

# ABOUT TOWN



Cuba Township Food Pantry Volunteers create a beautiful, well-stocked, and thoughtfully organized pantry for Cuba Township residents in need. We caught up with some of the Tuesday volunteers. From left: Mary Magro, Louise Nelson, Gina Magro, Joyce Spoerlein, Jack LeVan, Lousie Robb, and Nancy Siepman. Others not pictured: Arlene Overheu, Carla Garner, Cheryl Tanaka, Clare Mantelman, Jan Bahr, Laurie Whitmer, Nancy S., Nancy Currell, Rich Bahr, Brian DeKoatz, Colleen Babiuk, Cynthia Pighini, Eileen Kastning, Leslie Parsons, Sue Riordan, and Tania DePhillips.

## The QB Calendar

### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

#### The Garden Club of Inverness

**Deadline to Apply: March 7**

The Garden Club of Inverness is pleased to offer college scholarships to students living in the area served by Palatine-Schaumburg District 211 and Barrington High School. Applicants must be studying, or planning to study, an environmentally related field, e.g. horticulture, botany, landscape design, agriculture, forestry, conservation, natural resources management, or environmental engineering. High School Seniors or current university students are invited to apply for a scholarship valued at \$1,000 or more. Former winners may also apply. Applications will be available after Jan. 7, 2025 at the guidance office of local high schools and online at [gardenclubofinverness.org](http://gardenclubofinverness.org). The deadline is Fri., March 7, 2025. Scholarships will be awarded at the garden club's spring luncheon

in May. Questions? Contact Mary Ann Laforet at [boesels4@me.com](mailto:boesels4@me.com).

### SPRING NATIVE PLANT, SHRUB, AND TREE SALE

#### Citizens for Conservation

**Online Orders, March 9–April 12**

**In-Person Sale, May 3 & 4**

Online ordering for Citizens for Conservation's 29th annual Spring Native Plant, Shrub and Tree Sale is available from March 9 through April 12 at [citizensforconservation.org](http://citizensforconservation.org). There is a \$50 pre-order minimum charge; see the website for details. Smaller orders may be fulfilled at the in-person sale. Orders are filled on a first-come-first-filled basis, so order early. Pre-orders are encouraged for specific plants.

The In-Person sale will be held May 3–4 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the CFC Plant Sale Barn at CFC's Hill 'N Dale Preserve at Lake-Cook and Ridge Road in Barrington Hills. Online order

pickup will be Friday, May 2, from 11 a.m.–5 p.m. and Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m.–3 p.m., at the sale site. CFC members will also be able to shop the sale on May 2, and members get a 10 percent discount all days.

CFC's sale is one of the largest in the area, offering more than 200 varieties of native plants. For CFC's Native Plants Database visit (<https://nativeplants.citizensforconservation.org/>) – a useful resource for ordering and garden planning. Users can sort by water need, sun, color, and desired wildlife species that they hope to attract. At the In-Person sale, native plant experts will be on hand at the sale to answer questions and help buyers find the right species based on their planting site. Volunteer opportunities will be posted at the Barrington Area Volunteer Connection in March, or email [cfc@citizensforconservation.org](mailto:cfc@citizensforconservation.org). For more information, call 847-382-7283.

### GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS

#### Parker Players Theater Company

#### The Barrington Theater

**Through March 9**

Ambition. Deception. Survival. Parker Players Theater Company invites you to experience David Mamet's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "Glengarry Glen Ross" in an immersive setting that brings you face-to-face with the tension and stakes of the cutthroat world of real estate sales. Set in a struggling Chicago real estate office, Glengarry Glen Ross follows a group of salesmen as they vie for the best leads in a high-pressure contest to close deals and secure their futures. Faced with relentless competition, they resort to bribery, theft, and betrayal, exposing their darkest sides and revealing the brutal cost of ambition. This production contains mature content. Directed by Richard Dominick. The Barrington Theater is located at 540 W. Northwest Hwy. in Barrington. Tickets are available at [parkerplayerstheater.org/buy-tickets](http://parkerplayerstheater.org/buy-tickets).

### AN EVENING OF STORYTELLING AT BARRINGTON'S WHITE HOUSE

#### Barrington Cultural Commission

**Friday, April 11**

**Barrington's White House, 7:30 p.m.**

Professional Storyteller Megan Wells along with local amateurs will entertain with humorous and touching tales of personal family life and foibles. The theme is "I knew My Family Was Different When..." This event is back by popular demand. Tickets are \$20 per person. Visit [BarringtonWhiteHouse.com/events](http://BarringtonWhiteHouse.com/events) or call 224-512-4066.

**JAVA & JAZZ**

**Barrington Bands**

**BHS Cafeteria**

**Friday, April 19**

**6:30 p.m.**

Barrington Bands presents Java & Jazz at the BHS Cafeteria, featuring Rithum Machine with Jazz Ensemble. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for students and children under 10. Coffee is sponsored by Conscious Cup Roasters.

**MELANIE SMITH TAYLOR AND ALICIA LANDMAN GROUNDWORK AND MOUNTAINED CLINIC**

**Amelia McArdle and Sarah Winter**

**April 25, 26, and 27**

**Old Barrington Farm, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Melanie Smith Taylor is an Olympic jumper and trainer. She teams up with Alicia Landman, whose mentor is Buck Brannaman. They bring together their combined experiences and work with small groups of riders and their horses for 3 days in front of a diverse audience of trainers, riders, and horse enthusiasts. This is the third year for this clinic at Old Barrington Farm, held in a heated indoor arena with ample seating and a new sound system for an excellent learning environment. Breakfast, lunch, beverages and snacks are served throughout the day, to encourage camaraderie and an exchange of ideas among all the attendees. All day from approximately 8 am to 3 pm, with small groups at different times each day. Limited riding opportunities are still available (3 groups of 8 riders each). The event is open to the public to audit 1, 2 or all 3 days. For more information, visit [oldbarringtonfarm.com](http://oldbarringtonfarm.com). Location: 26059 W. Scott Road, North Barrington.

**ADVENTURE AWAITS SPRING CONCERT**

**Barrington Children's Choir**

**Sunday, April 27**



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**KEMPER LAKES GOLF CLUB**

**For more information go to**

[WWW.BarringtonLionsClub.org](http://WWW.BarringtonLionsClub.org)

**Contacts:**

[John W. Loomis-Treweek@aol.com](mailto:John W. Loomis-Treweek@aol.com)

**Barrington United Methodist Church, 4 p.m.**

Barrington Children's Choir announces the annual Spring Concert, "Adventure Awaits" under the leadership of Artistic Director Joyce Haqq, and Choral Director Hope Miner. BCC provides choral education with the finest music repertoire to children in grades kindergarten through 12. Established in 1986, BCC is a community treasure, enriching the arts and giving back to local audiences through the gift of song. The 75-minute concert will be presented without intermission. For tickets and details, visit [barringtonchildrenschoir.org](http://barringtonchildrenschoir.org).

**THE WEDDING SINGER**

**Music On Stage**

**Cutting Hall Performing Arts Center**

**May 3-18, 2025**

**Times Below**

"The Wedding Singer" takes us back to '80s, when hair was big, greed was good, collars were up, and a wedding singer might just be the coolest guy in the room. Based on the hit Adam Sandler movie, with a sparkling new score by Matthew Sklar and Chad Beguelin. Just say "yes!" to the most romantic musical in years. The first weekend performances are Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. The following two weekends' performances are at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. For more information and tickets, call the Cutting Hall ticket line at 847-202-5222. For questions,

Music On Stage, Inc.'s Marketing Chair, Mark Burrows, can be reached at 708-699-6037 or [mark.burrows@musiconstage.org](mailto:mark.burrows@musiconstage.org). Cutting Hall Performing Arts Center is located at 150 E Wood St. in Palatine. Visit [musiconstage.org](http://musiconstage.org) to learn more.

**22ND ANNUAL GOLF OUTING & FUND-RAISING DINNER**

**Barrington Area Community Foundation**

**Monday, June 2**

**Biltmore Country Club**

The Barrington Area Community Foundation's 22nd Annual Golf & Fundraising Dinner Outing will be held on Monday, June 2. This is the only fundraiser the BACF hosts each year. We work hard to create a day of fun on the links leading to an exceptional cocktail hour and dinner featuring prizes, raffles, and auctions. Details, sign up, and sponsorships will be on the BACF website under the Events tab. Visit us online at [barringtonareacommunityfoundation.org](http://barringtonareacommunityfoundation.org).

**SLEEPING BEAUTY BALLET**

**Barrington Dance Ensemble**

**June 13 and 14**

**Barrington High School**

The Barrington Dance Ensemble (BDE) announces its spring production of "Sleeping Beauty." The BDE dancers along with over 70 grade school children and stunning professional guest artists will perform in this beautiful two-act ballet at BHS.

**POETRY IN THE PARK/POET'S CHOICE**

**Barrington Cultural Commission**

**Jewel Tea Pavillion-Citizens Park**

**Thursday, June 19**

**6:30 to 8 p.m.**

Enjoy a beautiful summer evening listening to original poems presented by local poets at the 4th annual Poetry in the Park.

# What's Happening at the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce



BACC hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Bluemercury for its new location at 20530 N. Rand Road, Ste. 340 in Deer Park Town Center. Bluemercury offers an elevated and luxurious shopping experience with a curated selection of top-tier skincare, fragrances, and cosmetics. "We are excited to bring Bluemercury's unique blend of luxury products and expert advice to Deer Park," said Store Manager Marlene Williamson (center). "Our team is passionate about helping clients explore the best in beauty, offering thoughtful recommendations tailored to their individual preferences."



Amy Anderson, general manager of Tangled Roots, cuts the ribbon alongside CEO Blake Rohrbach, Manager Stephen MacDuffie, Culinary Manager Jim Shafer, Director of Operations Daren Sipe, Assistant Culinary Manager Angie Tragianese, and Events & Sales Manager Kristen O'Brien, joined by local business and community leaders to celebrate the grand opening of Tangled Roots Craft Beer & Kitchen at 100 W. Higgins Rd. Q1 in The Arboretum of South Barrington. Tangled Roots brings together house-brewed craft beers and chef-driven dishes in a warm and inviting atmosphere and is known for its commitment to quality, crafting both innovative and classic dishes from locally sourced ingredients. For more information or to make a reservation, visit [TangledRootsBrewingCo.com](http://TangledRootsBrewingCo.com) or call 847-954-7780.

## BACC Welcomes New Members

- Frantonio's Italian Deli and Café, Inc.
- Pepper Event Productions
- Home Team Collectibles, LLC
- Posh Curls, Inc.
- Tender Loving Companion
- House of Rental
- Northwest Eye Center, Crystal Lake
- Southern Belles Barrington
- Northwestern Medicine Plastic Surgery Algonquin
- JC Licht Barrington Store
- Insperty
- Stephanie Skopek, DDS
- The Pink Balloon
- Mother's Apron Korean BBQ
- Otte & Czajkowska, LLC
- Catlow 1927 Foundation
- Lakeside Woodworking, LLC
- Top Drawer Carpentry, LLC
- Fleur + Form



On January 23, Kate Himes presented at BACC's Women's Biz Net lunch program along with Thomas Schabow of See it Media. The program, "Unlocking Potential: Using AI to Grow Your Business," offered insight into how AI works and how to apply it to your business. The Event Sponsor was Dr. Russell S. Pollina: Pediatric Dentist and Orthodontics.

**BACC RECOGNIZED** Young Entrepreneurs at its Annual Dinner Celebration on Thursday, January 30. The 2025 Young Entrepreneurs Award was presented to (above, from left) Dylan DeLeon, Julie Gonzalez, Sree Nara, and Rishi Patari for Fresh Cornucopia, an online marketplace they created through the BHS INCubator. Fresh Cornucopia helps to raise awareness of sustainable food sources and connect consumers with small, local food businesses. They visited farmers' markets and engaged with over 90 small business owners which motivated them to create an online platform featuring more than 25 vendors, providing an accessible way for shoppers to discover and order local, quality foods. Learn more at [freshcornucopia.com](http://freshcornucopia.com).



Dylan DeLeon, Julie Gonzalez, Sree Nara, and Rishi Patari

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## Barrington Native on St. Patrick's Day Queen's Court



The Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen and Her Court on LaSalle Street, Chicago. From left: Mary Dillon, Kathleen Sullivan, Collen Kelch, Cara Walsh, Claire Cahill, and Kathleen Foley. Photo by Ross Dettman.

**BARRINGTON NATIVE COLLEEN KELCH** became royalty this year as she was selected for the Queen's Court for Chicago's St. Patrick's Day festivities. Kelch will be on the Chicago River as Plumbers Local 130 dyes the river green and will ride in the parade on March 15, 2025, in the annual event that draws 1,000,000 spectators to the Windy City.

Kelch is thrilled to be a part of such a famous Chicago tradition and celebrate her Irish Heritage alongside this year's Queen, Cara Walsh, and court including Kathleen Sullivan, Claire Cahill, Mary Dillon, and Kathleen Foley. For the Irish, the "High Holy Season" starts in January with the selection of the court, the Plumber's famous Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner with notables including Governor Pritzker, media events with the Secretary of State and Treasurer, multiple charity events and cheering on the famous Shannon Rovers as they provide the much-loved soundtrack highlighting Irish culture.

A 2016 graduate of Barrington High School, Kelch attended the University of Dayton, also famous for its St. Patrick's Day traditions. She now lives in Chicago with her brother, Quinn, and works as a media planner for Publicis Groupe, a global marketing firm.

Mark your calendar, wear your favorite green, and support Barrington's Colleen Kelch in the 70th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15!



## Sutton Rettig's Photography on Etsy

**LONG-TIME** Barrington resident and BHS graduate Sutton Rettig has captured photo art on his many travels here and overseas. Today he lives in Chicago and is working on a TV pilot and other creative efforts. His photos are available for purchase on etsy.com at SuttonRettigPhoto.



## Barrington Town-Warming 2025

**ON FEBRUARY 1, 2025**, the annual Barrington Town-Warming featured Motorola Solutions Chairman and CEO Greg Brown who served as keynote speaker. Brown presented a fascinating look at the work of Motorola Solutions and the strategic needs they address and fill in emergency communications for mission critical public safety. Brown also presented a dynamic interview with Kevin McCarthy, the 55th Speaker of the House.

This year's theme was "Transitions: New Perspectives on a Changing World." The all-day event was sponsored by Greg and Anna Brown and Northern Trust, and hosted by the Barrington Cultural Commission at Barrington's White House. Event photography by Linda M. Barrett.

*Top left: Greg Brown interviews Kevin McCarthy.*

*Top right: Keynote speaker Greg Brown and Village of Barrington President Karen Darch.*

*Bottom left: Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce CEO Suzanne Corr and Tim Corr.*

*Bottom right: From left: Barrington Cultural Commissioner Tiffany Marshall, Village Trustee Kate Duncan, Lee Duncan, and Don Rooney.*



## Advocate Health Care Opens Outpatient Center in Hoffman Estates



**ADVOCATE HEALTH CARE'S** new immediate care and outpatient center in Hoffman Estates will expand access to care to patients throughout the Northwest Suburbs. The clinic, located at 4847 Hoffman Blvd., near Illinois Rte. 59 and I-90, offers primary and immediate care, cardiology, pediatric specialty care, general surgery, urogynecology, rehabilitation, laboratory, mammogram, X-ray, and ultrasound. The clinic is also a location of Advocate Health Care's South Asian Cardiovascular Center, which provides compassionate and culturally sensitive care to those at greater risk for heart disease.

The first of its kind, Advocate's South Asian Cardiovascular Center opened in 2012 at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, then expanded to Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital and the Western Suburbs and now will be offered to patients in the Northwest Suburbs at the new clinic, later this year. The new Hoffman Estates clinic is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. To learn more and schedule an appointment, visit online at <https://care.advocatehealth.com/locations/advocate-outpatient-center-hoffman-estates-il> or call 847-685-4646.



**BUCKLEY FINE LAW** announced that attorney Caroline E. Hecht is joining David P. Buckley, Jr., and Linda S. Fine as an equity partner of the firm.

“Caroline has consistently demonstrated excellence in her practice, commitment to her clients, and dedication to the firm. We celebrate Caroline and look forward to her contributions to the leadership team and our firm’s future,”

Managing Partner Linda S. Fine said.

Hecht has proven to be an outstanding leader both within the firm and in the legal community. As Chair of the firm’s Estate & Trust Administration practice group, she plays a critical role in managing complex trust administrations, estate tax matters, and guardianships. She also serves as a Guardian Ad Litem for the Lake County Circuit Court’s probate division and holds licenses in both Illinois and Wisconsin.

“Having worked closely with Caroline, I can attest to her exceptional problem-solving skills and dedication to her clients. Her promotion to equity partner reflects her hard work, strategic thinking, and the respect that she has earned from her peers within the legal community.” said Managing Partner David P. Buckley, Jr.

Buckley Fine Law is a premier law firm specializing in estate planning, estate and trust administration, corporate law, litigation, and real estate. Renowned for its innovative solutions, the firm serves a diverse client base, including entrepreneurs, small business owners, and families managing multi-generational estates.

## Barrington Tailor Shop Is Open!

**THE BARRINGTON TAILOR SHOP** on Main Street in downtown Barrington, one of our community’s longest-running businesses, is open and offers the expertise of the same talented seamstress team you’ve come to



know, but now under new management. Custom tailoring services for men, women, and children include:

- Alterations (suits, bridal gowns, couture, dance costumes, everyday wear, denim)
- Dressmaking & Prom Dresses
- Wardrobe resizing after weight loss & other restyling
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## DAR Announces Winner of 2024-25 Good Citizens Award



**THE SIGNAL HILL CHAPTER**, NSDAR, named Jonathan Curbelo, a senior at Barrington School, the winner of its 2024-25 Good Citizens Award. Jonathan competed in the essay contest and received a \$1,000 scholarship for his essay on, “Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It – Service is an essential attribute of a good citizen. Discuss how service can foster a strong sense of community and strengthen our American identity.”

Jonathan is a senior at BHS where he achieved a weighted GPA of 4.67. He participates in the varsity cross country team, student council, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and the Latino leadership group. Jonathan is a two-time MSL (Mid-Suburban League) All-Conference athlete. He actively volunteers at his church, serving over 1,200 hours during his four years in high school. He has been self-employed throughout high school doing yard work. He plans to attend Northwestern University in the fall with a double major in education and political science.

*From left: Good Citizens Award Chair Anne Cook; Good Citizens Award winner Jonathan Curbelo; and Signal Hill Chapter Regent Joyce Wright.*

## DAR Honors Students at Annual Youth Awards Day

**IMAGINE YOU ARE** one of the 51 women in Edenton, North Carolina in October 1774, who decide to refuse to buy from the British because of their high taxes and laws. They burn their tea in “The Edenton Tea Party.” In 1775, women in Wilmington, North Carolina, also burn their tea. What were the tea parties like and why would you choose to join them? In hindsight, did you make a good decision?”

Twenty-one elementary school essayists wrote their entries for the 2025 American History Essay Contest sponsored by the Signal Hill Chapter, NSDAR. Winners and participants received recognition at the Youth Awards Day held at the Barrington Area Library in February. Hough Street Elementary School 5th grader, Genevieve Haradon, won 1st place for her essay at both the Signal Hill Chapter, NSDAR and Illinois District IV NSDAR levels. She will read her essay at the Illinois District IV meeting scheduled in March.

*Historian and Youth Awards Chair Cheri Pinchot; 3rd place winner Matthew Zhang; 1st place winner Genevieve Haradon; 2nd place winner Catherine Tian; and Signal Hill Chapter Regent Joyce Wright.*



## Six Fox Valley Orthopedics Surgeons Named Castle Connolly Top Doctors



Joshua Alpert, MD



Eric Bartel, MD



Vishal Mehta, MD

**CASTLE CONNOLLY** has recognized six surgeons from Fox Valley Orthopedics (FVO) as Top Doctors: Joshua Alpert, MD, Eric Bartel, MD, Vishal Mehta, MD, Timothy Petsche, MD, James Sostak, MD, and Craig Torosian, MD.

The prestigious Top Doctors distinction follows a rigorous physician-led review evaluating professional qualifications, hospital appointments, research contributions, and reputation among peers. “It’s always an honor to be recognized as a leader in your field,” said Fox Valley Orthopedics CEO John Brady. “This distinction is significant because it comes from peers who acknowledge our doctors’ exceptional contributions to patient care. Our physicians are deeply committed to exceeding patient expectations every day.”

Founded in 1974, Fox Valley Orthopedics (FVO) is a leader in providing musculoskeletal care in the diagnostic and comprehensive treatment of acute or chronic orthopedic conditions or injuries. Its board-certified physicians specialize in a wide range of orthopedic services, including foot and ankle, hand and upper extremity, joint replacement, spine, sports medicine, as well as pain management, rheumatology, and medically supervised weight management. FVO’s state-of-the-art facilities include an Ambulatory Surgery Center, in-house imaging services, physical therapy programs, and OrthoFirst, an urgent walk-in clinic. FVO is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. Visit FVOrtho.com, or call 855-FVORTHO or 855-386-7846.



Timothy Petsche, MD



James Sostak, MD



Craig Torosian, MD



From left: Samantha Carlson, Stefania Nowak, Laura Shaffer, Alexandra Musielski, (in back) John Belka, Samantha Oakes, Jennifer Vargas, Megan Derbick, and Thomas DeSilva.

## Introducing Gerry's Café

CHANGING LIVES ONE CUP AT A TIME

BY LISA STAMOS

**GERRY'S CAFÉ** is a wonderful foodie destination that's a quick 9-mile ride from downtown Barrington. I took Rte. 14 and drove east on Palatine Road, then turned right to 1802 N. Arlington Heights Road in Arlington Heights. The restaurant offers ample parking, and you'll encounter the most delightful employees. Gerry's Café is a full-service eatery that serves freshly made specialty coffee, beverages, baked goods (they are delicious!), breakfast, lunch, and other craft foods and catering. Their restaurant operation is a perfectly organized and spotless space that offers dine-in seating or take-out.

Founded by Amy Philpott and Natalie Griffin as a nonprofit organization, Gerry's Café and "Cup of Joy" provides employment to adults who have been historically left out of the workforce because they are differently abled. Gerry's Café is a place where these capable employees can earn a paycheck, connect with others, make friends, contribute to their community, and offer guests a smile.

Check out Gerry's Café for a great meal or to cater an event. They welcome donations and hope to grow to offer more job opportunities. Hours are Mon–Fri, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit online at [gerryscafe.org](http://gerryscafe.org).



Co-founder Amy Philpott, Jamie Brooks, Catie Nowak, Alexandra Musielski, Co-founder Natalie Griffin, and enthusiastic employees.



Employee Thomas DeSilva

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