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Spanning the early 1700's to the 1890's, the participants and attendees continue to match our enthusiasm for holding a high quality show. Jim Fairchild and his wife Rebecca along with some wonderful re-enactor volunteers organize this juried indoor event. Come experience the world of re-enactors, living historians, merchants, silversmiths, pewterers, leather workers, artists, Native Americans, gunsmiths, SASS members, blanket traders, antique and reproduction firearm collectors and demonstrators. The 17th Corp. Field Hospital will be returning to recreate actual procedures from the Civil War. See how to turn wool into yarn and fabric, learn to stitch by hand, see how a telescope from the 1860's works. If you want to get involved you can find the accoutrements, clothing and information on site to get started, from day tripping at local events to camping in your own canvas tent. There will also be workshops on site (some may require pre-registration) and presentations.

The 4th Annual American Heritage Living History Trade Show is Jan. 18-19 at the Kane County Fairgrounds in the Helen Robinson Building, 525 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles. Hours are Saturday 9am-5pm and Sunday 9am-4pm. Admission is \$7 per adult/day—\$5 if in period garb; \$10 for a weekend pass. Children under 12 are free. Please "like" our page on Facebook and watch for updates as they unfold. [Facebook.com/AmericanHeritageLivingHistoryShow](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanHeritageLivingHistoryShow)

"Throughout the years we have seen so many events come and go. We are continually striving to build a quality event so that like our heritage, we will stand the test of time. We hope you will join us.

Jim & Rebecca Fairchild
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Do you believe in fairness?

by Roger Breisch

At first, it ended tragically. At a recent Operation Snowball* retreat, the teens wrote a skit entitled "Asking for Help." In the first performance, one of the teens was struggling mightily with challenges life mercilessly hurled in her path. Despite her overwhelming heartbreak and pain, she never asked for help. Those around her, even if they noticed, did little in response to her subtle cries for love and support. Alone and confused, without the comfort of family and friends, her life ended in tragedy.

I was asked to facilitate the ensuing discussion, so I rose and asked the eighty or so teens what went wrong. "What would you have done differently?" I inquired. They knew she needed help and were saddened that those around her let her down. The failure brought some in the room to tears.

We talked about the many ways we can pick up on a cry for help. Obviously, when friends tell us they are in trouble, it's easy. But often, cries are silent and subtle. "If we see unexpected changes in mood, it would be important to reach out," one teen suggested. Another counseled "If a friend's habits change unexpectedly, it is never a mistake to ask if they are okay." I reminded them, even if we see a stranger who appears to be sad, we can always offer assistance or just a smile. "Remember, when someone needs support, you are not responsible to solve their problems. You only have to help get them to someone who can."

The actors replayed the final moments of the skit. But this time, the struggling teen's friends picked up on her sadness and anxiety and insisted she come with them to get help. That version was truly lifesaving.

As we discussed the second performance, we agreed it is difficult to ask for help, especially for teens. We recounted many reasons. "I'm the strong one. If my friends and family find out I am struggling...they'd be disappointed." "My father is out of work and we have no insurance." "I don't want to be a burden on others." "My parents are under a lot of stress because my uncle is dying from cancer." "My sister is already in counseling. I can't tell my parents I need it too." "My mother is a single parent. She is stressed enough already." The list is endless.

But then, one teen spoke up. "I think many people, especially teens, don't ask for help because they don't think they deserve it." That nearly brought me to my knees.

An hour before the session began, as I reflected on the upcoming events, I recalled a conversation with friend 25 years earlier. He asked if I believed in fairness.

The question was startling, nevertheless, I assured him I did. "If you were at a dinner and the dessert tray had only two pieces of the pie you wanted, and one was clearly larger than the other, which would you take?" Since the question didn't require deep contemplation. I told him I'd likely take the smaller one. "Always?" he pressed. This time I thought, but only for a moment. "Yes, probably." "Ah," he shot back, "then you really don't believe in fairness, do you?"

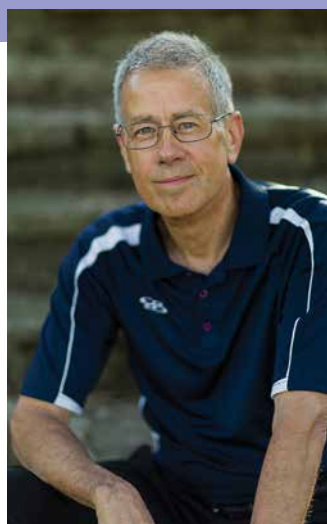
I repeated that ancient exchange to the students and adults in front of me. I then recounted the many reasons we don't ask for help. Is it possible, I asked, that, when life is dispensing love and support, we're too willing to give others the larger slice? "It's unreasonable," I acknowledged, "to always be first in line, but, if we continually put ourselves last, perhaps we really don't believe in fairness."

We tell ourselves it is better to give than to receive. I believe that. But, if we believe in offering love, kindness, and generosity to all humans, then doesn't the person we see every morning in the mirror, deserve to receive an equal share from us as well? ●

**Operation Snowball is a teen leadership program for which I am an adult volunteer.*



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Community above self

Since the very earliest days Batavians have been active in their community and always willing to lend a hand when help was needed. This spirit continues today. Five local service organizations carry this tradition forward. They have come together to sponsor this page to keep you informed and encourage your participation.

The Batavia Rotary Club

The Batavia Rotary Club is a group of business and community leaders who exemplify the Rotary International motto of *Service Above Self*. By joining with other like-minded persons, we are able to leverage our time, talent and resources to accomplish more than we could do individually. Our work includes support for local, national, and international charities and service projects. Working with Rotary International we promote peace, goodwill, and understanding among people in our community and around the world. Join us for breakfast, make some friends, have an impact, feel good...do something really great! Please visit us at bataviarotaryclub.org.

The Batavia Kiwanis

Batavia Kiwanis supports the future generations of leaders and volunteers through Youth Leadership Programs- K-Kids, Builders Club, and Key Club. There are more than 500 kids involved in these programs in Batavia with a program at each and every public school in the district! We are helping to raise up a generation of people who put others first. Batavia Kiwanis Club is proud to be a part of that. We meet two times a month and invite you to one of our meetings to find out more about our club! For more information find us at facebook.com/batkiwanis. Located in 80 nations, Kiwanis Clubs help their communities in countless ways. Each community's needs are different—so each Kiwanis club is different.



Who is Batavia United Way?

Batavia United Way (BUW) is an organization that has been supporting Batavians since the 1930s. BUW hosts fundraisers to raise monies for local non-profit agencies, awarding over a half a million dollars over the past five years. In addition to grants, BUW has spearheaded efforts to bring 211 services to Kane County, provides the Success by Six scholarship programs for low income kindergartners, and administers the holiday Adopt-A-Family/Adopt-a-Senior programs to make the holidays a bit brighter. We are always looking for volunteers to help support our programs. Please visit us at bataviaunitedway.org or follow us on Facebook for more information.



The Batavia Moose Lodge

The Batavia Moose Lodge is part of an international organization of men and women dedicated to caring for young (Mooseheart) and Old (Moosehaven), bringing communities closer together, and celebrating life. There's no better feeling than making a difference in the lives of children, seniors and communities. Special community events are open to the public such as Moose-a-Palooza on June 6. Events are open to members and qualified guests only, unless stated open to the public. If interested in learning more about our organization, please contact us.

The Batavia Lions Club

The Batavia Lions Club has served Batavia residents since 1974; but, many people still ask, "Who are the Lions?" Lions take an active interest in the unique civic, cultural and social needs of the community where we live and work—"We Serve." Perhaps we've helped you with vision or hearing needs through our school or adult programs. Perhaps you've seen us lending support at a park district event or partnering with United Way, the Food Pantry or other service agencies in our community—"We Serve." Join us in supporting Batavia! Come serve with us! Learn about the Lions at batavialionsclub.org



Looking ahead with Mayor Schielke



Mayor Schielke shares upcoming projects and historic benchmarks for the coming year.



The proposed Flag Day monument will honor Batavia's Dr. Bernard J. Cigrand.



With the arrival of 2019 our city finds itself rolling into a time of new construction developments, renewed interest in retail spaces in our downtown and a spirit of appreciation for the sense of real community which identifies the Batavia of today.

Residential projects continue with over 600 new homes anticipated

On the residential front, new home construction and restoration of older Batavia residences is adding new living spaces in nearly every neighborhood of town. On the far southeast side, at the intersection of Kirk Rd. and Wind Energy Pass, under construction are 242 attached town homes with an 18-acre retail space. The front of this parcel features the popular bike trail and Fermilab as its northern neighbor. On the east side of the northwest corner of Wilson St. and Washington Ave. (Rt. 25) Shodeen Construction is preparing to break ground for its new 190 living unit project this spring. Also, on the far southwest side of town, Toll Brothers is rapidly building Unit 5 of the Tanglewood Estates project. These 60+ new larger size homes will find the McWayne Elementary School as its nearby neighbor. The far west side of town finds the city's plan commission and city council committee of the whole have been working intensely towards final approval of a new residential project on the north side of McKee St. This

is proposed to offer a combination of both single-family homes and upscale town homes. Thus, if all projects in working stage at the moment reach completion in the next few years, over 600 new residential living units will be added to the inventory of city occupied residences.

US Census Bureau needs your information

Speaking of population increases, in the next couple of months, all Batavia living units will be contacted by representatives of the U.S. Census Bureau to be included in the count of the 2020 U.S. National Census. Many folks will be initially contacted in written communications with the hope that we will take a few minutes and respond to the requested information and return this data to the Census Bureau. Those who fail to respond to the first communications request will be visited by an in-person census taker. I would officially request that all residents of Batavia respond promptly to the information sought and get the census completed as soon as possible. There are some

very real benefits for our city in having a complete count made. First, is the enhancement of state and federal revenues which should be coming our way with new additional population. Also, the fact that our town continues to be a place of growth is attractive to retailers and others exploring new business opportunities. I would strongly encourage everyone to make sure that you are counted by the U.S. Census Bureau in the next couple of months. The growth activities apparent around town lead several of us at the city government to speculate that the 2020 population number for Batavia may very well exceed 27,000 and may be closer to 28,000. We should know the final number before this year is over.

Batavia Brotherhood celebrates 51 years

2020 commemorates some special memories for Batavia. On Feb. 18, the 51st anniversary of the Batavia Brotherhood Banquet will be celebrated by a traditional banquet of men representing the various church organizations found within our civic lifestyle. This powerful and



The Batavia Brotherhood Banquet celebrates its 51st year in February.

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The Quarry Beach Park celebrates 100 years this summer.

very impressive tradition allows men of all religious faiths to annually gather in a strong expression of faith and understanding of our world. It appears Batavia is unique in this celebration as research indicates this expression of faith in each other is not found in many other communities both near and far.

100 years of summer swimming at Quarry Park

2020 marks the 100th anniversary for the creation of Quarry Park as Batavia's summer swimming experience. The land at the south end of Water St. and Union Ave. was donated by Frederick H. Beach, an early industrialist involved in wooden wagon and early truck

body manufacturing. Beach Park, with the Harold Hall swimming beach, has become one of our most cherished and utilized landmarks. After 100 years of use, many of us can fondly share the memories of first learning to swim in the waters of our Quarry Park. What a great gift Mr. Beach provided for future generations.

Park district exploring new recreational complex

Looking ahead to the year to come, by all appearances it looks like there is an action-packed community calendar of events on tap; Along with some special moments which should create a lot of history for future generation to admire. The city and park district remain committed to a plan to promote the utilization of the Fox River, and its banks, for safe recreational activities and promotion of attractive community backdrops.

As I write this column the Batavia Park District Board of Directors is exploring ideas for a new recreational complex that would offer activities for residents of all age groups. I look for this proposal to be a hot topic of conversation around town, and I would encourage everyone to explore how such a complex could be of personal benefit to them.

Museum expansion, flag monument, shine a bright light on the past

On a historic note are the proposed plans for the expansion of the Depot Historical Museum and the proposal to construct a monument to the American Flag and pay tribute to the work of Batavia resident Dr. Bernard J. Cigrand. Dr. Cigrand shares much of the credit for the original proclamation for American Flag Day to be celebrated each June 14 in ceremonies across our nation.

New restaurants contribute to a renewed downtown

Finally, as we have already seen take place in 2019, downtown Batavia is experiencing a renewal of strong interest in it becoming a centrally located retail center. Several new restaurants have opened in recent months and several other new restaurants have

been meeting with the city staff and myself to explore if they can

The Depot Museum is planning a much needed expansion.



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The Tanglewood development adds 60 new family homes.



become part of our downtown. Given those interested in our downtown I would speculate that there may very well be more to come in the days of 2020.

I look forward to seeing all of you out and about as I go around town. I thank each of you for the caring nature, friendly style, and passion of pride for all things Batavia that I hear time and again from our citizens.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jeffery D. Schielke



Recycle Batavia

Household hazardous waste front door collection service available

The City of Batavia offers a Household Hazardous Waste collection service to its residents. The city's third-party provider, U.S. Ecology, will provide front door collection of many items that should not be placed in the regular weekly refuse collection. To learn about the items that will be accepted, please visit the city's website at cityofbatavia.net (enter Household Hazardous Waste in search box), call U.S. Ecology at 866-373-8357 between 6am and 3pm Monday through Friday, or email curbside@usecology.com. If calling outside these hours, please leave a voicemail and your call will be returned.



Household battery disposal available

Household batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 6V, 9V) may be dropped off anytime at Batavia City Hall, 100 N. Island Ave. (use drop box inside

Island Ave. vestibule), or at Batavia Public Works facility, 200 N. Rad-dant Rd.(west entrance vestibule). Public Works hours are Monday–Fri-

day, 7am–4pm (excluding holidays). Hearing aid, watch, and car batteries are not accepted.

Curbside electronics recycling now available

Residents within the city of Batavia can recycle certain electronics at the curb for a fee. To inquire about the

number of disposal stickers required and to schedule a pickup, call Advanced Disposal at 630-587-8282.

Kane County electronics recycling location open Monday–Friday

The program includes a daily drop-off location at 517 E. Fabyan Pkwy. in Batavia, as well as one-day collection events in St. Charles. Drop-off hours of operation for the Batavia drop off location are Monday through Friday from 8am–4pm, excluding holidays. There is a fee for TVs and computer monitors—both tube and flat screen—across the board for all drop-off locations and special recycling events. The fee is \$25 for screens under 21"

(measured diagonally) and \$35 for screens 21" and over. All other acceptable electronic items can be dropped off for free. See the full list of items that can be recycled on-line at "Kane County Recycles." Fee may be paid online in advance or onsite by exact cash or card. It is recom-mended that you pay online in advance if possible and bring your receipt to any drop-off or the collection event. You must have the receipt with you!



What to do if you suspect a water main break

Batavia residents play a crucial role in reporting breaks. If you see bubbling water accumulating in the street or the parkway, the first thing you should do is call the Water Division at 630-454-2450. After normal business hours, weekends or holidays, please call the non-emergency police line at 630-454-2500. Once the Water Division has been notified, a crew is dispatched to

investigate and assess the problem. If a water main break is confirmed, a utility locate request will be submitted to J.U.L.I.E. and a Water Division crew will be dispatched to the area to begin a repair. Most shutdowns affect a limited number of residents and are isolated to a single street or block. Repairs generally take two to four hours to complete.

Christmas tree pickup scheduled

As part of the City of Batavia's refuse contract, Advanced Disposal will be picking up live Christmas trees on residents' regular collection dates. Residents do not have to use a sticker for Christmas tree removal on these dates only. After these dates, residents should attach a refuse sticker to the tree and place it at the curb on their regular collection date. All materials such as plastic bags, ornaments, lights, nails, etc. should be removed from the trees. Live wreaths and garland should be placed in your regular refuse. Please use the following schedule:

South Side (Wilson to the south between Kirk/Randall):
Thurs., Jan. 2
Wed., Jan. 8

North Side (north of Wilson to Fabyan between Kirk/Randall):
Fri., Jan. 3
Thurs., Jan. 9

Far West Side (Randall west to city limits):
Sat., Jan. 4
Fri., Jan. 10

Advanced Disposal collection schedule for New Year's Week

South Side (Wilson to the south between Kirk/Randall): Thurs., Jan. 2
North Side (north of Wilson to Fabyan between Kirk/Randall): Fri., Jan. 3
Far West Side (Randall west to city limits): Sat., Jan. 4

Large improvement projects scheduled for 2020

The City of Batavia Engineering Department will be managing many large capital improvement projects in 2020. Below is a summary of the projects. Please check the project websites for detailed information including detour routes:

Ward 1 Drainage Improvements, Phase 3

Location: Chillem Dr., Rye Ct.
Anticipated start: Spring 2020
Project Purpose: Construct larger storm sewers for improved drainage and watermain replacement.
cityofbatavia.net/655/Ward-1

Area 3 Combined Sewer Separation, Phase 3

Location: Morton Street (west of Jefferson and east of McKinley), Garfield (between Jackson and Harrison), Jackson and Harrison (between Morton and Garfield)
Anticipated start: Spring 2020
Project Purpose: Separate the combined sanitary and storm sewer into two different discharge systems. Replace watermain.
cityofbatavia.net/679/Area-3

Main Street Reconstruction

Location: Main St. from S. Van Nortwick Ave. to Water St.
Anticipated Start: Spring 2020
Project Purpose: New pavement, curb and gutter and

sidewalks. Separate the combined sanitary and storm sewer into two different discharge systems. Replace watermain.
cityofbatavia.net/353/Main-Street-Reconstruction

Prairie Street Reconstruction

Location: Prairie Street from Pine St. to RR tracks just south of Wilson St.
Anticipated Start: Spring 2020
Project Purpose: New pavement, curb and gutter and sidewalks. Replacing watermain.
cityofbatavia.net/677/Prairie-Street-Reconstruction

2019 Street Resurfacing Program, Sidewalk Program

Location: TBD (Check back in early spring)
Anticipated Start: Spring 2020
Project Purpose: Replace roadway surface. Repair curb and gutter and sidewalks.
cityofbatavia.net/337/Street-Resurfacing-Program

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City plans for snow removal

The Street Division of the Batavia Public Works Department is responsible for ensuring that all city streets and facilities are safe and accessible during the winter season. Snow removal and ice control are provided for 117 miles of streets, 168 culs-de-sac, two city cemeteries, 14 city-owned parking lots, and sidewalks in several locations of the downtown area. Please drive with caution during the winter season and adjust your speed accordingly since hazardous conditions may exist due to snow, wind, and freezing temperatures.

Snow and ice control is considered emergency work in that pavement must be cleared any time of the day or night. Such factors as the rate and accumulation of snowfall, moisture content, temperature, time of day, wind direction, velocity, and duration are all taken into consideration in our approach to responding to each individual snowstorm.

During snowfall events, the City of Batavia spreads deicing salt on pri-

mary streets. In most cases, salt will be applied continuously to secondary streets; however, the application rate of salt to secondary streets will be less than primary streets and, depending on the events, may not be done. After a snowfall has ended, secondary streets are plowed and deicers are applied mainly to intersections, hills, and curves. A salt brine solution may be applied prior to a snow event to prevent icy conditions. In addition, the city puts additives into the salt to accelerate the melting process.

Best efforts will be made to clear all primary streets to bare pavement during the snowstorm. Secondary streets will be plowed following the end of a snowfall after primary streets are cleared. Depending upon variable conditions, some streets may remain snow packed after plowing operations have been completed. Courts and culs-de-sac will be plowed after primary and secondary streets are completed if snow accumulation is greater than 2". Culs-de-sac can take

up to eight times longer to plow than a through street of a similar size. They are generally done during the day after the snow has stopped.

Our crews will make best efforts to plow aisles of city-owned public parking lots during and after a storm to maintain access to the parking lots during business hours. The major clearing of these lots is performed during the early morning hours.

The City of Batavia plows most streets within the city limits; however, there are several roads that are the responsibility of other government agencies. Kane County-maintained roadways include Kirk Rd., Randall Rd., Fabyan Pky., and Main St. (west of Randall Rd.).

Please follow these regulations and guidelines to make your streets safer for travel during the winter season:

Street Regulations: Snowplows are designed to unload snow to the side, forming a windrow along the curb or edge of pavement. We understand that this leaves a windrow through

driveways, but this process is the most efficient way to remove snow from our streets. Please do your part to help keep our town free of hazardous conditions. It is very important not to shovel, blow, or plow snow/ice onto the street at any time. This could create an unsafe driving surface. Property owners should notify their snow removal contractors that snow is not to be deposited on the public roadway, meaning it cannot be plowed across the street.

Parking Prohibited: Residents are advised that parking is not allowed on any street during or after a snowfall in which there is an accumulation of 2" or more of snow. This prohibition is in effect until 24 hours after the end of the snowfall or until the street is plowed and all snow is removed, whichever occurs first.

Sidewalk/Driveway

Snow Removal: Clearing snow and ice from sidewalks and driveways is the responsibility of residents and property owners. The City of Batavia

encourages citizens to clear sidewalks, especially for children walking to school.

Mailboxes: Best efforts are made to plow as close to the curb as possible; however, it is the homeowner's responsibility to clear snow away from their mailbox for curbside delivery. The City of Batavia is not responsible for repairing mailboxes damaged by snowplows if the face of the mailbox is less than 6" behind the back of curb or road edge and a height less than 42" above the road. It is the responsibility of individual homeowners to install and maintain their mailboxes properly. Properly installed mailboxes damaged by City of Batavia snow removal equipment will be repaired or replaced with a standard-type mailbox and post for a cost not to exceed \$50 each.

Refuse Collection: If an accumulating snow occurs on your refuse collection day or the night before, please remember to place garbage cans/carts and recycling carts away

from the curbs or edge of road during the snow plowing operation. Garbage cans/carts and recycle carts should never be placed in roadway.

Parkways: Occasionally, parkway damage may occur during the plowing process. It will be repaired in the spring when pulverized dirt is available. Please notify the Street Division to have your address placed on a restoration list.

Plowing Equipment: Allow plenty of space when following snow removal vehicles, as they must back up frequently. Do not attempt to pass a snowplow that is engaged in removal activities.

If a street has been missed or there is a question or concern relating to the snow removal operations, please call the Street Division of Batavia Public Works at 630-454-2400 between the hours of 7am-4pm Monday through Friday.

Be prepared for winter weather

Begin preparing now for extreme cold, snow and ice. Take a few minutes to put together your home and vehicle emergency supply kits and review the steps you should take to stay safe during hazardous winter weather.

From 2008-2018, there were 788 fatalities related to cold temperatures in Illinois, which is more than heat (227), tornadoes (23), floods (38) and severe storms/lightning (17) combined. In the United States, about 700 deaths occur each year from hypothermia.

There are several dangerous health conditions that can occur specifically in winter weather. Hypothermia, when body temperature drops below 95°F, can occur both outdoors

and indoors and can be fatal. Frostbite occurs when your extremities (fingers, toes, nose, and ears) are exposed to cold weather. The skin may become stiff and numb leading to severe tissue damage. Also, watch for symptoms of chest pain when shoveling snow which can be associated with overexertion.

No matter how low the temperature dips, many workers will face the frigid elements to do their jobs. Caution and self-awareness are the keys to cold weather safety. Workers should know the signs of hypothermia, not push their bodies to an extreme, layer clothing and make sure they have plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration.

Preparing well in advance of

winter weather is really the best way to cope. Now is the time to prepare your vehicle and house for winter conditions. At home, make sure you have enough essential items to ride out a storm, or if you are without power, for at least three days. Make sure you have blankets, non-perishable food, boots, extra clothing and other items in your car in case you are stranded or waiting for a tow.

If you do become stranded in your car, pull as far off the road as possible and set your hazard lights to flashing. Hang or tie a colored cloth (preferably red) to your antenna, window or door. After the snow stops falling, raise the hood to indicate trouble. If you have a cell phone, call for help. Stay in your ve-

hicle, where rescuers are most likely to find you. Do not set out on foot unless you can see a building close by where you know you can take shelter. Make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked by snow, and then run the engine and heater about 10 minutes each hour to keep warm. Turn on the dome light at night when running the engine. When the engine is running, open a window slightly for ventilation. Periodically clear away snow from the exhaust pipe. In extreme cold, or if you don't have a winter storm survival kit, use road maps, seat covers and floor mats for insulation. One person should be awake at all times to watch for rescue crews. Be careful not to deplete battery power.

City-Wide Garage Sale is May 1 & 2



The Batavia Fireworks Committee is holding its annual City-Wide Garage Sale on Fri., May 1 & Sat., May 2 from 8am to 4pm. Residents who wish to have their garage sale location appear on the official event map and advertising materials, must register. All registered sellers receive garage sale signs, balloons, and flowers.

Over 5,000 maps are printed and distributed highlighting the registered sellers' addresses. As always, all of the proceeds of the registration fee support Batavia's 4th of July Fireworks show. Additional information and entry form are available on the Batavia Fireworks website, bataviafireworks.org.

Five helpful tips to protect plumbing as the cold sets in

Contrary to popular belief, pipes don't burst at the point where water freezes. Generally, the failure occurs somewhere between the freeze point and a closed faucet. Winterize your home plumbing, stop frozen pipes before they happen, and prevent expensive water damage by following these few simple actions.

1. Pipe insulation

Pipes are more susceptible to freezing damage when temperatures drop below 20°F. Pipe insulation provides your first line of defense against cold temperatures and frozen pipes. In Batavia, the average low temperature is 16°F beginning in December, and temperatures drop from there in January and February.

Insulate the pipes in all unheated areas, as they are most likely to freeze. A hardware or plumbing supply store should have the insulation and tools you need. Wrap the pipes in insulation tubes made of polyethylene or fiberglass. Take extra care with pipes that have frozen during previous winters or have been repaired in the last 12 months. Wrapping pipes in heat-tape prior to insulating adds an extra layer of protection, but follow the manufacturer's instructions when using heat-tape to avoid damage.

2. Keep a dripping faucet

On nights when the temperature is expected to drop below 20°F, turn on faucets along the exterior walls to create a small, steady drip. This eliminates pressure that can build between the faucet and an ice blockage, so even if a pipe freezes, it may not burst.

3. Open cabinets

Stop frozen pipes by introducing more heat. Open all sink-based cabinet doors that are along exterior walls to allow more heat to reach the pipes.

4. Fix exterior cracks

Note any cracks or holes along the outside walls and foundation of your home. Filling holes and cracks with spray foam insulation and caulking can help stop the cold air from coming into contact with your water pipes.

5. Seal off crawl space

Pier and beam homes with ventilated crawl spaces should be sealed against the cold weather. Cover vents with heavy-duty pieces of cardboard cut to fit the vents, duct taping the

cardboard in place. Seal off access to the crawl space. Look for cracked basement windows that could allow cold air to make contact with pipes. Check for worn or missing insulation around garage and utility doors.

If your pipes do freeze

What if your pipes still freeze, despite your best preventive measures? First step: Don't panic. Just because they're frozen doesn't mean they've already burst. Here's what you can do:

- If you turn on your faucets and nothing comes out, leave the faucets turned on and call a plumber.
- Do not use electrical appliances in areas of standing water. You could be electrocuted.
- Never try to thaw a pipe with a torch or other open flame because it could cause a fire hazard. Water damage is preferable to burning down your house! It is best to thaw the line slowly to prevent pipe splitting.
- You may be able to thaw a frozen pipe using a hair dryer. Start by warming the pipe as close to the faucet as possible, working toward the coldest section of pipe.
- If your water pipes have already burst, turn off the water at the main shutoff valve in the house; leave the water faucets turned on. Familiarize yourself, and make sure everyone in your family knows where the water shutoff valve is and how to open and close it.

Before you leave town

- Don't forget to think about your pipes before you leave.
- Set the thermostat in your house no lower than 55°F.
- Ask a friend or neighbor to check your house daily to make sure it's warm enough to prevent freezing.
- Shut off and drain the water system. Be aware that if you have a fire protection sprinkler system in your house, it may be deactivated when you shut off the water.

If your sewer backs up

If your residence experiences a sewer back-up, call the city first at 630-454-2000. The problem might be in the city's main line. If the problem is in your own service line, the city can provide guidance in hiring a plumber. The city has emergency response personnel 24 hours per day.

Check your insurance policy to determine if you are covered. Many homeowners' policies do not cover sewer back-ups or water damage unless you have purchased a special provision.

If you experience a sewer back-up follow these guidelines for repairs and clean-up.

Always call your insurance company first to report damage to your property or possessions.

The City of Batavia's insurance company will make a determination if the city is responsible for damages caused by a sewer backup.

Contact numbers for the City of Batavia:

Water/Sewer Division—630-454-2450

Finance Dept., Insurance Claim Questions—630-454-2000

As a precaution—Be safe when working in flooded areas which might be contaminated. Go to cityofbatavia.net "Cleaning Up After Flood and Sewer Overflows" from the Illinois Department of Public Health website for proper precautions. You will also find a copy of the city's sewer back-up and cleaning policy on the web site.

DOWNTOWN BATAVIA

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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AP RIL	SATURDAYS • INDOOR MARKET 10TH • SECOND FRIDAY 11TH • EGGHOP
MAY	SATURDAYS • INDOOR MARKET 8TH • SECOND FRIDAY 30TH • WELLBATAVIA 30TH • RACE TO MARKET & OPENING DAY OF FARMERS' MARKET
JUN E	SATURDAYS • FARMERS' MARKET 12TH • SECOND FRIDAY
JULY	SATURDAYS • FARMERS' MARKET 10TH • SECOND FRIDAY 25TH • COCKTAILS IN THE PARK
AUG UST	SATURDAYS • FARMERS' MARKET 9TH • BATAVIA DINNER TABLE 14TH • SECOND FRIDAY
SEP TEM BER	SATURDAYS • FARMERS' MARKET 6TH • BLOCK PARTY & CLASSIC CAR SHOW 11TH • SECOND FRIDAY 25TH-27TH • OKTOBERFEST
OCT OBER	SATURDAYS • FARMERS' MARKET 9TH • SECOND FRIDAY 31ST • BATFEST
NOV EMBER	SATURDAYS • INDOOR MARKET 28TH • SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
DEC EMBER	SATURDAYS • INDOOR MARKET 11TH-13TH • WINTERFEST MARKET

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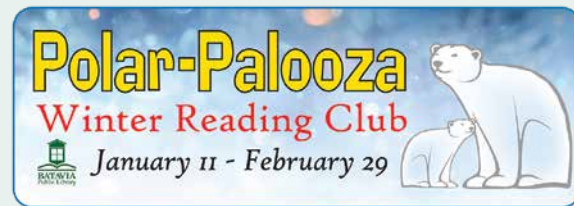
Polar Palooza 2020

Zip up your jacket, pull on your boots, don your hat and mittens, and head to the Library for Polar Palooza fun!

Polar Palooza—Winter Library Club for families, and Winter Reading Club for high school students and adults—begins Sat., Jan. 11 and continues through Sat., Feb. 29.

In addition to reading, the Winter Library Club logsheet offers activities and events that will get parents and kids out of the house and into the Library. Some of the special Polar Palooza activities for families include exploring Observation Stations, going on an igloo scavenger hunt, decorating an ice block for the mural, or attending the Magic and Art Show featuring artist Dan Laib.

Families (at least one child and one adult) are invited to register at the Youth Services Desk beginning Jan. 11



Science & Art Fair returns in January

The Library's fifth annual Science & Art Fair will be held on Sat., Jan. 25, from 11am to 2pm. Families are invited to explore exhibits and participate in hands-on activities. The open-house format features stations from FrogLady, SciTech Museum, DuPage Children's Museum, and more. Take the Green Screen or the Fermilab Physics challenges. Build with LEGO® gears and more. On the day of the fair, timed tickets will be available at the Youth Services Desk for a mini art lesson with Water Street Studios (for students ages 7–14). No registration is required. Activities are suitable for children preschool age and older. For more information call the Library's Youth Services department, 630-879-1393, ext. 500. The Science & Art Fair is sponsored by the Friends of the Batavia Public Library.



to receive a logsheet. The log lists fun things that parents and children can do together, at home and at the Library. Families who complete the activities as described on the logsheet and then return the logsheet will earn fun rewards and entries for bigger prizes. Families participating in Winter Library Club must be Batavia Public Library cardholders or have children currently attending a Batavia school.

Adults and high school students are invited to participate in Polar Palooza by reading or listening to three books to complete their reading log. When they return their completed reading log, they will earn a free book. Reading logs for adults and high school students will be available at the Reference Desk beginning Jan. 11. Winter Reading Club logs must be turned in by 5pm, Sat., Feb. 29.



The Library will be closed:

Wed., Jan. 1

Library Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am–9 pm
Friday and Saturday 9 am–5 pm
Sunday 12–5 pm (Sept.–May)
Sunday 1–4pm (June–Aug.)

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Under the Cupola

Keeping the Promise, Part 3 The times they are a-changin'

— Nobel Laureate Bob Dylan

This periodic report describes the Library's actions in response to a series of recommendations that resulted (in 2018) from the Library's forward-looking, citizen-led Speak Up! Community Engagement initiative.

As promised, the Library will "maintain a robust collection of materials in multiple formats." In 2019, the Library added video games for the Nintendo Switch system and movies from Kanopy and Kanopy Kids ("stream films anytime, anywhere on your preferred devices"). As part of a growing "Library of Things," Batavia now checks out cake pans and bicycle locks and—coming soon!—watch for mobile hotspots, a bocce set, and a carousel slide projector.

As promised, the Library will "respond to changing service and technology needs." In 2019, the Library added new electronic services, including the AtoZ databases and Lynda.com (for online courses), expanded its Home Delivery Service, launched a new mobile application, produced a guide to "Your Office at the Library," and installed a new ScanEZ scan station. As part of a series of mobile, public-access dream spaces inside the Library—coming soon!—watch for a new badge-maker.

The past is never dead. It's not even past.

—Nobel Laureate William Faulkner

Some libraries are dropping late fees. In response, a recent *Chicago Sun-Times* editorial stated, "We believe in personal responsibility—that's the rub—and there's a

good argument that people can avoid library late fees just by getting books back on time."

Overdue fees have been part of library practice for generations, and since 1882 in Batavia, when the fine rate was 2 cents per day. One reason relates to good stewardship. A 1989 issue of *The Bottom Line: A Financial Magazine for Libraries*, noted, "Fees such as overdue charges...are based on the economic concept of opportunity cost. When one library client keeps a book beyond the due date, there may be another client who is inconvenienced by waiting longer for it than expected."

The purpose of overdue fines, then and now, is to remove this service barrier for patrons.

That said, some libraries consider fines only a financial barrier to service. According to CBS Chicago, a suburban library that dropped fines has reported that its books "stay out longer now—meaning they are not available to other patrons."

Batavia has taken a different approach. It now renews items automatically, resulting in fewer overdue items and thus fewer fines. Batavia's loan period is 28 days for most items, items are renewed automatically up to two times, and the daily fine rate is only 10 cents for most items.

We believe in personal responsibility. We believe in good stewardship. Thank you, Batavia, for your support!

George H. Scheetz, *Director*

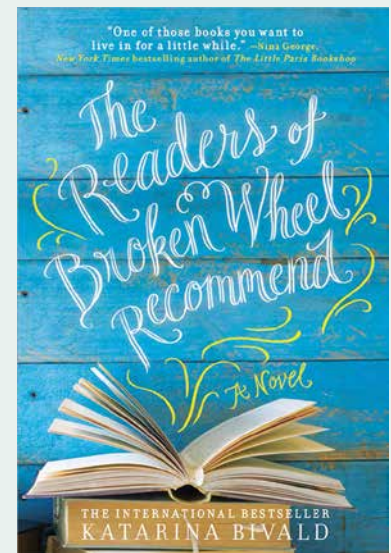
One Book, One Batavia 2020




Each year, the Library presents the community-wide reading program, One Book, One Batavia. This program gives individuals in our community a wonderful opportunity to come together through a shared reading experience. Let's start a conversation about this book and the books that you recommend to friends, family, and neighbors!

Our 2020 book selection is *The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend* by Katarina Bivald. A visitor from Sweden arrives in small-town Iowa only to discover the pen pal that she has come to visit has died. This is a heartwarming, quirky novel about the power of books and each person's potential to impact others' lives. Join us for the discussion of this novel on Tues., Feb. 11, at 7:30pm.

More One Book, One Batavia programs will take place through March. Find information on these programs and more on page 22 of this magazine or online at BataviaPublicLibrary.org/One-Book-One-Batavia.



Programs and activities for youth

Registration Information: Stop by or call the Youth Services Desk at (630) 879-1393, ext. 500, for more information and to register. Priority is given to Batavia Public Library cardholders for all programs requiring registration. Unless otherwise noted, registration for January programs begins Jan. 2, registration for February programs begins Feb. 1.
Advance registration is required for programs designated 

Winter Storytime

Saturday Storytime

Sat., Jan. 4, 10:30am
Sat., Feb. 1, 10:30am
Sat., Mar. 7, 10:30am

Ages 3–6

Sing, dance, rhyme, and listen to stories during this special Saturday storytime edition. Discover a new theme each month.

Baby Play & Learn

Fri., Jan. 10, 10am

Babies through 24 months

Join us for a drop-in playtime for babies ages 24 months and younger. Meet other caregivers, enjoy playtime with your baby and see examples of early literacy activities.

Toddler Time

Mon., Jan. 13–Feb. 24, 10:30am

Tues., Jan. 14–Feb. 25, 10:30am

Ages 2–3 with a caregiver

Enjoy stories, rhymes, and more. Storytimes last approximately 25 minutes.

Baby Storytime–

Pre-Walkers

Tues., Jan. 14–Feb. 25, 9:30am

Infants with a caregiver

Infants who are not yet walking will enjoy this interactive program including songs, nursery rhymes, lap games, and book sharing. Due to the interactive nature of this program, it is requested that care arrangements be made outside of class for older siblings.



ABC Storytime

Wed., Jan. 15–Feb. 26, 10am

Wed., Jan. 15–Feb. 26, 1pm

Thurs., Jan. 16–Feb. 27, 10am

Ages 3–6

Activities, Books, and Craft program for children without a caregiver.

Baby & Tot Storytime

Fri., Jan. 17–Feb. 28, 10am

Babies and tots through 35 months with a caregiver

Drop in for songs, rhymes, and stories. We ask that care arrangements be made outside of class for older siblings. Entry tickets will be given out 20 minutes before the program until gone. Space is limited. Batavia Public Library card required.

Baby Storytime–Walkers

Fri., Jan. 17–Feb. 28, 11am

Infants with a caregiver

Infants through 23 months who are already walking and a caregiver will enjoy this interactive program which includes songs, nursery rhymes, fingerplays, games, and book sharing. Due to the interactive nature of this program, it is requested that care arrangements be made outside of class for older siblings.

Preschool Drop-In Storytime

Fri., Jan. 17–Feb. 28, 1pm

Ages 3–6

Younger siblings welcome. An adult must accompany children under the age of 4 years.

Pajama Storytime

Mon., Jan. 27, Feb. 10, 7pm

Families with children through age 7

Wear your pajamas and bring a stuffed animal and join us for stories, songs, and a snack.

Stories in Motion

Sat., Feb. 22, 10am

Ages 3–6

Books are great to listen to, but they come alive when we add movement to them, too! In this drop-in storytime, we'll act out stories, learn

Take the Green Screen Challenge at the Science & Art Fair, Jan. 25

fun stretches, and practice lively movement rhymes and songs. Each class will explore a new theme while allowing our imaginations to soar.

For Students

Game Day

Thurs., Jan. 2, 11am

Board Games and Wii

Ages 6–14

No school! Bring a friend and play some indoor games. We'll be playing Wii, chess, giant Connect Four, and other board games (of course).

STEAM Lab

Sun., Jan. 12, 1–3pm;

Wed., Jan. 22, 4–6pm; or

Thurs., Jan. 30, 5–7pm

Geometric Challenge

Sun., Feb. 9, 1–3pm;

Mon., Feb. 17, 2–4pm; or

Tues., Feb. 25, 5–7pm

Math Art

Grades K–5

Challenge your mind as you create, discover, investigate, and explore at a variety of STEAM stations. Drop-in activities are intended for children in grades K–5.

Chat & Chew

Mon., Jan. 13, 6:30pm

Mon., Feb. 24, 6:30pm

Grades 6–8

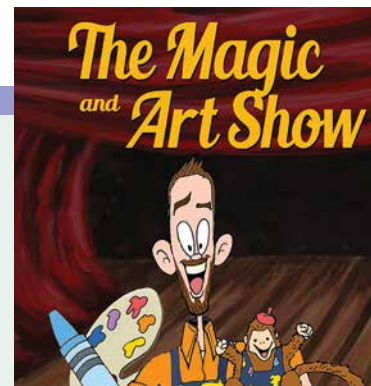
Come to the Library, hang out with friends, eat pizza, and do creative projects. In January, help decorate the Youth Services Department for Winter Library Club. In February Chat & Chew will work on a St. Patrick's Day themed project.

Chess Basics

Tues., Jan. 14, 7pm

Ages 6–14

If you would like to learn how to play chess join us for an introduction to the game and its pieces. Parents interested in learning to play are also welcome.



Book Gems

Tues., Jan. 21, 6:30pm

Polar Bears Past Bedtime

by Mary Pope Osborne

Tues., Feb. 11, 6:30pm

Being Teddy Roosevelt

by Claudia Mills

Grades 2–3

Book club and activities for young readers. Reserve a copy of the book when you register.

Homeschool Hangout

Thurs., Jan. 23, 1pm

Thurs., Feb. 20, 1pm

Families with children in grades K–8

Connect with other local home-school families while enjoying a snack and exploring some of the Library's resources or relaxing with the Library's board games. In January try the Makey Makey, and in February explore Snap Circuits.

Middle School: Paint and Sip

Sat., Feb. 1, 2–3:30pm

Grades 6–8

The weather outside may be frightful, but our Middle School: Paint and Sip is so delightful. Join us for hot chocolate, snacks, and let your creativity run free. Frames will be provided to show off your work.

Minecrafternoon

Thurs., Feb. 6, 4pm

Thurs., Mar. 5, 4pm

Ages 6–14

Join your fellow Minecrafters for an hour of play on the Library's Minecraft system. Entry tickets will be handed out beginning 15 minutes before the program until gone. Please show your Batavia Public Library card. Space is limited.

Yarn 'n' Tale Club

Thurs., Feb. 13, 20, 27

Mar. 5, 12, 6:30–7:45pm

Ages 8–14

Students and student/parent teams are invited to knit or crochet while

Magic tricks and comedy with
Dan Laib, Feb. 22

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listening to a story. All levels of experience welcome; basic instructions will be offered. Please bring your knitting needles (size 10) or crochet hook (size G/H), we'll provide the yarn!

Explore & More

Tues., Feb. 18, 4:30pm

Leap Year

Grades 2–4

Using books, games, and activities, we will explore a different subject every month. In February, we'll leap into Leap Year and discover fascinating facts about the calendar and this uncommon date.

Middle School Mystery

Night

Fri., March 13, 6:30–9pm

Grades 6–8

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be in the Library after it closes? Find out at Middle School Mystery Night an after-hours program for students in grades 6–8. Play a life-size game of Clue with characters and locations based on several popular books. You'll also solve puzzles in each room to reveal hints to solve the Clue mystery and enjoy pizza. Registration begins March 1. Space is limited. A signed parental form and \$3 per participant are due at registration.

For Families

Polar Palooza

Jan. 11–Feb. 29

Families

Take a ride on the Polar side at Batavia Public Library with Winter Library Club 2020. This winter club combines reading and activities. See article on page 20 for information.

Science & Art Fair

Sat., Jan. 25, 11am–2pm

Families

Families are invited to learn and explore at our fifth annual Science & Art Fair. Activities are suitable for children preschool age and older.

The open-house format features stations from FrogLady, SciTech Museum, DuPage Children's Museum, and more. On the day of the fair, timed tickets will be available at the Youth Services Desk for a mini art lesson with Water Street Studios (for students ages 7–14). No registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Batavia Public Library.



Reptiles and amphibians at the
Science & Art Fair, Jan. 25

Magic and Art Show

Sat., Feb. 22, 11am

Join artist Dan Laib for a show that is filled with magic tricks and comedy, as well as art techniques made accessible for kids. Dan's years of experience as a freelance artist, combined with years of working with kids will leave your children eager to express their creativity. Your family will love experiencing this unique blend of magic, comedy, and art! Doors to the Founders Room open at 10:45am. Please show your Batavia Public Library card or Winter Library Club log sheet to attend.

Celebrate 2020!

We are starting the new year with some 2020 fun!

Observation Station activities in January and February include "I Spy" bottles, pictures puzzles, a model of the human eye, animal eyes guessing game, and more. **Play the Eyeball Match Game** at the game table. Follow the polar bear paw prints through the YS Department to complete the Igloo Scavenger Hunt.

Youth Programs are continued on page 24

Programs for adults and teens

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Feature Programs

One Book, One Batavia

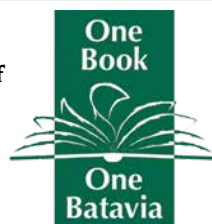
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This year, for One Book, One Batavia, **the Readers of Batavia Recommend...**

- Become one with the book for the **Bookface contest** through March 31. Send us your photos that blend your face or body with the image on a book cover for a chance to win prizes.
- Need reading advice? **"Dear Sara"** will make suggestions to solve all your reading problems. And patrons will have the opportunity to share their suggestions.
- Can't remember the title of that great book you read last year, the one with the dog? Join us in March for our program **on tracking your reading**.

Find information on these programs and more in our One Book, One Batavia 2020 handout, available at the Adult Services desk.



Silent Book Club

Mon., Feb. 24, 6:30–8:30pm

Do you need a break? How about a happy hour for introverts? Bring a book, eBook reader, or Playaway to our first Silent Book Club gathering and read quietly with other book lovers. Pick up a Silent Reading Club

button at one of the service desks and wear it to identify yourself to the rest of the group. Remember, the first rule of Silent Book Club is you don't have to talk about Silent Book Club.

New Lyceum Lecture Series

The Batavia Public Library Foundation is the 2019–20 Season Sponsor

How to Build a Big Little Business—With Purpose!

Mon., Feb. 17, 7pm

We often hear about the South-west Airlines and Zappos stories of business. The truth is for most of America, the fabric of our country are the small and mid-sized companies—main street America. We could create the career, the business, or department we want that is sustain-

able and healthier for society. Nick Sarillo, a two-time TEDx speaker, explains how Nick's Pizza & Pub created success through purpose and values, and Trust and Track leadership.

Nick Sarillo shares how he created success, Feb. 17



Supermarket Survival: Shop Smart

Wed., Jan. 22, 7pm

Do you bring a shopping list when you go to the grocery store? What is your plan for getting the healthiest meals for the



best price? We'll explore effective shopping strategies to get the best "bang for your buck." Presented by Laura Barr Walker, Nutrition & Wellness Educator at University of Illinois Extension.

Genealogy Research

Whether you're just starting or would like help overcoming obstacles, a librarian will guide you in your genealogy research during a one-hour, one-on-one session. Available Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm.

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Mind Games: The Science of Perception Deception

Sun., Jan. 26, 2pm

In this engaging program, William Pack explores the real science of how our brains trick us into seeing and believing things that don't exist. You'll experience how optical illusions work, why people fall for scams, and how we make thousands of choices every day that are influenced subconsciously.

Golden Age of Hollywood

Sun., Feb. 23, 2pm

Called the Queen of Hollywood, gossip columnist Luella Parsons could make or break a career with a few taps of her typewriter. You will be transported to old Hollywood while hearing about the scintillating stories and scandals of the era's biggest stars from Louella herself, portrayed by Martina Mathisen.

Gossip with the Queen of Hollywood, Feb. 23



Monthly Programs

Book Discussion

Tues., Jan. 14, 7:30pm

Born a Crime by Trevor Noah
The host of the Daily Show shares the story of his life in South Africa in this autobiographical comedy book. Born to a black mother and a white father, his birth violated the Immorality Act of 1927, which outlawed interracial relationships.

Tues., Feb. 11, 7:30pm

The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend by Katarina Bivald
A visitor from Sweden arrives in small-town Iowa only to discover her pen pal has died. A heartwarming, quirky novel about the power of books and each person's potential to impact others' lives. The One Book, One Batavia 2020 selection.

March book selection:

Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage by Haruki Murakami

Books Between Bites

Thurs., Jan. 16, 12pm

Killer Stuff and Tons of Money: Seeking History and Hidden Gems in Flea-Market America by Maureen Stanton, presented by Daniel Russo

Thurs., Feb. 20, 12pm

They Called Us Enemy by George Takei, presented by Ellen Huxtable

Teen Programs *Advance registration is required for programs designated*

Inclusion Game Night

Wed., Jan. 8 & Feb. 12, 6:30–8:30pm

Teens and young adults of all abilities—and their families and friends—are invited to meet new people and try out a board game or card game in a relaxed setting. High school volunteers are welcome.

Learn to Play Dungeons and Dragons

Sun., Feb. 2, 12:30–4:30pm

Want to learn to play D&D? Characters will be provided for you if you haven't created your own already or come at 12:30pm and create a character on the spot. Dungeon masters from The Gaming Goat in Geneva will lead you through a basic campaign starting at 1:30pm that will teach you the basics of gameplay.

Free ACT/SAT Practice Tests

Take a free practice test courtesy of Princeton Review. For the test, bring water, #2 pencils, and an energy snack as well as an approved calculator. Results will be made available online by Princeton Review. To register: visit princetonreview.com, go to Test Prep, click test name, click Free Practice Tests. Use ZIP code 60510 to find tests, then REGISTER on the Batavia Public Library event.

Free ACT Practice Test

Sun., Jan. 12, 12:30–4pm
Register: princetonreview.com/product/offers?id=452380&z=60061

Free SAT Practice Test

Sun., Feb. 16, 12:30–4pm
Register: princetonreview.com/product/offers?id=452381&z=60061

You Can Write in These Books! Ongoing

Pick up a book from the Margin Project display, check it out or read it at the library, find a colored marker or pen, and add your comments, questions, and reactions to the margins of the book. (No, really!) Once you return it, the next reader will see your comments and can add their own. Come back and check out the book later to see what other readers thought.

Coming in the spring...


Teen Job and Volunteering Fair

Sat., Mar. 7, 1–3pm

Teens are invited to learn more about volunteer and paid employment opportunities for the summer and beyond in Batavia, Geneva, North Aurora, and St. Charles.

Computer classes for adults

Registration Information: One-hour, hands-on computer classes. Basic computer skills, including mouse & keyboard proficiency, are required. Registration is required; please call the Reference Desk, 630-879-1393, ext. 200.

Advance registration is required for programs designated 

Internet Classes

***Internet proficiency required:**

Google Drive*

Tues., Jan. 21, 9am

Learn to save photos, MS Office documents, and more to the cloud using Google Drive. Students will need to create a Gmail account before class. Need help setting up a Gmail account? Stop by the Reference Desk for assistance sometime before class.

Genealogy: HeritageQuest & America's Obituaries*

Thurs., Jan. 30, 9am

Genealogy: Ancestry Library Edition*

Thurs., Feb. 6, 9am

Genealogy: FamilySearch.org*

Thurs., Feb. 20, 9am

Genealogy: Free Websites*

Thurs., Feb. 27, 9am

Other Computer Classes

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016, Part 1*

Tues., Jan. 28, 9am

Learn how to create, open, name, and save documents; move text; change type font, size, and color; and make text bold, italic, or underlined.

****Microsoft Word proficiency required:**

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016, Part 2**

Tues., Feb. 4, 9am

Learn how to use bulleted or numbered text and alphabetize text in lists; insert and format photographs, online art, and other images; insert and format text boxes; and insert lines, arrows, diagrams, and other shapes.

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2016, Part 3**

Tues., Feb. 11, 9am

Learn how to insert headers and footers; insert decorative text using WordArt; insert accented letters and symbols; insert tables and charts; add page borders; use spelling and grammar check; use the thesaurus; and insert footnotes or endnotes.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016, Part 1**

Wed., Feb. 26, 9am

Summation; formulas; data entry; autofill; print

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016, Part 2**

Wed., Mar. 4, 9am

Add and delete rows and columns; find and replace; sort; navigate workbooks; introduction to charts; security

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2016**

Wed., Mar. 11, 9am



Book sales—save the dates

Did you know that you can find more than just books at the Friends Book Sales? Besides recent bestsellers, you'll find vintage treasures, puzzles, games, children's books, and more.

Saturday book sales are held from 9:15am to 4pm in the FriendSpace on the Library's lower level. The sales take place on the second Saturday of every month except June. The Friends Book Corner is an ongoing book sale that is located on the Library's upper level across from the Check Out Desk. Items in the Friends Book Corner can be purchased any time the Library is open.

Annual Meeting & Brunch

Sat., Feb. 15, 10am

The Friends of the Batavia Public Library will hold its annual meeting at the Library on the third Saturday in February. All Friends are welcome! Not a friend yet? Please join us that morning to enjoy brunch and to find out who we are and what we do to help the Library. In the past year, the Friends of Batavia Public Library has donated \$20,000 to support Library programs, equipment, and services.

News from the Friends



Renew or join the Friends

It's time to join or renew your membership in the Friends for 2020! Memberships cost \$10 for an individual (\$5 for seniors) or \$15 for a family. Memberships forms are available at the Library's Check Out Desk or online: BataviaPublicLibrary.org/Friends

2020 Saturday Sale Dates

Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 14, Apr. 11,
May 9, July 11, **Aug. 1 (Educators' Sale)**, Aug. 8,
Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12

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And Don't Miss . . . No registration is required for the following activities

Duplo & LEGO® Fun

Fri., Jan. 3, 10am

Ages 4–11

Drop-in and build something with our Duplo and Lego bricks. Batavia Public Library card required for admission. Space is limited. Please note children age 4–6 must be accompanied by an adult.

Drop-In Crafts

Mon., Jan. 6, 4–6 pm

Thurs., Jan. 9, 10am–12pm or

Sun., Jan. 26, 1–3pm

Polar Bear

Mon., Feb. 10, 4–7pm

Valentine Craft

Sun., Feb. 23, 1–3pm

Binoculars

Read Across America

Mon., Mar. 2, 10:30–11:30am

Families

It's Dr. Seuss's birthday! Join us as we celebrate the fun of reading and honoring that special storyteller

Dr. Seuss. We will read a story or two and then join in book-related activities and games.



Chess Saturdays

Sat., Jan. 18 & Feb., 15, 2pm

Ages 6 and older

Students, teens, and adults of all skill levels are welcome to join us for an hour of play.

Movie at the Library

Mon., Jan. 20, 1pm

Families

Please call the Library for the movie title, length, and rating.

Leapin' Book Exchange

Sat., Feb. 29, 10am–4pm

Families

Hey kids? Do you have a book you've read and would like to pass on? Need an extra book for the extra day of the year? You may bring up to three books per person to exchange for a book that is new-to-you! All leftover books will be donated to future Friends of the Library book sales.



Follow the Library on

School Directory

District 101 Offices

Rosalie Jones Administration Center
335 W. Wilson St.
Batavia, IL 60510
630-937-8800 • bps101.net

High School

Batavia High School
1201 Main St., Batavia, IL 60510
630-937-8600 • bhs.bps101.net

Middle School

Rotolo Middle School of Batavia
1501 South Raddant Rd.
Batavia, IL 60510
630-937-8700 • rms.bps101.net

Elementary Schools

Alice Gustafson School
905 Carlisle Rd. Batavia, IL 60510
630-937-8000 • ags.bps101.net

Early Childhood Center
905 Carlisle Rd. Batavia, IL 60510
630-937-8000 • ags.bps101.net/early-childhood

Grace McWayne School
3501 Hapner Way
Batavia, IL 60510
630-937-8100 • gms.bps101.net

H. C. Storm School
305 North Van Nortwick St.
Batavia, IL 60510
630-937-8200 • hcs.bps101.net

Hoover-Wood School
1640 Wagner Rd., Batavia, IL 60510
630-937-8300 • hws.bps101.net

J. B. Nelson School
Laurel & William Wood Ln.
Batavia, IL 60510
630-937-8400 • jbn.bps101.net

Louise White School
800 North Prairie St.
Batavia, IL 60510
630-937-8500 • lws.bps101.net

BPS101 staff alum named Batavia's 2019 Citizen of the Year

Batavia Chamber of Commerce announced it's 2019 Batavia Citizen of the Year, Nan Phillips! Nan was a career educator. Nan's contributions have been particularly impactful within the educational realm of Batavia. For more than 25 years, she served as the Learning Resource Center Director at Louise White School in Batavia, and then at Hoover Wood School when the new elementary school opened in 2001. She retired in 2011. Prior to becoming a LRC director, Nan taught a couple of years at Louise White as a fifth-grade teacher. This followed twelve years of teaching at McCleery Elementary in Aurora. Fellow teacher Bobbie VonLunen who worked with her for seven years said Nan was "consistently a model of professionalism, leadership and educational excellence."

Time after time, authors of the supporting letters pointed out that the traits that endeared her to the educational community of students, parents, teachers and fellow staff members, are those that make her an excellent volunteer in Batavia.

Congratulations, Nan. Batavia is lucky to have you and we are so fortunate that you chose our district.



Nan Phillips, at left, is Batavia's 2019 Citizen of the Year.



Kindergarten Preview

Do you have a student that will be turning five by Sept. 1, 2020, that you are considering entering into kindergarten at a BPS101 elementary school for the 2020-2021 school year? Join us for Kindergarten Preview.

Kindergarten Preview is a one-hour session for incoming kindergartners to participate in activities as a small group, observed by teachers and parents. The preview is an opportunity to observe a sample of a child's fine-motor, cognitive,



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!

COME ONE, COME ALL! BPS101 is now accepting nominations for the 2020 Hall of Honor!

Know of a BHS Alum, Staff Member, or friend of the District that has demonstrated excellence in their field and/or commitment of service to District 101? Nominate them for a Hall of Honor award. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2020. For more info visit:

bps101.net/bpsshallofhonor

Presented by Batavia Public School District 101

The BPS101 Hall of Honor highlights positive role models for our students and honors individuals who have made extraordinary contributions as alumni to society or have served our country; as staff who have shown deep commitment to our students; or as friends who have given meritorious service to BPS101 students / parents / community.

Kindergarten Preview, continued from page 26

speech and language skills. Batavia Public School District 101 strongly encourages families of incoming kindergarten students to participate, which starts the enrollment process.

More information about preparing your child for kindergarten can be found on the district's website at bps101.net/programs/kindergarten. The next Kindergarten Preview

will be held on Feb. 14. Registrations are filling up fast, so please register today!

Lottery registration for tuition-free preschool now open

Families with children who will be turning three and four years old by Sept. 1, 2020, and who currently reside in the boundaries of Batavia Public School District 101 are eligible to participate in a lottery system for open spots at the BPS101 Preschool at the Early Childhood Center in the 2020-21 school year. The lottery-based system replaces the fee-based system, thus eliminating the monthly fee for community students. Families are, however, responsible for the district's standard registration fee.

To register for the 2020-21 lottery, parents need to complete the Letter of Intent that can be found at ec.bps101.net/preschool-program and return it to the

BPS101 Preschool at the Early Childhood Center (located in Alice Gustafson Elementary School) before Feb. 11.

The BPS101 preschool offers a language-rich, purposefully designed learning environment that's based on exploration and discovery. The academic and social-emotional curriculum is aligned with the district's K-5 curriculum and Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards. BPS101 Preschool teachers hold both general education and special education teaching certificates and have earned the English as a Second Language (ESL) Endorsement.

Students must be potty-trained by the first day of class.

Preschool open house scheduled

To learn more about the preschool program provided by the district, and the lottery, parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the BPS101 Preschool Open House on Wed., Jan. 22, from 6-7pm at the

Early Childhood Center located within Alice Gustafson Elementary School at 905 Carlisle Rd., Batavia. This is an opportunity for families who are interested in our program to visit the building and meet

the teachers and learn about our curriculum, structures, and to answer any questions they have about the BPS Preschool Program.



Batavia Music Buffs presents...

Our annual Gala

with live music, dinner, dancing,

Auctions to benefit BPS101 Music Programming. Join us for "A Night on Broadway" March 13, 6–11:30pm at the Q Center, St. Charles.



Trivia Night—Jan. 11 at the Batavia Moose lodge. There is still time to register!

Details can be found at bataviamusicbuffs.org/trivia



Tee Off for Turf!
Sunday, January 19 :: 12-4pm
TOPGOLF
Support the Bulldogs effort to raise money to help pay for the new turf surface at Batavia High School!
Cost is \$90/person or \$500 for a group of six*.
*If registered & paid by December 18. After that prices are \$100/person and \$575 for a group of six.
To register, visit teeoffforturf.ezregister.com

**15th ANNUAL
Batavia Booster
DINNER DANCE
April 17th
PIPER'S BANQUETS
BATAVIBULLDOGBOOSTERS.ORG**

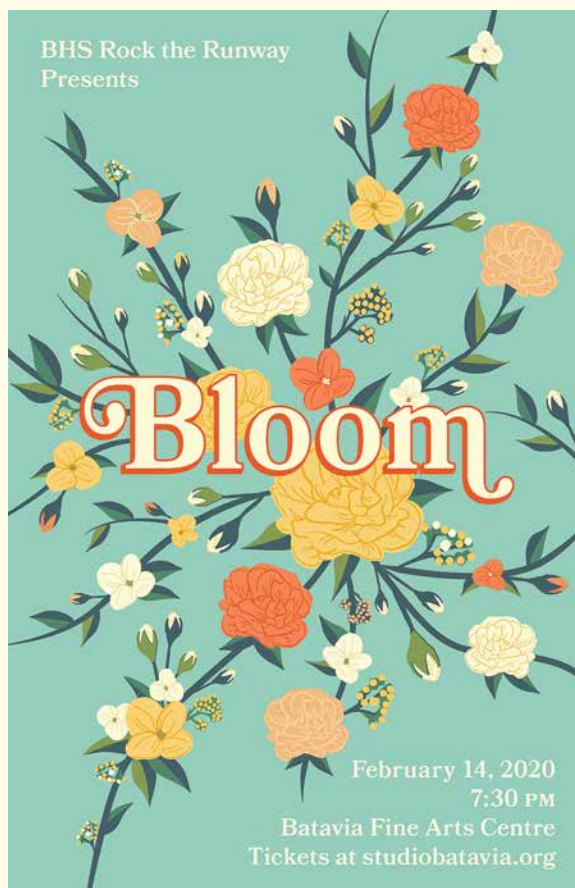


STAGE Batavia —Supporting Theater Arts for A Greater Education

Batavia has a long and highly respected reputation of excellence in the performing arts. We invite you to be a part of that tradition! This year alone, STAGE funded over \$20,000 for productions at both Rotolo Middle School and Batavia High School!

We invite you to be a supporter of STAGE, and we hope we can count on you for your support! As recognition of your support, your name will be listed in the programs that are distributed at all drama productions throughout the school year, and other membership benefits are in the works and will be announced soon!

Visit stagebatavia.org for more information or to become a member.



BHS Rock the Runway Presents
Bloom
February 14, 2020
7:30 PM
Batavia Fine Arts Centre
Tickets at studiobatavia.org

Switch to a card with purpose



Give back to the teachers and students of BPS101 every time you shop with any of the Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence (BFEE) Affinity Visa® Cards. With every purchase, Kane County Teachers Credit Union (KCT) donates a portion of the transaction to Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence to support fostering innovations in education, expanding on student opportunities, and facilitating community and school partnerships. Already a member of KCT? You can easily switch your card to the Affinity card and give back to BFEE! You do not need to be an educator to bank with KCT! There are several checking and credit card options to meet your individual needs. Contact KCT or visit: kctcu.org/About/Affinity-Programs/School-District-101.aspx/ to find out more!

Compete for BFEE

Register today for Compete for BFEE: The Ultimate Scavenger Hunt! To find out more information and to register, visit bataviafoundation.org.



REGISTER TODAY
Batavia Foundation for
Educational Excellence Presents
**COMPETE FOR BFEE:
THE ULTIMATE
SCAVENGER HUNT**
February 29, 2020
6:00 PM

At the Centre...

BHS Productions Presents: *I Remember Mama* Jan. 30–Feb. 1, 7:30pm

Mama, with the help of her husband and Uncle Chris, sees her children through childhood, manages to educate them and to see one of her daughters begin her career as a writer. No description can do justice to the rich characterizations that fill the author's canvas.

Love Letters

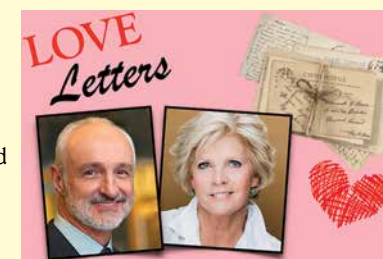
Feb. 7, 7:30pm

Meredith Baxter and Michael Gross (*Family Ties* stars) bring celebrated playwright A.R. Gurney's enduring romance about first loves and second chances to life. Andrew Makepeace Ladd III and Melissa Gardner are two young people from similar backgrounds who take very different paths in life. Despite leading lives which should not intersect, they can't let go of each other throughout their 50-year friendship, and marriages and families with other people.

Carole's Kings

March 13, 7:30pm

An iconic singer-songwriter gets a brand-new sound in CAROLE'S KINGS, the world's first all-male Carole King tribute. With lush orchestrations, witty banter, and a cast of three incredibly talented New York stage veterans (one of whom plays live piano throughout the show), CAROLE'S KINGS is a dynamic act jam-packed with chart-topping sensations such as "The Locomotion," "I Feel the Earth Move," "You've Got A Friend," and many more. A unique experience that's fun for the whole family!



Coming Up at The Centre

January

- 11—Mr. BHS
- 14—AGS Winter Concert
(1st & 2nd Grade Chorus)
- 15—JBN Winter Concert
(1st & 2nd Grade Chorus)
- 16—Junior Parent Open House Presentation
- 21—All-City Jazz Festival
- 23—HWS 1st and 2nd Grade Concert
- 30—Feb 1—Batavia High School Presents:
I Remember Mama

February

- 4—BHS Band Cooperative Concert
- 7—Love Letters
- 8—3rd Annual Batavia Band Festival
- 2—CTE Showcase
- 14—BHS Rock The Runway
- 18—BHS Music Week Concert 1
- 19—BHS Music Week Concert 2
- 20—BHS Music Week Concert 3
- 21–23—Spotlight Events Dance Competition
- 28—March 1—CYT Aurora Winter Show

Order your tickets today!
630-937-8930
BataviaFineArtsCentre.org



New recreation center proposed



The Batavia Park Board voted at the Nov. 19, 2019 meeting to place a \$27.1 million bond referendum on the March 17 ballot to acquire the land, build and equip a roughly a 65,100-square-foot recreational facility.

The proposed indoor facility would include:

- Eight-lane swimming pool
- Large turf playing field
- Multi-activity court gymnasium
- Indoor walking/running track
- Wellness area for group fitness and cardio
- Multi-purpose rooms



While a location has not yet been announced, it will be shared soon!

Bookmark bataviaparks.org/2020-referendum for FAQ's, location information, concept photos, and more.



New website

The Batavia Park District website has a new look! Be sure to explore the site to learn how you can get involved. From fitness to birthday parties to the Bark Park, there is something for everyone! Check out the website at bataviaparks.org.



New Horizons Preschool



Open House

Tue., Jan. 28

5-6:30 pm

Eastside Community Center

Parents and children are welcome to visit our classrooms and meet our amazing teachers.

The New Horizons Preschool program is designed to provide an opportunity for social and emotional growth as well as a transition into a more formal school experience. The program is based on the philosophy that children learn more through play. Play provides opportunities for children of all abilities to participate in common activities, yet allows for success and mastery. This is paramount in the foundation of self-esteem and self-confidence.

Activities include sand/water tables, stories, music, finger plays, story writing, problem solving and gross motor activities (outdoor play).



Registration deadlines and procedures for the 2020-2021 school year

Participants currently enrolled in New Horizons have first priority for registration. All other Batavia Park District residents need to bring in proof of residency, birth certificate, updated Child Health Examination

form and correct fees to the Eastside Community Center starting Mon., Jan. 6. Parents will be notified within a week regarding enrollment. Non-residents may enroll starting Mon., Feb. 3. Parents must register their own children.

Classes (rates in effect for the 2020-2021 school year)

Age	Day	Time	Fee
3 by 1/1/21	W	9:15-11:15am	\$105
3 by 9/1/20	T/Th	9:30-11:45am	\$135
3 by 9/1/20	T/Th	12:30-2:45pm	\$135
4 by 9/1/20	M/W/F	9:15-11:45am	\$180
4 by 9/1/20	M/W/F	12:30-3pm	\$180
4 by 9/1/20	M/T/Th/F	9:15-11:45am	\$220
5 by 1/1/21	M/T/Th/F	12:30-3:15pm	\$240

Average class size: 12 students

Fees: A \$20 non-refundable registration fee and the correct deposit is due to register.



PechaKucha Night Batavia Beyond Language – Volume 17

Thurs., Jan. 30

Doors open at 5:30pm, show starts at 7 pm

Shannon Hall

PechaKucha Nights are informal and fun gatherings where creative people come together and share their ideas, works, and thoughts, anything they are passionate about! Presentations have 20 images, each for 20 seconds, for a total of only 6 minutes, 40 seconds. PechaKucha is the perfect place to show your work! More information at: PechaKucha.org/cities/batavia.

Admission: \$10 at the door, food and beverages available for purchase, cash only.



Tis the season for skating at Depot Pond

Safety is of utmost importance when it comes to using the Depot Pond for ice skating this winter. Don't forget to check the flag, visit bataviaparks.org or contact us at 630-879-5235 to see if the pond is open for use.



Outdoor ice skating rules at Depot Pond:

- The temperature must be below zero for several days for the ice to become thick enough for safe skating and 8" or greater of ice is required before the pond is cleared for skating.
- Please stay off thin, slushy ice and freshly sprayed ice. Snow, rain and warm weather spells may destroy many hours of work and make ice difficult to skate. When the red flag is flown, skating is prohibited!
- The Peg Bond Center will be open as an unsupervised warming house, weather permitting. Doors open at 8am and are locked at 5pm. Only the foyer and washrooms will be accessible. The Batavia Park District is not responsible for lost or stolen items. The Peg Bond Center will be closed for rental use through Feb. 16.



Daddy Daughter Date Night

Fri., Jan. 31 or Sat., Feb. 1

6:30–8:30pm

Rotolo Middle School, 1501 S. Raddant Rd.

Fee: \$32 Dad/Daughter couple | \$15 Additional Daughter

Valentine season is a great time to take your daughter, ages 3+ years old, on a special date! Join us for an under-the-sea themed evening with entertainment, dessert, dancing, guessing games, and photographs.

Make the night even more special by treating your daughter to dinner and getting her a corsage. Both of these are available to sign-up along with the main event.

Choose a white or pink corsage for only \$15. Corsage pick-up will be on Jan. 31 for both nights from 2–5pm at the Batavia Civic Center. For custom corsage orders, please visit paragonflowers.com.

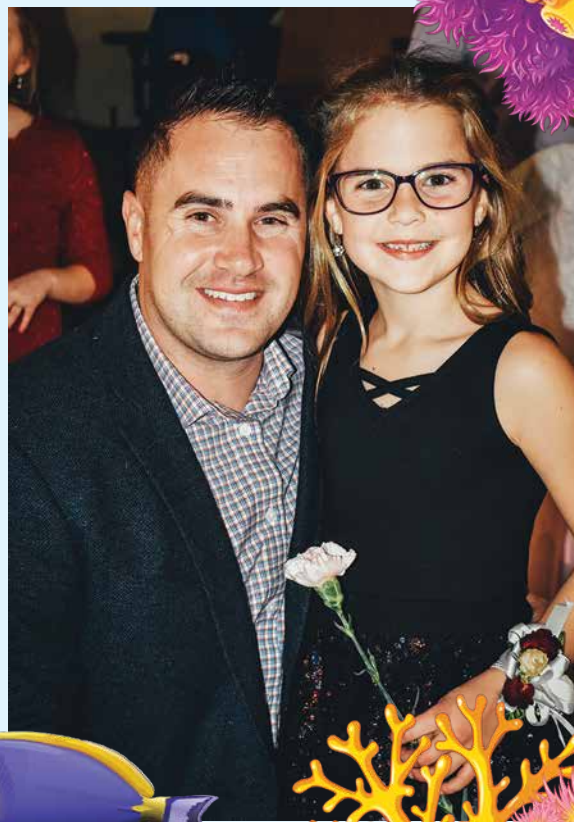
Order Deadline: Jan. 28

Sponsored by



Dinner at Pal Joey's starts at 4:30 pm, before each Daddy Daughter Date Night. The meal will include pizza, salad, dessert along with soft drinks, coffee, water, and gratuity all included.

Pre-registration is required. Cost ranges from \$7–\$13.



Snowshoe rentals available

Don't let the winter blues keep you from having fun in the snow. Once there are 3+ inches of snow, rent a pair of snowshoes and explore the grounds at Red Oak Nature Center. Call 630-897-1808 to make sure they are available, and mention you saw it through the Batavia Park District!

Cost: \$5 per pair

Location: Red Oak Nature Center

Available: December–March

Monday–Friday, 9am–4pm

Saturday–Sunday, 10am–2:30pm



Congratulations!

BATV's Barb Mabbs Volunteer of the Year award winner is BHS Senior Sophie Chahmirzadi.

Sophie joined the BATV crew during the summer of 2016 before freshman year at Batavia High School. Right away Sophie naturally fit in with the BATV family. After spending the summer with us developing her filming and editing skills, she loved it so much that Sophie signed up for the video production classes. Sophie's on camera talent comes from her passion to perform in front of the world. Sophie's acting career started at the age of 12 but was already used to the stage from her music performances that started around 9 years old.

At the end of Sophie's freshman year BATV added her to the football crew as a sideline reporter. Sophie worked with BATV sideline reporter volunteer Katlyn Gerken to learn from one of the best. Every year BATV would give Sophie new opportunities, and Sophie always said "yes!" When Sophie was a junior, BATV was in need of a new student representative on the board of directors, and Sophie stepped up once again. With her two years on the board, she has been a part of discussions about the FCC, live broadcasting of events, and spoke on behalf of the Batavia High School students.

Sophie recently reflected on her time at BATV:

"BATV has given me countless amazing opportunities. I have gotten to work with every aspect of the media field and I have learned so much. Through the years I have anchored a news program, worked in journalism, represented my generation in the board for BATV, sideline reported not only home football games but an IHSA state game, and I would like to say I've made great friendships and collaborations with the employees of BATV. I have had opportunities my peers can only dream of and I am so thankful for it. With the influence of BATV I have taken steps forward in my future career and opened doors to work with those in my field."

Sophie will be missed at BATV next year as she starts college in the fall. Sophie will be applying for the BATV



Peggy Haines Community Broadcasting Scholarship. The Peggy Haines Community Broadcasting Scholarship was established in honor of the late Peggy Haines, a Batavia resident who volunteered much of her time to the Batavia community and BATV. Peggy devoted herself to the Batavia community through churches, schools, civic groups, and neighborhoods, and she exhibited selfless support to these organizations as well as to complete strangers. Peggy volunteered with BATV for over eighteen years, and her efforts resulted in a legacy of over one thousand hours of programming. It is with this spirit that the Haines Family and Batavia Access Television are honored to award the Peggy J. Haines Scholarship to a graduating senior who has shown a special interest in the field of broadcasting.

BATV is always looking for volunteers from the community and the schools. If you or your child would like to learn more about Batavia Access Television, visit our website at mybatv.com. We would love to chat with you about all the opportunities for experience in television and video production we have to offer. You can email info@mybatv.com or call us at 630-937-5413 to set up a tour of the studio.



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Congratulations to the 2019 Citizen of the Year, Nanette 'Nan' Phillips CHIP IN Batavia named the Spirit of Batavia honoree



An "all-around citizen of goodwill and contribution" was named the 2019 Batavia Citizen of the Year. The Batavia Chamber of Commerce will honor Nanette 'Nan' Phillips on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020 at the Chamber's Inspire 2020: A Celebration of Those Who Inspire Us! annual awards event.

Mayor Jeffery Schielke described her as a positive, upbeat person with "a progressive-thinking mindset that benefits whatever organization she's working with. She offers continual insights into how to do things successfully."

As a career educator, Nan's contributions have been particularly impactful within the educational realm of Batavia. Because of this passion, it is logical that she would devote many volunteer hours helping groups that focus on education. The Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence (BFEE) is one organization that benefitted greatly from Nan's expertise.

During her tenure on the board of directors of BFEE, Nan chaired the grant committee for three years. She also brought the idea of a Hall of Honor to fruition. Nan served as the chairperson for the BPS Hall of Honor committee for three years. The inaugural BPS Hall of Honor was inducted in the fall of 2015.

"Nan is truly a Citizen of the Year...actually, a Citizen of the Decade," Joanne Spitz wrote in her nomination letter. "She is a one-of-a-kind woman, with unending energy and kindness that she continues to use to help Batavia. She has impacted and improved the lives of hundreds of our children and continues to change lives daily."

CHIP IN Batavia, with the mission to "ensure that BPS 101 students that are facing the obstacles of financial struggles and/or temporary housing have the support they need to be successful in school," was named the Spirit of Batavia honoree. Please join us in an enthusiastic congratulations to Nan Phillips and CHIP IN Batavia!

See you there! 2020 Annual Inspire Awards

Make plans today to attend this beautiful event on Thurs., Jan. 23, at the Nagel Emporium at Abbey Farms. We will honor 2019 Citizen of the Year Nan Phillips and CHIP IN Batavia, 2019 Spirit of Batavia award winner. Other awards announced that evening include the Ole Awards and new this year, a Green Ole Award. The event includes drinks, heavy hors d'oeuvres and a paddle raise to fund the inaugural Batavia Chamber of Commerce Inspire Scholarships. Advanced registration is required, please visit bataviachamber.org for details and sponsorship opportunities.

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The Batavia Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome our newest members!

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An eclectic collection of what's happening in Batavia

PB Kitchen Design of Geneva was awarded the “2019 Antolini Designer Project of the Year” and selected as one of the 30 finalists in the International Kitchen Design Contest from Sub-Zero, Wolf & Cove from among more than 1,800 entries. PBKD’s winning project, “Forest Kitchen,” was an open-plan kitchen and pantry. A homeowner had selected a team that included **Dan McFadden** and **Debbie Larson** of PBKD in Geneva. The primary goal was designing the layout of a kitchen space that created a kitchen and pantry with a view for the home owner. PBKD won the “2019 Antolini Designer Project of the Year” for their “Geneva Traditional Polished Kitchen” project. PB Kitchen Design is a Geneva based kitchen design firm that been in business since 1988. Their services include planning and budget setting, design development, product selection, and installation supervision. For more information, visit pbkitchendesign.com or call 630-208-1011.

Vicki Morcos was named president and CEO of the **Dunham Fund** as of December 2019. The fund is a charitable trust supporting nonprofits on the Aurora area. As a placed-based funder, the Dunham Fund supports organizations that work to positively impact a defined service area in Chicago’s Western Suburbs. The Dunham Fund provides roughly \$4.5 million in grants annually, to support education—birth through college— as well the economic growth and social development of individuals living in the community. For the past four years, Morcos has overseen professional development workshops to local nonprofits to bring collaboration between organizations to deepen and further their impact within the community. For more information, contact Dunham Fund at info@dunhamfund.org or call 630-844-2774.

Vicki Morcos, left, was named president and CEO of the Dunham Fund in December.

Karen Fullett-Christensen has been named as the first ever **Aurora Poet Laureate**. A retired urban planner and executive with the City of Aurora, Fullett-Christensen has written several collections of poetry and creative non-fiction. She has completed 16 self-published manuscripts and is currently working on her 17th body of work. As co-founder of A-Town Poetics, an Aurora-based group for writers and poets, and a member of Cultural Creatives, Fullett-Christensen has been a voice in promoting poetry at public events and in public spaces throughout Aurora. In January, a public installation ceremony will be held at Gwendolyn Brooks Elementary School in Aurora.

Tri-City Business Council hosts their Wednesday weekly networking group on Feb. 19 at Colonial Café, 552 Randall Rd. in St. Charles from 7:30–8:30am. The group is currently open to new members, but it is industry specific. Please inquire about the group requirements and open business category prior to attending. Attendees can join the council for an annual



\$50 fee. To inquire and to get more information, visit bataviachamber.org.

The **Batavia Chamber of Commerce** invites everyone to the **2020 Annual Inspire Awards**. Make plans today to attend this beautiful event on Thurs., Jan. 23 at the Nagel Emporium at Abbey Farms, beginning at 6pm. During the festive evening, we will honor the 2019 Citizen of the Year, **Nan Phillips**. Other award winners announced that evening include the Ole Awards, Spirit of Batavia Award and new this year, a Green Ole Award. Advanced registration is required, please visit bataviachamber.org.

Community Collective: Power Connex will meet for a unique networking experience at the BLVD Café in Aurora on Jan. 23 from 12–1:30pm. Formerly Speed Networking, the Community Collective Power Connex is an innovative approach to business networking. Each participant will be assigned to a table and move from business professional to business professional every 2–4 minutes. Quickly grow a business network with face-to-face conversations. Tickets for this event include lunch and are \$10–\$15. For more information, visit facebook.com/mycommunitycollective.

Fox Valley Mall completed its first phase of reimagination and reinvention with its Center Park in December 2019. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the new 7 million dollar project. The 13,000 square foot Center Park includes a beautiful new water fountain, full tree structures that reach to the ceiling, sitting and dining spaces, large colorful fox sculptures and open space for activities and a huge 6,448 square foot mural that was added along the exterior.

The **Batavia Chamber of Commerce Net-Working It!** for a cause events have raised more than \$6,500 this year for their partner charities. Besides **Changing Children’s Worlds Foundation**, December’s recipient, the Batavia Chamber is pleased to be able to support the **Anderson Animal Shelter**, **Batavia Rotary Club**, **Elderday Center**, **Lazarus House**, **LivingWell Cancer Resource Center**, **Valley Sheltered Workshop**, **Fox Valley Special Recreation Association**, the **Batavia Foundation for Academic Excellence**, **Marklund**, and **Embrace A Family**. The generosity of the community is overwhelming and greatly appreciated!



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“Unmasking the Face of Homelessness” benefit with Lazarus House

Make a reservation and be a part of Lazarus House’s 5th annual “Unmasking the Face of Homelessness,” The Hero Behind the Mask benefit and gala on Jan. 25 at the Q Center in St. Charles at 6pm. The event begins with a social hour that includes games, a silent auction, appetizers, and cash bar. This will be followed by a delectable dinner, live auction, dancing and entertainment by In Time Out. Reservations are \$150 per person and sponsorships are available. For reservations and more information, visit lazarushouse.net/gala or call 630-587-2144.

Have a blast at Cosmic Comic Con

Kick off the New Year with some pop culture shopping and fun at the Cosmic Comic Con on Jan. 4 at 10am–4pm and on Jan 5 at 10am–3pm at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. This is a multi-genre, comic book, Sci-fi, toys, gaming, and pop culture convention. The Con is the destination event to celebrate all things pop-culture, and not to be missed by any collector, fan boy or girl. Admission is \$6 and can be purchased at entry. For more information, visit cosmiccomiccon.com.

Joe Avati live at Arcada

Enjoy a laugh-out-loud performance from comedic superstar Joe Avati at the Arcada Theater of St. Charles on Jan. 19 at 5pm. Renowned for his easy going observational comedy, Avati has often been referred to as the “Italian Jerry Seinfeld.” He has developed a cult following since 1999, and continues to crack up and entertain sold out audiences. Tickets are \$48-\$89 and can be purchased with more information at arcadalive.com.

Mid-Winter Hamfest of Kane County

Come out to the Kane County Fairgrounds for the WCRA Mid-Winter Hamfest in St. Charles on Jan. 19 from 8am–1pm. This expo features HAM radio, computer, hobby, radio control, and electronics vendors. Attendees can also visit educational forums, amateur radio exams, as well as get in on the general admission raffle. Admission is \$8 in advance with four raffle tickets, and admission at the door is \$10 with one raffle ticket. For more information, visit w9ccu.org.

Explore the science of SciTech after hours

Have the experience to explore a museum after dark at the STEAM Family Sleepover event at SciTech Hands

on Museum on Jan. 17 at 6pm to 9am on Jan. 18. Explore STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) through science and hands on labs. Attendees are encouraged to bring a sleeping bag/ or air mattress, pillow, flashlight, and warm comfortable clothing to sleep in. Tickets are \$45 for adults, and \$55 for children. For more information, visit scitechmuseum.org or call 630-859-3434. The museum is located at 18 W. Benton St. in Aurora.



BMCF presents 6th Annual Bunco Charity Fundraiser

Be a part of the 6th Annual Bunco Charity Fundraiser of the Batavia Mother’s Club Foundation on Feb. 29 at 6:30pm at the Batavia Moose Lodge. The evening will be 80s flashback themed and will include a raffle, silent auction, head-or-tails game, rolling dice and more. Appetizers, snacks, and desserts will be offered along with a cash bar. All proceeds go back to the community through schools or local organizations helping children and families. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door or \$100 for a table of four in advance. To register or get more information, contact bunco@bataviamothersclub.org or call 630-2820-153.



Join the Batavia Mothers Club Foundation for a totally rad night of Bunco on Feb. 29

Volunteer for the environment at Fermilab

Join volunteers for the Habitat workday and learn about ecology and the environment at Fermilab Natural Areas on Feb. 24 from 1–3pm. Attendees will move all over the Fermilab campus as a strike team, helping restore important natural areas. The wintertime involves processing native seed mixes and removing invasive plants. All tools and safety equipment are provided. A photo ID is required and attendees should meet in the Lederman Science Center parking lot. Anyone under 18 should have written parental permission, or supervision. For more information, visit fnal.gov or call 630-840-3000.

Old House New House Show in St. Charles

Explore trends and tips in home improvement at The Old House New House Home Show, on Feb. 7-9, 10am-5pm each day at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. This is the largest, longest-running and most innovative home show in the Chicago area. See the latest in kitchens, baths, basements, additions, remodeling, landscaping and more. The show includes hundreds of top experts, contractors and designers along with workshops and attractions included with admission. Entry is \$4–\$7. For more information, visit email info@kennedyproductions.com or call 630-515-1160.

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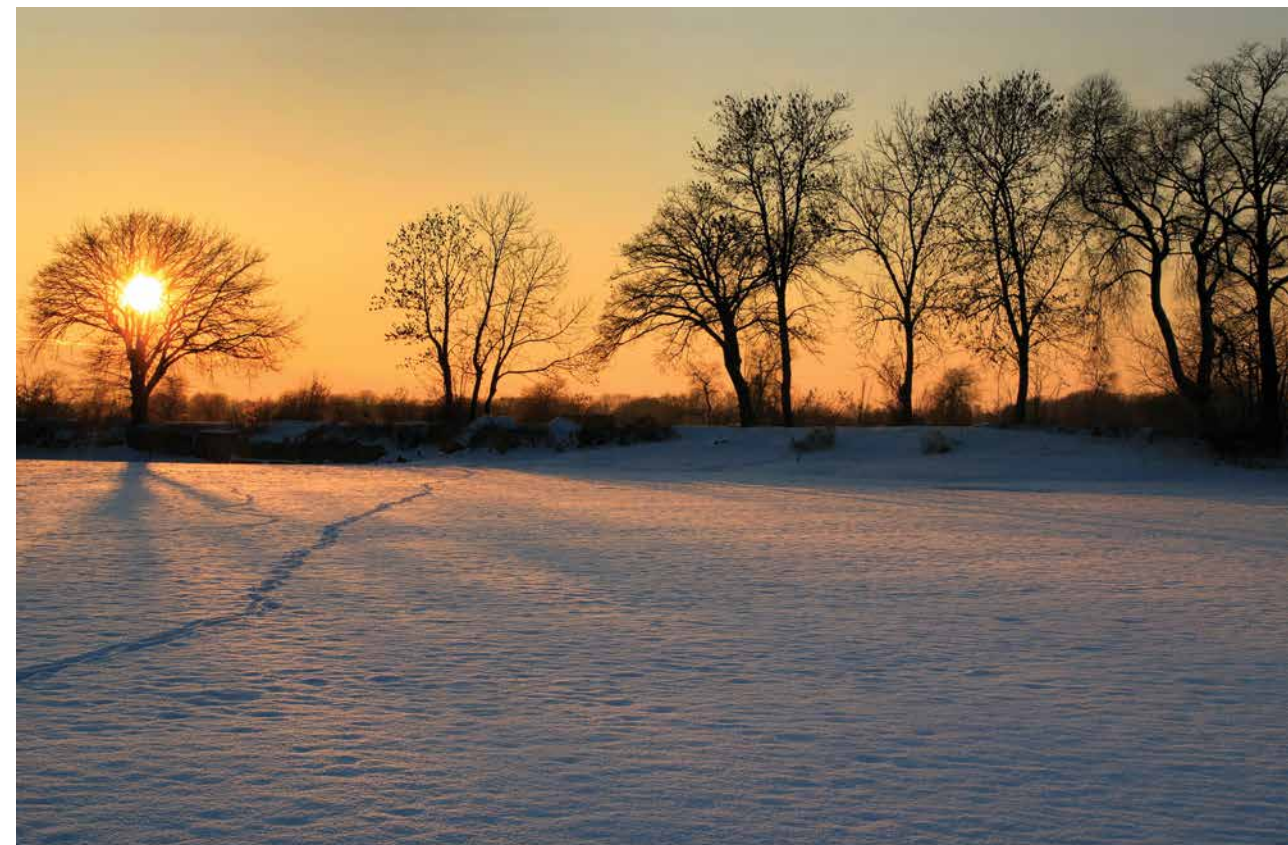
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Wine and cheese night benefits Geneva's natural resources

Enjoy an evening full of fine wine, delicious treats and a live auction at the Wine, Cheese and Trees Fundraiser hosted Natural Resources Committee and the Geneva Park District Foundation at the Stephen Persinger Recreation Center of Geneva on Feb. 29 at 7pm. This event benefits the NRC helps protect Geneva's natural resources, promoting awareness and conservation, as well as GPDF to fund open spaces, parks, and recreational facilities. Tickets are \$30. For more information, contact the Geneva NRC at 630-232-7494 or visit geneva.il.us.

Delicious discounts during Geneva Restaurant Week

Get in on a week of delicious discounted dining during Geneva Restaurant Week, Jan. 21–27. A number of Geneva's finest restaurants will be participating including 1910 BAR, FoxFire Restaurant, Altiro Latin Fusion, Atwater's in the Herrington, Stockholm's, Preservation, The Little Traveler Atrium Café, Livia Italian Eatery and more. Attendees can mention to the server at one of the participating restaurants that they would like the Restaurant Week offering. For more information, visit genevachamber.com or call 630-232-6060.

Disney's classic *Aladdin* back on the big screen

Witness *Aladdin*, the original Disney classic, again on the big screen on Jan. 6 at the Paramount Theater in Aurora at 7pm. Relive the magic as Aladdin journeys into the Cave of Wonders to retrieve the magical lamp, whose genie will grant three wishes. This film has become a landmark work of Disney's animated classics, highlighted by the amazing voice talent of Robin Williams. Doors open at 6:15pm with tickets at \$1 per person. Concessions will also be available. For more information, visit paramountaurora.com.

Learn the history of disaster response in Geneva

Visit the Geneva History Museum for a rare look into local history at the Feature Gallery Exhibition: Disaster & Destruction Hit Geneva opening on Feb. 8, 11am–4pm. Explore this photographic exhibition highlighting the disasters and destruction that have rocked the city and see Geneva responded in the wake of devastation. The exhibition will run through the year until Nov. 7. Admission to the museum is \$3 and \$2 for children ages 3–10. For more information, visit genevahistorymuseum.org or call 630-232-4951.

Explore the eagles of the Fox River

Take a special hiking exploration with eagles on the Fox River at Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve in South Elgin on Feb. 15 from 10–11am. Learn about the national bird, the bald eagle, on this wintertime hike. During the riverside exploration, attendees will have the opportunity to search for eagles while the naturalist discusses this majestic bird's history, behavior, habitat and diet. Advanced registration is required for all nature programs. To register or for more information, contact programs@kaneforest.com or call 630-444-3190.

Take a walk in the Japanese Garden

Preservation Partners will be hosting Winter Walks in the Japanese Garden on Sat., Jan. 18, Sun., Feb. 9 and March 8. If there is no snow, the walk will NOT be held. The Japanese Garden is a garden of all seasons—the vistas change and adapt and it is deliberately designed to look like another world in the snow. Tours are at 1pm, 1:45pm, and 2:30pm. Hot cocoa will be provided. Cost of attendance is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for children. Dress warmly. Call 630-377-6424 or visit ppfv.org to check the status the morning of the event.

See living history at the American Heritage trade show

The 4th Annual American Heritage Living History & Trade Show is Jan. 18–19 at the Kane County Fair Grounds in St. Charles. See a sampling of the artisans, craftsmen and merchants and demonstrators from the early 1700's to the 1890's who keep our history alive.

Jim Fairchild and his wife Rebecca along with some wonderful re-enactor volunteers organize this juried indoor event. Come experience the world of re-enactors, living historians, merchants, silversmiths, pewterers, leather workers, artists, Native Americans, gunsmiths, SASS members, blanket traders, antique and


reproduction firearm collectors and demonstrators. The 17th Corp. Field Hospital will be returning to recreate actual procedures from the Civil War. See how to turn wool into yarn and fabric; learn to stitch by hand; see how a telescope from the 1860's works. Hours are Sat. 9am–5pm and Sun. 9am–4pm. Admission is \$7 per adult/day—\$5 if in period garb; \$10 for a weekend pass. Children under 12 are free. Watch for updates at [Facebook.com/AmericanHeritageLivingHistoryShow](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanHeritageLivingHistoryShow).

Benefit Bingo Night in Batavia

The Batavia United Way will be hosting its 2nd Annual Family Bingo Night on Feb. 19 at Pal Joey's Restaurant in Batavia from 6–8pm. Bingo cards will be \$5 per card. SHARP and games will continue till the end of the evening. There will be a number of prizes to win and a 50/50 raffle as well. Proceeds will fund the Success by 6 Kindergarten Enrichment Scholarship Program for low income Batavia children. Reservations through Pal Joey's are required to save a table. For more information, contact info@bataviainitedway.org or call 630-747-6724. To reserve a table, call 630-593-6600.



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Discovering Antarctica: Heroic Tales of Shackleton, Crean & Scott

See Aiden Dooley in his solo performance in Tom Crean – Antarctic Explorer at Fermilab's Ramsey Auditorium in Batavia on Feb. 22 at 8pm. Dooley portrays the intrepid explorer and one of Ireland's unsung heroes in a compelling depiction, telling stories of his explorations as one of the few men to serve with both Scott and Shackleton, surviving three famous expeditions. Dooley is from Galway, Ireland, writing and first performing his show for Crean's family. Winning awards at multiple festivals including the New York International Fringe Festival and the Dublin Festival, this original piece has wowed audiences and critics alike. Tickets are \$14-\$28. To purchase tickets and for more information, visit events.fnal.gov.

Relive the glorious 70s music of the Stylistics

Enjoy a live performance by one of the smoothest and sweetest soul groups of the 70's, The Stylistics on Feb. 8 at the Arcada Theatre at 8pm. Hear and remember top hits including "You Are Everything," "Betcha by Golly, Wow," "I'm Stone in Love with You," and more. Listen to the ballads, graced by the soaring falsetto of Russell Thompkins, Jr. and the graceful productions of Bell. Tickets are \$49-\$79. To purchase tickets and for more information, visit arcadalive.com.

Take a trip back down Abbey Road with the ESO

Join the Elgin Symphony Orchestra and Jeans 'n Classics for their performance, "Abbey Road: The Beatles" on Jan. 25 at the Hemmens Cultural Center, in Elgin at 7:30pm. The symphony's performance will cover the full Beatles album – Abbey Road with a warm-up set featuring hits from the White Album. This is a performance that faithfully interprets the music of the Beatles, with the signature flair of world-class vocalists from Jeans 'n Classics and the ESO. There is also a special performance on Jan. 24 at The Harris Theater of Music and Dance in Chicago at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$65 and can be purchased with more information at elginsymphony.org.

The Venue presents Songwriters Showcase, a new series

Come out for the special Songwriters Showcase on Jan. 9 at the Venue in Aurora at 7:30pm. Learn the deep secrets of songwriting as writers and performers bare their souls with songs old and new in a new series of song circles hosted at The Venue. Each Songwriter session will include three songwriters performing their songs and speaking to their craft. This will be an intimate evening of performance and

storytelling led by songwriter Dave Glynn, who made his professional debut in 1975 at the famous Earl of Old Town in Chicago, home to songwriting greats John Prine and Steve Goodman. For more information, visit themusicvenue.org or call 331-212-8490.

Steel Beam Theatre presents Love, Loss & What I Wore

Witness the compelling and touching stories of a number of smart and persistent women with Love, Loss and What I Wore presented at the Steel Beam Theatre in St. Charles Jan. 10-Feb. 2. Written by the author of *When Harry met Sally* and *Sleepless in Seattle*, this play presents stories that explore women's relationships to their loves, losses, and clothing. Showtimes are on Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, and Sundays at 3pm. Tickets are \$23-\$28. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit steelbeamtheatre.com.

The Secret of My Success, a new musical at the Paramount Theatre

Experience a new musical take on the Universal Pictures film with *The Secret of My Success*, the Musical at the Paramount Theatre in Aurora playing Feb. 1-March 29. Follow the hilarious, heartfelt story of Brantley Foster, a young ambitious Midwesterner, as he moves to New York City for his dream job at a major corporation, only to be laid off the same day. Using the fake identity of a rising executive to climb the corporate ladder, Brantley soon falls in love with beautiful colleague Christy. Will he get the job, win at love or just get caught? Tickets are \$36-\$74. For show times and dates, as well as more information, visit paramountaurora.com or call 630-896-6666.

St. Charles' first Music at the Museum 2020

Join in for a special evening of music with Brad Conroy, versatile guitarist and pedagogue, at the Music at the Museum event at The St. Charles History Museum on Feb. 21 from 6:30-8pm. The evening will include appetizers and drinks as local guitarist Brad Conroy is welcomed for the first Music at the Museum performance of 2020. Doors open at 6pm. Single tickets are \$25 and couple tickets are \$40. Ticket purchase includes food and two drink tickets. For tickets and more information, visit stcmuseum.org.

Romeo & Juliet Ballet comes to Aurora

The story of William Shakespeare's most popular play is told through the movement of dance in with *Romeo & Juliet* by the National Ballet Theatre of Odessa, Ukraine at the Paramount Theatre on Jan. 26 at 3pm. This full-scale production, set to the music of

Sergei Prokofiev, follows the tale of the two star-crossed lovers all through the art of ballet. The cast includes 55 of Ukraine's most talented and brightest ballet stars. Tickets are \$35-\$65 and can be purchased along with more information at paramountaurora.com.

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Andrew Grams leading from the concertmaster chair and pianist William Wolfram. Performances are Sat., Jan. 11, 7:30pm and Sun., Jan. 12, 2:30pm at the Hemmens Cultural Center in Elgin. elginsymphony.org

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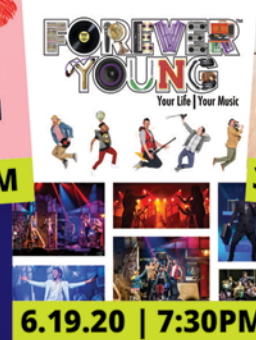
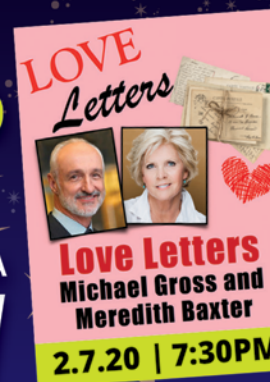
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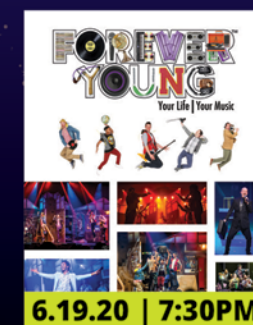
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