



Catholic Schools Week Observance



By Dr. R. Pletsch

The annual Catholic Schools Week will be held January 29 to February 4. The reason for this is to bring the public's attention to the many programs offered at these schools.

You can see ads about some of the Catholic schools in the weekly periodical "Chicago Catholic". There are scholarships available in many of the schools offered by some large non-profits like Big Shoulders and Empower Illinois. The local schools who you might be interested in have this information and will be glad to share it with you.

The importance of religion in the life of our children is significant. It helps the children understand the importance of the core beliefs in your family whether you are Catholic or not. Growing up in the Back of the Yards there were Catholic schools in numerous locations. They catered to various ethnic groups and these immigrant groups often brought their own teaching Sisters, priests, and many that spoke their homeland's language.

This helped the parish to teach the customs and assimilate these various immigrant groups to become good citizens. Most of these people came here after WWII and were sure they probably would have no opportunity to return to their old land. Those old enough that attended school during this period often never met public school students. It sounds crude, but it was not uncommon to hear the Catholic school students ask the kids in the public schools "why are you there, don't your parents love you?" Fair, of course not, but that's what kids do: they make assumptions.

Later as a Catholic school principal, my previous experience helped me understand the needs the parents saw. I would ask parents looking to transfer, why? Many said that discipline was not just in the school code but seemed to be fairly enforced. I had several calls from parents as far away as Oregon, Texas and Georgia that were interested in safety both inside and outside the school and the after school programs because the parents worked. A few even had interest in the voting records of their State Representatives.

I believe the parents should think ahead of time of what questions they would like answered. You don't want to move into a new neighborhood unprepared. One of the more unusual comments I received was that the family would be in on Friday to observe the outside and meet with me on Monday. They would be looking for orderly dismissal and wanted their kids to have a group of nice children to become friends with. They also wanted to know if it would bother me if they talked with the parents that were outside. I said sure if they don't mind.

Chicago Auto Show At McCormick Place



The Chicago Automobile Trade Association will stage the 2023 Chicago Auto Show at McCormick Place, 2301 S. King drive on Feb. 11th to 19th from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Feb. 20th from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Civic Meeting In McKinley Park

The McKinley Park Civic Association will conduct a general meeting in the auditorium at McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. on Wednesday, Feb. 1st at 6:30 p.m. Neighborhood residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Exhibitions include: multiple world and North American introductions; domestic and imported passenger cars and trucks; sport utility vehicles; and experimental or concept cars. In total, nearly 1,000 vehicles will be on display. Attendees will also have the opportunity to see numerous accessories and auto-related exhibits, competition vehicles and project, antique and collector cars.

Attendees should purchase tickets in advance. Tickets will also be available at McCormick Place ticket booths and public show days. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors ages 62 and older, \$10 for children, 4-12. Free admission for children age 3 and younger when accompanied by a paying adult.

For more information, visit chicagoauto.show. com

Gentile Honored

Upper Iowa University of Fayette, Iowa has named Michael Gentile, an Accounting major to the Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester. To be honored, the undergraduate must have earned a minimum 3.50 GPA and be enrolled as a full-time student.

Ridge Library Plans Programs

The Garfield Ridge Branch, 6347 S. Archer, has scheduled an interesting schedule of programs.

Time for Tots for ages 18 to 36 months and 3 to 5 years will be held on Mondays, Jan. 30th; Feb. 6th and 27th; March 13th, 20th and 27th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Toddlers will listen to stories, sing songs, learn rhymes and make a craft to take home. Early arrivals can color, play and build puzzles.

The Spanish Adult Book Club / Club de libro will meet on Thursdays, Feb. 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th and May 4th from 1 to 2 p.m.

Play Time for ages 15 to 36 months and 3 to 5 years will be held on Wednesdays, Feb. 8th and March 8th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Kids will have access to our toy kitchen, toy farm and house, blocks, cars and trucks, DUPLO blocks, puzzles, learning games and more.

Stories and Songs for ages 18 to 36 months and 3 to 5 years is offered on Wednesdays, Feb. 1st to 15th and March 1st to 29th at 10:30 a.m. Join us for songs, stories and silly dancing. Playtime follows each session. Great opportunity for your child to socialize and make friends. Early arrivals can play with puzzles.

The Poet's Corner for ages 10 & up will be featured on Saturday, Jan. 28th, Feb. 25th, March 25th and April 29th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Poet's Corner is a place to recite your original poems or to read a favorite poets' work. Each month, participants receive a writing prompt to work on until the next session. Copies of various poems are available to look over and take home. Try your hand at Blackout Poetry. Share your writing process and what inspires you.

Bingo for adults will be played on Saturday, Feb. 18th from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Pet's Corner for adults will be open Saturday, Feb. 25th at 11:30 a.m. Bring your own poems to read and receive writing prompts for classes on March 25th and April 29th.

Fun Friday, Jan. 27th from 3 to 4:30 p.m. with involve Perler bead creation to put on display or on a keychain.

Tote Bag Tuesday for ages 13 to 18 will be featured on Jan. 31st from 3 to 5 p.m. Have a favorite song, quote or artist? Maybe you're a huge fan of Bad Bunny or Harry Styles? Create your own design using a Silhouette vinyl cutter. Personalize your tote bag by using the library's heat press. All supplies will be provided.

Games People Play for ages 18 and up are available on Thursdays, Jan. 26th through March 23rd from 2 to 4 p.m.

Participants will have access to Scrabble, chess, checkers, Yahtzee, trivia, playing cards and more. Bring your own games

too. No registration is required.

Open Reading Time for students in first grade will be conducted on Thursdays, Jan. 26th through Feb. 23rd from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Each child sits with a junior volunteer and practices reading and sight words in 15 to 20 minute sessions. A sign-up sheet is available at the start of each session.

LEGO Time building blocks will be available every Saturday in February from 2 to 3 p.m.

Kids ages 3 to 12 can drop by and make a valentine for someone special on Monday, Feb. 6th from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Supplies are available in the Children's area. Registration is not required.

Spotify Plaques will be created by ages 13 to 18 on Tuesday, Feb. 7th from 3:30 to 5 p.m. A favorite song or playlist you share with someone holds a special place in your heart. Customize your own Spotify plaque to gift for Valentine's Day, a birthday or to keep for yourself. The vinyl cutter and mobile phone printer will be utilized. Bring your own photo that must be 4x3 or smaller.

An Adult Book Discussion of "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens will be held on Thursday, Feb. 9th from 6 to 7 p.m.

Senior Saturdays on Feb. 11th, March 11th and April 8th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. will feature board games, coffee, cake and conversation. Make a valentine for someone special. Learn about upcoming programs for adults: Thursday Game Days, book discussion and crafts. Take home some word finds, work on a puzzle, color a picture or make new friends. Refreshments will be available and a special drawing for a door prize. Wear something holiday themed.

Teen Craft Hour for ages 13 to 18 is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 14th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The button maker, perler beads and vinyl cutter will be ready for use. Create something to gift to a love done for Valentine's Day or make fun decor for your room, water bottle or tote bag.

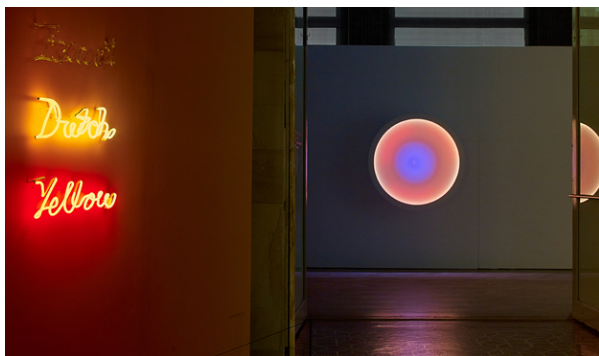
Teen Tech Tuesday on Feb. 21st from 3:30 to 5 p.m. will introduce the 3D Printer, software and how to print out a design. Explore the options on Thingiverse from Hello Kitty to Pikachu to much more or design your own. No experience is needed.

Children ages 3-5 will meet a featured character from WTTW and participate in fun, guided learning activities in math, language and literacy on Wednesday, Feb. 8th from 4 to 5 p.m.

Chess for Kids ages 6 to 13 will be taught on Wednesdays, March 1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Register for events at <https://chipublib.bibliocommons.com/events/>

Free Programs At Cultural Center



The City of Chicago and Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events announced the lineup of free film, music and art programming, along with tours, lectures and more taking place this winter throughout the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E Washington st.

Featured exhibitions "Newly Agassi: No Limestone, No Marble" will run to Feb. 26th and "Luftwerk: Exact Dutch Yellow" will run to Jan. 29th. For more information, visit chicagoculturalcenter.org. (Photo credit: John Faier)

Corral Jr. Attains Eagle Scout Rank



Eagle Scout Eloy Corral Jr. with his parents Eloy Sr., Asst. Scoutmaster of Troop 1441 and Lulu, Troop Secretary.

Boy Scout Troop 1441, sponsored by St. Mary Star of the Sea Holy Name Society recently conducted an Eagle Court of Honor for Eloy Corral Jr. His scouting career began with Cub Pack 4441 in 2013. During four years of membership, four Den ranks were earned, followed by the Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei Catholic Awards, culminated with the Arrow of Light Webelos award.

After crossing over to Boy Scout Troop 1441, he served as Chaplain Aide, Librarian, Assistant and Senior Leader and camped at Owasippe Scout Reservation from 2016 through 2022. The 2020 experience was conducted virtually due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Other activities included weekend camping trips, Scout District competitions and food drives.

The Eagle project consisted of the construction of durable boxes to cover the hitches of two Troop equipment trailers in addition to attending two Honor Flight receptions at Midway Airport.

National Awards included Protecting Human Health, Outdoor Camping and Environmental Awareness. 37 merit badges were earned plus the Bronze, Silver and Gold Palms for completing 15 additional badges over the requirements for Eagle Rank.

A senior at Hubbard High School, Eloy is considering a career in Engineering.

Administrative Debt Relief Program

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot and City Comptroller Reshma Soni launched the 2023 Administrative Debt Relief Pilot Program that provides a course for Chicagoans mired in debt stemming from Administrative Hearing violations.

Administrative Hearing debts include violations issued by the Departments of Streets and Sanitation, Police, Buildings, and Business Affairs and Consumer Protection. The program builds on the success of the City's ongoing fines and fees reforms and debt relief efforts, including the Clear Path Relief program for vehicle tickets and Utility Billing Relief program for sewer and water bills.

The Department of Finance is tasked with administering each of the program's two phases. Standard Relief through March 31st, does not require an application and allows individuals or businesses to pay the original fine amount in full, or enroll in a payment plan. The second phase, Hardship Relief April 1st to Dec. 31st, allows income-eligible individuals to receive a substantial discount on their original debt.

Visit Chicago.gov/new-startchicago to learn more or enroll.

Dean's List At Iowa State U.

More than 10,200 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2022 Dean's List. Honorees must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Local scholars, their year and major are: Kamil G. Latos, 3, Industrial Design; Jamir Sherod Madrey, 3, Entrepreneurship and John Louis Zefran, 4, Marketing.

Dean's List At Saint Mary's

The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester at Saint Mary College of Notre Dame, Indiana. Christina Esposito and Ellen Kevin of 60638 and Mia Tobar of 60609.

To earn this academic honor, a student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have a minimum of 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes, and no grades lower than a C.

Automatic Refunds For Homeowners

More than 53,000 property owners who overpaid their First Installment taxes last year will automatically get back more than \$47 million in refunds starting this week.

"If you have a refund coming, we'll find you and return your money," Pappas said. "By putting refunds on automatic pilot, we're eliminating a lot of unnecessary paperwork and applications."

More than 58 percent of the refunds will be deposited directly into property owners' accounts over the next three months. See if you're due an automatic refund by visiting cook-countytreasurer.com. Select the purple box labeled "Your Property Tax Overview" and enter your address or 14-digit Property Index Number (PIN).

Here's a breakdown of some refunds:

16,629 homeowners who paid their property taxes online will see a total of \$14.8 million electronically deposited to their bank or credit card accounts.

22,241 homeowners who paid their taxes through a bank/mortgage escrow account will be mailed refund checks totaling \$14.8 million.

14,137 homeowners who paid taxes totaling \$17.4 million in cash or by check will receive an



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electronic refund or will be mailed a refund application to ensure the proper party receives the refund.

Most of the refunds will go to homeowners receiving property tax exemptions, which are applied to the Second Installment tax bill and reduce the total taxes due. The exemptions include: Homeowner, Senior Citizen, Senior Freeze and Disabled Persons. Second Installment 2021 property tax bills were due on December 30th, 2022.

The automatic refund program was launched in July 2018. Since then, more than 174,000 property owners have received about \$129 million in refunds without having to fill out an application.

Orchid Show At Botanic Garden



The Illinois Orchid Society will conduct "The Orchid Show: Magnified" at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe Feb. 11th through March 26th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Features are huge hanging columns of color and the opportunity to become part of a 25 foot wide bloom. "Orchids After Hours" will be offered Thursday evenings and Feb. 14th from 5 to 8 p.m. Mingle with the blooms and enjoy a vibrant night with cocktails and light bites for purchase. Separate ticket required. The Illinois Orchid Society will conduct its Spring Show and sale on March 11th & 12th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Post-Orchid Show Plant Sale will be held on March 30th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit chicagobotanic.org/orchid.

Urge Vaccination For Older Adults

The Illinois Department on Aging and Department of Public Health encourage older adults to get up-to-date on their vaccinations.

There have been 23,334 new cases and 1,667 COVID-19-related hospitalizations in the last week. 86 counties rated at an elevated level for COVID-19 up from 74 a week ago. 9,544 people have tested positive for

influenza this year, including 1,757 this week. Of those, 488 people with influenza were admitted to the ICU.

Data indicates the risk of hospitalization and severe outcomes from COVID-19 is much higher for unvaccinated people. To find a vaccine provider or make an appointment, visit www.vaccines.gov or call 1-800-232-0233.

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Valentine’s Gift Ideas At Brookfield Zoo



This Valentine's Day, Brookfield Zoo is offering several gift ideas for kids, penguin lovers and those who may have been scorned by an ex significant other.

New this year, Brookfield Zoo is debuting printable valentine cards featuring its animals. Species include a polar bear, capybara, prehensile-tailed porcupine, North American river otter, California sea lion, African lion, South American tapir, orangutan, two-toed sloth, Nigerian dwarf goat, western gray kangaroo, and Inca tern. For a \$15 contribution that supports the zoo, donors receive an email receipt that includes a link to 12 family-friendly valentines to download and print. The approximately 3½-inch by 4½-inch valentines have fun play-on-words messages such as: “Quill You Be My Valentine?” “My Love For You Will Never Tapir Off!” “You’re Otter-ly Adorable!” and “Have A Beary Happy Valentine’s Day!” Suitable for kids to hand out to classmates, adults to give to co-workers, or even to exchange with family members, print as many valentines as needed. To purchase the cards, go to CZS.org/PrintableValentines.

Valentino and Patty, Humboldt penguins, are this Valentine's Day featured creatures for Brookfield Zoo's Animal Adoption. The penguin power couple has been together since 2011 and has successfully raised four of their own chicks and fostered several others. Donations go towards the care of the Humboldt penguins for one year.

The Basic Package is \$35 and includes a 5-inch by 7-inch color photograph of Valentino and Patty, a personalized certificate of adoption, a Humboldt penguin fact sheet, an Animal Adoption window decal, and an invitation to the Animal Adoption 2023 summer event.

The \$59 Plush Package features a 12-inch plush penguin (whiles supplies last), along with the benefits of the Basic Package.

For the \$75 Plush & Package, the lucky recipient will receive a navy tote bag with a penguin emblem (while supplies last), all the benefits of the Plush Package, and four free tickets to the Animal Adoption 2023 summer event.

Purchase any of the adoption packages by Feb.

14th, and your name will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win one of two Penguin Encounters for two people at the Living Coast. The experience allows participants to mingle with these birds and learn about their behaviors and details of the Chicago Zoological Society's conservation work in Peru, South America.

If purchasing online, to ensure regular mail delivery by Feb. 14th, orders must be received on or before Feb. 5th. To purchase any of the Valentino and Patty Animal Adoption packages, visit CZS.org/Valentino-Patty or call (708) 688-8341. Packages may also be purchased in person at the zoo between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Brookfield Zoo is again offering the opportunity to name a cockroach in honor of that not-so-special someone not in your life. For a minimum donation of \$15, you can name a Madagascar hissing cockroach after that former partner (or anyone) for Valentine's Day.

In return, donors receive a “Certificate of Naming” that can be filled out and shared or hung on a wall for the holiday. First names only of unpleasant ex's will be prominently displayed on the infamous Cockroach Naming Board inside Hamill Family Play Zoo. Donation submissions must be completed by Feb. 6th. On Feb. 14th, the board will be unveiled and photos will be posted on the zoo's social media channels.

A valentine option for the bug lover in your life is also available. Just click on that option when filling out the online form at CZS.org/NameACockroach2023.

English Literacy Volunteers Needed

Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 W. 35th st. needs volunteers to help adult immigrants learn English. You do not have to speak another language, all tutoring is in English for 90 minutes per week.

The next tutor workshop will be conducted on Saturday, Jan. 28th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact the Associate Director at sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or (773) 927-0512. The Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Assistance Program For Down Payment

Governor JB Pritzker announced the reopening of a homeownership program designed to help working-class families and underrepresented communities of color. Offered through the Illinois Housing Development Authority, the Opening Doors or Abriendo Puertas program is designed to aid lower-income people with \$6,000 in forgivable assistance for down payment and/or closing costs. This latest round of assistance is funded through \$8 million in Rebuild Illinois capital funds and is expected to assist more than 1,300 potential homebuyers.

Originally launched in December 2020, Opening Doors has assisted more than 7,100 first-time and repeat homebuyers with \$43 million in Rebuild Illinois capital funds.

IHDA will provide a 30-year 1st mortgage with a fixed interest rate and \$6,000 in down payment and/or closing cost assistance. The down payment assistance is forgiven after five years, and no monthly payment is due from the borrower. Borrowers must meet all eligibility requirements established for IHDA's down payment assistance programs, and homebuyer education is required.

IHDA supports homebuyer counseling and fi-

nancial education services to increase the number of low-income renters and households that are ready to qualify for a mortgage.

Interested homeowners can find additional information and a list of participating lenders at www.ihdamortgage.org.

Free Days At Children’s Museum

In partnership with the Chicago Children's Museum, Navy Pier guests can enjoy five fun-filled days of activities for families and children (ages 10 and under) on the last Thursday of each month from January to May and two additional days of activities in September and October.

Admission to the Chicago Children's Museum is free, in addition to the Pier's workshops, programming, activities and other resources. This event is made possible by generous support from the Pritzker Foundation.

On Jan. 26th, listen to unique sound performances by artist Barbara Silverman, explore the sounds that everyday objects can make with the Chicago Children's Museum team; discover the science of sound at a Curiosity Station hosted by the Museum of Science and Industry and try out different musical sounds in an “instrument petting zoo” hosted by the Old Town School of Folk Music.

Other dates are Feb. 23rd, March 30th, April 27th, May 25th, Sept. 28th and Oct. 26th.

Virtual Library Homework Help

The Chicago Public Library offers Homework Help: Virtual Teacher in the Library for students in grades K to 12 via Zoom

Get homework help from a certified teacher and learn about resources with expert librarians. Join other students and their families in this after school learning program. Attend the whole session or drop in with a quick question.

This event takes place on Zoom. Register at least one hour in advance at chipublib.org.

A parent or guardian's email address must be used to register, school email addresses may block external emails such as those from CPL.

Automatic transcription is included.

Sessions are available from 5 to 7 p.m., Jan. 30th to 31st; Feb. 1st and 2nd, 6th to 9th, 14th to 16th, 21st to 23rd and 27th to 28th; March 1st to 2nd, 7th to 9th, 13th to 16th, 20th to 23rd, 27th to 28th and 30th.

Obituaries

ELSIE G. KABZA (nee Pokusa) of Plainfield, formerly of West Lawn; wife of late Edward Kabza; mother of Charmaine (David) Black; sister of late Clare (late Rudolph) Slowik, late Edward (late Leo) Pokusa, late Chester Pokusa and late Emily (late Leo) Roth. Visitation will be held Friday, Jan. 27th from 4 to 8 p.m. at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, 8899 S. Archer ave., Willow Springs. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at SS Cyril & Methodius Church on Saturday, Jan. 28th at 10 a.m. Entombment will be at Resurrection Community Mausoleum.

ZYGMUNT JURASZAK passed away on Dec. 19th at the age of 76. Arrangements were held at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer, Jonathan F. Siedlecki, Owner/Director. Funeral Mass was celebrated at Five Holy Martyrs Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice.



LEONTYNA KRAMARCZYK age 100 of Cave Creek, Arizona formerly of Chicago; wife of late John Kramarczyk; mother of Edward (Mary) and late Casimir Kramarczyk; grandmother of David (Pamela), Diana, Sheri and Michael; great grandmother of Michael and Damen; predeceased by brothers and sisters. Visitation was held Jan. 24th at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 24th at St. Faustina Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

MARIA N. SANTILANES-ALBARES passed away on Jan. 15th at the age of 76. Arrangements, visitation and chapel service were held at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer, Jonathan F. Siedlecki, Director, Owner. Interment was at Eden Memorial Park, Schiller Park

Application For ICF Scholarship

Applications are being accepted by the Illinois Conservation Foundation for the 2023 Conservatoin Achievement Scholarship program.

The foundation annually awards scholarships to outstanding high school seniors who demonstrate long-term dedication to the preservation, protection or enhancement of the state's natural resources.

Four scholarships of \$2,000 each are available for the current school year. One of the scholarships is reserved for a qualified applicant who is a dependent of a current employee of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Applicants must be an Illinois resident and a senior at state high school with a deadline of March 3, 2023. Instructions and the application form can be accessed at www.ilconservation.org.

Contact the Illinois Conservation Foundation at (217) 785-2003 or info@ilconservation.org for more information.



PIOTR SZLEM-BARSKI passed away on Jan. 9th at the age of 48. Arrangements and visitation were held at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer, Jonathan F. Siedlecki, Owner/Director. Funeral Mass was celebrated at Five Holy Martyrs Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice.



LETICIA ZAGOZA age 45, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran; daughter of Beatrice and Xavier Zagoza, Sr.; sister of Anthony (Diane) Garcia, Xavier Zagoza, Jr., Robert (Monica) Zagoza and David (Melissa) Zagoza. Visitation was held Jan. 22nd at Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs. Funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 23rd at Sacred Heart Church. Interment was at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

Sports Clinic For Veterans

A Veterans Windy City Winter Sports Clinic will be staged at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Wednesday, Feb. 15th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Veterans and active duty personnel will have the opportunity to try: ice skating (adaptive equipment will be available), biathlon, curling, snowshoeing, mountain biking and more.

Proof of service is required. Apply at chicagoparkdistrict.com/cwvsc by Jan. 27th.

Brighton Park Library Schedules Programs

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer has scheduled engaging in-person, hybrid and virtual programs. Hours are Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday noon to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

Chicago Police Department 9th District Beats 921 & 922 meet on the first Thursday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. Stop by to meet your beat officers, discuss problems and crime conditions.

Help with Homework from the Teacher in the Library program is available on Mondays from 3:30 to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

A program for Spanish speaking residents concerning on-line safety will be conducted on Thursday, Feb. 2nd at 6 p.m. A Chromebook and headset will be raffled off.

The Junior Justice League Community Service Club for ages 10 to 19 will meet on Monday, Feb. 6th from 4 to 5 p.m. Craft projects to benefit a cause will earn 1 hour for community service.

Open Play for children 0 to 5 with their parents or caregivers will be available on Fridays, Feb. 17th and March 17th from 10 to 11 a.m.

Family Craft Night will be available on Thursdays, Feb. 9th and March 9th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Kids STEM Club for ages 6 to 13 will conduct experiments on Saturdays, Feb. 11th and March 11th from 2 to 3 p.m.

Preschool Story Time will feature picture books, songs, movement activities, flannel board stories and a simple craft on Wednesday, Feb. 1st from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

A Graphic Novel and Manga Book Discussion will be staged on Thursday, Jan. 26th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Due to the length of the books, it will take two months to read each volume. The selec-

tions for January are “How to Make a Monster” by Casanova Frankenstein and the first half of Monster, volume 1, by Naoki Urasawa.

The first Yu-Gi-Oh! Trading Card Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd from 4 to 5 p.m. There will be a few prizes for attendees as well as pre-prepared card decks so that everyone can play, even if they do not have their own cards. Register by 11 a.m. the day before the event.

Join Adler Planetarium to design a Mars Rover and test it on a variety of terrains on Monday, Feb. 27th. Drop in anytime between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. to use every day materials to design your own rover that can travel the surface of Mars. Register by 3 p.m. the day before the event.

The LEGO Club for families with children ages 5 and up will meet on Saturdays, Feb. 25th and March 25th from 2 to 3 p.m. Build your own design to try out a design challenge. Work on your own or as a team, LEGO bricks are supplied.

Visit chicagopubliclibrary.org to register.

Lawyers Offer Phone Advice

The Chicago Bar Association is reminding the public that attorneys are available to provide legal assistance online or over the telephone.

The CBA sponsors a monthly “Call A Lawyer” program through the Lawyer Referral Service, making attorneys available to take calls from the public. On Saturday, Feb. 18th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, the public may call (312) 554-2001 and explain their situation to an attorney.

These services can also be accessed on CBA's website at www.chicagobar.org.

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Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, -v- JACOB C. PARDELL, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 2022 CH 05240 6137 S RACINE AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60636 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 28, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March 2, 2023, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6137 S RACINE AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL, 60636 Property Index No. 20-17-416-010-0000, 20-17-416-011-0000, 20-17-416-012-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against the real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(c)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiffs Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5330 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-22-04170 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case Number: 2022 CH 05240 TJSC#: 42-4425 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2022 CH 05240 13211784

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Run For Wildlife At Lincoln Park Zoo



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Lincoln Park Zoo will conduct its 45th Annual Run for Wildlife on Sunday, June 4th. The event is made for everyone and all abilities, from U.S.A Track & Field-certified 5K and 10K courses, to families looking to enjoy a fun run or walk. Ages 3-8 can take on the fun obstacle kids course built to have them running, climbing and crawling. Proceeds will help keep the Zoo free and open to all, as well as support it's world-class animal care and global conservation efforts. Participants can earn prizes for creating teams and raising funds. Participants and supporters who donate or fundraise a minimum of \$25 will earn a commemorative supporter medal, and additional prizes will be announced. After the race, participants can partake in an inclusive post-race celebration and receive unique swag including a commemorative tech t-shirt, this year featuring the Jamaican iguana. Race options vary in price, starting at \$39 for the 5K run/walk, \$44 for the 10k run, and \$25 for the Kids' Course. Zoo members receive a \$5 discount on the 5K and 10K packages. To join, visit lpzoo.org/membership. To learn more, visit lpzoo.org.

Lunar New Year At Navy Pier

As part of Navy Pier's Global Connections series, the Aon Grand Ballroom will be transformed into a festive, interactive and family friendly Lunar New Year Celebration: Year of the Rabbit on Saturday, Jan. 28th from 1 to 5 p.m. Experience performances by local artists including dance, traditional and contemporary music, food vendors and more. The free event series is presented by ComEd.

9th Dist. Beat 912 Plans Meeting

9th District Police Beat 921 will meet at the McKinley Park Fieldhouse, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Wednesday, Feb. 8th at 7 p.m. Residents may meet their beat officers to discuss problems. For more information, contact (312) 747-3501.

IDOT Schedules DBE Workshops

The Illinois Department of Transportation is hosting free virtual workshops in February as part of its continuing Building Blocks of Success series for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firms interested in strengthening their skills, growing their business and bidding on state projects. New and existing DBEs, as well as firms interested in becoming certified in the program are invited. February workshops from 10 a.m. to noon: Feb. 2nd, IDOT EPAS System – Consultant Prequalification; Feb. 7th, Bidding on the IDOT Website; Feb. 9th, Excel Estimating and Bidding Spreadsheet; Feb. 21st, Contractor Sub Agreements; Feb. 23rd, Job Costing & Work-in-Process and Feb. 28th, Contracts. Future topics will include avoiding pitfalls, daily documentation, contracts, construction materials requirements, getting paid, steps needed to be certified as a DBE firm and more. Building Blocks of Success will continue through April. Workshop information, including dates and times, is available through Eventbrite at bit.ly/DBEworkshops. Advance registration is required. Phone questions can be directed to (312) 939-1100. The DBE program provides minorities, women and other eligible small businesses opportunities to participate in highway, transit and airport contracts that are federally and state funded. For more information on becoming a certified DBE and learning more about IDOT resources that are available, visit www.idot.illinois.gov/dbe

Parental Leave For Responders

23rd Ward Alderman Silvana Tabares introduced a measure in the city council to ensure equity amongst the city's parental leave policy, which currently excludes first responders. Under the ordinance titled "Parental Leave Equity Act" the city would be barred from requiring employees to use medical time or injured on duty time in exchange for the 12 weeks of paternity leave, guaranteeing the right for each city employee to spend time with their newborn child. Advocates for the measure point to the right as a major incentive for first responders at a time when retention and recruitment is struggling.

Nominations For Sr. Hall of Fame

The Illinois Department on Aging is accepting nominations for the Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame, open to adults aged 65 and older who excel in the categories of community service, education, performance and/or graphic arts, and the labor force by June 1st. The program was established by the General Assembly in 1994 to honor older adults' accomplishments and contributions to their communities. For more information or to submit a nomination, visit <https://>

McKinley Library Schedules Programs

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st. will conduct Little Learners Story Time with Ms. Katie featuring songs and stories for children 0 to 5 and their caregivers on Fridays, through March 17th from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Little Learners Story Time for children 0 to 5 and their caregivers will be offered on Fridays through March 17th from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Exploratorium invites ages 5 and up to take on different STEAM challenges on Thursday, Jan. 26th from 4 to 4:45 p.m. Saturday Story Time for children 0 to 5 and their caregivers will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28th from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Creativity Corner for ages 3 and up will create Valentine's Day Cards on Thursday, Feb. 9th from 4 to 4:45 p.m. AARP Foundation will be providing free tax preparation by appointment only on Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Feb. 3rd through April 15th. Email woodsontax2@gmail.com to make an appointment or call (773) 312-5201 for more information. Library staff are not tax professionals and cannot provide any tax assistance. Visit chicagopubliclibrary.org to register.

Polar Adventure At Northerly Island



Provided by Chicago Park District

Northerly Island, 1521 S. Linn White dr., will conduct Polar Adventure Days on Saturday, Feb. 25th from 12 p.m. noon to 3 p.m. Limited parking is \$3, cash only. The free winter series will treat visitors to activities that are educational and fun for all ages. Participants will tour the Natural Area, either on foot or in snowshoes and learn about winter animals including Siberian huskies, raptors, and birds of prey. Visitors will enjoy interacting with the Jabberwocky Marionettes and using their imaginative skills to carve recycled Christmas trees with nature experts. Al Eastman will perform storytelling around the campfire. Participants should dress warmly. Activities are subject to change based on weather. Hot Cocoa will be served. For more information visit chicagoparkdistrict.com/polar-adventure-days.

Archer Heights Library Schedules Programs

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer has scheduled limited programs due to staff shortages. The Adult Book Discussion Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Polish Book Discussion Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The topic is Porot z gwiazd by Stanislaw Lem on Feb. 15th. Family programs for ages 10 & up are offered on Saturdays. Make an Origami Heart for your Valentine on Feb. 11th from 2 to 4 p.m. Beading Time: craft for adults will be held on Feb. 4th from 2 to 3 p.m. Make a bracelet for yourself or a friend. Materials will be provided. Draw a picture or doodle with gel pens while listening to music on March 11th from 2 to 3 p.m. Library Hours are Monday and Wednesday 12 to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 10 to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, visit chipublib.org.

Morton Arboretum Schedules Events



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Dog Admission Days. During January and February, The Morton Arboretum will offer special events and in-person and online programming for all ages. All fees listed are for general public admission and include free parking. For more programming information, visit mortonarb.org. Dog Admission Days offer guests the opportunity to explore The Arboretum with their canine family members. Sunday, Feb. 19th from 7 a.m. to sunset. Timed-entry admission must be reserved in advance, including tickets for dogs, which are \$5 each. Tickets are not available at the gatehouse, visit mortonarb.org. Celebrate the beloved cacao tree, which offers the many delights of chocolate, while sampling and shopping for an array of treats from chocolate vendors on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 4th and 5th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. included free with timed-entry general admission. Timed-entry admission must be reserved online in advance. For more information visit mortonarb.org. Experience an intimate classical concert at the historic Thornhill Education Center by performers Duo Kayo, with cellist Titilayo Ayangade and violist Edwin Kaplan. Sunday, Feb. 5th at 2:15 p.m. The cost is \$37, visit mortonarb.org. A large-scale sculpture exhibition, "Of the Earth", will feature five exclusive new works by Polish American artist Olga Ziemaska, opening May 26th. Her work will be created from reclaimed tree branches and other natural materials gathered from various locations through the Arboretum's 1,700 acres.

Restaurant Event At Navy Pier

Navy Pier will observe Chicago Restaurant Week, through Feb. 5th. Participants will include Chef Art Smith's Reunion, Beat Kitchen's Bar Sol, Lirica and Harry Caray's Tavern. For more information visit navypier.org

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Water Polo Clinics At Local Parks



The Chicago Park District will conduct a Water Polo Clinic for ages 15 & up at Ping Tom Memorial Park, 1700 S. Wentworth on Fridays, Feb. 3rd and 17th from 7:15 to 8 p.m. and McGuane Park, 2901 S. Poplar on Tuesdays, Jan. 31st and Feb. 14th from 8 to 8:40 p.m. and Tuesdays, Feb. 7th and 14th from 8 to 10 p.m. Participants must be able to tread water and be a confident swimmer. Athletes will have the ability to compete at local parks. Registration is required at (312) 742-PLAY (7529).

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