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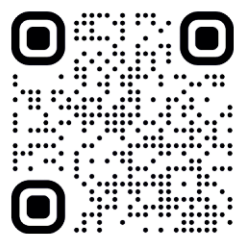


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COURTESY OF GREG INDA

Cassidy Slaughter-Mason and Mark Montgomery star in Northlight Theatre's rolling premiere of "Brooklyn Laundry" by John Patrick Shanley.

Theater forecast

City, suburban theaters showcase new works

BY BARBARA VITELLO
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Adventurous theatergoers eager for new works have a lot to look forward to come spring and summer, including world and regional premieres, two of which feature bona fide sitcom stars.

"Seinfeld's" Jason Alexander makes his Chicago stage debut in Chicago Shakespeare Theater's premiere of "Judgment Day" and longtime Steppenwolf Theatre ensemble member Laurie Metcalf returns to her theatrical home for the Chicago premiere of "Little Bear Ridge Road."

Listed below are a dozen shows for spring. If you can't wait that long, don't despair. Steppenwolf's blistering premiere of "Purpose," a family dramedy by two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist Branden Jacobs-Jenkins, runs through April 28.

Also in Chicago, the first locally made production of the jukebox tuner "Jersey Boys" is scheduled to run through July 28.

'Brooklyn Laundry'

Northlight Theatre participates in the rolling national premiere of "Brooklyn Laundry," John Patrick Shanley's new play that opened off-Broadway in February. The tale centers around the budding romance between perpetually single, cash-poor Fran (Cassidy Slaughter-Mason) and laundry owner Owen (Mark Montgomery). Artistic director BJ Jones directs. April 11-May 12 at Northlight Theatre, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300 or northlight.org.

'Judgment Day'

Tony and Emmy Award-winner Jason Alexander ("Seinfeld's" George Costanza) makes his Chicago stage debut in the world premiere of "Judgment Day" by TV writer/producer Rob Ulin ("Roseanne," "Malcolm in the Middle," "The Middle," "Anger Management").



COURTESY OF REBECCA J. MICHELSON

Tony and Emmy Award-winner Jason Alexander makes his Chicago stage debut in Chicago Shakespeare Theater's world premiere comedy "Judgment Day."

Alexander plays Sammy Campo, a corrupt lawyer whose near-death experience and fear of eternal

damnation prompts him to redeem himself aided by a Catholic priest in the middle of his own crisis of faith. Tony-nominated director Moritz von Stuelpnagel ("Hand to God," "Bernhardt/Hamlet") helms the play. April 23-May 26 at Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Navy Pier, 800 E. Grand Ave., Chicago. (312) 595-5600 or chicagoshakes.com.

'The Thanksgiving Play'

Four theater artists attempt to produce an elementary school Thanksgiving pageant that won't offend anyone in "The Thanksgiving Play," Larissa FastHorse's satire on "wokeness" whose Chicago premiere comes courtesy of Steppenwolf Theatre. Jess McLeod directs a quartet that includes ensemble members Audrey Francis and Tim Hopper along with Paloma Nozicka and Nate Santana. April 25-June 2 at Steppenwolf Theatre, 1646 N. Halsted St., Chicago. (312) 335-1650 or steppenwolf.org.

'Death Becomes Her'

Chicago welcomes the pre-Broadway premiere of "Death Becomes Her," a new musical by composer/lyricists Julia Matison and Noel Carey and writer Marco Pennette based on Robert Zemeckis' dark 1992 comedy starring Meryl Streep, Goldie Hawn and Bruce Willis. Aging actress Madeline Ashton and middling writer Helen Sharp are frenemies who fell out years earlier over a man, but find themselves uncomfortably reunited when offered a chance to remain forever young. Tony Award-nominees Megan Hilty and Jennifer Simard star. April 30-June 2 at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St., Chicago. broadwayinchicago.com.

'Into the Earth With You'

Buffalo Theatre Ensemble member Kurt Naebig stages the world premiere of "Into the Earth With You," a drama by Brian Watkins (Amazon's "Outer Range"). It centers around three women who make disturbing discoveries about their late grandfather. May 2-June 2 at the McAninch Arts Center, College of DuPage, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. (630) 942-4000 or btechicago.com.

'Gods and Monsters'

Chicago theater artists Paul Oakley Stovall and Tom Mullen collaborate

on "Gods and Monsters," the stage adaptation of Christopher Bram's 1995 novel "Father of Frankenstein," about British filmmaker James Whale, the director of such classic films as "Frankenstein" and "Bride of Frankenstein." Like the novel and the 1998 film starring Ian McKellan and Brendan Fraser, the play unfolds during the dying director's final days as he reminisces about his life and ogles his handsome landscaper. Stovall directs Mullen's adaptation, which imagines the landscaper as a Black man. May 9-June 2 at Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. godsandmonstersonstage.com.

'English'

In a storefront school near Tehran, four Iranian adults prepare for an English language exam that, if they pass, could be the key that unlocks a new life in "English," the 2023 Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Sanaz Toossi. Goodman Theatre's Chicago premiere, a co-production with The Guthrie Theater, will be directed by Hamid Dehghani, who helmed Northlight Theatre's regional premiere of "Selling Kabul" earlier this year. May 10-June 9 at Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St., Chicago. (312) 443-3800 or goodmantheatre.org.

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COURTESY OF STEPPENWOLF THEATRE

Audrey Francis, clockwise from upper left, Tim Hopper, Nate Santana and Paloma Nozicka star in Steppenwolf Theatre's Chicago premiere of "The Thanksgiving Play," Larissa FastHorse's satire on everything right, wrong and woke in America.

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Check out these suburbs for great outdoor dining options

BY RICK WEST

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Spring has officially sprung. You may or may not believe that depending on what day you're reading this, since it could just as easily be snowing outside as it could be 70 degrees and sunny. Either way, outdoor dining season is (or is almost) here.

Not much beats a nice meal outside on a nice day. And while COVID-19 wasn't good for much, it did encourage many local eateries to put a bigger emphasis on al fresco dining.

Some suburban towns even created outdoor dining zones during the seasonable months.

Arlington Heights introduced Arlington Alfresco during the summer of 2020 to provide outdoor dining during the pandemic. It's remained since, closing portions of Campbell Street and Vail Avenue to make more space for sidewalk tables at restaurants including Salsa 17, Mago Grill & Cantina, Peggy KInane's, Carlos and Carlos and more.

Arlington Alfresco is open May through September.

Similar to Arlington Alfresco, the Downtown Wheaton Association and the city created the Innovator Hale Street Tents al fresco dining zone in 2020. The stretch of pavement has since become a summer magnet and a festive scene, replete with white tents, landscaping and live music.

The monthslong event has become a community favorite featuring live music every Friday and Saturday night. Restaurants that participated in 2023 include Egg'lectic Café, Moveable Feast + Co., Gia Mia, Altiro Latin Fusion, Hale Street Cantina, The Burger Social and Ivy.

DuPage County has a robust outdoor dining scene outside of Wheaton as well.

The Naperville Convention and Visitors Bureau lists more than 50 restaurants with outdoor dining on their Dine Naperville page, including Meson Sabika, which last year was named among the top 100 most popular restaurants for outdoor dining in America by OpenTable.

The Spanish tapas-style restaurant was one of only three restaurants in



COURTESY OF ARLINGTON ALFRESCO

Diners have packed the outdoor spaces in the Arlington Alfresco zone the past several summers in downtown Arlington Heights.

Illinois to make the list, and the only one outside of Chicago.

In St. Charles, the city's First Street Plaza redevelopment created space for outdoor dining at spots like Alter Brewing & Kitchen, Gia Mia and more.

Downtown St. Charles was already replete with outdoor dining options like The Graceful Ordinary, The Filling Station Pub & Grill, The Office Dining & Spirits, Flagship on the Fox and others.

Further upstream in Algonquin, downtown restaurants and the village are working to return enhanced outdoor dining and live entertainment along Main Street for summer as they've had the last few years.

Algonquin eateries Cucina Bella, Cattleman's Burger and Brew, Whiskey and Wine and Bold American Fare recently requested village approval for loosened restrictions on outdoor dining for the season.

Be it a patio, rooftop or shared sidewalk, there are bound to be nearby restaurants where you can share great food and drinks outside with friends and family. Enjoy it while you can. It will be winter again before you know it.



COURTESY OF ST. CHARLES BUSINESS ALLIANCE

In St. Charles, the city's First Street Plaza redevelopment created a space for outdoor dining.

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'Little Bear Ridge Road'

Steppenwolf Theatre ensemble member Laurie Metcalf returns home to star in the Chicago premiere of "Little Bear Ridge Road" by Samuel D. Hunter ("The Whale," "A Bright New Boise"). Tony Award winner and Rockford native Joe Mantello ("Wicked," "Three Days of Rain," "The Humans") directs the play about an estranged aunt and nephew, the last surviving members of their family, who try to establish a relationship. June 13-July 21 at Steppenwolf Theatre, 1646 N. Halsted St., Chicago. (312) 335-1650 or steppenwolf.org.

'The Hot Wing King'

A Memphis cooking competition serves as the backdrop for "The Hot Wing King," Katori Hall's Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy examining Black masculinity, fatherhood and family. The action unfolds at the home of Dwayne and Cordell, whose friends gather to help hot wing master Cordell prepare his entry in his bid to reclaim the Memphis hot wing crown. Chicago veteran Lili-Anne Brown directs. June 20-July 21 at Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe. (847) 242-6000 or writerstheatre.org.

'Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil'

John Berendt's 1994 nonfiction novel chronicling the trials of James Arthur Williams, a Savannah antiques dealer tried four times for shooting to death a male prostitute with whom he had a casual sexual relationship inspired the new musical "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" by composer/lyricist Jason Robert Brown ("The Last Five Years," "The Bridges of Madison County") and actor/writer/performance artist Taylor Mac. Tony Award-winner Rob Ashford ("Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," "Promises, Promises") helms Goodman Theatre's premiere. June 25-Aug. 4 at Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St., Chicago. (312) 443-3800 or goodmantheatre.org.

'Ain't Misbehavin''

Drury Lane Theatre revives "Ain't Misbehavin'," the rollicking tribute to jazz pianist/composer Thomas "Fats" Waller, the stride piano master and Harlem Renaissance pillar who composed such standards as "Honeysuckle Rose," "Mean to Me," "This Joint is Jumpin'" and the titular tune. Actress/director E. Faye Butler returns to the suburban theater for the first time in



COURTESY OF STEPPENWOLF THEATRE

Steppenwolf Theatre ensemble member Laurie Metcalf returns home to star in the theater's premiere of "Little Bear Ridge Road."

seven years to direct the revue. June 26-Aug. 18 at Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. (630) 530-0111 or drurylanetheatre.com.

'Peter and the Starcatcher'

Aurora's intimate Copley Theatre is the setting for Paramount Theatre's revival of "Peter and the Starcatcher," Rick Elice and composer Wayne Barker's enchanting tuner based on "Peter

and the Starcatchers," Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson's 2004 prequel to J.M. Barrie's "Peter Pan." The action-packed show centers around Peter, a 13-year-old orphan destined to be enslaved on a remote island, who, together with plucky young apprentice starcatcher Molly, tries to keep the pirate Black Stache from stealing magical starstuff. July 24-Sept. 1 at the Copley Theatre, 8 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora. (630) 896-6666 or paramountaurora.com.

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Kane County Doll Show: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at the Kane County Fairgrounds Prairie Events Center, 525 S. Randall Road, St. Charles. Doll show featuring antique, vintage and collectibles. Early bird entry at 8 a.m. for \$15. Regular entry \$6. kanecountydollshow.com.

EYSO Chamber Music Institute spring concerts: 12:45, 2 and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at ECC Spartan Auditorium, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. Free. eyso.org.

"Guys and Dolls": 2 and 6 p.m. Sundays, 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1:30 and 7 p.m. Thursdays, 7 p.m. Fridays, 3 and 8 p.m. Saturdays through June 9, at Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. Directed and choreographed by Tony Award nominee Dan Knechtges and featuring Frank Loesser songs including "Luck Be a Lady" and "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat," this Damon Runyon story is brimming with wit and charm. drurylanetheatre.com.

"Urinetown": 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at Aurora University, 347 S. Gladstone Ave., Aurora. A musical satire of the legal system, capitalism, social irresponsibility, populism, environmental collapse, privatization of natural resources, bureaucracy, municipal politics and musical theater. Register at aurora.edu.

Cindy Kallet and Grey Larsen: 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at the Norris Cultural Arts Center, 1040 Dunham Road, St. Charles. Music & More in the Gallery hosts contemporary folk music artists Cindy Kallet (singer, guitarist, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist) and Grey Larsen (singer and Irish flute and tin whistle).



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Combining rock with the classic instruments and song styles of Scotland, The Red Hot Chilli Pipers perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at the Des Plaines Theatre.

\$20. norrisculturalarts.com.

Elsinore's production of "Mary Stuart": 3 p.m. Sundays and 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through April 28 at The Theater at Side Street Studio Arts, 15 Ziegler Court, Elgin. Mary Stuart, the Queen of Scots, was executed by the order of her cousin Elizabeth, Queen of England. The two queens never met in person, but Friedrich Schiller's 1800 play envisioned what would happen had they met and clashed face to face. \$18-\$22. our.show/marystuart.

Music of the Baroque — "Birds, Frogs, Crickets & Dogs": 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501

Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Principal Guest Conductor Nicholas Kraemer and the Music of the Baroque Orchestra embark on a musical exploration of the animal kingdom with works by Vivaldi, Telemann and Haydn. \$35-\$100. Discounts available for seniors and students. baroque.org.

Red Hot Chilli Pipers' "Global Celtic Rock Spectacular": 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. The internationally renowned ensemble consisting of pipers, guitarists, keyboards and drummers performs. \$39-\$59. desplainestheatre.com.

"Requiem" by Bob Chilcott: 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1024 Lake Ave., Wilmette. Soloists, choir, instrumentalists and organ perform "Requiem." Free and open to the public. trinitywilmette.com.

Winds Off the Lake Concert: 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at McHenry County College's Luecht Auditorium, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. This woodwind quintet performs a variety of repertoire from the Renaissance through the 20th century. Free. mchenry.edu.

Rossini's "Petite Messe Solennelle": 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at the Elgin Community College Blizzard Theater, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. The Elgin Master Chorale performs this celebratory work for choir, two pianos and harmonium. \$26-\$31. eccartscenter.org.

Bluegrass Sundays "Fireside": 4-7 p.m. Sundays, April 14-28, at Sidecar Supper Club & Beer Garden, 12 N. River St., Batavia. Bluegrass and folk musicians perform around the fireplace. Free. sidecarsupperclub.com.

The Peking Acrobats: 4 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg. The Peking Acrobats perform daring maneuvers atop a precarious pagoda of chairs and display their technical prowess at trick-cycling, tumbling, juggling and gymnastics. \$40-\$46. prairiecenter.org.

"The Story of Hansel and Gretel Musical": 4-6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at Krug Community Circle, 1400 S., Wolf Road, Suite 100, Wheeling. A musical adaptation from the stories of the Brothers Grimm and Adelheid Humperdinck Wette. Advance tickets recommended. \$15-\$25. zaruiardanean.com.

"The Sixties Show — Bell Bottom Bash": 5 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. Former band members of The Who, Bob Dylan and NBC TV's Saturday Night Live band perform a show that includes

time-travel special effects, narration, '60s audio and newsreel footage and a light show. \$29-\$59. arcadalive.com.

Eric Eaton comedy and magic: 7 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont, and Monday and Tuesday, April 15-16, at Zanies Chicago, 1548 N. Wells St., Chicago. The star of the series "Masters of Illusion" performs. \$25. rosemont.zanies.com and chicago.zanies.com.

John Heffron: 7 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at Chicago Improv, 5 Woodfield Road, Schaumburg. Standup John Heffron shares an array of relatable experiences from childhood through life as a married father. For 18 and older. \$24. improv.com.

"Wake Up, Mrs. Moore": 7 p.m. Sunday, April 14; 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through April 27; and 2 p.m. Sundays, April 21 and 28, at Elgin Art Showcase, 8th floor, 164 Division St., Elgin. The lambe Theatre ensemble puts on Julie Marie Myatt's play about a young feminist who wakes up from a coma after 40 years and learns what has changed in America. \$22. iambetheatreensemble.com.

Theatre 121's "Steel Magnolias": 2 p.m. Sundays and 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through April 28 at Woodstock Opera House, 121 W. Van Buren St., Woodstock. Set in the early 1980s, Robert Harling's play recounts the real life story of a woman (based on Harling's sister) who is a Type 1 diabetic and risks everything. \$10-\$26. woodstockoperahouse.com.

"Brooklyn Laundry": Runs various dates and times through May 12 at North Theatre at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Fran is chronically single, has piles of bills and finds Owen obnoxious. Owen has a bad back, runs a laundry and thinks Fran is gloomy. And then he asks her out. After years of putting the rest of her family first, Fran is ready to make the leap toward her own romantic dreams. Little does she know that even bigger challenges are headed her way. \$49-\$67. northlight.org.

Tuesday, April 16

Canaan Cox's "Lost and Found Tour": 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, at Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Artist, actor and dancer Cox performs a fusion of contemporary country, pop, and rhythm and blues. \$15. evanston.space.com.

Wednesday, April 17

Life Rhythms Community Drum Circle: 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at The Art Center Highland Park, 1957 Sheridan Road, Highland Park. TAC's community drum circle led by Noah Plotkin. Bring your own drum as there will be limited drums available to borrow. \$20. theartcenterhp.org.

Joshua Redman: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at Center Theatre at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Jazz. \$45-\$85. northshorecenter.org.

Sue Foley with Nikki O'Neill: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Lead guitarist, singer and songwriter Sue Foley performs Texas blues. \$20-\$40. evanston.space.com.

Thursday, April 18

NIASHF — A Night At The Fights: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Watch 10 rounds of live boxing with entertainment by The Jersey

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"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest": 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18-28, at Stage Coach Players, 126 S. Fifth St., DeKalb. Stage adaptation of Ken Kesey's celebrated novel explores the brutality of life in a mental institution with humor and candor. \$18-\$20. stagecoachplayers.com.

Suzanne Vega: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg. Vega will be joined on stage by her longtime guitarist, Gerry Leonard, performing a career-spanning show. \$65-\$165. prairiecenter.org

The Ultimate Doors tribute to Jim Morrison & The Doors: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. \$19-\$39. arcadalive.com.

Ruen Brothers: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Alternative music. \$12-\$22. evanstonospace.com.

Friday, April 19

Fox Valley Arts Hall of Fame gala banquet: 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, April 19, at Villa Olivia, 1401 W. Lake St., Bartlett. Inductees are Elgin Symphony Orchestra concertmaster Isabella Lippi and broadcasters Jerry Rose and Tom Skilling. Drummer Bobby Rosengarden is being honored posthumously. \$75. For tickets, see FoxValleyArtsHallofFame.org.

"Love the '80s & '90s Tour": 7 p.m. Friday, April 19, at Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$39-\$200. rosemont.com/theatre.

Tony Rock: 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 19-20, and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at the Chicago Improv, 5 Woodfield Road, Schaumburg. Comedy. 18 and over. \$33-\$44. improv.com/chicago.

25th Anniversary Fear No Art Festival: 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 19, and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts, 19351 W. Washington St., Grayslake. Performances from emerging choreographers, dancers, musicians, singers, actors, photographers, artists, graphic designers and poets. \$5-\$12. jlcenter.clcillinois.edu.

"The 39 Steps": 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, April 19-May 11, at Three Brothers Theatre, 115 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. A fast-paced comedic whodunit. \$15-\$25. threebrotherstheatre.com.

"Godspell": 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, April 19-28, at Philip Lynch Theatre, 1 University Parkway, Romeoville. \$3-\$15. lewisu.edu.

Illusionist and magician Jason Bishop: 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 19, at the Gorton Center, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest. Jason Bishop combines modern music, fast-paced magic, sleight of hand and audience participation. \$35-\$42; younger than 18 \$25. gortoncenter.org.

Aaron Lee Tasjan with Molly Martin: 8 p.m. Friday, April 19, at Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. \$15-\$20. evanstonospace.com.

Bob Marley's The Wailers — 40th Anniversary Celebration: 8 p.m. Friday, April 19, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Ska, rocksteady and reggae. \$39-\$59. desplainestheatre.com.

The Last Word — "Falling to Earth" CD Release: 8 p.m. Friday, April 19, at Studio5, 1934 Dempster St., Evanston. Slam Poetry founder Marc Kelly Smith teams up with vocalist Al Day,



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Comedian Nikki Glaser will perform Friday, April 19, at the Genesee Theatre in Waukegan.

pianist Bob Long, bassist Doug Lofstrom, drummer Sarah Allen and saxophonist Brian Gephart to celebrate their new CD, "Falling To Earth." This concert will be recorded live for Chicago Jazz Live on WDCB. \$25-\$35. studio5.dance.

Nikki Glaser's "The Good Girl Tour": 8 p.m. Friday, April 19, at the Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. Comedy. \$29.50-\$65.50. genesee theatre.com.

Uli Jon Roth's "Interstellar Sky Guitar Tour": 8 p.m. Friday, April 19, at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. Uli's concert includes classical and baroque masterpieces, such as Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" and Mozart, Bach and Beethoven, to new music by Uli written for his nine-string Flamenco Sky Guitar as well as excerpts from a new Sky Guitar Concerto. Rescheduled from 2020 and 2023; tickets valid at new show date. \$29-\$69. arcadalive.com.

Secretly Sad Emo Night: 9 p.m. Friday, April 19, at Nellie's Gastropub & ConcertHub, 180 N. Smith St., Palatine. 21 and older only. \$15. durtynellies.com.

Play Unstoppable Festival: April 19 through May 26 at Legoland Discovery Center Chicago, 601 N. Martingale Road, Suite 130, Schaumburg. \$21.99-\$27.99; free for kids younger than 2. legolanddiscoverycenter.com.

Saturday, April 20

"The Let's Go Science Show": 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at Pfeiffer Hall, 310 Benton Ave., Naperville. Todd Victor and Lizette Guy using juggling and physical comedy to create this interactive science show. \$10-\$15. northcentralcollege.edu.

"Beauty and The Beast": 1 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. Family show from The Panto Company USA stars Dame Dotty Potty, Loopy Louie, Gaston, Belle and The Beast. \$29-\$39. arcadalive.com.

Lamb Chop with Mallory Lewis: 3 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the Gorton Center, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest. Daughter of the late Shari Lewis, Mallory Lewis carries on Lamb Chop's legacy. \$25-\$32, \$20 for those younger than 18. gortoncenter.org.

"Lift Every Voice Gospel Celebration": 4 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at Grace United Methodist Church, 300 E. Gartner Road, Naperville. Mays Music Centre of Excellence event featuring special guest Shavona Morgan and performances by North Central College Voice of Praise, Wheaton College Gospel Choir, Mays Music Divine Sound and more. VIP \$40; general admission \$7-\$17. maysmusic.org.

ArtWauk: 5-9 p.m. Saturdays, April 20 and May

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18, in the Arts & Entertainment District, 2001 Belvedere Road, Waukegan. The monthly celebration of arts in downtown Waukegan and the Belvedere Mall includes art exhibits, musicians and performances. artwauk.com.

Cor Corps Horn Ensemble Concert: 7-8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at McHenry County College Luecht Auditorium, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. This woodwind quintet performs a variety of repertoire from the Renaissance through the 20th century. Free. mchenry.edu.

Great American Songbook with Shout Section Big Band: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the Baker Community Center, 101 S. Second St., St. Charles. The "Saturday Night Lights" concert series celebrates the 100th anniversary of "Rhapsody in Blue" in a performance by the Shout Section Big Band, directed by Brett Dean and featuring pianist Jeffrey LaDeur. \$30. General admission includes three beverages. norrisculuralarts.com.

Berhana with Asha Imuno: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. \$22. evanston.space.com.

Los Acosta: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$49-\$209. rosemont.com/theatre.

Robert Cray Band — "Groovin' 50 Years": 8 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Soul, R&B, Gospel, blues and rock 'n' roll. \$49-\$89. desplainestheatre.com.

Sunday, April 21

Reclaiming Voices Survivor Art Show: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at The Morton Arboretum's Sycamore Room, 4100 Route 53, Lisle. Sixth annual Reclaiming Voices Survivor Art Show is designed to give voices to the experiences of survivors of sexual abuse or sexual exploitation using their personal creative artistic style to tell their story. This exhibit features professional and aspiring artists and anonymous submissions. Free admission; mention the art show at the gate. reclaim13.org/art-show.

Scott Smith's All Animal Expo: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 21; Saturday, May 11; and Sunday, May 26, at the Kane County Fairgrounds, 525 S. Randall Road, St. Charles. Bimonthly show that hosts vendors from the Midwest. \$3-\$8. allanimalexpo.com.

Sunlight Spirit Retreats Talent Show: 1-3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg. \$20. sunlightspiritretreats.com.

McHenry County College Concert Band Concert: 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at Crystal Lake Central High School, 45 W. Franklin St., Crystal Lake. Free. mchenry.edu.

The Greatest Piano Men Billy, Elton, Stevie, Liberace, Ray & More: 5 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. Concert featuring storytelling, videos and 25 hit songs including "Good Golly Miss Molly," "Superstition," "Rocket Man," "Tiny Dancer" and "New York State of Mind." \$29-\$59. arcadalive.com.

Slaughter Beach, Dog with Erin Rae: 6 and 9 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. \$28. evanston.space.com.

Evil Woman, The American ELO: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at the Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. Tribute to Electric Light Orchestra. \$29-\$49. genesetheatre.com.



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Cosplay, comic books, special celebrity guests and more are a part of the C2E2 Chicago Comic & Entertainment Expo April 26-28 at Chicago's McCormick Place.

Wednesday, April 24

MCC Jazz Ensembles Concert: 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, at McHenry County College Luecht Auditorium, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. A return performance with Michael Bazan and the MCC Jazz Ensemble, plus David DCamp and the college's Dixieland band. Free. mchenry.edu.

Béla Fleck: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, at Center Theatre at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Ambassador of the banjo, Fleck performs bluegrass roots, jazz, classical, rock and various world music genres. \$46-\$80. northshorecenter.org.

The Skatalites: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Ska, reggae and pop. \$29-\$39. desplainestheatre.com.

"Nicki Minaj Presents: Pink Friday 2 World Tour": 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, April 24-25, at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., Chicago. Nicki Minaj performs with special guest Monica. \$75.50-\$400. unitedcenter.com.

Thursday, April 25

Richardson Farm Tulip Festival: 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays, at first bloom, expected around April 25, at Richardson Farm, 909 English Prairie Road, Spring Grove. See about a million tulip blooms plus thousands of daffodils, with live music and food trucks on weekends. Paying visitors receive one free tulip with admission. \$16 per person Tuesdays through Fridays; and \$19 for ages 13 and older, \$16 for kids 4-12 on Saturdays and Sundays; free for kids 3 and younger. richardsonfarm.com.

"Beautiful, The Carole King Musical": 11:30 and 7 p.m. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays, 3 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 1 and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, April 24 to June 16, at the Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora. Telling the inspiring true story of King's rise to stardom as part of the hit songwriting team with her husband, Gerry Goffin, and going on to become one of the most successful singer, songwriter and musicians in popular music history. \$28-\$79. paramountaurora.com.

MCC Concert Choir and String Orchestra: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at McHenry County College Leucht Auditorium, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Free. mchenry.edu.

"I Am He Said" — A Neil Diamond Celebration: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at the Arcada

Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. The Killer Vees with Matt Vee, and cousins Jeff and Tommy Vee, perform a tribute to Neil Diamond. \$39-\$69. arcadalive.com.

Friday, April 26

"Blue Stockings": 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays, April 26 to May 5, at Elgin Community College's SecondSpace, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. A moving, comical and eye-opening story of four young women fighting for self-determination against the larger backdrop of women's suffrage in 1896. \$12-\$14. eccartscenr.org/tickets.

Michael Carbonaro: 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Center Theatre at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$39-\$184. northshorecenter.org.

Banda MS de Sergio Lizarraga: 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont. \$59-\$159. rosemont.com/allstate.

Ben Paterson and Joel Paterson: 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, at Studio5, 1934 Dempster St., Evanston. Pianist Ben Paterson and guitarist Joel Paterson perform jazz. This concert will be recorded live for Chicago Jazz Live on WDCB. \$25-\$35. studio5.dance.

Firehouse with special guest Steelheart: 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Metal. \$49-\$89. desplainestheatre.com.

"Othello": 8 p.m. Fridays, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturdays (except May 11), and 2 p.m. Sundays, April 18 to May 18, at the Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. William Street Rep's production of Shakespeare's most enduring tragedy. \$8-\$39.50. Rauecenter.org.

Victor Manuelle: 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$61-\$161. rosemont.com/theatre.

C2E2, Chicago Comic & Entertainment Expo: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 26-27, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at McCormick Place, 2301 S. Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago. Pop-culture convention to celebrate comics, cosplay, gaming, wrestling, anime and more. \$30-\$275. c2e2.com.

Saturday, April 27

Uudam Mongol, The Music of Mongolia: 10 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Glenview Public

Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. This performance by the Giingoo Music Studio features the sounds of the Morin Khuur, the iconic horse-headed fiddle. Register. glenviewpl.org.

Dr. Mark & the Sutures: Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Port Clinton Square, downtown Highland Park. Free outdoor concert. portclinton-square.com.

Frühlingsfest: 1-5 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Church Street Brewing Co., 1480 Industrial Drive, Unit C, Itasca. There will be 12 brewers, cideries and meaderies serving samples and music from The Allstars. There's a curated beer tasting competition from noon to 1 p.m. during the VIP hour. Third annual fundraiser for Scouts BSA Three Fires Council. \$40-\$60. threefires-council.org.

Plank Road's Old-Time Barn Dance: 7-9 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. An evening of music and dancing for all ages. No experience necessary. Dances are informal and no costumes needed. A caller will walk participants through the dances with live music. \$5; cash or check only at the door. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. plankroad.org.

Brooklyn Charmers: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Gorton Center, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest. A Steely Dan tribute band, plus food trucks and craft brews. \$29-\$39. gortoncenter.org.

The Graduates' "The Sound of Simon & Garfunkel": 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Simon & Garfunkel tribute. \$29-\$59. desplainestheatre.com.

MJ LIVE, Michael Jackson Tribute: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$27.50-\$75. rosemont.com/theatre.

A Flock of Seagulls with special guest Strangelove, The Depeche Mode Experience: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. Celebrates the synth-heavy Romantic Movement; stage set pieces and in-show costume changes reflect different eras. \$49-\$89. arcadalive.com.

Frankie Beverly and Maze: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., Chicago. Frankie Beverly hits road one last time with Maze on his Farewell Tour, co-starring Chaka Khan and with El DeBarge. \$79.50-\$259.50. unitedcenter.com.

Sunday, April 28

Chicago Toy Show, An Antique and Collectible Toy & Doll Show: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the Kane County Fairgrounds, 525 S. Randall Road, St. Charles. 51st specialty show featuring antique toy and doll collectibles. \$10; free for kids 12 and younger. chicagotoyshow.com.

Chicago a cappella's "History of Harmony": 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the McAninch Arts Center, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. Chicago a cappella teams up with Deke Sharon, the "Father of Contemporary A Cappella" and music director of "Pitch Perfect," to bring to life the history of pop vocal harmony from the early 20th century to today. \$38-\$48; general and preferred seating, student discounts available. chicagocappella.org.

The Graduates' "The Sound of Simon & Garfunkel": 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. Simon &



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Garfunkel tribute. \$29-\$59. arcadalive.com.

"I Am He Said" — A Celebration of Neil Diamond: 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Tribute to the music of Neil Diamond. \$39-\$69. desplainestheatre.com.

Palatine Concert Band: 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at Cutting Hall Performing Arts Center, 150 E. Wood St., Palatine. The Palatine Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Frederick Lowe, performs its spring concert "Sunday Afternoon: By Request," which explores diverse musical genres. \$3-\$9. cuttinghall.org.

Chicago Bronze — Handbell Ensemble Concert: 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1024 Lake Ave., Wilmette. The concert features sacred and secular selections. Free. trinitywilmette.com.

College of Lake County Wind Ensemble Concert: 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts, 19351 W. Washington St., Grayslake. The CLC Wind ensemble performs works by Alfred Reed, Malcolm Arnold, Rick Kirby, Frank Ticheli and Michael Gandolfi. \$8; senior, military and students, \$7. jlcenter.clcillinois.edu.

Downers Grove Choral Society's "Of Court and Chapel": 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at First United Methodist Church, 1032 Maple Ave., Downers Grove. Concert featuring Zelenka's "Miserere" and two Joseph Haydn compositions: "Missa brevis Santi Joannis de Deo" and "Salve Regina in G minor." The choir will be joined by local musicians. \$15-\$25. facebook.com/DownersGroveChoralSociety.

Schaumburg Choral Program Spring Concert: 7 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg. The Schaumburg Choral Program presents its spring concert. \$5-\$11. prairiecenter.org.

Monday, April 29

Student Composers' Concert: 7-10 p.m. Monday, April 29, at Armerding Center concert hall, 520 E. Kenilworth Ave., Wheaton. Wheaton College Conservatory of Music program features new works produced by students in the composition program. Free. wheaton.edu.

Tuesday, April 30

Einstein & Margarita: 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, at the Center Theatre at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$85-\$125. northshorecenter.org.

Wednesday, May 1

ENHYPEN World Tour "Fate Plus": 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, at the Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont. \$59.50-\$599.50. rosemont.com/allstate.

Judas Priest: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Heavy metal. \$47.50-\$148. rosemont.com/theatre.

Thursday, May 2

The Chicago Hitmen & Moe Jo's Jukebox: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Rock. \$19-\$39. desplainestheatre.com.

Talbott Brothers with Haley Johnsen: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. \$20-\$30 evanston.space.

One Vision of Queen: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at the Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. Marc Martel brings the music of Freddie Mercury to life in a tribute show. \$20-\$65. genesee theatre.com.

TOAST — The Ultimate Tribute to Bread: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. A tribute to the 1970s hit band. \$39-\$89. arcadalive.com.

Mon Laferte — Autopoiética Tour 2024: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$47.50-\$248. rosemont.com/theatre.

Friday, May 3

Celebrate Art & Music in Downtown Aurora: 5-8:30 p.m. Friday, May 3, at Waubensee Community College's downtown campus, 18 S. River St., Aurora. An evening of art and music events including ceramics, silk-screen printing, music and more held in conjunction with Downtown Aurora First Fridays. New this year, Cruise Night on Hoyt Street featuring vehicles owned by Waubensee students, faculty and staff. Free. waubensee.edu.

Frank Caliendo: 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 3-4, at Chicago Improv, 5 Woodfield Road, Schaumburg. Comedy. 18 and over. \$44-\$54. improv.com/chicago/info.

An Evening with Shawn Colvin and KT Tunstall — Together On Stage: 8 p.m. Friday, May 3, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. \$49-\$89. desplainestheatre.com.

First Fridays Improv with GreenRoom Productions: 8 p.m. Friday, May 3, at Hemmens Theatre in the Round, lower level, 45 Symphony Way, Elgin. Family-friendly improv shows. \$14-\$18. greenroomimprov.com.

Jim Messina: 8 p.m. Friday, May 3, at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. \$49-\$89. arcadalive.com.

Steve Rashid — "is it beautiful there?" EP Release: 8 p.m. Friday, May 3, at Studio5, 1934 Dempster St., Evanston. Studio5's Artistic Director and jazz composer Steve Rashid performs the music from his newest album, "is it beautiful there?" \$35-\$45. studio5.dance.

Saturday, May 4

Herman's Hermits Starring Peter Noone: 3 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. 1960s pop. \$49-\$99. desplainestheatre.com.

"Little Women, The Broadway Musical": 7 p.m. Saturday, May 4, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at the Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. Follows the journey of four sisters at home in Concord, Massachusetts, while their father is away serving in the Civil War. \$59-\$99. genesee theatre.com.

Elgin Symphony Orchestra's Beethoven's Ninth: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Hemmens Cultural Center, 45 Symphony Way, Elgin. Led by conductor Chad Goodman, the program features Mozart's "Ave verum corpus," Jessie Montgomery's "Hymn for Everyone," and Beethoven Symphony No. 9, with soprano Laura Strickling, mezzo soprano Mary Phillips, tenor Thomas Cooley, and baritone Hadleigh Adams, with the Elgin Master Chorale. \$20-\$65; \$10 student tickets. elginsymphony.org.

The Guess Who: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. Classic rock. \$49-\$99. arcadalive.com.

Toast — The Ultimate Bread Experience: 8

p.m. Saturday, May 4, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Tribute to the '70s hit band Bread. \$39-\$89. desplainestheatre.com.

Sunday, May 5

Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone: 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. \$49-\$99. arcadalive.com.

Woodstock Community Choir's "I See Colors": 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at the Woodstock Opera House, 121 W. Van Buren St., Woodstock. The spring concert features pianist Debra Anderson, bass guitarist Jim Seidel, drummer Joe Pesz, guitarist Rich Prezioso and guest flutist Laura Meyers. Donations welcome. woodstockcommunitychoir.org.

MCC Piano and Organ Recital: 6-7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at the McHenry County College Luecht Auditorium, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Free. mchenry.edu.

MCC Student Recital: 7:30-9 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Free. mchenry.edu.

Monday, May 6

ECC Concert Choir: 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 6, at the Elgin Community College Blizzard Theatre, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. Under the direction of Chris Cherry, The ECC Concert Choir will perform choral music from many eras. Also performing that evening will be the Elgin Master Chorale's Youth Choir under the direction of Rachel E. Maley. \$10-\$12. eccartscenter.org.

Wednesday, May 8

ECC Concert Band: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, at Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. \$10-\$12. eccartscenter.org.

Thursday, May 9

B. Simone: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9, and 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 10-11, at Chicago Improv, 5 Woodfield Road, Schaumburg. 18 and over. \$31-\$42. improv.com/chicago/info.

ECC Steel Band: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at the Elgin Community College Blizzard Theatre, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. The band, under the direction of Steve Butters, performs calypso, reggae, rock and more. \$10-\$12. eccartscenter.org.

Get the Led Out: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at the Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. Led Zeppelin tribute band. \$32.50-\$45. genesee theatre.com.

"Live Today Love Tomorrow Tour MMXXIV": 7:30 p.m. Thursday May 9, at Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. The Alarm, Jay Aston's Gene Loves Jezebel & Belouis Some. \$29-\$49. desplainestheatre.com.

Friday, May 10

Northbrook Arts in the Park: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday May 10-11, at Village Green, 1810 Walters Ave., Northbrook. Shop from 80 juried artists. amdurproductions.com.

Des Bishop: 7:15 and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11, at Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont; and 7 p.m. Sunday,



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Judas Priest will play the Rosemont Theatre on Wednesday, May 1.

April 12, at Zanies Chicago, 1548 N. Wells St., Chicago. The New York born, Ireland-based comedian performs. \$30. rosemont.zanies.com and chicago.zanies.com.

Galvin Cello Quartet: 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 10, at Ravinia Festival, 200 Ravinia Park Road, Highland Park. Galvin Quartet combines musicians from China, Brazil, South Korea and the United States. \$25. ravinia.org.

The Christy Bennett Quartet: 8 p.m. Friday, May 10, at Studio5, 1934 Dempster St., Evanston. Jazz vocalist Christy Bennett will be presenting a collection of tunes from the Great American Songbook, along with Alec Wilder's critiques of those songs from his book. \$25-\$35. tickettailor.com.

Henry Cho "From Here to There Tour 2024": 8 p.m. Friday, May 10, at the Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. Comedy. \$30-\$50. genesee theatre.com.

Live Dead & Brothers — Jamming the Music of Grateful Dead and Allman Brothers Band: 8 p.m. Friday, May 10, at Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. Comprised of current and legacy members from the extended Grateful Dead and Allman Brothers families, this ensemble revives the music of the late 1960s and early '70s. \$39-\$59. arcadalive.com.

Panther Belico: 8 p.m. Friday, May 10, at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$57.50-\$247.50. rosemont.com/theatre.

YYNOT — A RUSH Tribute: 8 p.m. Friday, May 10, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Hard rock. \$39-\$69. desplainestheatre.com.

Saturday, May 11

Ballet Folklórico Tayahua: 6 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. Traditional Mexican dance. \$20-\$30. genesee theatre.com.

Always Olivia: 7 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. A tribute to the late Olivia Newton-John, the show stars Annie Aiello and a five-piece band. \$40-\$50. rauecenter.org.

Belanova — Vida en Rosa Tour: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$37-\$248. rosemont.com/theatre.

Eslabon Armado: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont. \$69-\$149. rosemont.com/allstate.

Honeymoon Suite & Helix: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. Featuring the Canadian rock

band Honeymoon Suite and the Canadian hard rock and heavy metal band Helix. \$39-\$79. arcadalive.com.

Live Dead & Brothers — Jamming the Music of Grateful Dead and Allman Brothers Band: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. \$39-\$59. desplainestheatre.com.

Boy Band Review: 9 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at Dirty Nellie's Gastropub & ConcertHub, 180 N. Smith St., Palatine. Tribute band playing the hits of *NSYNC, Backstreet Boys, New Kids on the Block, One Direction and more. \$15. durtynellies.com.

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day with Debby Boone: 1 p.m. Sunday, May 12, at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. \$29-\$69. arcadalive.com.

EYSO's "Terra Una": 1:30, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 12, at the ECC Arts Center Blizzard Theatre, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. Prelude, Primo, Sinfonia and Sinfonia/Philharmonia Percussion Ensemble at 1:30 p.m.; Brass Choir, Flute Choir and Philharmonia at 4:30 p.m.; and Youth Symphony and Youth Symphony Percussion Ensemble at 7 p.m. \$16-\$27. eyso.org.

Hershey Felder as Monsieur Chopin — A Play with Music: 2 p.m. Sunday, May 12, at the Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe. Days after the February 1848 revolution, Fryderyk Chopin is teaching a piano lesson in Paris. Set in the Polish pianist-composer's intimate salon, Chopin shares with his students secrets about the piano and secrets about himself, as well as playing some of his most enduring compositions. writers theatre.org.

Glenn Miller Orchestra: 3 p.m. Sunday, May 12, at the Center Theatre at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$40-\$75. northshorecenter.org.

Schaumburg Youth Concert Orchestra and Sinfonia Strings Spring Concert: 3 p.m. Sunday, May 12, at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg. \$5.00-\$11. prairiecenter.org.

Schaumburg Youth Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert: 7 p.m. Sunday, May 12, at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg. \$5-\$11. prairiecenter.org.

Monday, May 13

Schaumburg Youth String Ensemble Spring Concert: 7 p.m. Monday, May 13, at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg. Schaumburg Youth String Ensemble presents its spring concert. \$5-\$11. prairiecenter.org.

American Roots Ensemble: 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 13, at the Elgin Community College Blizzard Theatre, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. The ensemble performs under the direction of Adam Schlipmann. \$10-\$12. eccartscenter.org.

Tuesday, May 14

A Jersey Voice — Sinatra to Springsteen ... and Everyone in Between: 3 p.m. Tuesday May 14, at the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, 111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights. A solo concert by John Michael Coppola, of Chicago's "Jersey Boys," features song selections from the 1940s through today. Includes hits by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen, and Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. \$40. metropolisarts.com.

ECC Jazz Ensemble: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May



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Trumpeter Mary Elizabeth Bowden performs with the DuPage Symphony Orchestra in "Modern & Melodious" Saturday, May 18, at Wentz Concert Hall in Naperville.

14, at the Elgin Community College Blizzard Theatre, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. Jazz concert under the direction of Shawn Maxwell. \$10-\$12. eccartscenter.org.

Wednesday, May 15

Late Night at the Gallery: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, at The Art Center Highland Park, 1957 Sheridan Road, Highland Park. Bring a blanket, dinner and lawn chairs to enjoy a concert on the TAC Lawn. Galleries will stay open late. Free. theartcenterhp.org.

ECC Electronic Music Ensemble: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, at the Elgin Community College Blizzard Theatre, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. Under the direction of Adam Schlipmann, musicians will perform the sounds of electrifying, originally produced music. \$10-\$12. eccartscenter.org.

Diljit Dosanjh's "Dil-Luminati Tour": 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, at the Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont. \$39.50-\$399.75. rosemont.com/allstate.

Thursday, May 16

Joe Wong: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at the Chicago Improv, 5 Woodfield Road, Schaumburg. 18 and older. \$44-\$82. improv.com/chicago/info.

Nazareth: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. Rock. \$39-\$69. arcadalive.com.

Friday, May 17

3rd Coast Brass "Pictures At An Exhibition": 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 17, at Woodstock Opera House, 121 Van Buren St., Woodstock; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at The Venue, 21 S. Broadway Ave., Aurora; and 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 20, at First United Methodist Church, 216 E. Highland Ave., Elgin. Chamber Music on the Fox's grand finale of its 10th anniversary season will feature 3rd Coast Brass, debuting for the first time as a symphonic brass ensemble. Conducted by brass legend Mark Fisher, the program includes a special transcription of Mussorgsky's "Pictures At An Exhibition" as well as Gunther Schuller's Symphony for Brass and Percussion. Tickets in Woodstock are \$25-\$30; tickets for the Elgin and Aurora concerts are \$25 or \$15 for students. chambermusiconthefox.org.

Big Richard with Fox Crossing Stringband:

8 p.m. Friday, May 17, at Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. \$15-\$22. evanston.space.com.

Blood, Sweat and Tears: 8 p.m. Friday, May 17, at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. \$49-\$89. arcadalive.com.

Heart: 8 p.m. Friday, May 17, at the Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont. With special guest Cheap Trick. \$35-\$169.75. rosemont.com/allstate.

Sons of the Never Wrong: 8 p.m. Friday, May 17, at Studio5, 1934 Dempster St., Evanston. The alt-folk trio from Chicago performs. \$35-\$45. studio5.dance.

Spyro Gyra — 50th Anniversary: 8 p.m. Friday, May 17, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Jazz. \$39-\$69. desplainestheatre.com.

The Supertramp Tribute: 8 p.m. Friday, May 17, at the Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. Progressive rock. \$30-\$40. rauecenter.org.

Saturday, May 18

Chicago Drum Show: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19, at the Kane County Fairgrounds Prairie Events Center, 525 S. Randall Road, St. Charles. 31st annual show. \$20; \$10 for kids 5-12. chicagodrumshow.com.

Norway Day Parade: 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at Hodges Park, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge. Free. nnleague.org.

Come What May — Songs of Hope and Love with Alyssa Allgood: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at the Baker Community Center, 101 S. Second St., St. Charles. Jazz vocalist and composer Alyssa Allgood performs with a quartet of Chicago-area jazz all-stars in advance of the release of her new album of original music. \$30. norris culturalarts.com.

DuPage Symphony Orchestra's "Modern & Melodious": 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at Wentz Concert Hall, 171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville. Trumpeter Mary Elizabeth Bowden performs with the DuPage Symphony Orchestra in Grace Williams' Trumpet Concerto of 1963, plus Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from "West Side Story" and more. \$15.50-\$43.50. dupagesymphony.org.

Blood, Sweat and Tears: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Rock, jazz and blues. \$49-\$89. desplainestheatre.com.

Gloria Trevi's "Mi Soundtrack U.S. Tour 2024": 8 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont. \$39.50-\$229.50. rosemont.com/allstate.

"Heaven & Hell" — Sabbath Knights with Vinny Appice & Angel: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. Classic hits from Black Sabbath and Dio, along with some rare fan favorites. \$39-\$69. arcadalive.com.

Sunday, May 19

Des Plaines Park District Community Concert Band Sunday Concert Series: 3-5 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at Prairie Lakes Theater, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines. Tickets at the door. \$8-\$10. dpparks.org.

Saxon & Uriah Heep's "Hell, Fire & Chaos Tour": 5 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. Heavy metal. \$49-\$89. arcadalive.com.

WAR's 50th Anniversary Tour: 5 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at the Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Soul/funk. \$39-\$89.



COURTESY OF SONS OF THE NEVER WRONG

Alt-folk trio Sons of the Never Wrong will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, May 17, at Studio5 in Evanston.

desplainestheatre.com.

Megan Thee Stallion: 7 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., Chicago. Megan Thee Stallion is bringing her "Hot Girl Summer Tour" with Special Guest: GloRilla. \$55.50-\$403.75. unitedcenter.com.

Schaumburg Choral Artists Spring Concert: 7 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg. \$5-\$11. prairiecenter.org.

Tuesday, May 21

"Thanks for the Memories: A USO Salute Encore": 1 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, May 21-22, at the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, 111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights. Backed by a five-piece band, five singers re-create an afternoon of a classic USO show full of songs, comedic numbers and slapstick entertainment. \$35. metropolisarts.com.

Thursday, May 23

"The SpongeBob Musical": 7 p.m. Friday, May 24; 2 and 6 p.m. Saturday, May 25; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 26, at the Batavia Fine Arts Centre, 1250 W. Wilson St., Batavia. Production by CYT Chicago, Aurora/DuPage chapters. \$17. cytchicago.org.

Electric Six and Supersuckers with Volk: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. \$20. evanston.space.com.

Friday, May 24

Billy Strings: 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 24-25, at Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont. \$79-\$149. rosemont.com/allstate.

Digital Underground with The Sugarhill Gang: 8 p.m. Friday, May 24, at Des Plaines Theatre, 1476 Miner St., Des Plaines. Digital Underground is a Grammy-nominated multiplatinum hip-hop group. \$29-\$59. desplainestheatre.com.

The Ultimate Eric Church Tribute & Tennessee Whiskey Tribute to Chris Stapleton: 8 p.m. Friday, May 24, at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. Rock and country. \$29-\$59. arcadalive.com.

Saturday, May 25

Barrington Art Festival: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 25-26, in downtown Barrington. The 15th annual Barrington Arts Festival features 120 juried artists, kids' activities, live music and more. amdurproductions.com.

Chicagoland Gems & Mineral Show: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 25, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 26, at the Kane County Fair-

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Port Washington: Bathe in the beauty of harbor town

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Submitted by Port Washington

Port Washington is reminiscent of an East Coast seaside village, a harbor town that offers a beautiful breakwater out to one of the city's two lighthouses.

It boasts a number of popular restaurants, shops, galleries and a walkable downtown. In addition to the beautiful marina, the coastline around Port Washington offers beaches and clay bluffs ranging from 80 feet to 130 feet in height. Hiking trails overlook Lake Michigan, and winding paths, wooden boardwalks and bridges lure visitors down to the lake. Only 30 minutes north of Milwaukee, Port Washington provides its visitors with the small town feel with all of the activities that travelers are interested in.

Follow a self-guided walking tour through the historic downtown and along the harbor, to get to know the city. For the more adventurous, walk along one of our two beaches and behold the beauty of Lake Michigan.

There are fun shops and boutiques for you to explore, including specialty food shops, a winery and a brewpub. Port doesn't have just the typical, touristy shops. There is a fish market that



Schooner Pub, a Port Washington restaurant.

can smoke, and even ship, your catch for you. The market has been in the family for over 75 years, so they know how to do it right! Include a stop into the old-fashioned meat market. Even if you don't buy anything, it's worth it for the smell of it. There are two popular outdoor gear stores in town, numerous specialty retail stores and even a surf shop!

And don't miss the great restaurants that are located in Port Washington. All locally owned with their own unique offerings, each also has their own vibe and traditions. The downtown is compact and walkable, so you can eat lunch overlooking the lake and within minutes be dipping your toes in the water. A variety of cuisines are offered, from



gourmet, farm to table to homemade soups and sandwiches, and all this as you are surrounded by a 19th century downtown.

The hotels in Port Washington boast local charm, suitable for either a romantic getaway or a family trip. The Harbor View Hotel is located right on the harbor, and visitors can choose from one of over 90 rooms or suites. The Port Hotel was built in the late 1800s and still can provide Old World charm with modern amenities. There are also several Short Term Stay homes or apartments located throughout the city, with a few

right in the downtown area.

And if you want to play outside, there are lakeside parks and trails nearby for hiking, biking, and birding. Remember your binoculars and camera!

Plan your Lake Michigan trip or vacation with the Port Washington Visitor's Guide for hotels, bed-and-breakfasts, shopping, events, farmers markets, lakefront festivals and more. Once you are here, make sure to stop by the historic Pebble House Visitor Center.

For more information, go to the visitportwashington.com website, or call (800) 719-4881.



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Springfield is where history meets the road

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Submitted by Visit Springfield

Located on historic Route 66, Springfield is the history-filled capital of Illinois.

Step into the past and the life of the Lincoln family when you visit the only home the Lincolns ever owned at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site. Enjoy our 15th season of History Comes Alive, a 10-week summer program that takes you on a trip back in time, May 31-Aug. 5.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is the official library and museum of the 16th U.S. president. Experience pivotal moments in Lincoln's life and enjoy immersive displays and amazing shows that explore the human costs of slavery and war.

The Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site, designed by famed sculptor, Larkin Mead, is nestled in Oak Ridge Cemetery. At the entrance to the Tomb itself, there is a bronze bust of Mr. Lincoln where visitors from around the world have stopped to rub the nose of the statue for good luck.

Make a stop at the Lincoln Memorial Garden for a truly zen experience. A woodland and prairie garden with over 5 miles of trails lead you on a journey through the Illinois landscape Lincoln would have known. Located on the shores of Lake Springfield and designed by landscape architect, Jens Jensen. Be sure to visit the Garden's Nature Center and Split Rail Gift Shop.

Historic Route 66 runs through Springfield and provides many unique stops, including Route 66



COURTESY OF VISIT SPRINGFIELD

Motorheads Bar, Grill, Museum & Entertainment complex. This classic car restaurant offers a themed menu and delicious drinks among the backdrop of the Route 66 & Motor Museum. While there, snap a pic with the World's Largest Outdoor Route 66 Shield!

Visitors can soar down Route 66 on the four-story, iconic giant slide at the IL State Fairgrounds on Saturdays, May-August. Just around the corner from the slide is the Route 66 Gate 2 Experience. Walk the entire Illinois Route 66 corridor in microform. Marvel at the Neon Sign Park with new and restored neon signs, a paved brick road, a 25-foot tall, fiberglass Route 66 muffler man, a drive-in theater replica and interpretive signs highlighting each Route 66 community from Chicago to the Chain of Rocks Bridge.

Reminisce at the restored Shea's Gas Station and take time for a photo opportunity at one of the original stations on Route 66!

Experience the journey, local tragedy and resilience of the Black traveler along Route 66 through the Route History Metaverse Virtual Reality experience.

The Cozy Dog Drive In is a traditional Route 66 diner that became a part of the history of The Mother Road, and the history of Springfield, when, in 1946, inventor Ed Waldmire introduced the "Cozy Dog" — the famous "hot dog on a stick." The Waldmire family still makes this delicacy today. Inside the diner, located on Old Route 66 since 1949.

Maldaner's Restaurant is a creative American establishment with a focus on farm to table food. Established in 1884, Maldaner's is the oldest continually operated restaurant in Springfield on Route 66.

Be sure to check out the new Springfield Horsehoe Trail. This trail is packed with 30 local restaurants serving Springfield's legendary Horseshoe Sandwich, originating in 1928.

Plan to relax at one of more than a dozen wineries and breweries in the area. Many have outdoor seating, food and regular music performances.

Regardless of your interests, Springfield has you covered with a variety of sites, attractions, culinary delights and affordable accommodations to meet your travel needs.

Make your first stop the Springfield Visitors Center, inside the historic Lincoln-Herndon Law Office building. Let our travel ambassadors get you ready for an experience like no other. While there, grab our Explorer Passport with 26 sites, attractions and culinary delights.

To learn more and start planning your Abe-mazing trip, visit www.visitspringfieldillinois.com.



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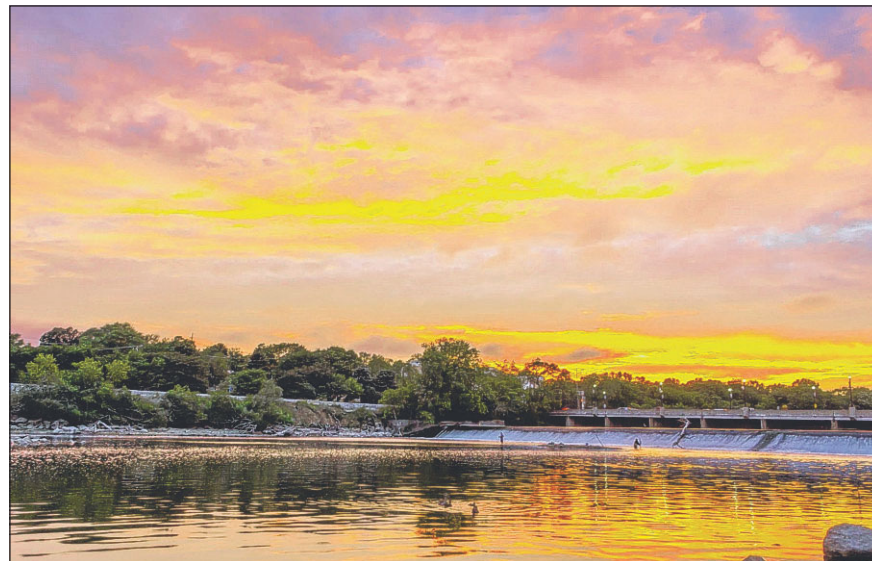
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Submitted by Explore Elgin Area

After spending so much time inside this winter we are ready to be outside and exploring wide open spaces. It's a great way to exercise, and has so many mental and physical benefits. Treat yourself to a weekend away in the outdoors this year and we've made it easy! The planning and research are already done. We even have a list of food trails to help you find all the tasty treats. Keep reading to discover your Escape into Nature.

Start your trip with the basics, checking in to where you'll be staying. Hotels in the area sometimes offer deals and specials to summer travelers.

Begin your nature adventure by stopping at Hawthorne Hill Nature Center. This nature center sits on 67 acres and contains hiking trails, meadows, and ponds. Benches make for a great spot to enjoy and learn more about the local wildlife. Or if the Bartlett Nature Center is closer, stop by to visit one of their seasonal exhibits and enjoy the walking trails through the James "Pate" Philip State Park.

Next, we recommend stopping by Plank Road Tap Room. This



award-winning tap room is located just outside urban Elgin and hosts one of the largest beer gardens in all of Chicagoland. Stop by to try a local brew, and food vendors serving from the food truck rotation. Also known for hosting bands and events, it's a great place for adults looking to spend time in a comfortable laid-back outdoor setting with some amazing amenities and services. Plank Road Tap Room is not

for children, so if you're looking for a more family-friendly afternoon meal we recommend visiting Old Republic Kitchen + Bar. This restaurant features a great outdoor dining experience and food to match.

To end the first day head over to one of the Elgin area's forest preserves like the Hampshire Forest Preserve or the Burnidge Forest Preserve. Here you can enjoy nature in a more peaceful and relaxing setting for activities like reading, drawing or meditation. If you're visiting with the family these preserves make a great place to enjoy trails perfect for running, and large fields for activities like frisbee and playing catch.

To begin day 2, enjoy the morning at Lord's Park. Here you can walk along the nature paths, visit the historic Lord Park pavilion and Lord's Park zoo to see the bison. There is also Wing Park which is a great fit for those looking for a more active way to begin the day. At Wing Park there are basketball, sand volleyball and tennis courts as well as baseball fields, a 9-hole golf course and a playground! Both parks also have community pools that are open during the summer months.

The main activity for day 2 is to enjoy the Fox River Trail. Running through South Elgin, Elgin, East Dundee and Carpentersville is 40 miles of paved trails. Enjoy the trails by bike by renting from Main Street Bicycles in Carpentersville located right off the trail. From there you can head south to East Dundee where you'll find a few places right off the trail that make a perfect lunch stop. Rosie O'Hare's Public House serves classic Irish pub fare and a patio space that overlooks the Fox River. There's also Mockingbird Bar + Garden that features upscale dining and cocktail options and also has an amazing outdoor patio space.

Check out of your hotel and see if your golf game is par for the course at one of the best golf courses in the area. The Highlands of Elgin, Bowes Creek Country Club and Randall Oaks Golf Club are all excellent locations to enjoy for an afternoon. Or if you don't want to bring out the clubs, try disc golf! If you haven't been you'll want to stop by Randall Oaks for or visit the course at Rolling Knolls Forest Preserve. Converted from an old country club golf course, this disc golf course features 18 holes situated around the rolling terrain and trees.

For a slower start to the day, start with some bird watching at Jelke Creek Bird Sanctuary outfitted with over 100 acres of curated lands optimized for its avian inhabitants. The sanctuary is dog-friendly and deeper ponds are available for fishing. There's also Bluff Springs Fen which is named for its type of fen where the spring water stays a constant 50 degrees causing the flourish of unique plants, endangered species, and other unusual fauna. For an extra interesting stop, walk through historic Bluff City Cemetery to see all kinds of markers dating back to the 1800s.

Before hitting the road back home, grab a bite at a laid-back home-style restaurant like Ray's Family Restaurant or Walnut Speakeasy.



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Visit Racine for a fun-filled spring trip of your dreams

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For many of our Illinois friends, planning your next trip to Wisconsin is a vital part of spring. If you need a starting point in those plans, let our countywide Convention and Visitor Bureau, Visit Racine County, help!

Did you know Racine County is full of different communities, each with a unique personality? The City of Racine lines the shore of Lake Michigan and provides everything you need for a fun spring day. Check out North Beach and its 50 acres of nearly white sand. Stop with the kids at Kids Cove, an interactive playground located at one end of North Beach. Or walk the Lake Michigan Pathway in the other direction and end up at the Racine Zoo! I know that many of you are fans of our Zoo and are frequent visitors during the summer ... but don't forget it's open year-round! You can also stop at the newly renovated The Char-troom Restaurant, located right on the water. And finish your day by strolling the Downtown Racine district. It's filled with shops and boutiques, live music on the weekends and special events happening all the time. There are also more restaurants (Kewpees! Olde Madrid! The Maple Table!) and specialty food



VISIT RACINE COUNTY

Biking on the Pike River Pathway.

shops (Divino Gelato! Sugar Shack Sweet Shop!) Can you tell we like food in Racine County?

Spring is the perfect time to get your bike out of storage and hit the trails in Racine County. The Pike River Pathway in Mount Pleasant is perfectly paved for bikers (and walkers) who want to get out and experience a trail bursting with nature. You can hop off the trail and check out the brand new Campus Park. The park includes pickleball courts, a big playground, a splash pad and a huge band shell! Keep an eye out for the brand new Mount Pleasant

Music Series coming to Campus Park this summer on select Tuesday nights! Another good stop along your bike route is O&H Bakery. This is an institution in Racine County ... I mean, in the world! Kringle is Wisconsin's state pastry and it all started right here in our county. Kringle is the handmade Danish pastry that defies description — you just have to try it for yourself! O&H Bakery does not just offer Kringle but also cakes, doughnuts, sandwiches, coffee, and so much more. It's a MUST for any spring trip to Racine County!

I am not telling you that you must bike to these next two spots but I am not saying you can't! The Franksville Craft Beer Garden makes its home at Franksville Memorial Park and is a staple in our spring Racine County fun. The FCBG opens mid-May until late October. Run by a local family who has grown this adventure into something incredible, the FCBG is full of food, events, music ... and of course, beer! The atmosphere is one of the best around and I promise that you will feel the true Wisconsin welcome immediately. This is a place for family and friends and you will make some new ones on your very first trip! You may want to take those friends and head on over to Caledonia, where you'll find Jellystone Campground and

Bear Paw Adventure Park. Obviously I don't have to describe a super fun and beloved campground to you (it has all the amenities you could EVER want) but Bear Paw Adventure Park might be new to you. Located right next to Jellystone, Bear Paw Beach provides inflatable obstacles courses on the water, a sand beach and a tropical vibe. There are also land adventures available — from a high-flying ropes course, to laser tag, to paintball, to pedal carts. Come for the weekend, whether camping or not, and experience all that this attraction has to offer. It's worth it!

And finally, don't forget about Burlington, a community on the west end of Racine County. The Burlington Jamboree runs Memorial Day weekend, May 24-27, and is everything you want in a fair! Carnival rides, pig and duck races, a 5K run, bumper boats, a Fun Sale (crafts and wares show) and live music all the time. Come for one day or stay for the entire weekend. The Burlington Jamboree is put on by a dedicated group of volunteers who want to give you the very best time and let you experience the best of Burlington.

For more information, stop by the Visit Racine County Visitor Center (14015 Washington Ave., Sturtevant) or visit www.visitracinecounty.com.



Summer is coming and Racine County is ready for it! In fact, we are ready for YOU. Whether it's a day at the beach, at the beer garden, or on your bike, you will find all the opportunities you need to make dreams come true right here in Racine County. Located just 25 minutes from the Illinois/WI border, start planning your day trip, or your weekend, with us today.

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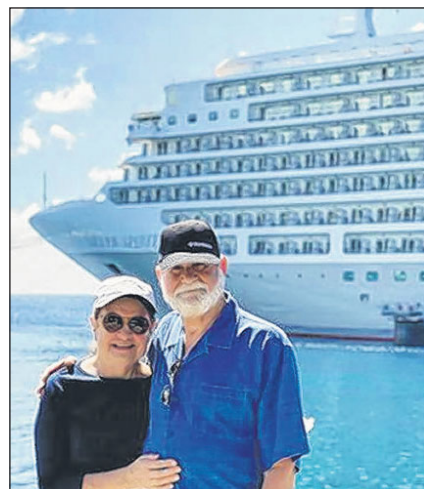
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grounds Prairie Events Center, 525 S. Randall Road, St. Charles. Featuring gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry, beads and more. \$3-\$5. cgma.rocks.

Prairie Arts Festival: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 25-26, at the Robert O. Archer Municipal Center, 101 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg. Free admission. prairiecenter.org.

St. Charles Fine Art Show: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 25, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 26, on Riverside Avenue between Main Street and Illinois Avenue, St. Charles. The 26th annual show features over 100 fine artists, each hand-selected by a jury, featuring works in a range of mediums, including clay/ceramics, digital art, drawing/illustration, fibers, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and wood. Free.

stcharlesfineartshow.com.

GreenRoom Productions Improv: 7 p.m. Saturday, May 25, at the Raue Center, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. Family-friendly improv shows. \$13-\$20. greenroomimprov.com.

Greentown Follies: 7 p.m. Saturday, May 25, at Three Brothers Theatre, 115 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. Each production features a variety of different artists performing. \$35-\$40. threebrotherstheatre.com.

Tuesday, May 28

Ruth Moody: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, at Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Ruth Moody of The Wailin' Jennys performs. \$25-\$35. evanston.space.com.

Wednesday, May 29

Luis Miguel Tour 2024: 8 p.m. Wednesday

and Thursday, May 29-30, at the Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont. \$99-\$225. rosemont.com.

Thursday, May 30

Parental Advisory Tour: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at the Arcadia Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. Josey Scott's Saliva, Trapt, Adema, Tantric & special guest One Day Alive will perform. \$29-\$59. arcadalive.com.

"Josh Gates Live!": 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at the Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. Join explorer and award-winning Discovery Channel host Josh Gates for "An Evening of Legends, Mysteries and Tales of Adventure!" \$35-\$79.50. genesee theatre.com.

Feid's "Ferxxocalipsis Tour 2024": 8 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., Chicago. Colombian musical phenomenon Feid performs. \$490.99-\$499.

unitedcenter.com.

Silvestre Dangond's "Ta Malo USA Tour": 8 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$57.99-\$197.99. rosemont.com/theatre.

Friday, May 31

Tim McGraw's "2024 Standing Room Only Tour": 7 p.m. Friday, May 31, at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., Chicago. Tim McGraw performs with Carly Pearce and Heartbreakers. \$35.40-\$374.50. unitedcenter.com.

Heartache Tonight: A Tribute to the Eagles: 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 31, at the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, 111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights. \$35. metropolisarts.com.

Allman Betts Band with special guest JD Simo: 8 p.m. Friday, May 31, at the Arcadia Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles. American roots. \$49-\$89. arcadalive.com.

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MadKap Productions announces 10th anniversary season

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Submitted by MadKap Productions

MadKap Productions has turned the historic Skokie Theatre into a destination stop for live entertainment, and is currently celebrating its 10th anniversary of bring quality performers and award-winning shows to this convenient suburban location.

The Skokie Theatre is a beautiful, historic building in downtown Skokie that was built in 1912 as the town's first movie theater. It was transformed into a comfortable and elegant performing arts center in 2004. MadKap took residence in 2014 and has produced over 50 plays and musicals, and has hosted hundreds of performers for concerts, comedy and dance shows.

MadKap's current production is "The Curious Incident of The Dog In The Night-Time" runs through April 21. Based on the bestselling novel of the same name, it's the story of a 15-year-old autistic boy named Christopher who lives in a small town. He becomes fixated on solving a local mystery, uncovering secrets of folks in town. The play examines the workings of Christopher's mind, and the challenges faced by his parents and caregivers. Discount tickets are



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"On Golden Pond," 2024

available for \$30 using code HERALD at SkokieTheatre.org, or by calling (847) 677-7761.

On opening night, MadKap announced its 2024-25 anniversary season:

- "Grease," June 21-July 28: The ultimate rock 'n' roll musical sensation with Danny, Sandy, Rizzo and the gang.
- "South Pacific," Sept. 6-Oct. 6: "You have to be taught to hate." Set

against the backdrop of World War II, this enchanting tale of love and prejudice unfolds on a remote island in the South Pacific.

- "Boy Gets Girl," Nov. 1-24: The life of a successful career woman takes a terrifying turn when a seemingly innocent blind date spirals into a nightmare of obsession and stalking.
- "Romeo And Bernadette," Feb. 7-March 2: Shakespeare meets the modern-world in this delightful Drama

Desk Award-nominated musical rom-com with songs based on traditional Italian melodies.

- "Ken Ludwig's Lend Me A Soprano," March 28-April 20, 2025: This madcap romp is filled with mistaken identities, mixed-up lovers and door-slaming high jinks.

A subscription for all five shows is \$174 at the early-bird price through May 15. Each subscription comes with a sixth "guest ticket" to bring a companion to one of the performances. Subscriptions and single tickets are available now at SkokieTheatre.org or (847) 677-7761.

MadKap is also developing their first Theatre for Young Audiences production of "The Lightning Thief: A Percy Jackson Musical," a musical adaptation of the popular young adult Percy Jackson book series by Rick Riordan, which will perform from June 7-July 28. It is the story of 12-year-old Percy Jackson who finds out he's the son of Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea. While at a summer camp for demigods, he is sent on a quest with his friends Grover and Annabeth. This show is a fun, goofy, rock musical about friendship, self-discovery, and family.

For more information, visit SkokieTheatre.org.

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Wentz Concert Hall, NCC
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"Beautiful: The Carole King Musical"

Marriott Theatre presents season of classics and rockin' tributes

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Submitted by Marriott Theatre

Chicagoland's longest running musical theater, Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire, presents its 2024 season complete with Tony Award winners, rockin' tributes and beloved Broadway classics.

Under the leadership of Executive Producer Peter Blair and Artistic Director Peter Marston Sullivan, the theater is delighted to present "The Music Man," "Beehive: The 60s Musical," "1776" and "Irving Berlin's White Christmas."

Spring brings the beloved six-time, Tony Award-winning musical comedy "The Music Man," directed and choreographed by Katie Spelman. The family-friendly production follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a band that he vows to organize — despite the fact that he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. Wicked, warm and touching, "The Music Man" runs April 10-June 2.

Next in the lineup will be a rockin' tribute to the music of the 1960s, "Beehive: The 60s Musical," the ultimate celebration of '60s female empowerment and the perfect production for the summer season. Directed and choreographed by Deidre Goodwin, this musical features timeless classics such as "My Boyfriend's Back," "Be My Baby," "Son of a Preacher Man" and "Me and Bobby McGee," playing June 19-Aug. 11.

With cooler temperatures and election season comes "1776," the insightful and constantly surprising production centered around the birth of the nation with the likes of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson as they struggle to craft the Declaration of Independence and persuade colleagues to vote for American independence. Winner

of five Tony Awards, including Best Book and Best Musical, this funny and insightful drama with a striking score blazes to vivid life one of the most formative events in American history. Directed by Nick Bowling "1776" runs Aug. 21-Oct. 13.

Closing out the 2024 season will be a heartwarming holiday extravaganza with "Irving Berlin's White Christmas," directed and choreographed by Linda Fortunato. One of America's most cherished silver screen classics, "Irving Berlin's White Christmas" finds its way to the Marriott Theatre stage packed with dazzling hits like "Blue Skies," "Count Your Blessings," "I Love a Piano" and the title song "White Christmas." This uplifting classic will be a spectacular celebration of the most magical time of the year for the entire family to enjoy. "Irving Berlin's White Christmas" plays Oct. 30-Dec. 29.

Marriott Theatre for Young Audiences will feature an exciting season for kids of all ages with Mo Willems' "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical!" directed by Lorenzo Rush Jr. and choreographed by Matthew Weidenbener, running July 12-Aug. 11; and "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella," directed by Johanna McKenzie Miller and choreographed by Katie Johannigman, running Nov. 15-Jan. 5.

Concert Series, produced by Artists Lounge Live, features timeless popular music, performed with superb musicianship and intimate storytelling. In September, "Swinging on a Star: Jared Bradshaw Sings Bing Crosby Featuring the Music of The Andrews Sisters," and for the holidays, "Christmas with the King: Brandon Bennett Sings Elvis."

Tickets for all shows are on sale now! For more information on Marriott Theatre or to purchase tickets, visit MarriottTheatre.com or call the box office at (847) 634-0200.



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National Geographic's Joel Sartore headlines gala

BY KIM MIKUS

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Submitted by Lake County Forest Preserves

World-renowned National Geographic photographer Joel Sartore is the featured speaker at a May 17 gala benefiting the Lake County Forest Preserves.

Sartore will delve into his ambitious National Geographic Photo Ark project dedicated to documenting every species living in the world's zoos, aquariums and wildlife sanctuaries.

His goal is to create a photo archive of global diversity to inspire action through education, motivating people to help protect these animals for future generations. The award-winning photographer anticipates the completed project will encompass portraits of 20,000 species, including birds, fish, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates.

The evening features a cocktail reception, seated dinner and a photo-filled presentation. The Preservation Foundation, the charitable partner of the Lake County Forest Preserves, is holding the event at Independence Grove Forest Preserve in Libertyville.

The business casual gala kicks off a significant fundraising campaign in Lake County. The foundation is striving to secure \$20 million in endowment funds by the end of 2025 to



PHOTO BY ELLEN SARTORE

support the forest preserves. Collaboratively, donations from individuals, corporations and foundations provide a continuous source of funding to ensure restored land remains healthy and resilient/

The interest generated from the endowment will annually offer \$800,000 to support essential land management tasks. This funding will safeguard decades of investments, comprising both public and private funds, dedicated to the restoration of the forest preserves, said Preservation Foundation President Nels Leutwiler. "The endowment will also provide a steady source of matching funds necessary to secure outside grants and donations in order to advance future projects."



PHOTO BY JOEL SARTORE/National Geographic Photo Ark

Event organizers say Sartore is an ideal choice to inaugurate the fundraising campaign, given his alignment with the mission and conservation principles of the Forest Preserves.

The National Geographic Photo Ark is a multiyear effort to raise awareness about endangered species and conservation efforts. Sartore's striking portraits of animals have drawn attention to the plight of many species facing extinction due to habitat loss, climate change and other human-induced factors.

Sartore was a newspaper photographer before focusing on wildlife photography. He often uses a simple black or white background in his portraits to focus the viewer's attention solely on the animal subject. His minimalist approach highlights the beauty and diversity of each species he photographs.

"As stewards of the environment,



PHOTO BY JOEL SARTORE/National Geographic Photo Ark

A female snowy owl, *Bubo scandiacus*, at Raptor Recovery Nebraska.

we are thrilled to welcome Joel Sartore to kick off our fundraising campaign," said Executive Director Alex Ty Kovach. "His dedication to the preservation of wildlife through his National Geographic project resonates deeply with our mission to protect and conserve the biodiversity of Lake County and ensure no further species are lost."

To purchase tickets or a table, visit LCFPD.org/gala or call (847) 968-3110.

Gorton Center lines up exciting speakers, performers

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Submitted by Gorton Center

An engaging afternoon or night out is easy and civilized at Gorton Center, located in the heart of Lake Forest, just steps from the train station and fantastic restaurants. This year marks Gorton Center's 50th anniversary and they are celebrating with an incredible lineup of fascinating speakers, entertaining live shows and captivating films. A few inspiring programs not to miss:

• **Stress Better: 7-7:30 p.m. Mondays, April 15 & 22**

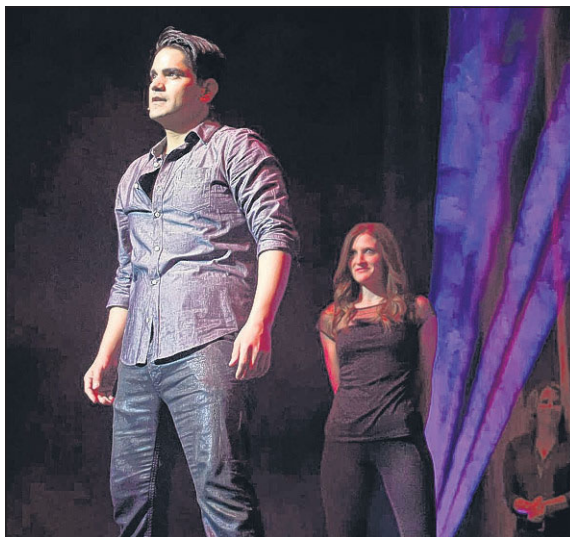
Matt Dewar will teach attendees how to assess breathing habits and how to enhance their health and performance through mindful breathing practices. "Breathwork" has emerged as an effective strategy for improving our relationship with stress.

• **Jason Bishop, illusionist and magician: 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 19**

One second Jason is reading your mind, the next he's making goldfish appear! Bishop's combination of modern music, fast-paced magic, sleight of hand and audience participation makes for one of the most dynamic and proactive illusion shows you will ever witness.

• **KAIA String Quartet, Rendezvous Arts Series: 7 p.m. Friday, April 26**

The KAIA String Quartet is an ensemble devoted



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Jason Bishop and Kim

to promoting the rich and colorful music of Latin America, beautifully blurring the lines between jazz, classical, Latin and world music. Followed by cocktails and conversation with the musicians and visual artist, Ken Reif.

• **Brooklyn Charmers, the music of Steely Dan: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27**

A night of groovy tunes as the Brooklyn Charmers pay tribute to one of the greatest bands in rock history, Steely Dan.

• **Susan Werner, singer-songwriter, humorist: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 15**

Werner's songs slide between folk, jazz, and pop, all delivered with sassy wit and classic Midwestern charm.

• **A Brothers Revival, tribute to The Allman Brothers Band: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 22**

Former Allman Brothers Band member, David "Rook" Goldflies, Kris Anderson, former 17-year lead guitarist of The Outlaws and lead singer in Dickey Betts Great Southern, Mike Kach will bring Southern Rock to Gorton!

• **Zach Bryan/Morgan Wallen Tribute Concert: 4-7 p.m., Sunday, June 23**

Country music superstars Zach Bryan / Morgan Wallen Barn Burner Tribute will perform in an outdoor concert.

Gorton Center announces new shows, films and programs every week, so be sure to check out the latest, buy tickets and sign up for the weekly email at gortoncenter.org.



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Destination Randhurst Village for fun and shopping

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Submitted by Randhurst Village

Randhurst Village is your destination for dining, shopping, health and wellness, entertainment and more. With over 45 businesses and additional tenants set to open their doors this year, Randhurst Village fulfills all your needs in one location. On top of visiting the businesses here, you can experience community events throughout the year in the open-air lifestyle center including Street Fest, Mount Prospect Fire Department Open House, Fall Fest, and a visit from Santa. Grab your coffee and explore a little bit of Randhurst Village here.

This summer, enjoy your cup o' joe, cocktail, or meal in the rays of sunshine or under the stars by dining al fresco at Randhurst Village. Delights for any appetite are sure to please even the pickiest of family members. Grade A Café helps you kick off your day with a large brunch menu that will have your mouth watering from breakfast through lunch. Blackfinn Randhurst Grill, a long-standing community gathering spot with



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Randhurst Village Street Fest

a neighborhood atmosphere is a delicious spot for catching a game, connecting with family and friends, or celebrating. Mr. Kimchi brought a Korean BBQ dining experience to Randhurst Village that has delighted many day after day with tropical cocktails and flavorful cuisine. If buffalo style wings are your thing, then a stop into Buffalo Wild Wings is a must.

If fast, casual dining is what you need, the options keep going. From create your own pizzas at MOD to Hawaiian cuisine at Poke Bros to a Louisiana style menu at Surf's Up to a good 'ol' cold cut sandwich at McAlister's Deli to Nashville Hot Chicken at Hangry Joe's,

you can feel like you are traveling the world of cuisine at Randhurst Village. The choices do not end there with salads, burgers, burritos and milkshakes; you can grab something for everyone in the family in one area. Are we hungry yet?

Once you are fueled up, it is time to shop. Randhurst Village welcomed Bath & Body Works this year to much excitement. The colorful and spacious new store is lined with all your favorite personal care and home fragrance items. If you're looking for a new wardrobe, then Old Navy, TJMaxx, DSW have you covered from head to toe. PetSmart will check off your box when it comes to shopping

for your fur baby. While HomeGoods and Michael's will fill your home and craft room with the perfect essentials. Let us not forget Costco for all your needs from stocking your kitchen to items for your home to your wardrobe. If bulk is not what you need, then Jewel-Osco has all the items you need to fill the bellies at home.

Show up as your best self this year with the help of our health and wellness businesses. Fitness classes from Club Pilates or Orangetheory Fitness will help bring more strength and mobility to your game, while Aligned Modern Health will improve your technique with integrative health care. GNC is here to assist and guide you in the vitamins and supplements department.

Once the shopping is done, some entertainment might be in order. Golf Factory opened in fall 2023, bringing indoor golf simulation to the area. From leagues for men, women and families to events to just a night out, Golf Factory offers an evening of fun and laughter. If a movie is more your speed, AMC offers 12 screening rooms

showing the latest and greatest in film.

Community events at Randhurst Village will continue to bring friends and families to gather for music, activities, games, food and more, beginning with Randhurst Village's Street Fest from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 22. The event will feature live music from fan favorites Mike & Joe and Wedding Banned, as well as a kid's zone, visits from the Mount Prospect police and fire departments, food, beer garden and more.

This is just a sampling of the array of offerings at Randhurst Village and we are excited to announce even more tenants this year including Altea, a Vietnamese Coffee & Boba shop, slated to open this summer.

Visit www.randhurstvillage.com for tenant information, event details and to subscribe to our newsletter. Follow Randhurst Village on Facebook, Instagram, and X @shoprandhurst for the most up-to-date information on events, announcements and grand openings. We look forward to seeing you at Randhurst Village!

Frontier Days: Five fun-filled midsummer days

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Submitted by Frontier Days

Frontier Days Festival runs from July 3 through July 7, at Recreation Park in Arlington Heights.

Get ready for summer vibes

Gear up for the upcoming Frontier Days Festival! Bask in the sunshine, dance to your favorite tunes with free musical entertainment, and make lifetime memories.

From thrilling rides to mouthwatering treats and everything in between, Frontier Days will be an unforgettable celebration of fun and community spirit. Join us as we countdown the days to the hottest event of the season!

Each day brings families to participate in activities such as the Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Cake Decorating, Pie Eating and Rib Eating contests, Face



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Painting and more.

The Family Stage features acts that encourage child participation. Sports activities challenge youth in volleyball, spike ball, disc golf and hockey skills.

Enjoy pickleball, dog Frisbee, Baggio or participate in water fights. Get your teams ready!

Love a parade?

Frontier Days sponsors the

Fourth of July Parade, one of the biggest in the Northwest suburbs. Bring your kids with their bikes to ride in the Decorated Bike Parade. Follow up with lunch at one of the local restaurant kiosks on the festival grounds. Jesse White Tumblers lead off a Fourth of July celebration filled with activities.

Sunday, July 7, is the Festival Stampede for all ages ... a 5K run, 10K run, 5K Walk and

a ¼-mile Kid's Walk. Soccer takes place on Saturday, July 6, for teams of three for all ages.

Browse the Marketplace on Saturday and Sunday and take home unique handmade products. Try your luck at Bingo on Thursday and Sunday. Wine Tasting starts at 5 p.m. on Sunday with specially selected wines to sample. Sit and Sip at our Beer Garden every evening.

Music!

The Frontier Stage showcases rock, pop, blues and more with musical performances each night. The Main Stage goes live every night, with 7th heaven, Plain White T's, Rod Tuffcurls and The Bench Press, Hoobastank and American English. This free entertainment is brought to you using no tax dollars; it's financed by Frontier Days, Inc., a not-for-profit organization.

On July 6, Citizens with Disability Day is sponsored by Frontier Days Festival. Families with a disabled member are invited to join us at no expense for a day of carnival rides, lunch and a DJ party.

Did you know?

Frontier Days is a nonprofit organization run entirely by volunteers. Our team of Red-shirts plan, organize and staff the festival.

Our amazing group gives of themselves to volunteer and has a great time doing so. Volunteers can sign up for one shift or as many as they can to join in the fun.

Sign up, it's easy. Visit FrontierDays.org to help us to bring this wonderful event to our community.

Frontier Days Festival is held at Recreation Park, 500 E. Miner St., Arlington Heights. Visit FrontierDays.org for details.

Naperville comes alive in spring — don't miss out

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Submitted by Naperville Development

Spring in Naperville is a time of vibrant renewal, marked by blossoming flowers, warmer weather, and an abundance of events and dining options perfect for the whole family.

As the snow melts away, Naperville comes alive with a burst of energy and color. Families can kick off the season by exploring the Naperville Riverwalk, a picturesque pathway lined with blooming trees and scenic bridges spanning the DuPage River.

In June, Naperville blossoms with a wide array of events. One standout is Naper Nights at Naper Settlement, a vibrant celebration of music, food, and family fun. Against the backdrop of Naper Settlement's historic buildings, this event shines as a highlight of the summer season. From electrifying rock tunes to soulful blues, lively folk melodies to smooth jazz rhythms,



Naper Nights offers a diverse lineup of performances sure to captivate audiences of all ages.

Another much-anticipated event is the opening of Centennial Beach, Naperville's beloved outdoor swimming facility. With its sandy beach, refreshing waters, and family-friendly amenities, Centennial Beach is the perfect place to cool off and make a splash on hot summer days.

When hunger strikes, Naperville's diverse culinary scene has something to satisfy every palate. Families can

gather at JoJo's Shake Bar for a unique sweet experience, or head to Empire Burgers + Brew for a flavorful meal, featuring their famous burgers and craft beers on tap.

After a day filled with adventure and delicious dining, families can unwind at one of Naperville's beautiful parks or playgrounds. Whether it's a game of volleyball at Knoch Knolls Park or Rotary Hill for a Carillon Concert. Spring in Naperville offers endless opportunities for families to create cherished memories together.



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Moretti's is pizza and so much more

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Submitted by Moretti's

Founded in Chicago, family owned and exclusive to the local Chicago area, Moretti's serves pizza and so much more! Their roomy, friendly dining rooms and bars have welcomed millions of guests since the first Moretti's opened in 1992 in Chicago. Moretti's has over 30 years experience in delivery, pick up and catering orders.

Owner Mark Hoffmann says "Moretti's is our family business, and we go above and beyond to deliver an energetic, high quality dining experience not only in our restaurant but for take-out, delivery to local homes and businesses, catering and private events in our restaurant. Let our family serve yours!"

Based in classic Italian and American cuisine with modern innovations, Moretti's menu features award winning thin crust and Chicago-style deep dish pizza with more than 20 different toppings, house made meatballs and hand-sliced Italian Beef, "Mile High Lasagna," with fresh homemade layers of pasta, marinara and four cheeses, unique pasta specialties and numerous chef-inspired daily specials. The menu also includes chicken, burgers,



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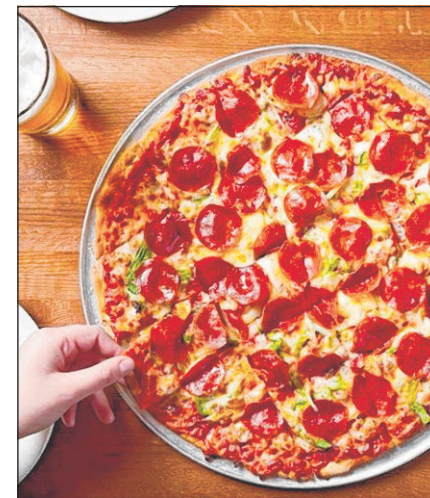
sandwiches, appetizers, signature salads, grilled specialties and more. There are dedicated Vegan and Gluten Free Menus, as well as keto and vegetarian selections.

Moretti's offers dine-in, takeout and delivery, as well as full service off-site catering and hosted events at the restaurant in private rooms, with complete event planning services.

Moretti's is a popular place to throw a party. They have decades of catering expertise you can count on to help

host any event, from a formal dinner to a casual get-together. Moretti's locations and staff bring the fun factor well beyond typical banquet hall or restaurants! With garden patios, lively bar rooms, private dining rooms and private banquet spaces, there's sure to be a setting that is perfect for any event!

Moretti's offers its patrons value opportunities, including the free Moretti's Rewards App to earn points for free food and drinks, Moretti's Wine Club, Moretti's E-Gift Store, and



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"Put The FUN in Fundraising" options for charities and community groups. Complete details can be found at MorettisRestaurants.com.

Daily food and drink deals are offered at all Moretti's, as well as Happy Hours and other specials. A wide selection of local and international beers, wines and specialty drinks are available.

With sharp, clear video screens in the bar area and throughout the restaurant, Moretti's offers video entertainment and sports viewing from every seat, perfect for getting a group together and watching everyone's favorite Chicago teams. Free Wi-Fi is accessible to all customers as well.

Bella Napoli adds event rooms, expanded patio

ADVERTISER GENERATED CONTENT
Submitted by Bella Napoli Woodfired Pizza & Bar

Bella Napoli celebrates six months bringing "the beauty and flavors of Naples," to Chicagoland with the opening of their new adjoining private event spaces, including outdoor areas, and Bella's new expanded restaurant patio areas.

Step into Bella Napoli in Schaumburg, and you'll be welcomed into a newly constructed and decorated space that exudes warmth and stylish comfort.

On one side of the restaurant is a long marble-topped bar, which can comfortably seat dozens of guests. Bella Napoli will be serving a unique craft cocktail menu, and a wine list carefully curated to perfectly pair with the cuisine.

A deluxe draft beer system features 18 selections, plus bottle and canned specialties. Sitting at the bar, guests have a clear view of all the action as pizzas move in and out of the big oven, the heart of the Bella Napoli culinary magic.

Nearby, a spacious dining room awaits, seating over 100 guests. The room is tastefully decorated with



Bella Napoli adds new private event rooms and an expanded patio to their Neapolitan charm and cuisine.

elegant stone work and a fireplace, and rustic details create a comfortable, stylish atmosphere. Lively music and all the action in the open kitchen create a vibrant energy that make any dining or cocktail experience fun and memorable.

But the Bella Napoli experience doesn't end indoors. There is an all new wraparound patio that's partially covered, for plenty of three season al fresco dining, such as one would find in the gardens and neighborhoods of Italy.

Bella's culinary team takes pride in crafting artisan Neapolitan-style pizzas in the prominently displayed deluxe red pizza oven. The wood fired oven infuses each pizza with smoky, lightly charred goodness.

Each pizza is hand crafted with a custom Neapolitan dough recipe, and only the freshest, highest quality ingredients like fresh mozzarella, San Marzano tomatoes, and the finest meats.

The newly opened banquet and private dining rooms, including outdoor



space, are now booking all types of social and business events.

In every detail, Bella Napoli offers guests not just a meal but a mini Italian vacation right in the local area.

Bella Napoli is open daily at 11:30 a.m. and serves lunch, happy hour and dinner until 10 p.m. on weekdays and 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

For the latest information, visit BellaWoodfired.com. Bella Napoli Woodfired Pizza & Bar is located at 1540 N. Roselle Road, Schaumburg. Call (847) 519-7555.

A joyful spring and hilarious summer ahead at Metropolis

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Submitted by Metropolis Performing Arts Centre

Fans of the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre in Arlington Heights have an appealing series of events to look forward to in the spring and summer.

Metropolis finishes its successful 2023-2024 subscription series with two popular jukebox musicals: "Dolly Parton's 9-to-5: The Musical" May 2-26, and "Million Dollar Quartet" July 11-Aug. 4.

Set in the late 1970s, "9-to-5: The Musical" is a hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era. Pushed to the boiling point, three female co-workers concoct a plan to get even with their sexist, egotistical boss.

In a sidesplitting turn of events, they live out their wildest fantasy — giving their boss the boot and their workplace a dream makeover.

The comical romp is underscored by dozens of Dolly Parton's most iconic songs.

Beginning in July, Metropolis re-imagines the once-in-a-lifetime recording session at Sun Studios with Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee



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"The Music Man In Concert" was part of the 2023-24 season at Metropolis Performing Arts Centre.

Lewis and Carl Perkins in "Million Dollar Quartet."

This Tony Award-nominated musical takes us inside the studio for one of rock 'n' roll's greatest jam sessions ever recorded. This thrilling score features favorites from these four musical icons as they express life through song.



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"Xanadu" was part of the 2023-24 season at Metropolis Performing Arts Centre.

Metropolis will continue the laughter with a series of comedy shows.

In June, Metropolis will debut "You Couldn't Make This Up," a full-length improvised play featuring an all-star cast of Chicago improv veterans.

In another first for Metropolis, renowned entertainer Chris Funk, star

of "America's Got Talent" and "Penn & Teller: Fool Us," will dazzle audiences with an evening of magic and music.

Stand-up comedy stars Jen Kober and Billy D. Washington will take breaks from their busy TV and festival schedules to make stops at Metropolis.

See Fox Valley beauty aboard a paddlewheel riverboat

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Submitted by St. Charles Park District

Take in the beauty of the Fox Valley aboard a historic paddlewheel riverboat — an iconic attraction in St. Charles for more than 75 years. This recreational activity that has spanned generations began in 1945 when the late Chet Anderson bought his first paddlewheel riverboat to charter cruises up and down the Fox River.

Chet was working at the Pottawatomie Park concession stand in the mid-1940s when the idea of buying a boat and offering rides to the park picnickers began to take shape in his mind. Before long, he made his dream a reality when he bought his very first boat, the Honeymoon Queen, for \$200 and started making trips up the Fox River from Pottawatomie Park.

For a young man who just wanted to provide some more fun for park visitors and share his love of the park and Fox River, little did he know he was leaving a legacy of recreation to be enjoyed by so many people 75+ years later.

Traveling from the era of Mark Twain through a green corridor of scenic beauty, each riverboat trip offers something completely different. Sometimes you might see an eagle or a



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turtle, other times an osprey or a family of foxes. This completely unique way to explore the city and the beautiful Fox River is affordable and memorable for all ages during both public and private events.

When Chet Anderson's son, Rich Anderson, retired in 2019, the St. Charles Park District purchased the business and continues to carry on its

legacy. The Park District is truly honored to carry on this unique experience, which has been a symbol of pride and tradition in the community. Park District staff keeps that sentiment top of mind by creating programming to honor the past but also give patrons new experiences when they set sail down the Fox River.

On the public cruises, the riverboats

tell stories from the past. While taking in the scenery, guests will learn about the Pottawatomie tribe that roamed the banks of the shore prior to St. Charles settlement and historic landmarks including Pottawatomie Park, Boy Scout Island, Norris Woods Nature Preserve and Ferson Creek Fen Nature Preserve.

More fun is had when you hear the tales of icehouses and underground railroads as well as community lore regarding Al Capone's infamous "hideaway."

Sunset Cruises, including those with BYOB options, allow guests to experience the exhilaration of the outdoors with a beautiful sunset backdrop, the abundant waterfowl, and the ever-changing natural skyline of the Fox River. These cruises also make a perfect date night to celebrate with your someone special or an anniversary.

These beautiful boats and their homegrown story are something that St. Charles can truly be proud of, and rest assured, the Andersons' legacy and the generations of family memories these boats carry is in good hands with the dedicated staff of the St. Charles Park District at the helm. To purchase tickets, visit stcriverboats.com.

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