

The suburbs in 60 seconds

Parking during Bartlett fest: Public parking will be affected by Bartlett Oktoberfest on Friday and Saturday at Leiseberg Park, 325 E. Devon Ave. Event hours are 5 to 10:30 p.m., Friday and noon to 10:30 p.m. Saturday. Free public parking is available at the Metra parking lots. Street parking will be limited and temporary “no parking” signs will be posted on one side of South Berbeau Avenue, South Oak Glenn Drive, East Oak Glenn Drive, and Tennyson Drive. Event parking will also be prohibited in the downtown business parking lots including The Streets of Bartlett shopping center, CVS, Senior Flexionics, Fifth Third Bank and BMO Harris Bank. Hanover Township will be providing a free shuttle service from the Bartlett Aquatic Center, 692 W. Stearns Road, continuously from 5 to 10:30 p.m. both days.

Fall compost giveaway: Lake County residents can reap the benefits of a fall compost cover for their flower or vegetable gardens. The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County and the University of Illinois Extension with its master gardeners will give away compost to Lake County residents from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday at the U of I Extension office, 100 Route 45, Grayslake. There will be a maximum of 10 gallons per household. Bring two 5-gallon buckets or one 10-gallon bucket. Available while supply lasts. Call (847) 377-4954.

Coffee with Naperville police: The Naperville Police Department invites the public to enjoy coffee and conversation with officers next week at three locations in recognition of National Coffee with a Cop Day. From 8 to 10 a.m. Oct. 5, officers will be available to chat with residents and answer questions at McDonald's, 1376 N. Route 59; Starbucks, 1043 S. Washington St.; and Dunkin' Donuts, 2880 95th St. The informal meet-and-greet is part of the department's Chat with the Chief series. Residents are encouraged to stop by at any point during the two-hour events. For more information, visit naperville.il.us/npd/chatwithchief. “We're excited to have locations spread out across Naperville to hopefully give more people the opportunity to come discuss whatever is on their minds, whether it's neighborhood issues, safety concerns, body-worn cameras or just to say hi,” said Naperville Police Chief Jason Arres.



Jason Arres

A tab to the past

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Store receipts from a century ago can contain considerable archaeological value, with the scrawls of dry goods clerks as rich with historical data for aficionados of local lore as an ancient hieroglyph for an Egyptologist.

That's the premise behind “What We Learn from the General Store Receipts,” a program set for Oct. 6 at the Vernon Township Community Service Building, 2900 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove.

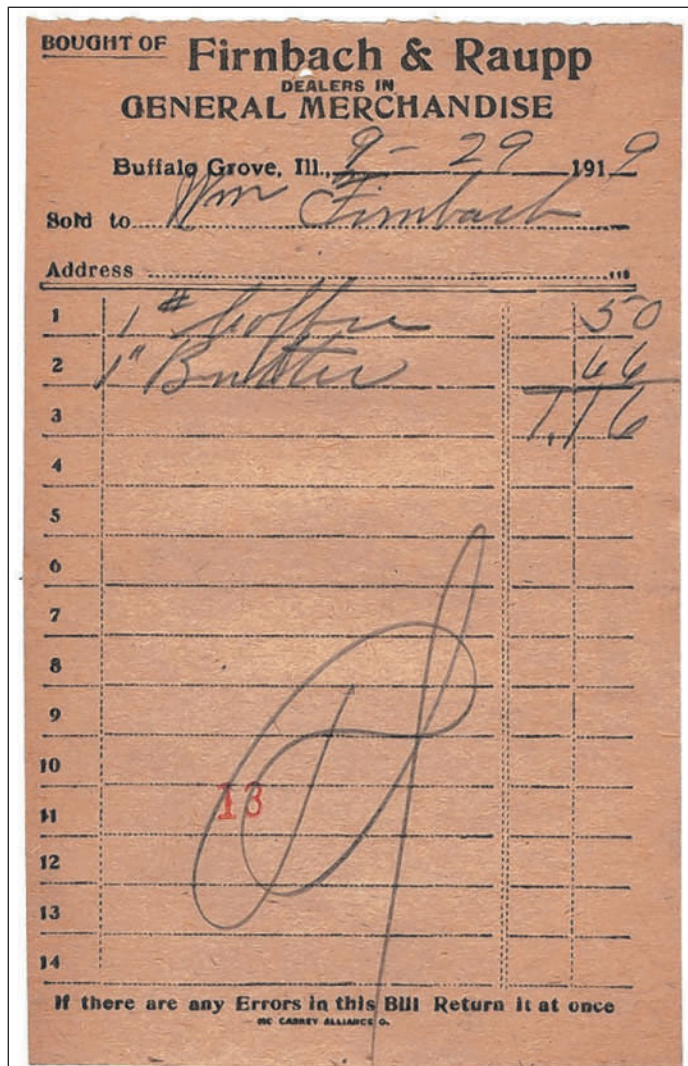
The free event promises to provide a glimpse into Buffalo Grove life in the immediate aftermath of World War I.

Marina Mayne, registrar and collections manager with the Buffalo Grove Park District's Raupp Memorial Museum, will present receipts from Buffalo Grove's general store during the Thursday Community Days program held from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

JCC Chicago and CJE SeniorLife are offering the program along with a free light kosher-style lunch. To register, visit jccchicago.org/communitydaysnw.

Deb Fandrei, museum supervisor, said the receipts dating from 1917 to 1919 are taken from one of the museum's permanent exhibits. The museum, which is dedicated to chronicling the social history of the village, has several thousand receipts from the store, which was located near the current Deerfields Bakery.

“There are so many, we haven't counted them all,” she said. “But one of the things we have been gradually doing over the past few years is digitizing the receipts and looking at them to see what they can tell us about what people were buying and who was buying things and just in general what



Receipts from Buffalo Grove's General Store will be part of a lunch and talk at the Vernon Township Community Service Building from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Oct. 6.

life was like back then.” To an aspiring history detective, the receipts offer clues into the habits of area denizens at the time.

For instance, people making clothes were buying buttons and ribbons. Others needed long underwear to deal with the harsh winters. People feeding their families were shopping for spices and flour.

The receipts also reveal some interesting trends. “People were buying just an astonishing amount of dried herring,” Fandrei said.

Some items had to be looked up, including a product called Yeast Foam, “basically another just another way to buy yeast,” she added.

The idea conveyed by the sheer variety of items listed is

that the general store sold a bit of everything. A perusal of the costs will likely fill the modern consumer with envy. But payment was sometimes not just a matter of dollars and cents.

“The other interesting part of it, from our perspective, is the fact that sometimes people paid in cash, but sometimes they paid in eggs or in butter,” Fandrei said.

In some cases, she said, people were bringing in 100 dozen eggs.

The practice was so common, she said, that there was a place preprinted on receipts “for whoever was ringing up to put in how many eggs that the farmer brought in, or how many pounds of butter that they brought in, in the credit columns.”

Village panel endorses idea of Bears sportsbook

BY CHRISTOPHER PLACEK
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Bettors were able to place wagers on horses for nearly a century at Arlington Park.

Should the Chicago Bears redevelopment there come to fruition, fans may be able to put down money on football games and a whole host of other sports too.

A lower-level appointed Arlington Heights panel Wednesday night made that a distinct possibility by recommending changes to the zoning code that would open the door to a sportsbook as part of the Bears' stadium and mixed-use development.

The four-member ordinance review committee, a subset of the plan commission, unanimously recommended approval of an amendment to the Arlington Park overlay zoning district that would list a sports wagering facility as a possible use on the sprawling development site.

The full plan commission is expected to take up the proposal and hold a formal public hearing Oct. 12, while the village board will vote on an ordinance to enact the change Nov. 7.

The village board's June 22, 2021, vote to create the so-called overlay zone — which includes a 23-item list of prohibited uses, from adult businesses to car washes — came four days after the NFL franchise's announcement that it submitted an offer to track owner Churchill Downs Inc. for the 326-acre site.

Since then, the Bears have signed a preliminary \$197.2 million contract for the land and unveiled a conceptual redevelopment plan that

includes a domed stadium and sportsbook on a 120-acre portion of the site, and a commercial/retail and housing district on the other 206 acres.

“In our discussions with them, they have asked us if we would consider amending the zoning ordinance just to allow them the right to apply (for a sportsbook),” said Charles Witherington-Perkins, the village's director of planning and community development. “This is just another tool in the toolbox for the Chicago Bears Football Club, if they move forward with their plan, to try to help make the project more economically and financially viable.”

The committee's vote Wednesday — even the village board's upcoming vote in November — doesn't constitute approval of a sportsbook. But it would allow such a wagering facility to be considered by the board in the future as a special use in the zoning code.

And approval of a sportsbook is tied to approval of a development that includes a stadium, under the new village rules.

The 2019 state gambling expansion law allows sports betting parlors at stadiums with a capacity of at least 17,000.

Bears President/CEO Ted Phillips has sought — so far unsuccessfully — to add a sports betting lounge to Soldier Field as part of discussions with the Chicago Park District.

But in response to an audience question at a Sept. 8 community meeting at Hersey High School, Phillips said the club had no plans to open a full-fledged casino at Arlington Park.

3 districts take lead in state's new college, career prep program

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New data shows high school students from three Northwest suburban school districts were at the forefront of a fledgling Illinois program aimed at preparing clear college and career pathways.

Students from Palatine-Schaumburg High School District 211, Northwest Suburban High School District 214 and Barrington Unit District 220 achieved 448 of 575 of the state's total certifications, or 78% of the total.

The three districts, along with Harper College in Palatine, belong to an educational collaborative called the Northwest Educational Council for Student Success.

The three school districts offer endorsements in five areas: Finance and Business Services; Human and Public Services; Health and Science Technology; Information Technology; and Manufacturing, Engineering, Technology and Trades.

Students earn the endorsements by completing an individualized learning plan, a career-focused instructional sequence, and professional learning opportunities to interact with adults in their workplaces.

“We recognize the value of creating unique learning opportunities and ensuring our students are prepared to move successfully from high school to college or careers,” District 211 Superintendent Lisa Small, this year's Northwest Educational Council for Student Success board chair, said in a statement.

“The College and Career Pathway Endorsements represent something that we have long known: Our students are ready to succeed.

This puts a stamp of approval on the work our students have accomplished, and we are proud to be leading the way in recognizing the efforts of our teachers and students.”

The program's certifications are called College and Career Pathway Endorsements and take the form of a seal given by the state on the students' transcripts, said the collaborative's executive director, Nancy Awdziejczyk.

The program began awarding such endorsements in 2020, when only five were earned statewide. The number rose to 47 in 2021 before growing more than 12 times this year, Awdziejczyk added.

In late May, Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed House Bill 3296, which requires Illinois school districts to apply to offer at least one endorsement area beginning with the high school graduating class of 2027.

One potential benefit of earning an endorsement is Harper College waiving its First Year Seminar course. And students who achieve it will be automatically considered a finalist for the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois, a teacher preparation program that provides mentorship and up to \$23,000 in tuition assistance.

“Issuing the majority of endorsements throughout the state, our commitment to the College and Career Pathway Endorsements is another shining example of how NECSS partners collaborate to ensure all students in our local communities have the opportunity to succeed educationally and launch careers with the knowledge and skills that employers need,” Harper College President Avis Parker said in a statement.



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