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CRESTWOD ADVISER



Trustee Brian Skala, Trustee Linda Madlener, Mayor Ken Klein and Trustee Kevin Wasag were all re-elected in the April consolidated general election, and look forward to continuing to serve the Village of Crestwood.

Mayor Klein, Trustees Re-elected in Consolidated General Election

The Village of Crestwood would like to congratulate Mayor Ken Klein and all of the Trustees who were re-elected in the recent consolidated general election. While there were some changes to the Board this time around — notably, the replacement of Trustee Theresa Flynn, who stepped down to focus on her work as Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner. Those returning to their seats at the Village Board include Trustee Brian Skala, Trustee Linda Madlener and

Trustee Kevin Wasag. They and the rest of the existing Village Board are excited to return to the table to start working with each other and with new Trustee Denise Pietrucha on plans to make our village the best place it can be for residents and businesses, now and in the future.

Congratulations, all!

Crestwood Welcomes Newly Elected Trustee

With the consolidated general election last month, some changes have taken place to our Village Board of Trustees. Longtime Trustee Theresa Flynn's vacancy has been filled by newly elected Trustee Denise M. Pietrucha. We welcome Trustee Pietrucha to the Board, and look forward to her insights and contributions as Crestwood moves into the future. She will be sworn in May 4th.

Denise brings a lot of insight and knowledge to the Board. She is a graduate of Illinois Benedictine University with honors. Denise has worked in the finance departments for several high-profile companies in both the non-profit and private sectors. She maintained positions on their board of directors, giving her extensive knowledge of the open meetings act. Her experience will bring fresh ideas to the Village of Crestwood's Board of Trustees.

Denise has been a resident of Crestwood for more than 30 years. Her brother and sister-in-law have lived here, along with her mother and father, so her heart has always been big when it comes to the village. She appreciated everything that Village did for her parents as seniors in town, and now she wants to give back to the Village that was so kind to them.

Longtime Village resident and newly elected Trustee Denise Pietrucha fills the Village Board seat vacated by Theresa Flynn.

Now that she has retired, Denise is looking forward to devoting time to the Biela Center, bringing a love for crocheting, cooking, baking and gardening that will help make the Biela Center stronger.

The Mayor and Board are excited to work with Denise for the years to come.



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LETTER FROM MAYOR KEN KLEIN

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you, Crestwood, for re-electing me to be your Mayor for another two years. It's been my honor and privilege to serve this community and to work with the Village Board and Village Staff to support our residents and businesses. I am grateful for your vote of confidence. My door is always open, and I look forward to hearing from you and working together to make this great Village a wonderful place to live, work and visit!

I want to Thank Trustee Theresa Flynn on her longtime relationship with the Village. Theresa has done a tremendous job as a Trustee for the Village, and has been part of many great accomplishments. Her time with the Village as a Trustee will be ending, and we wish her well on all that she does in the

I am also excited to congratulate the reelected Trustees, Brian Skala, Linda Madlener and Kevin Wasag. Together I know we will continue to accomplish great things for this Village. We have a new addition to the Village Board — newly elected Trustee Denise Pietrucha. Denise has been a resident for over 30 years here in Crestwood. I know she will be a great addition to the Board, and offer a fresh set of eyes and ideas. I encourage you all to come to a Village Board meeting to meet the Board.

The month of May always seems to bring so much change in the area. The swift change of the seasons, warmer weather, more daylight, and the announcements of all the area's young, talented graduates that will become our future.

I would like to congratulate all of the

graduates and wish them the very best on their future endeavors. On behalf of the entire Village, we are very proud of you.

The flowers are starting to bloom, and so is the Village. Crestwood Cleanup Day is always a great day, and a fresh start for many — a time to take pride in our homes and Village. Please make sure to take advantage of the great services offered on this day.

This month I can't wait to see all the families at the parks. Baseball, softball and T-Ball have started. Nothing better than seeing our local families utilize our great parks!

The Biela Center continues to have some great events and trips planned for our seniors. I strongly encourage you to check out their facility and all it has to offer. I look forward to spending some time visiting with the seniors this month at the Biela Center.

We have a lot of improvements continuing to happen around the Village and surrounding areas. I realize many of us feel the frustrations of roads being closed, extra time to our commute, and just the day-to-day challenges. I ensure you we are doing everything we can to eliminate as much stress as possible for our residents. I know that, once complete, it will all have been worth it. I appreciate your patience, and promise I will continue to do my best to see these projects through to completion.

Sincerely,

Ken Klein

Ken Klein

Mayor, Village of Crestwood

Village Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings - 7:00pm

Crestwood Civic Center | 13820 S. Cicero Ave | May 4th and 18th

Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm

Village Hall | 13800 S. Cicero Ave | May 2nd and 16th

Planning Commission – Zoning Board - 8:30pm

Crestwood Civic Center | 13820 S. Cicero Ave | May 8th and 22nd

Village of Crestwood Parking

Crestwood Village ordinance prohibits parking on any village street between 2:00am and 6:00am. The reason for this ordinance is so police will be alerted to abandoned vehicles or suspicious vehicles that require investigation. 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!

A Thank-You From Former Trustee Theresa Flynn

Dear Crestwood residents,

It has been my honor and my pleasure to serve our Village for the past 12 years as one of your Trustees.

No one would have or could have possibly predicted that a call to service in local government was ever on my radar. "A call to action" is indeed what should spur a potential candidate to run for office. I am so pleased to have appeared on your ballot for three cycles and chosen to serve for as long as I have. Truly, I thought, "one term, jump out," and then to resume my suburban mom life. Within the first few months, a spark was ignited — the public servant within. I appreciated seeing changes at the local level in our community, and taking the responsibility of owning my vote with great pride. During these seasons of service, there were only a handful of difficult votes. Overall, I enjoyed a very positive and functioning Board with my fellow Trustees, and leadership wanting only the best for our residents.

With plans, projects and programs too numerous to list, suffice to say, it was a good run. I encourage involvement where you can — a meeting, pick up an agenda, volunteer, email, offer ideas and suggestions. It takes a Village! Thank you for your support. I wish only the best to our Mayor and Board to lead the way.

Sincerely,

Trustee Theresa Flynn

Mother's Day Beverly Breast Cancer Walk Tradition **Continues**

It's a Mother's Day tradition that one day, we hope won't be necessary anymore. The Beverly Breast Cancer Walk 2023 will take place Sunday, May 14th, 2023, 8:00am at Ridge Park (9625 S. Longwood Dr., Chicago). And once again, Illinois Bus Company has so graciously volunteered to provide the ride. Call Village Hall to reserve a seat. Limited space is available. To register for the walk, visit www.bbcwalk.org, where you can also find more information, including T-shirt pickup times.

We hope to see you there!



Once again, the Beverly Breast Cancer Walk will be held on Mother's Day - Sunday, May 14th, 2023, at 8:00am - at Ridge Park, Chicago.



Longtime Village Trustee Theresa Flynn recently stepped down to devote her time to her new position as Metropolitan Water Reclamation District commissioner.







FOR CRESTWOOD CLEAN-UP STARTING AT 7AM PLEASE HAVE YOUR REFUSE OUT BY 7AM

ANY OF THESE ITEMS MUST BE BROUGHT UP TO CRWC PARKING LOT - E-WASTE - TEXTILES- SHOES - PAINT - PRESCRIPTION DRUGS - \$20 SMALL TV \$40 LARGE TV -

LOCATION: CRESTWOOD RECREATION & WELLNESS CENTER 5331 W. 135TH STREET CRESTWOOD, IL 60418

TIME: 9AM ~ 1PM



Mayor Ken Klein

Saturday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Sunday: Closed





Important Numbers

Village Hall

13800 S. Cicero Ave. Main: (708) 371-4800 Fax: (708) 371-4849

Hours:

Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri.: 9:00am-4:00pm

Tues.: 9:00am-8:00pm

Police Department

13840 S. Cicero Ave. Main: (708) 371-4800 x 5007 Fax: (708) 371-8307

Nonemergency (708) 385-5131 Emergency: 911

Fire Department

13840 S. Cicero Ave. Main: (708) 371-4800 x4500 Fax: (708) 385-2836

Recreation & Wellness Facility

5331 w. 135th St. Main: (708) 659-4800 Hours:

Mon.-Thu.: 5:30am-10:00pm Friday 5:30am-8:00pm

Sat.-Sun.: 7:00am-5:00pm

Library

4955 135th St. Main: (708) 371-4090 Hours: Mon.-Thu.: 9:00am-8: 00pm

Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Republic Services..... Call Village Hall first to be advised at (708) 371-4800, before dailing Republic Services at (708) 385-8252.

Worth Township

Bremen Township

(708) 371-2900 (Residents north of 135th)

(708) 333-1591 (Residents south of 135th)

(847) 705-4222

Cook County Highway Dept.

(708) 448-8006 or (847) 705-4228

Grand Opening: The FLOW Store

Mayor Ken Klein was on hand at the grand opening of The FLOW Store here in Crestwood. A thrifty, nonprofit boutique store selling gently used clothing and other items at affordable prices, The FLOW Store's mission is to create a sustainable and meaningful shopping experience for its

customers, while supporting The FLOW Foundation's programs and services, which aid victims of domestic violence.

> Owner Kisha Barrett started both The FLOW Foundation, Inc., and The FLOW Store in memory of her sister, Kleo Barrett, who was killed by a domestic abuser. It's Kisha's goal to expand the mission of The FLOW Foundation by opening a new store every year, on Kleo's birthday.

> Clothing and other items in clean, good condition can be brought to The FLOW Store at 13111 Rivercrest Dr., Crestwood.



Mayor Klein attends the ribbon cutting at the grand opening of The FLOW Store in Crestwood, a nonprofit boutique that supports the mission of The FLOW Foundation.



The FLOW Store owner Kisha Barrett with Mayor Ken Klein at the grand opening.





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DAV 84, Chicago South Elks to Host Flag Day **Ceremony**



Old, worn-out U.S. flags must be disposed of properly and with reverence. If you have been flying Old Glory for a number of years and are replacing your older flag for a new one, DAV 84 and the Chicago South Elks cordially invite you to bring your old flags to the Elks Lodge #1596 (4428 W. Midlothian Tpke., Crestwood) on Flag Day, Wednesday, June 14th, 2023, at 6:00pm, for a proper ritual disposal ceremony.

Residents and business owners with flags to retire and dispose of are highly encouraged to attend.

Founder of Crestwood Soccer Programs Passes

A longtime Crestwood resident and local fixture on the soccer scene Teddy Paul "Ted" Jennings passed away peacefully March 21st, surrounded by his loved ones.

Ted and his wife, Linda, were Crestwood residents for more than 35 years. Ted was very active in the community, and, inspired by his children's love of soccer, was integral to the founding of the Village soccer program and the Shepard High School soccer program. Rarely was there a soccer game in either program at which Ted couldn't be found cheering on the players. He was such an ardent and attendant fan that in 1992, Shepard High School named him its Fan of the Year.

Throughout his 77 years, Ted enjoyed traveling with his family, visiting Disney Parks he made more than 50 visits — researching genealogy, and enjoying nature.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Linda (nee Fawkes), children Aimee (Alexius) Cornelio, Jeffrey (Amy) Jennings, Kimberly (Peter) Chronos and Mark Jennings, grandchildren Brittany (Jason) Kolanda, Alexi Cornelio, Theodore Chronos, Ava Jennings, Marissa Chronos and Gavin Jennings, great-grandchildren Andrew Jennings and Grayson Kolanda, brothers-in-law Russell (Marlene) Fawkes and Richard (Dawn) Fawkes, sisters-in-law Joanne (James) Spellman, Melanie Fawkes and Deborah McDonough, as well as many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A celebration Ted's life will be held at Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner Ave., Oak Lawn, on Saturday, June 3rd, 2023, at 11:00am. The family will begin accepting visitors at 10:00am.



Teddy Paul "Ted" Jennings's passion for soccer led him to create soccer programs for both the Village and at Alan B. Shepard High School.

Active Senior Expo to Be Held May 10th

Active Senior Expo, an event "Dedicated to inform, educate and entertain senior citizens," will be held Wednesday, May 10th, 2023, at Chicago Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th Street in Oak Forest. Show hours are 9:30am to 2:00pm.

Active Senior Expo features hundreds of products and services designed specifically for seniors. Offerings include health care, retirement communities, assisted living, financial, insurance, legal, estate planning, home care, consumer products, government programs and more.

Special attractions include free health screenings and door prize drawings. BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois will feature a "Wellness Can't Wait" section. Live entertainment will be presented at 11:30am.

The following seminars are free for all attend-

10:00am Saving Money and Energy (Presented by Nicor Gas

11:00am Navigating the Medicare

Maze

(Presented by Zing Health)

Energy Efficiency Program)

How to Get Your Home Noon

Ready to Sell

(Presented by Ventimiglia

Realty Team)

1:00pm

Identity Theft and You! (Presented by LegalShield)

No registration is required, and regular admission to the event is \$2. However, FREE admission coupons are widely available, and attendees can obtain a free admission coupon by visiting www.activeseniorexpo.net. Parking is free.

The presenting sponsor of Active Senior Expo is *Chicagoland's Senior News*, "the premier news source for active adults age 50 and better." Major sponsors include Zing Health, Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program, Blue-Cross BlueShield of Illinois, Alternatives for Seniors and Humana.

For further information, contact Silver Star Expositions at (630) 620-6347, fax (630) 620-7996, or email activeseniorexpo@hotmail.com.



Combating Invasive Plant Species

LISLE, Ill. — The Morton Arboretum is calling for help to eradicate invasive plants during Illinois Invasive Species Awareness Month in May.

An aggressive spreader, buckthorn (European and glossy) alone makes up over one-third of the region's trees, with most on private land, according to the Arboretum's Chicago Region Tree Census. Buckthorn is a large shrub or tall tree with glossy green oval leaves. Dark blue or black berry-like fruits can be found in clusters on the female plants. Among other negative effects, buckthorn can change soil composition and make it difficult for other plants to grow in the future. Left unchecked in woodlands and yards, they can completely replace young trees and understory plants, including native wildflowers and other plants that form the basis of local ecosystems.

Individuals, homeowners and land managers are being encouraged to help diminish invasive tree and plant species by removing existing invasives and selecting non-invasive trees and plants as replacements. Educational resources are available online through CRTI's Invasive Species Hub and Healthy Habitats Series, and the Arboretum's website at mortonarb.org. Those seeking non-invasive plant recommendations can visit the Arboretum's online Tree Selector or contact its free Plant Clinic, which can help identify invasives either in person, by phone or by sending a photo via email.

LEFT: European buckthorn – a particularly aggressive invasive species in the Chicago region. (Photo: Jan Samanek, Phytosanitary Administration, Bugwood.org)

We Watch, We Call!

Mayor Klein 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 Crestwood 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' wellbeing and property. Call our police. Report suspicious activity. Be aware. (911 or Dispatch non-Emergency 708-385-5131).

Every month we continue to remind residents about all the scams that are occurring. Please remember that if anyone contacts you for any suspicious reason overdue taxes, warrant for your arrest, allegations of illegal activity on your accounts — and offers to allow you to settle the matter by purchasing gift cards, IT IS A SCAM!

Do not give anyone on the phone your personal or banking information. Do not allow anyone over the phone or via email or link to access your computer.

If you have any doubts at all, please contact the police department for advice. Senior Service Office Tom Dawson or any other police officer will be able to assist you in determining if it is a scam. Our officers are here 24 hours a day, and would rather respond to assist you in preventing a scam than to have to take a report in which you have been scammed out of thousands of dollars.

Deceptive Practice

03-06-2023: A resident reported that his identity recently had been compromised and that now he has unauthorized transactions on his credit accounts.

03-10-2023: A resident reported that he received a phone call from what he believed to be Verizon, who called to inform him that his recent order had been delivered. After explaining that he had not placed a call with Verizon, he was told the order would be corrected as soon as he returned the package. Upon returning home, he found that his wife had accepted a delivery from Verizon. The victim called the "Verizon" number back and explained the package was ready to be returned. He was then instructed to place the package on the porch, take a picture and text the picture to the number. A short time later, a vehicle arrived and a subject picked up the package. After being concerned about the unusual process, the victim went to the Verizon store and learned that two phones had been ordered under his account. 03-11-2023: A resident reported that she received an alert from her credit-monitoring company that reported that an account had been opened with Capital One using the victim's identity.

03-20-2023: A resident responded to a call from what he believed to be from Amazon Support. The victim was convinced to withdraw \$7,000 from his bank account and deposit it into a Bitcoin machine. After depositing the \$7,000, the victim later checked his balance and discovered the money had been removed from the account.

03-24-2023: A resident reported that he had received an e-mail that informed him that all of his accounts had been hacked and the hackers had obtained all his passwords. The email also threatened to expose the sexual habits of the victim if he did not send them Bitcoin.

Theft

03-03-2023: A resident reported that he observed a subject under his vehicle attempting to cut off his catalytic converter. When the resident approached the vehicle, the suspect entered another vehicle and fled the scene.

03-06-2023: Unknown suspects stole the catalytic converter from a vehicle in the 141st block of Kostner.

03-07-2023: A man reported that while working out at Planet Fitness, an unknown suspect stole \$139 from his wallet that was in his locker.

03-16-2023: Unknown suspects stole several pieces of outgoing U.S. Mail that contained checks from a mailbox in the 137th block of Kenton.

03-17-2023: Unknown suspects entered a vehicle and stole several items in the 4900 block of Circle Court.

03-17-2023: Unknown suspects stole a Kia Sportage from the Menards parking lot.

03-18-2023: Unknown suspects stole a Dodge Caravan from the parking lot of Hollywood Park.

03-20-2023: Unknown suspects stole the catalytic converter from a vehicle that was parked in the Burlington Coat Factory parking lot.

03-20-2023: Unknown suspects stole a Kia Sportage from the Menards parking lot.

03-20-2023: Unknown suspects stole the catalytic converter from a vehicle that was parked in the PetSmart parking lot.

Criminal Damage to Property

03-18-2023: Unknown suspects entered and damaged the steering column on a vehicle in the 136th block of Lamon.

Burglary/Armed Robbery

03-09-2023: Officers responded to the Metro PCS, located at 13553 Cicero, for an activated burglar alarm. Officers arrived and found the glass front window had been shattered, and from misplaced items in the store, it was apparent that entry had been gained. Officers were able to contact the keyholder, who was able to access the security cameras remotely. The keyholder informed officers that two masked suspects had exited an Infinity Q50 and broke the glass to gain entry. Once inside the store, the suspects rummaged through the shelves and drawers before fleeing the scene.

03-18-2023: Officers on patrol observed a Hyundai Sonata parked in front of the Subway Restaurant at 3:33am. As the officers approached, they observed the glass front door to be shattered and a suspect was exiting the establishment. The suspects then drove over the curb and fled northbound on Cicero.

03-27-2023: Unknown suspects entered the property and caused damage to several pieces of equipment at M/R Plumbing.

2023 DUNKIN' COP ON A ROOFTOP FRIDAY, MAY 19 | 5AM - NOON Olympics 8

Protect Our Elderly From Scams

May is Older Americans Month, during which we celebrate the contributions and achievements of our seniors. In observation of this occasion, we here at the Village would like to encourage the younger generations to make sure those 65 and older in your life follow the Department of Homeland Security guidelines for keeping their guard up when they receive calls or online offers that are suspicious.

- Beware of "free" gifts or prizes. If something seems too good to be true, then it probably is.
- Do NOT give out personal information over email or on the phone. Most legitimate businesses or organizations will not ask for your personal information over email or while on the phone. Beware of any requests to update or confirm your personal information.
- Protect yourself on social media. It is important to add only people you know on social media; adding strangers could expose you and your personal information to scammers. Likewise, do not post personal information (Social Security number, birth date, bank information, etc.) on social media.

Turning 65, new to Medicare or retiring soon?



We'll provide answers to your questions, including:

- What are my options here in Cook County?
- Which plan is right for me?
- How do I choose?

Medicare basics and beyond

Your local, licensed sales agent can tall you about Original Medicare, available through the federal government, and Medicare Advantage, from private companies such as Humana.

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Custodian - Crestwood Public Library, Crestwood

Part Time

Hours:

Negotiable, but preferred hours are: 6:00-9:00am Monday, Wednesday and Friday = 9 hours per week

Salary:

17.00 per hour

Job Summary:

- Ensure a safe environment for library patrons and staff; by cleaning and maintaining the facility, grounds, and equipment.
- Demonstrates positive habits such as arriving to work on time, focusing, and staying motivated, and finishing tasks immediately.
- Willingness to change and learn, accept new things, adjust, teachable, organized. Essential Functions & Responsibilities include, but are not limited to
- Responsibilities may include removing some snow and ice from walkways and doorways. Ability to work independently
- Perform daily custodial duties as assigned and requested by staff.
- Report needed repairs, and cleaning/building supplies to the library director
- While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to bend, sit, move about, hear and speak.
- Employee may be required to work in restricted spaces which may include crawling and/or climbing (ladders).

Required Education and Experience:

High School diploma or GED.

Additional Requirements:

- Required to stand, be on feet, and move around for a full work shift.
- cleaning the library (inside and out), vacuuming, dusting, ensuring restrooms are in presentable order, cleaning tables and computer areas, emptying trash, filling soap dispensers, changing light bulbs, picking up trash outside and sweeping, etc.
- Ability to lift up to 50 pounds and move heavier materials using appropriate equipment.
- Ability to make elementary repairs to plumbing and electrical
- Ability to work outside in a variety of weather.
- Ability to use basic hand tools.
- Minimum of one year of custodial experience desired.

This job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee. Duties, responsibilities, working conditions and activities may change or new ones may be assigned at any time with or without notice.

To Apply:

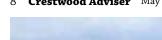
Application Deadline:

Monday, May 15th, 2023

Apply To:

jobs@crestwoodlibrary.org -or-

Crestwood Public Library 4955 West 135th Street, Crestwood





Shepard JROTC Students on Civil Air Patrol

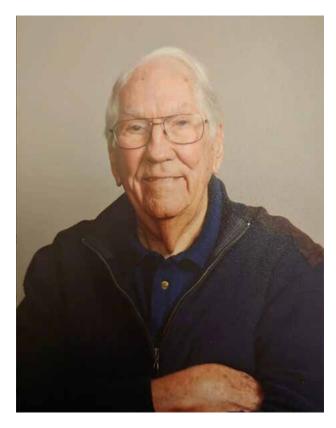
U.S. Air Force JROTC students from Shepard High School last weekend flew with a local Civil Air Patrol instructor for the first time in program history.

An official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, CAP includes 56,000 members who devote their time, energy and expertise toward the wellbeing of their communities, while also promoting aviation and related fields through aerospace and STEM education. This includes providing students the opportunity to experience flight.

JROTC, which does not include an obligation to serve in the U.S. armed forces, features a range of leadership, citizenship, fitness and military experiences. Course curriculum focuses on leadership tenets, physical fitness, health, drill, aerospace science and wellness.

LEFT: Students enrolled in the U.S. Air Force JROTC program from Shepard High School recently flew with a Civil Air Patrol instructor.

Preserving Our Heritage: Robert "Bob" Becker



Robert "Bob" Becker

By Kevin McClory

As part of the Tinley Park American Legion 615 Preserving Our Heritage initiative, we look this month at the story and experience of World War II veteran Robert Becker.

Bob was born in Louisville, Ken., Sept. 25th, 1920. He recalled that during the Great Depression, he and his family persevered well, since his father was able to maintain a good job with a good wage. He remembered that many young men his age had to pass up a

high school education to find a job to supplement the family income. Work at these jobs would be interrupted by participation in WWII.

In 1939, Bob graduated from duPont Manual High School, then traveled to Memphis, Tenn., and enrolled in a diesel engineering trade school for a year. He enlisted in the United States Coast Guard on Sept. 30, 1941. Bob joined the Regular Reserve, which required him to serve in active duty for the duration of the war.

In all, 250,000 served in the Coast Guard in the war. The young men from the Midwest who enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1942, which included Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin, formed into Company C 12th Regiment. They traveled by train to Alameda, Calif., for basic training. The base was known as Coast Guard Island and comprised 67 acres purchased from the city of Alameda. By June 1942, the Coast Guard had built it into a training center that housed more than 1,000 recruits.

Bob completed his basic and advanced training, and his military occupational specialty involved diesel engineering. His job was to maintain and repair navigational equipment along the coast. While on leave in Kokomo, Ind., Bob met the love of his life, Martha Rose Rioth, and married her Feb. 6th, 1943. Together they returned to the West Coast. One thing you learned early on in the military was that your primary method of service (MOS) would not guarantee you a choice of duty or station. Bob's well-rounded education allowed the Coast Guard to utilize his skills in a number of ways. He was assigned to a civilian conservation corps government work force, performing duty with a survey crew. To his surprise, he would have one more secondary MOS change he never expected.

On June 3rd, 1942, Japanese pilots bombed Kiska and Attu Islands, part of the Aleutian Islands in Alaska. Three days later, Japanese forces invaded the islands' American territory. Japan had bombed Pearl Harbor — could America's West Coast be next? Concerns understandably ran high regarding the protection of the U.S. West Coast.

Enter Bob Becker. The U.S.C.G. launched the Coast Guard Beach Patrol. Bob was now assigned to Waldport, Ore. Waldport was a forested coastal town that spanned the Alsea Bay with a concrete bridge where it met the Pacific Ocean. Beach towns had lights out/ blackout laws prohibiting any light that would give away locations to invading visi-

Troops were stationed at all the coastal areas. Waldport and the surrounding towns were dotted with military installations, radar bases and warplane exercises were conducted along the beaches and dunes now closed off to the public. Waldport was also the location of Civilian Public Service Camp No. 56, where

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Attention Veterans

If you were honorably discharged from the U.S. military and believe you suffer from an injury or illness that you contracted because of your service, you are invited to attend a meeting of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 84 in Crestwood to get help in filing a claim for your injury or illness.

There is no charge or fee for this service. The DAV is a national service organization comprising of veterans

dedicated to helping other veterans to receive the medical attention and compensation they deserve.

DAV Chapter 84 meets on the first Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge #1596 at 4428 Midlothian Turnpike in Crestwood, Illinois. National and Chapter Service Officers will be available to assist you in filing a claim for compensation and medical assistance. Bring a copy of your DD-214 to the meeting with you.

Again, this service and all subsequent services provided by the DAV are free of charge. To learn more about the DAV and its mission to serve disabled veterans, visit their website at: www.DAV84.org.





U.S. Air Force JROTC Joins 'Adopt a Highway'

Service comprises a huge part of joining the U.S. Air Force Junior ROTC program at Shepard High School. Throughout the year students volunteer for various worthy causes.

This spring, Major (ret.) Dan Johnson and his students added a new project: Shepard joined the Illinois Department of Transportation "Adopt a Highway" program.

Twice each year, students will clean a stretch of 135th Street. They join National Honor Society and Leo Club from Shepard, who clean 127th Street between Ridgeland Avenue and Cicero Avenue.

RIGHT: The U.S. Air Force JROTC program from Shepard High School joined the Illinois Department of Transportation 'Adopt a Highway' program. Twice annually, the Astros will clean a stretch of 135th Street in Crestwood.



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conscientious objectors were relocated during the war years. Eighty miles north of Walport was the town of Tillamook, which had the Naval air station that housed the blimps that patrolled the Pacific Coast.

The Beach Patrol, commonly known as the "Sand Pounders," took on the assignment of looking out for all suspicious activity. The coastline of Oregon stretches for 360 miles, and within a year, 3,000 horses were assigned to the Coast Guard. Now armed with a .38 pistol, a radio and a guard dog, Bob rode the sandy shores of Oregon, guarding against Japanese attack. The dogs were fitted with canvas shoes to protect from oyster shells and other obstacles.

By early 1945, the demand for the Beach Patrol had slowed, and the patrol disbanded, and the horses were sold at auction for an average of \$117. On June 5th, 1945, Bob was shipped aboard the USS Belfast to Kodiak, Alaska. On June 30th, he returned to Alameda long enough to rejoice over the end of hostilities with Japan and the end of the war on Aug. 14th. On Aug. 22nd, he returned to Ketchikan, Alaska, before his final voyage to the Coast Guard repair yard in Seattle, Wash., where he maintained landing craft prior to his discharge.

Bob reminisced about meeting prize fighter Jack Dempsey while stationed in Seattle. Dempsey, the World Heavyweight Boxing Champion from 1919-1926, was a Lieutenant in the Coast Guard and participated in the invasion of Okinawa.

Bob was discharged after returning to St. Louis, Mo., on Nov. 6th, 1945. Bob and Martha settled down in Kokomo, Ind., where he worked for 50 years for the Indiana Public Service Dept. They enjoyed a quiet life, raising three children, enjoying seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. In 2017, Bob mourned the passing of his wife, Martha, after celebrating 72 years of marriage.

I was fortunate to meet Bob through his daughter Marge, who was a neighbor of mine. Remarkably, Bob cherished a USCG logbook that documented his military experience:

Sept. 30th, 1942: Sworn into Coast Guard ... Aug. 14th, 1945: V-J Day, WWII was over and America and the free world began to live again!

For the last two years of his life, Bob Becker moved into the Westminster Health Center in Indiana, where he contracted COVID and passed away from complications of the disease on Nov. 21st, 2021. A private burial with military honors presented by the Kokomo VFW Post #1152 was held in Kokomo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Thank you, Bob, for your contribution to the war effort, and to the Preserving Our Heritage initiative.

Ken McClory is a Tinley Park American Legion Post 615 member who authored the feature and is currently taking the lead in his Post's Preserving Our Heritage initiative. If you have a veteran in your life whose story deserves to be told, please feel free to reach out to Ken at (708) 214-3385.



Do you have a chronic pain?

Chronic Pain Self-Management is a group class designed to help participants live a healthy life with chronic pain by managing their symptoms. This program teaches new strategies that will give participants the confidence, motivation, and skills needed to manage to live with chronic pain.

Biela Senior Center

4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood, IL 60418

Meets on Wednesdays August 16 - September 20 9:30am - 12:00pm

To register call Cindy or Ashley at (708) 371-4800 extension 6000

Topics covered:

- Medication Management
- Nutrition
- Pain Management
- Physical Activity

Benefits of the class:

- Less pain
- Less depression
- Less dependency



Contact the Health Promotion Team at AgeOptions at (800)699-9043 or email info@ilpathwaystohealth.org

This workshop is open to any resident in the State of Illinois except for residents of the following counties: Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Lee, Ogle, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago

This project was supported in part by grant number 90FPSG0030-01-01 from the U.S. Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. 20201. Grantees undertaking projects with government sponsorship are encouraged to express freely their findings and conclusions. Points of view or opinions do not, therefore, necessarily represent official ACL policy.

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Come	make	new	friends!	©	



Biela Center May Lunch Menu

Lunches are \$5.00.

On Tuesdays we serve from 12:00-1:00 pm and Friday's from 12:15-1:15 pm.

Bingo will be played following lunch.

All lunches are served with a side and dessert.

Reservations must be made one week in advance.

ADMIT

For cancellation call: 708-371-4800 Option #6

Please check for the lunches you'd like to attend:

- Tuesday, May 2nd: Reuben Crescent Bake
- Friday, May 5th: Fiesta Fry Pan Dinner

 Tuesday, May 9th: Chicken Stir Fry
- O Friday, May 12th: Cheeseburger Macaroni
- Tuesday, May 16th: Meatball Sandwich
- O Friday, May 19th: Chicken Pot Pie Casserole
- Tuesday, May 23rd: Baked Potato Bar
- Friday, May 26th: Hamburger
- Tuesday, May 30th: Madori's Zesty Italian Sausage Sandwich

Name:

First Time Visitors

Present this ticket for one FREE lunch (and stay for Bingo)

ADMIT ONE

Biela Senior Center 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood Not applicable for holiday lunches



1 FREE TRIAL CLASS AVAILABLE TO ALL NEW STUDENTS ALL BIELA CENTER FITNESS CLASSES

Please Read... Important Policy Information

New Payment Policy — Effective Immediately

Full payment is due upon reservation.

We will no longer be excepting reservations without full payment.

REMINDER: REFUND POLICY

We would like to remind everyone about our No Refunds Policy.

If you are unable to attend a trip that you have paid for, you will have the option to try and find someone to take your place.

**Unless there is a waiting list, in which case you will not need to find a replacement, and you will be issued a

No refunds will be given otherwise.

This is in place because we have to pay the facility's fees prior to our trip, which means that they are paid well in advance, and your seat has already been paid for.

If you have any questions, please call Cindy or Ashley 708--371--4800 Option #6

Medical Equipment







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The Biela Center has some equipment for short-term use. Should you find yourself or a family member in need, please call Cindy at 708-371-4800 ext. 6001 or Ashley ext. 6002 for availability.



Grand Victoria Casino

Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Depart: 9:30am
Return: 4:00pm
Cost: \$35.00
Cost includes: Transportation

Effective immediately: Full payment is due upon reservation.

We will no longer be accepting reservations without full payment.

Thank you for your understanding.

Any questions, please call Ashley: 708-371-4800 EXT: 6002

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All other items being paid using a credit card, debit card or e-check will incur a 3.25% processing fee (minimum of \$1.95), assessed by invoice Cloud, the Village of Crestwood's electronic payment processing wendor.



Boot Scootin' Boogie!

We offer Line Dancing lessons on Thursdays!!

Time: 1pm to 2pm Location: Biela Center 4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood IL Cost: \$20.00 for the month ***Enter through the back door entrance

To reserve your spot please email: LDAlearntolinedance@gmail.com Men, Women, Guests of ALL AGES are welcome All CDC COVID-19 guidelines are being followed.

Do you like to play pinochle?

Join us at the Biela Center! 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood

Men/Women Pinochle - Mondays 12:00-4:00 pm Men's Pinochle – Wednesdays 12:00-4:00 pm

Call Cindy at 708-371-4800 Ext. 6001 or Ashley at Ext. 6002 for more information.





The Four Winds Casino - Senior Day

Incentive for senior days are as follows, Earn 100 W♦ Points at Four Winds New Buffalo, and then visit a kiosk between 8am - 10pm Eastern to receive \$10 in Instant Credit/Free Slot Play.

Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Depart: 9:30am

4545 Midlothian Turnpike Crestwood, IL 60418

Return: 4:30pm

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Cost Includes: \$15.00 Instant Slot Credit, Up to \$10 Food credit that can be used towards the following food outlets: The Buffet, Timbers Fast Food & Deli, Grab N Go, Kankakee Bar & Grill.

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If you would like to attend, please fill this out and return to Ashley.

Full Name:

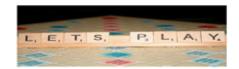
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Current W- Club Card:

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Do you like to play board games? Come on over!



GO to the Biela Center for GAME NIGHT 4545 Midlothian Turnpike

> Friday, May 12, 2023 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join us for a FREE night of fun! Come with a friend, or make one here.

Bring your favorite game or cards (or borrow the ones we have here)

Snacks will be provided



Play Pool or Visit our Library



Did you know the Biela has a pool table? Gather your friends and drop in to play!



Come read a book or do a puzzle in the comfort of the Biela's library. You may also borrow a book to take home.

> Both rooms are open Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Drury Lane Presents... "Grease"

Meet Rydell High's senior class of 1959, the hot-rodding "Burger Palace Boys" and their gum-snapping "Pink Ladies." Relive those "Summer Nights" with Danny and Sandy as they rediscover their summer fling romance. Inspired by the look and sound of music legends Buddy Holly, Little Richard, and Elvis Presley, Grease became the soundtrack of a generation and one of the world's most popular musicals.

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023

Depart: 10:30am Return: 4:30pm

Cost: \$120.00
Cost includes: Transportation, Lunch and Performance.

Effective immediately: Full payment is due upon reservation.

We will no longer be accepting reservations without full payment.

Thank you for your understanding.

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Drury Lane Presents ... Ring of Fire

Ring of Fire showcases the story of Johnny Cash through his music. From country rock 'n' roll to searing ballads of love and faith, Cash's iconic songs highlight the incredible struggles and triumphs of his life. Performed by an incredible group of actor/musicians, Ring of Fire celebrates the music that has become a part of our collective experience.

Date: Thursday, September 7, 2023

Depart: 10:30am Cost: 120.00

Cost includes: Transportation, Lunch, & Performance

Effective immediately: Full payment is due upon reservation.

We will no longer be accepting reservations without full payment.

Thank you for your understanding.

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Starved Rock- Land and Water Cruise



Tour begins with lunch in the main dining room, followed by a narrated trolley tour. Learn about Starved Rock's history and legends of the area. The trolley takes passengers to the Eagle 1 to see the east end of Starved Rock State Park by water. Restrooms are available throughout the tour, and minimal walking is involved. Both the trolley and boat are wheelchair-accessible.

Date: June 21, 2023

Depart: 9:00am Return: 4:30pm

Cost: \$95.00

 $\textbf{Cost Includes:} \ \mathsf{Transportation, Lunch, Trolley tour} \ \& \ \mathsf{Boat} \ \mathsf{Ride}.$

Limited space available, reserve your spot today.

Any questions, please call Ashley: 708-371-4800 EXT: 6002

Effective immediately: Full payment is due upon reservation.

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Round Barn Winery & Public House



Date: June 15, 2023

Depart: 9:15am Return: 4:30pm

Cost: \$40.00
Cost Includes: Transportation only

The plan for this trip will be a little different. We will arrive at Public house

for lunch at 11am; lunch will be on your own.

After lunch is over, we will go to the Round Barn Winery where they will have \$15 flights available to purchase when we arrive, it is up to your discretion if you want to purchase a flight or not. (It is not included). You can then explore the winery for a few hours, and we will head back around 3pm.

Please keep in mind, everything is on your own for purchase.

Any questions, please call Ashley: 708-371-4800 EXT: 6002

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THE TEMPEL LIPIZZANS



Art, History & Music IN MOTION

Witness the art of horsemanship all set to classical music in a lovely country setting. The Summer Spotlight performances boast the best of the best of our talented stallions in this gorgeous four-segment exhibition of classical riding. From the precise jumps of the airs above the Ground movements to the coordinated Ballet of the White Stallions, everyone will be captivated by the strength, beauty, and intelligence of the Lipizzan horse. Each performance, which is set to music, is a study in classical horsemanship, which has been practiced in Europe since the 16th century; Lipizzans have been performing at the Spanish Riding School in Vienna since the 1500s. We offer a European gem right in your backyard.

Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Arrive at Biela for Brunch: 10am

Depart: 11:15am Return: 4:30pm Cost: \$80.00

Cost Includes: Transportation, Brunch, Performance

We will be offering a Brunch prior to leaving the Biela Center, which will begin at 10am.

Any questions, please call Ashley: 708-371-4800 EXT: 6002

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Obituaries

Bielaski Freeman, Karen, of Crestwood, passed away on Friday, April 7th, 2023, at the age of 65 years. Beloved wife of Joseph P. Freeman. Loving sister of Marty Bielaski, Roberta Doolan and Ann (Raymond) Kubiak. Dear sister-in-law of Monica Dougherty. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation took place Thursday, April 13th, 2023, with a funeral Mass Friday, April 14th, from the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 West 127th Street, Crestwood, to Incarnation Catholic Church, 5757 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Cremation private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Wright Way Animal Rescue (wright-wayrescue. org), Animal Welfare League (animalwelfareleague.com), or Dogs are Deserving Rescue (dogsaredeservingrescue.com) would be appreciat-

ed. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit www.becvarfuneralhome.com

Deuter, Dorothy A. (nee Turrise), longtime resident of Crestwood, passed away at her house on Friday, April 28th, 2023, at the age of 69 years. Devoted wife of Allan Deuter. Loving mother of Angie Deuter. Cherished grandmother of Haley Deuter and great-grandmother of Isabella. Dear sister of Gene, Joni, Ronnie and the late Guy. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral services private. Arrangements entrusted to the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 West 127th Street, Crestwood. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit www.becvarfuneralhome.com

Kwiatkowski, Edward, of Crestwood, passed away on Tuesday, April 11th, 2023, at the age of 83 years. U.S. Air Force Veteran. Beloved husband of the late Karen, nee Judd, for 60 years. Loving father of Dennis (Ita), Denise (Joe) Hausner, Donna and Douglas. Cherished grandfather of Anthony (Courtney), Erin, Joe Jr., Kelly and the late Angel. Great-grandfather of Jackson and Eleanor. Beloved son of the late Joseph and Eleanor, nee Lojas. Dear brother of the late Joseph, Lawrence and Patricia. Dear nephew of Irene Skocz. Fond uncle, great-uncle, and cousin of many. Beloved neighbor of many. Avid bowler for 74 years.

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GET UP AND GET OUT!

Moraine Valley Child Care Resource

Saturday, May 6th, 9:00am-12:00pm Moraine Valley Community College, Building M 9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills

Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills is hosting a Child Care Resource Fair on Saturday, May 6th. This free event is open to the public and will feature leading childcare centers from the surrounding communities. Attendees can meet with staff and ask questions about programs offered at each center. Additional resources for families with young children, such as recreation programs, camps, therapeutic schools, family therapists and more will be on hand. Those interested in taking classes or in careers in the field also will find opportunities and resources on site. For more information, visit morainevalley. edu/ecace, or contact Cara Maca at macac@morainevalley. edu or (708) 974-5453 or Laura Douglas at douglasl23@ morainevalley.edu or (708) 974-5766.

Windy City Thunderbolts vs. **Schaumburg Boomers**

Thursday, May 11th, 6:35pm Ozinga Field

14011 Kenton Ave., Crestwood

Another season of ThunderBolts baseball opens with amazing drink specials and two giveaways! The first 500 fans 21-years of age and older will receive a Pint Glass courtesy of Lakeshore Beverage and a can koozie courtesy of JULIE, Inc. Every Thursday night features fantastic drink specials courtesy of Lakeshore Beverage. Finally, all kids can run the bases after every home game! NOTE: There is no wrestling event on this date.

Minecraft/Roblox Night: Windy City Thunderbolts vs. Schaumburg

Saturday, May 13th, 6:05pm Ozinga Field

14011 Kenton Ave., Crestwood

Eat, sleep, game, repeat! Young gamers, rejoice, as we hold our first ever Roblox/Minecraft Night that will feature appearances by Minecraft's "Steve" and Roblox's "Builderman" courtesy of Happy Kids Chicago. The first 500 kids 12 years of age and younger will receive an inflatable Minecraft pickaxe. The night will be filled with music and highlights from both games. The evening finishes with our famous postgame fireworks show. Finally, all kids can run the bases after every home game!

Moraine Valley Community College: Black Bolts

Saturday, May 13th, 7:30pm

Moraine Valley Community College, Dorothy Menker Theater

9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills

Black Bolts is a grooving, garage rock/soul group hailing from Chicago, drawing their influences from '60s rock bands such as The Animals and from soul artists like Wilson Pickett. With the diverse combination of these two distinct genres. Black Bolts create a sound that is both new and familiar, but always original, mi together covers and originals to put on a rock 'n' roll/soul revue show that's one of a kind. Tickets: \$35 general public; \$31.50 members; \$28 for veterans and active military; free admission for children and students with I.D. (A ticket is required to reserve a seat.) For more information or for tickets, visit www.morainevalley.edu/fpac or call the box office at (708) 974-5500

Invasive Species Awareness Pop-Up

Sunday, May 21st, 10:30am-12:00pm Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center

9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs

Explore a sample of invasive plant species and participate in removing one of them. For more information, call (708) 839- $6897\ or\ email\ little red. school house @cook count yil.gov.$

"Of the Earth" at The Morton Arboretum

Friday, May 26th through spring 2025 The Morton Arboretum 4100 IL-53, Lisle

The Morton Arboretum's highly anticipated new art exhibition, Of the Earth, by Polish-American artist Olga Ziemska, opens May 26. Experience five exclusive works created from naturally downed reclaimed tree branches and other natural materials gathered from throughout the Arboretum. This will be Ziemska's largest exhibition to date. Admission included with timed-entry Arboretum admission. For more information, visit mortonarb.org.

Star Wars Night: Windy City Thunderbolts vs. Florence Y'alls

Saturday, May 27th, 6:05pm

Ozinga Field

14011 Kenton Ave., Crestwood

Come dressed as your favorite Star Wars character, take part in a Chewbacca Roar Contest, and enjoy Star Wars characters, themes, sights and sounds. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The evening finishes with our famous postgame fireworks show. Finally all kids can run the bases after every home game!



Shepard High School students Emily Sheppard, Isabelle Gilbert and Jabari Harvey at work during the Moraine Valley Community College Culinary Contest.

Shepard Wins MVCC Culinary Contest

The team of students from Shepard High School won 1st Place at the Moraine Valley Community College Culinary Contest last month. The contest included nine teams from the high schools in the MVCC attendance area.

Shepard students Jabari Harvey — who was part of the winning team for the second straight year — Emily Sheppard and Isabelle Gilbert took 1st Place.

Shepard, which won the Best Entrée category for the fifth consecutive year at this contest, has won this competition four times in its 10 years.

District 218 schools swept top honors. Shepard took 1st, Eisenhower High School won 2nd, and Richards tied with Sandburg for 3rd Place.



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May Crestwood Library Events for Adults



Needles & Yarn Knitting Club

Bring your knitting, crocheting, or sewing projects to the library! In-Person Program | Monday, May 22nd, 6:30 pm

Stampin' Up Card Class

Join us at the library to create your own one-of-a-kind greeting cards! In-Person Program | \$5 per Person | Monday, May 8th, 6:00 pm

Take & Make Adult Craft Kit

Stop by the library and pick up a DIY Take & Make Craft Kit! Available Thursday, May 25th

Scrabble Club

Stop by the library to join a game of Scrabble and meet some new folks! In-Person Program | Saturday, May 20th, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Small Spaces, Big Style Interior Design

Join us for a Small Spaces, Big Style Interior Design Workshop. Interior Designer Mary Beth Zwolfer, of Alfred and Mary Interior Design, will conduct a fun and interactive class. Attendees will learn about decorating with color, pattern, and style and will also learn how to make a floor plan for functional space planning. They will be entered in a raffle and there will be an opportunity to ask design questions during the Q&A session of the program. All materials will be provided. Limited spots available. Registration required.

In-Person Program | Monday, May 15th, 6:00 pm

Illinois Libraries Present: Drawing Comics with Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day with New York Times bestselling author and illustrator, Jarrett J. Krosoczka! Perfect for the entire family, this live, virtual drawing workshop is sure to inspire the inner artist in everyone. Jarrett creates books with humor, heart, and deep respect for his young readers—qualities that have made his titles perennial favorites on the bookshelves of homes, libraries, and bookstores over the past twenty years. So sharpen your pencils, bring out the paper, and join us on Saturday, May 6 at 10 am for this can't miss event!

Virtual Program | Saturday, May 6th, 10:00 am

Illinois Libraries Present: On Being Fabulous with Jonathan Van Ness & Kristi Yamaguchi

"Queer Eye" and "Getting Curious" star and ice skating super fan, Jonathan Van Ness talks with his idol, Olympic Gold Medalist Kristi Yamaguchi. They'll chat figure skating, fabulous style, and whatever else comes up! Jonathan Van Ness is an Emmy-nominated television personality, New York Times bestselling author, podcaster, and hairstylist to the stars. Kristi Yamaguchi is an Olympic, U.S., and World Hall of Fame figure skater with two World Championship Gold medals along with an Olympic Gold medal. Off the ice, Kristi is a New York Times bestselling author, and her Always Dream Foundation is committed to improving early childhood literacy and technology access to children of low-income families. Virtual Program | Wednesday, May 17th, 7:00 pm

May Crestwood Library Events for Families and Youth

Family Game Night

Join us for a family game night at Crestwood Library. Whether your family prefers board games, card games, or anything in between, we've got something everyone will enjoy! Adult participation is suggested. Games vary from session to session. Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 5:30 pm

Family **BIN G 0**

Family Bingo returns on Wednesday, May 24, at 6:00 pm. Bring the whole family for a fun night of Bingo. When a parent gets Bingo, the kids win the prize! Registration Required. Limit of 8 families.

Take & Make Crafts for Kids

Every Monday, a limited number of craft kits will be available for pick-up for children to create at home. Basic supplies and instructions will be provided. Craft kits are suitable for all ages; younger children may need adult assistance.

Read to the Dogs!

Therapy dog, Hershey and friends, are back at the library and ready to hear kids in grades K-5 read their favorite stories. Registration is required for a reading time. Join us on Tuesday, May 16, from 5:00-6:30 pm.

LEGO Club

Kids ages 6-12, come share your creativity and join us for a fun day of building with Legos! Your creation can be inspired by our weekly theme or your own design. Lego Club will meet on Tuesday, May 9 & 23 at 4:00 pm. Registration is required.

Chess for Kids

Miss playing chess with your friends or would you like to learn how to play chess? If so, Mr. Pierre is back to host another session of Chess for Kids. Program open to kids ages 6-16. Friday, May 19 at 3:30 pm. Registration is required. Limit of 10 children.

"Find Your Voice" this summer during **Summer Read!**

Kids ages 1-16 come join our annual Summer Reading Program! Our journey of self-exploration and discovery begins June 5th!

Preschool Story Time - Spring Session

Kids ages 1-5 (under 3 with an adult) can come hear stories and make a craft to take home during this 30-minute program. Story Time will meet on Friday, May 5, 12, & 19 at 10:30 am Space is limited. Registration is recommended. Mask wearing is optional.

Messy Mondays for Toddlers & Preschoolers

Parents can bring their young ones (ages 1-4) to the library to create with all things messy during this 30-minute art class. Please wear clothes to get messy. Class will meet twice this month on Mondays, May 8 & 22 at 10:30 am. Registration is required to attend.

Mothers' Day Craft

Kids ages 7 and up can celebrate their mom this month by making her a special craft! This in-person class will meet on Thursday, May 11 at 4:00 pm. Registration is required.

Take Home Science Kits

Crestwood Library has hands-on science kits for kids to experiment at home. Adult supervision may be required. A limited number of take-home science kits will be available to pick up beginning Thursday, May 4.

* NEW PROGRAM * International Food Club

Do you like learning about different places and foods? Are you brave enough to try snacks from different countries? Then join us for snacks, facts and fun! Kids ages 10 and up are invited to our first International Food Club meeting on Thursday, May 18 at 4:00 pm.

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

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

following items:

NON-RESIDENTS AND AREA BUSINESSES can place classified

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To place your classified ad call 708-293-1430

Jobs Wanted

FOR SALE

Black desk chair. Like new. Adjustable height & swivel - \$25. New Cubs flag (28" x 40") & 5-ft. pole kit - \$25. Homemade fleece dog blankets: small - \$8, medium - \$10, large - \$12. Call (708)

THINGS NEEDED

Gently used clothes and other items that are still in good condition sought for The Flow Foundation Resource Center for Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention. Items can be donated at: 13111 Rivercrest Dr. We accept clothing donations for people of all ages/genders.

OBITUARIES

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Kwiatkowski, Edward

Past president and lifetime member of the Chicagoland Metropolitan Bowling Association. Visitation Friday, April 14th, 2023, with a funeral service Saturday, April 15th, at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Interment St. Benedict Cemetery in Crestwood. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit www.becvarfuneralhome.com

Schroeder Clara M. "Cookie," of Crestwood, passed away on Saturday, April 8th, 2023, at the age of 79 years. She was a beloved mother and grandmother. She was energetic, funny, and the life of the party. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. A Memorial Visitation to celebrate Clara's wonderful life was held April 15th at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 West 127th Street, Crestwood. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit www.becvarfuneralhome.com

Schroeder, Zachary, of Crestwood, passed away on Saturday, April 8th, 2023, at the age of 28 years. He had a smile that would light up any room and a wonderful sense of humor. He gave us happiness as well as grief and heartache, but our love was never less for him. He will forever be in our hearts and memories. He leaves behind a mother and aunt who loved him with all of their hearts. A memorial visitation was held Saturday, April 15th, at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W 127th St, Crestwood. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit www.becvarfuneralhome.com

Trent, William C., Crestwood resident and Navy veteran who served in the Korean War, died on April 5th, 2023. He was 89. Beloved husband for 63 years to the late Darlene A. Trent (nee Bleier) and cherished son of the late Christ and Daisy Trent. Devoted father of Darlene (John) Shilka, Mary (Owen) Conrad, the late Chris (Mary) Trent, the late baby Laura Lee Trent and Elizabeth (Tom) Surma. Loving grandfather of John (Camila) Shilka, Lauren Trent, Brian Shilka, Josh Catoire, Chris Surma, Jacob Surma and Matthew Surma. A visitation was held Wednesday, April 12th, 2023, at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Family and friends gathered on Thursday, April 13th, at Peace Memorial Church, 10300 W. 131st Street, Palos Park, for a visitation and funeral service. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, 3401 W. 87th Street, Evergreen Park. In lieu of flowers, the family requests to plant a tree in memory of William C. Trent or donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (www.lls.org). For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit www. becvarfuneralhome.com

Vari, Ralph J., 79 years. Beloved husband of Sandra, nee Hubbard. Loving father of Jennifer (the late Gary) Fox and Barbara (Michael) Rubsam. Cherished grandfather of Melissa (David) Rubsam-Dudley, Christopher, Melinda and Bradley Fox. Visitation took place Friday, April 21st, 2023, at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, with a subsequent funeral Mass held at Incarnation Catholic Church, 5757 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip. For more information, call (708) 824-9000 or visit www.becvarfuneralhome.com

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Crestwood's very own ongoing strip... **94 South** by Jim McGreal

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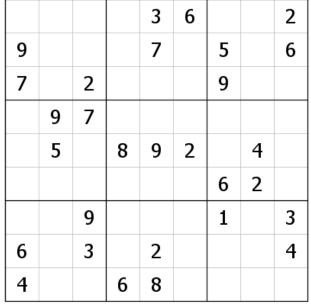
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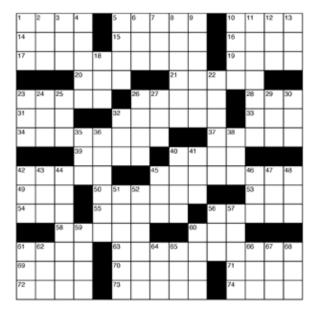
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APRIL Sudoku Solution

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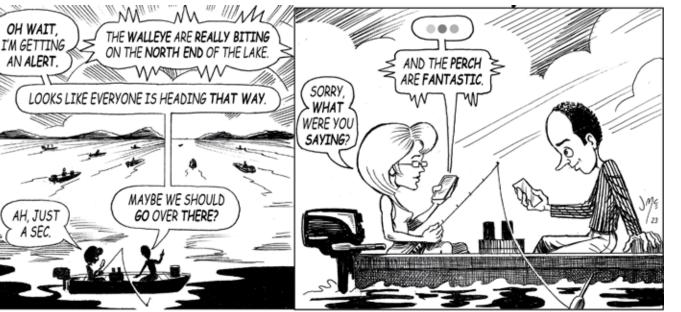
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Hello Residents,

The Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center Staff is currently working on the 2023 spring season! Activities and events are listed below. Please visit www.crestwoodfitness.com to stay updated on what is happening at the CRWC! Feel free to call us at (708) 659-4800 or email us at crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov. Be sure to visit our Facebook (Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center) and Instagram (@crestwood_recreation) pages to stay up to date on activities and memberships that are offered!

Our swim lessons teach children basic swimming skills, along with semi advanced stroke development. The importance of pool safety is taught as well as a range of different pool games are played. The next swim lesson registration will occur on Monday, May 22nd. The classes will begin May 30th-July 15th. (The course is 6 weeks long and no class on June 29th and July 4th.) You must register in person at the CRWC to get your spot!

Crush Developmental Baseball League has started practices and games at Playfield Park. Games will take place from May through the end of June, weather permitting. If you get the chance, stop at Playfield Park to catch a game and grab a snack from our concession stand at the fields!

The Crestwood T-Ball League has begun their practices, with games beginning this month. Games will take place for T-Ball on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Volunteers needed! Crestwood is teaming up with Chicago Trees Initiative to plant trees at Nathan Hale School. No experience is needed to volunteer. This event will take place on Wednesday, May 24th from 9:00am-12:00pm at Nathan Hale School (5324 W. 135th St., Crestwood). To sign up for the event, visit our Facebook page (Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center) and click on the link attached to the post.

Open Pickleball takes place at the CRWC every Wednesday night from 7:00-10:00pm. Drop-ins for non-members are \$5 at the door! All levels are welcome, and no experience is needed!

Gentle & Well Being Yoga has begun at the CRWC with instructor, Sarah Cutrara. This slow-flow yoga class is a well-rounded practice. It will help reduce stress by calming the mind and the body, increase flexibility, and restore balance. Class will take place Monday evenings from 6:00-7:00pm.

Zumba has started at the CRWC Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm. Instructor Kristen Castillo will lead you through a class of Latin-inspired dance moves and music to promote a healthy heart, a healthy dose of aerobic activity, and a fun, exciting way to build and tone muscle.

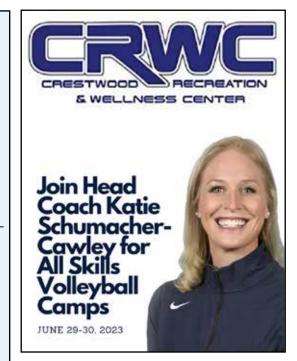
A two-day basketball camp coached by John Chappetto will be held Friday, May 19th, and Saturday, May 20th. The camp will be located at the Crestwood Recreation and Wellness Center at 5:00-6:30pm for 6th, 7th and 8th graders, and then again from 6:30-8:00pm for high schoolers. Sign up at the CRWC to secure your spot today!

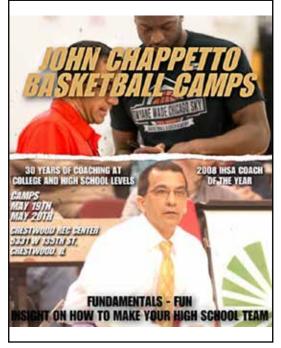
Join Penn State Women's Volleyball Head Coach Katie Schumacher-Cawley on June 30th for a volleyball skills camp located at the CRWC! Sign up for the camp at www.kscports. com/ Grades 6-12 will have camp from 9am-11:30am and grades 3-6 will have camp from 12:15-2:45pm. The camp will be located at the CRWC, but registration needs to be done through the link provided. Check our Facebook and website for more information if interested, and for the signup link.

Summer Camp registrations are open! Camp will take place from June 12th-July 20th (Monday-Thursday) from 8:00am-12:00pm. The cost is \$450 for the 6-week camp. If you cannot make the full 6 weeks, we are accepting registrations for the week for \$75, and daily registrations for \$20. Campers will play sports and games, make arts & crafts, and participate in outside activities. Sign-ups are now open at the CRWC!

Looking for a part time job that works around your school hours? The CRWC is hiring swim instructors to teach our children's swim lessons. Hours available are part time on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. If you are interested in joining our team, please email crwcsports@crestwood.illinois.gov for more information.

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