Jeep Liberty, 2007 (black), with 54,000 miles. Asking \$8,200. Call (708) 262-0215. Ask for Andy.

FOR SALE

Queen Bedroom Set w/2-sided armoire comforter/shams included. \$500 or best offer. Call Jeff at (708) 214-4269.

FOR SALE

Urban Rebounder \$80. Pilates Roller gym \$125. Nordic Track T6.1 \$600. Call Joan at (708) 351-1623.

GARAGE SALE

Thursday, June 11: 9am-3pm; Friday, June 12: 9am-3pm; Saturday, June 13: 9am-noon. 12801 S. Central Ave. Crestwood.

SUDOKU

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.

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

May

Sudoku Solution

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

May

Crossword Solution

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ACROSS

- 1 McDonald's "Big __"
- 4 Extremely high frequency (abbr.)
- 7 Sandwich
- 10 Males
- 13 Wing
- 14 Radiation dose
- 15 Truss
- 16 Average (abbr.)
- 17 Roman equivalent to Athena
- 19 Remove a light bulb
- 21 In addition
- 22 Decorative needle case
- 23 Domestic cat
- 25 Acadian
- 29 Radar target
- 32 Organic compound
- 34 Chart
- 35 Swamp
- 36 Drink
- 37 Dinner tool
- 40 Abbess
- 41 Deface
- 42 Also
- 43 IOU part
- 46 Rust causer
- 48 Hive dweller
- 51 Monkey's cousin

- 53 Cab
- 54 Quake
- 56 Tides
- 57 Dapper
- 59 Type of dressing
- 60 Air (prefix)
- 62 Absent without leave
- 64 Rebuff
- 67 Belief
- 70 Tax agency
- 71 Pounds per square inch
- 72 April (abbr.)
- 73 North northeast
- 74 Welkin
- 75 Gender
- 76 Grain
- 77 Obtain

DOWN

- 1 Mayan language
- 2 Boxer Muhammad
- 3 Card game
- 4 Goofs
- 5 Disturbance
- 6 Food and drug administration (abbr.)
- 7 Heat unit

- 8 Napkin fabric
- 9 Trial
- 10 ___ Monroe
- 11 Evening
- 12 Pristine
- 18 Otherwise
- 20 Island
- 23 Kitten
- 24 Utilize
- 26 North and South ____
- 27 First mo.
- 28 Presumptuous
- 30 Promissory note
- 31 Play on words
- 33 Gossip
- 35 Sops up
- 38 IRS demand
- 39 Charged particle
- 43 Bullfight cheer
- 44 Weave
- 45 Ambassador
- 47 Digital audio tape
- 48 Theatre marquee content
- 49 East southeast
- 50 Flightless bird
- 52 Secondhand
- 55 Black
- 57 Racket
- 58 Talky
- 61 Knocks (2 wds.)
- 63 Cable
- 64 Insult
- 65 Make angry
- 66 Zip
- 67 Rowing device
- 68 Single
- 69 Profit

Crestwood's very own ongoing strip,...

94 South by Jim McGreal



Crestwood History: Did You Know?

- In 1769, the peaceful Illini native tribe was forced into battle with neighboring tribes. They were driven from Wildwood and Blue Island to Joliet — via Crestwood — and then finally to Starved Rock, where a last desperate stand was made. Only six survived.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Musilek Sr. were two of the first to settle in Crestwood, in 1918. Ernest was one of a small group of people who initially sought out to incorporate the Village of Crestwood.
- If you were in Crestwood in 1928, you could take a streetcar from the turntable at Rock Island Station at Midlothian to Springfield Ave., to 143rd St. and then to the Midlothian Country Club grounds.
- It wasn't until 1959 that Crestwood's first planned residential development came to be. Over the next five years, 600 homes would be built, and water and sewer systems were installed.
- In May 1963, with a vacancy provided by the resignation of then Fire Chief Charles Kelly, the firemen elected Jack Polensky Sr. to serve as the new chief. He was officially appointed May 16 of that year, at a salary of \$55/year.

Article Suggestions

Crestwood Adviser welcomes suggestions for articles — stories about residents, local events, random acts of kindness, and more! Please let us know what you think should be covered in your Village newspaper by emailing us at info@crestwoodadviser.com, calling Fanning Communications at **708-293-1430**, or bringing a hard-copy submission to the Village Hall at 13840 S. Cicero Avenue.

Now Hiring in Worth, IL

SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR/RECEPTIONIST – Worth Township

Part-Time) Tuesdays & Thursday 3:30pm - 8:30pm

Under the direct supervision of the Supervisor's Office, the Evening Switchboard Operator/Receptionist represents the Township in a professional, sincere, helpful, courteous and neat manner. This employee works under minimal supervision since the position is for evenings when most departments are closed for the day.

Qualifications:

A minimum of two years of high school and at least 16 years of age is required. The ideal candidate must be able to work with a minimum of supervision, be self-starting, goal-directed and able to work well with the public. Excellent telephone skills and the ability to prioritize the workload are mandatory. The ability to handle multiple tasks at one time is essential, along with a working knowledge of PC computers/Windows and Microsoft Office. Must be able to operate a switchboard, copy machine, facsimile machine, and postage meter. Knowledge of departmental functions is essential in order to direct phone calls and/or persons to the proper offices. Flexibility and the ability to be a team player is a must.

FLOATER / PART-TIME – Worth Township

Under the direct supervision of the Supervisor's Office, the part-time Floater represents the Township in a professional, sincere and courteous manner. This employee works a maximum of 20 hours per week, at times with minimal supervision. Appropriate apparel is a must. In addition, a working knowledge of the Personnel Policy is required.

Qualifications:

A minimum of two years of high school and at least 16 years of age is required. The ideal candidate must be able to work with or without supervision. The employee is expected to be self-starting, task-oriented and able to work well with the public. Excellent telephone skills are required. The ability to prioritize a workload is essential. The rapid learning of various office machines (switchboard, copy machine, facsimile machine, and postage meter) is necessary. In addition, proficiency with a computer (Windows OS and Microsoft Office) is very desirable. The ability to handle multiple tasks at one time is needed in every department. A rapidly acquired working knowledge of departmental functions is very important. Flexibility and the ability to be a team player is a must.

Playfield Park a Staple for Developing Area's T-Ball, Baseball Players

Our T-ball players already know about the beautiful fields at Walker Park. (Many of the girls continue to play Crestwood Fastpitch there before going on to play high school and college softball.) We want to make sure that everyone knows about the great ball fields at Playfield Park. So on May 18, 2015, Crestwood T-ball games were played at Playfield Park where Crestwood Baseball plays.

Many of our Crestwood T-ball players, including one girl this year and others in the past, have gone on from Walker Park to play baseball on the fields at Playfield. From there, many have gone on to play high school and college baseball and some have even gone on to play professional baseball. Of recent note: The White Sox's Mike Recchia, who started off in Crestwood T-Ball, developed a love for the game while on the Gold team. The skills his coaches taught him in T-ball were developed further in Crestwood Little League on the fields at Playfield Park. From there he went on to star at Shepard High School and at college, signed with the Yankees and then finally to his favorite team, the Chicago White Sox. So it can happen, starting in Crestwood T-ball.

All the Crestwood T-ball teams had games that Monday night. The starting times were staggered so the families could spend some time at the fields and watch one of the other T-ball games. The players all had a good time and enjoyed playing on baseball fields. The pitchers got to see where the pitchers are supposed to play, even if 2nd base was only 10 feet behind them. A few balls even made it to the outfield grass. The smaller dugouts made the game go faster, since the kids stayed in there. Many of the parents commented that they didn't even know there were ball fields back there. Others had never ventured beyond the playground at Playfield. The concession stand was open, and many enjoyed available snacks. It was a beautiful night for a ball game, and everyone had fun.



Green battle Maroon in a high scoring game that ended in a tie when the kids decided it was time for snacks.



The Blue team takes on the Red Team

SPORTS

Shepard Graduate On Top of the World in Norwegian Hockey

How far can you take a dream? In the case of one Alan B. Shepard High School graduate, at least to Norway and the top of the Norwegian hockey championships. Dan Kissel graduated from Shepard in 2005. At the time, hockey wasn't available to him at school, but he pursued his passion regardless, eventually playing at the collegiate level at the University of Notre Dame. Following that up with a few seasons in the East Coast Hockey League, Dan took a cue from one of his former teammates at Notre Dame and followed his dream to Norway. He has now helped bring his team, the Stavanger Oilers, to its fifth straight championship win — his third since he's joined the team — and has been leading scorer the past two seasons, as well as fourth-highest scorer for 2012-2013.

Crestwood Adviser: So how did you come to play professionally in Norway?

Dan Kissel: My path to playing professionally in Norway came about from a recommendation from a teammate I played with at the University of Notre Dame. He played with the Stavanger Oilers the year previous and unfortunately suffered a career-ending injury. Knowing the team would need a spot to fill, he gave me a call. I was playing in the East Coast Hockey League (ECHL) at the time, and spent two seasons with the Alaska Aces. The ECHL is considered AA professional hockey in the States, and is basically the league in which you try and make an impact to get called up. That year, in 2012, I had the opportunity to play for the Bridgeport Sound Tigers of the AHL; a feeder team for the New York Islanders. It was a short call-up — what we like to call a "cup of coffee" — but nonetheless gave me hope. When I got sent back down to Alaska, I actually had a fortunate season and was second in the league in goals. It never did lead to another call-up though, and hearing about how much more money there is to be made in Europe I ended up taking my buddy's advice and went to Norway the next season.

CA: Can you tell us about some of the bigger moments and achievements you've enjoyed in



your career that you think you'll remember in years to come?

DK: There's actually a lot of big moments and achievements that I'll remember playing professionally. I've been fortunate to win four playoff championships (three in Norway, and one in Alaska), and three league championships (one in Norway, and two with Alaska) in my five years now. The biggest ones would definitely have to be my firsts with both teams. The best team I've played on was my first year pro with Alaska. It was just a great group of guys and to win a league title and a championship your first year pro was pretty special. When I went to Europe it was my first time ever even being overseas, so getting the opportunity to soak it all in for eight months, and then having the opportunity to be on a Championship team that season was a moment that won't be forgotten.

CA: Do you remember where you were when the Blackhawks won the Cup?

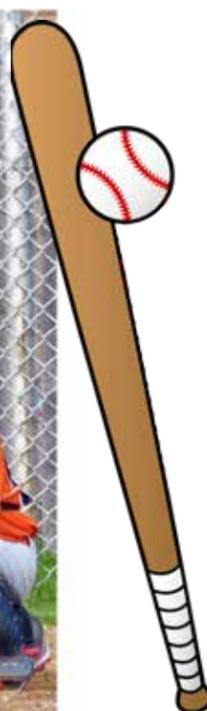
When the Hawks won the Stanley Cup back in 2010 I had just graduated from college a month prior, and was home in Crestwood at a bar that was called Mitch's at the time. A bunch of family and friends got together to watch Kane score the OT winner. It was a good night. In 2013, I believe I was actually home watching it with my family. Nothing really special, but I'm sure we went out somewhere to celebrate.

CA: How does living in Norway compare to living in Chicago?

DK: Living in Norway doesn't compare to living in Chicago. That's probably the easiest way to respond to that question. Everything from the cuisine to social outings is different. It's a lot smaller and everything is only 10-15 mins away. There's no running around and everything opens at 830 and closes at 330... no later. The weather is a bit colder, but where I live which is the west coast of Norway, it's pretty much like Seattle, real wet! I love the laid back feel here, and rain or shine people are really active. They love cross-country skiing and boating. When a nice day does come around the whole town is out. Reminds me a lot of downtown Chicago... a lot of people seem to come out of the wood work. No such thing as Chicago pizza and beef sandwiches over here, so each summer that's the first thing I eat when I get back home.

CA: Lastly, what do you miss most about Chicago, and what are some of your favorite memories of your years at Shepard?

DK: The last two questions have the same response. What I miss most about Chicago and my favorite memories of Shepard are my family and friends. No matter where you are in the world, if you get to experience whatever it is alongside family and friends it makes it that much better. A lot of the friends I had at Shepard remain close to me to this day. We always run into each other over the summer and high school stories always arise. Whether it's about the great faculty we had, or the sporting events that led us down to Springfield every year to watch the Cheerleading team... we had a blast and achieved a lot of great moments.



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