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## B-MAC EDITION

**Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood**

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### The African American Arts Alliance Announces 2020 Black Excellence Award Honorees

The African American Arts Alliance (AAAA) hosted the 20th annual Black Excellence Awards, an evening celebrating Black artists, Black voices, and Black stories across artistic disciplines recently. The 2020 virtual celebration will honor selected awardees who have exhibited artistic excellence. The virtual event, was broadcast on Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/aaaachicago> or the African American Arts Alliance's YouTube page, free and open to the public.

The Black Excellence Awards provides recognition of professional African American artists for their achievements of excellence and creativity in the arts. The committee, made up of 32 community members that review artists in each discipline, has evaluated performances and works by artists across the artistic disciplines of film, music, theater, dance, literature, visual arts, and

digital media. Due to COVID-19, the Black Excellence Committee was hindered in viewing work this year. Therefore, it was decided that the sub-committees of the Black Excellence Committee would choose 1-2 artists from their specific discipline to honor, no matter when their work was produced.

"The Black Excellence Awards have been honoring Black artists for the past 20 years. This year, even though we are not able to gather in the same room, the celebration will go on. In this difficult year for so many people, we need to uplift each other as we celebrate Black achievement and come together to remember the importance of the arts and artists in the Chicago community," comments AAAA Board Chair and Black Ensemble Theater Founder and CEO Jackie Taylor.

The honorees, who will be recognized at the virtual ceremony are:

Dance  
Company: Red Clay Dance and Vershawn Sanders-Ward  
Choreography: Rueben Echoles

Visual Arts  
Artist: Paul Branton  
Gallery: Gallery Guichard

Literature  
Journalism: Rosalind Cummings-Yeates  
Author: Dr. Eve L. Ewing

Music  
Vocalist: Joan Collaso  
Vocalist: Dawn Bless  
Film  
Writer & Director: April Tylon-Warren, Sunshine Day

Director: Anton De-Shawn, Call Center  
Digital Media  
Web Series Creator: Patrick Wimp, Brothers from the Suburbs

Theater  
Production: The Master Comic, MPAACT  
Director: Runako Jahi, The Master Comic, MPAACT  
Actor: Donn Carl Harp-



er, The Master Comic, MPAACT

Actress: Shenise Brown, The Master Comic, MPAACT

Technical Support: Andrei Onegin, Various Productions

Special Recognition  
John Ruffin, Theatre 47 in Park Forest

Lifetime Legacy Award  
Chuck Smith

In previous years, several artists in each category were nominated by committee members then voted upon. Due to the shift caused by the pandemic, the nomination and selection process was streamlined. There is no slate of nominees, rather a single awardee, identified as having exhibited artistic distinction, for each category. More information is available at <https://www.aaaachicago.org/2020-black-excellence-awards>.



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## FAR SOUTH EDITION

Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park

### Village of orland park unveils hometown heroes banner program

The Village of Orland Park proudly announces the Orland Park Hometown Heroes Banner Program. This promotion is designed to honor current or former residents of Orland Park who have served or are currently serving our country in any branch of the military.

"We are happy to be able to honor Orland Park's veterans by offering the Orland Park Hometown Heroes Banner Program for the first time," said Mayor Keith Pekau. "Those who venture down Ravinia Avenue will be able to see firsthand, all of the many Orland Park heroes who bravely served our great nation and safeguarded our freedoms."

The cost to sponsor a banner is \$150 and includes production and placement by the Village for a one-season display period in 2021 between Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The fee is reduced to

\$100 for those whose names are engraved on the Village's memorial wall. All proceeds directly benefit area veterans.

Applications will be accepted from November 2020 through March 1, 2021. All banners will be displayed from approximately Memorial Day through Veterans Day in a single year. The banners will be hung on Ravinia Avenue from 143rd to 159th Street. If requested, banners that are removed at the end of the one-year period, will be provided to the applicant. Each banner will be 24" W x 48" H.

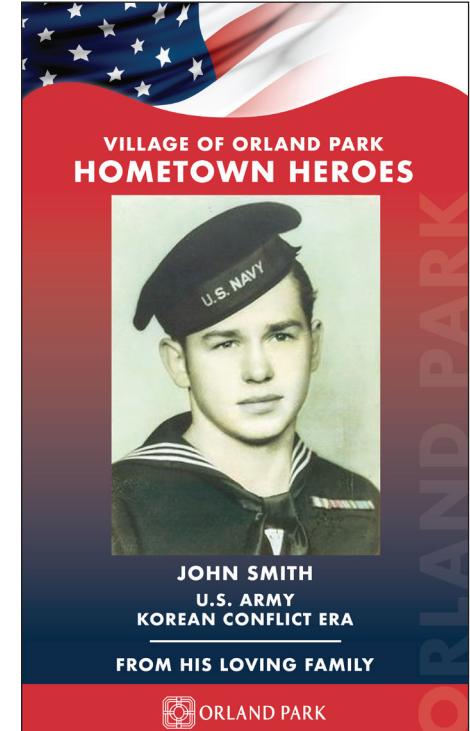
To order an Orland Park Hometown Heroes Banner, please fill out an application available at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall located at 14700 S. Ravinia Ave. or visit [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org) and download the registration form. Completed forms can be dropped-off or mailed to Village of Orland Park, Attn:

Veterans Commission, 14700 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park, IL 60462 no later than March 1, 2021. Display locations are limited, and applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hometown Hero Honorees must be current or past Orland Park residents. Applicants must have served in the following U.S. branches of service: Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, and/or Coast Guard.

Submitted photos must be clear and in good condition. Digital photos will also be accepted. It is preferred that the applicant is in uniform in the photo, but it is not required. The original photo will be returned.

For more information about the program or for assistance, please contact Orland Park Veterans Commission Coordinator Darryl Wertheim at 708-403-6115.



### Mokena's holiday tree lighting is Saturday

While COVID-19 continues to present challenges, the spirit of Mokena won't be dimmed.

On Saturday, November 21, at 5:30 p.m., Mokena's Christmas tree at the corner of Front and Mokena streets in the downtown area will be ceremoniously lit, symbolically kicking off the holiday season.

Lighting of the tree typically caps off the community's Christmas Fest Parade, but that annual festivity had to be canceled this year due to the pandemic.

Should you and your family choose to attend, please wear face coverings and adequately distance yourself from others in the area.

Happy Holidays!



You can help bring holiday cheer to the Oak Forest City Hall Gazebo this year by signing up to decorate a tree. Trees will be available November 25 and must be decorated by December 6.

### City of Oak Forest Trim-A-Tree Contest

Help bring a little holiday cheer to the Oak Forest City Hall Gazebo and sign up to trim a tree this year. Open to all organizations, business or families, trees will be set up and available to decorate on Wednesday, November 25 at City Hall and must be decorated by Sunday, December 6, 2020.

All decorations must

be weather resistant and securely fastened to trees. Lights cannot be accommodated.

Please choose a tree to decorate and provide a sign identifying your tree. Signs on stakes work best.

Due to COVID-19, we will not be having the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony. However, Trim-A-Tree

winners will be notified and announced during the City Council Meeting on December 8th.

Due to the limited number of trees available, please register for this event before November 23, 2020 by using this link: [oak-forest.org/FormCenter/Oak-Forest-3/Oak-Forest-Christmas-Trim-A-Tree-Contest-2-67](http://oak-forest.org/FormCenter/Oak-Forest-3/Oak-Forest-Christmas-Trim-A-Tree-Contest-2-67).

### Kiwanis Club of Orland Park funds nursing scholarships

The Kiwanis Club of Orland Park recently made a donation of nearly \$8,000 to the Moraine Valley Community College Foundation to help 14 nursing students purchase supplies necessary for them to continue their education during the COVID-19 pandemic. The organization wanted to focus their donation on nursing students because they saw a critical need for qualified nurses during this health crisis.

"We had allocated a specific amount of money for this purpose, which would have provided 13 scholarships," said Ken Friker, a member of the organization. However, when his wife, Karen, was asked to be a part of the scholarship selection process and read the 14 applications submitted, she felt compelled to ask her fellow Kiwanis members to provide \$540 scholarships for all the applicants, which they agreed to do. "Reading the applications was truly moving. The students were amazing, and we didn't want to leave out anybody," she said.

Najam Tara received a Kiwanis scholarship after her husband could not work as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. In addition, she had a baby girl, Zara, on the same day the governor put in the state's stay-at-home order. Receiving the scholarship allowed her to continue in the Nursing Program despite these challenges. "The money helped me with my nursing classes, which can be expensive," Tara said. She expressed her gratitude to the organization for supporting her and other Moraine Valley nursing students. "We are thankful for people who are so caring that they give to people in need," she said.



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## SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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Chicago Ridge, Worth, Palos Hills, Palos Park, Palos Heights

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### Lyric Opera of Chicago announces new additions to 2020/21 Season

Anthony Freud, Lyric Opera of Chicago's general director, president & CEO, announced additional new programming today following the cancellation of all 2020/21 Season live mainstage performances, in accordance with ongoing 2020 health considerations and regulations. "In this unusual and challenging year, I am proud that Lyric has continued to find ways to innovate and reach our audiences virtually," says Freud. "Each of our presentations this season reflect components of Lyric's past, present, and future, and have successfully allowed us to remain in the hearts and minds of our Lyric family amidst global tragedy."

In addition to the previously announced drive-through immersive ex-

perience *Twilight: Gods* (inspired by Richard Wagner's opera *Götterdämmerung*, conceived and directed by Yuval Sharon, in partnership with Michigan Opera Theatre), Lyric will also premiere several other virtual concerts and programs.

Lyric's upcoming offerings and experiences for audiences around the world include:

*Pasión Latina:* The Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Opera Center will present a free concert celebrating music of the Spanish-speaking world, with acclaimed Puerto Rican-born soprano Ana María Martínez serving as artistic advisor, host, and principal guest artist. *Pasión Latina* will also feature prominent Ryan Opera Center alumni: Mexican-American tenor

René Barbera, Mexican-American tenor David Portillo, Mexican tenor Mario Rojas, and Mexican-American bass-baritone Richard Ollarsaba, along with two current Ryan Opera Center Ensemble members, Mexican soprano Denis Vélez and Puerto Rican baritone Ricardo José Rivera. The concert repertoire includes a wide range of selections from across the globe chosen by the artists, including music from Puerto Rico, Mexico, Cuba, Guatemala, Argentina, and Spain. The singers will perform with Craig Terry, the Grammy-Award winning pianist and music director of the Ryan Opera Center; Chris Reynolds, current Ensemble pianist; and members of the Lyric Opera Orchestra, who will participate in the concert finale. (Premier-

ing December 13, 2020, at 6:00 pm CT on Lyric's YouTube and Facebook. Note that this was the original date for *Attila Highlights in Concert: Explore More with Enrique Mazzola*, which has been moved to 2021.)

Additionally, audiences may continue to enjoy content from our ongoing digital programs *Lawrence Brownlee and Friends: The Next Chapter* (available through 1/31/21); *For the Love of Lyric* (available through 12/13/20); *Breaking Down the Score* with Maestro Enrique Mazzola; and a series of Master Classes with Music Director Sir Andrew Davis and members of the Ryan Opera Center.

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## SUBURBAN EDITION

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Burbank, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, Justice, Oak Lawn

### Dear friends and neighbors from the Village of Justice

Fall is here and the weather is drastically changing. We are getting ready for winter as our grass cutting equipment is being cleaned, winterized and stored. The snow-plows and salt spreaders are being rebodyed. We will not allow the weather to stop us.

We accomplished a lot this summer. We paved several streets, repaired sewers and have ongoing projects on Cronin Avenue and on 83rd Street. We are thinking and planning ahead as our engineer and Public Works Director are coordinating next year's plan for street paving and infrastructure improvements. Along with this, I am pleased to announce that through the efforts of our Economic Develop-

ment, Building and Public Works Departments, the village was awarded a \$400,000.00 grant from Invest in Cook 2020 to reconstruct 82nd Place from 88th Avenue to the cul-de-sac by our Building/Public Works Departments. This will also include sidewalks on the north side where it is much needed. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the village had to make several changes, but we continue to be proactive instead of letting events dictate our response. We are working diligently to make sure our village is well prepared to deal with the unexpected.

Although we could not hold our annual Business Appreciation dinner this year because of the pandemic, the village has been in constant contact with

business owners to address their concerns and assist them in obtaining loans, grants and other services available to them. The village encourages all residents to support our local businesses to help make them successful during this trying time.

Much to our dismay, we have had to cancel our annual Veteran's Luncheon. However, we have not forgotten about our veterans and our tradition to have the Veterans Yard Signs go up. On behalf of everyone in the village and myself, I would like to sincerely thank our Veterans for their service. It is only because of our veterans that we enjoy the freedoms we have.

The pandemic has also put a strain on the

Holiday Season. Our extensive Winter Wonderland celebration had to be cancelled, but we will have Christmas trees on display in front of Village Hall. Check our website for more information and to register for a tree. Visit <http://villageofjustice.org/>

One of the most important events in the village is our annual Holiday Basket program to help those in our village who are in need. Because of the pandemic, we have had to adjust our program. This year, we will only be asking for monetary donations which are tax deductible, as we are planning on providing grocery certificates to those individuals. Please check our website for further information and dates.



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"I'm very glad that our little Tin Soldier managed to march his way into the hearts of so many, and that he'll be coming back again in the Holiday season steadfast as ever. We wanted to make something that was visually and emotionally overpowering, as well as very funny, and do that with no spoken language at all," says Mary Zimmerman. "I'm thrilled that people of all ages and from around the world will be able to watch the show and feel it all the same, no English required. I think the silence of the characters, and the beautiful music that



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accompanies their adventures, allows older members of the audience to fall into a private, younger part of themselves; and for children, they are watching something in the manner they are used to: gathering up the story through the intensity of their earnest attention, through their intelligence which has no words."

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## View webinar to learn about utility financial assistance and more

The Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc. (CEDA) recently hosted a webinar highlighting a variety of programs for Cook County residents which include financial assistance paying utility bills, home weatherization, and furnace repair or replacement.

To learn more, go to ceda.org.net or Facebook and Instagram: @CEDAgo-green. Or contact Liaison Cathriona Fey, at cfey@bapa.org .

## CPR Class with Mokena Fire District

The Mokena Fire Protection District offers monthly CPR classes for the public. Fee covers books, materials, and instructor fees (non-refundable).

Cost is \$40 for community CPR, and \$50 for health-care CPR. Certification will be from the American Safety & Health Institute.

Students are instructed in adult, child, & infant

CPR and AED. A CPR card is issued to all those who successfully complete the course. The card is valid for 2 years.

Mokena Fire Station #1, 19853 S. Wolf Road, Mokena, IL.

Class Time: 6:00 - 9:30 pm, Monday, November 23, 2020.

To register: online at www.mokenafire.org at Station # 1 Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Please note, all students are required to wear a face-mask or face covering.



## Hometown Heroes

A huge thank you to all our Veterans on staff and throughout our Oak Forest community. Your service to this country is sincerely ap-

preciated.

Next time you are at City Hall, be sure and check out the Hometown Heroes Wall. It showcases all active duty and veterans. If you would like to be included, or have a family member to

add, please drop off a picture in the night depository. Include name, military branch, years of service and it will be an honor to add them to our wall. Please know that the pictures will not be returned.

## A note to Midlothian library patrons

Due to the surge in coronavirus cases and the governor's recent strong guidance to Illinois residents to stay at home except for all but essential business, Midlothian Public Library will revert to curbside service only effective Monday, November 16.

In contrast with our period of curbside-only service earlier this summer, we will remain opera-

tional for our full regular hours. In addition, we will continue to provide the following services in curbside mode:

Remote printing via our website and printing from flash drives.

Photocopying, faxing, and scanning.

We will handle 10 pages total (for any of the above services) per patron per day. There will be no

charge for these services.

In addition, we will process library card applications via curbside, as well as online and by U.S. mail.

If you have any questions regarding how we can continue to serve you while our doors are closed, please feel free to call us during our operational hours at (708) 535-2027, send us an email, or message us

## Moraine Valley Foundation establishes fund to pay for textbooks

The Moraine Valley Community College Foundation has given \$25,000 in emergency funds to purchase textbooks for Moraine Valley students who could not afford them this semester. The fund was established by the Foundation after faculty members noticed many of their students were having trouble paying for their textbooks since the pandemic.

In the past, students could go to the college's Library to borrow textbooks for a few hours if they were unable to afford their own copies. "With COVID-19, you can't check out a textbook because you could

pass on the virus to other students," said Terra Jacobson, dean of the Learning Resource Center. Jacobson and other staff members approached the Foundation to see if it could provide money for students in need, and the Emergency Textbook Fund was established.

"We are proud to provide funding for students who are unable to afford their textbooks," said Kristy McGreal, executive director of the Foundation. On top of the \$25,000 the Foundation already has donated, it has committed to continue helping students during the winter session and spring

semester. "Overall, we anticipate close to \$55,000 in textbook costs by the end of the year," McGreal said.

Freshman Alejandra De La Torre is paying most of her own college expenses, and she struggled to come up with the \$700 needed to cover her textbooks. After learning about the Emergency Textbook Fund, she was relieved and appreciative. "It was such a help for me," she said. "I feel like words aren't enough to show how thankful I am."

Jean Starnes, a business major and mother of three, worried about paying for her textbooks after COVID-19 caused her children's father to

## Everbridge System Notifies Oak Forest Community

In the past, the City of Oak Forest has reached out to citizens via Reverse 911 calls. This has changed to a new system called Everbridge.

By going to the Everbridge website, you can sign-up and create an account using this link: member.everbridge.net/397890065268844/login. You are encouraged to enter a cellphone number for voice and text, landline phone number if you choose for voice, email address for notifications, as well as home address. Entering your home address helps the City of Oak Forest send messages to only certain areas of the town that a particular emergency is taking place, such as a water main break, for example.

Creating an account will also give you access to make future modifications to your account when needed, such as change of phone number, email, and home address.

Additionally, if you ever move and do not want any notifications from the City of Oak Forest, you have the ability to delete account.

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## Talking Turkey: Better Basting For A More Beautiful Bird

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**Delicious Side Dishes:** To keep that terrific turkey company, try this trio of sweet and savory sides.

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2 (29 oz) can cut sweet potatoes  
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 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup melted butter  
1 $\frac{1}{2}$  cups marshmallow fluff  
Pecans (optional)

### Sausage Cornbread Stuffing

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup ground sausage  
 $\frac{2}{3}$  cup diced celery  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup dried cranberries  
6 oz cornbread stuffing  
1-1 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup chicken broth, boiling

### Parmesan Rosemary Mashed Potatoes

8 medium red potatoes, boiled  
1 egg  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup shredded Parmesan  
1 Tbsp garlic puree  
 $\frac{2}{3}$ -1 cup heavy cream or half-and-half (to desired texture)  
Pinch salt

Heat oven to 350° F. In a large bowl, mash together sweet potatoes, eggs, ma-

ple syrup and butter. Swirl in marshmallow fluff. If desired, top with pecans. Spoon mixture into 8 of the muffin cups in an oversized muffin pan. In a large skillet, brown sausage, with celery and cranberries. Transfer to a large bowl. Add stuffing and stir in broth, adding just enough broth until desired stuffing texture is reached. Spoon into 8 more of the muffin cups. For the mashed potatoes: mash all ingredients together. Spoon into



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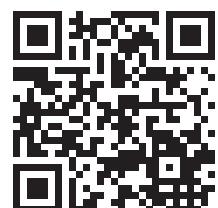
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# Nonprofit's virtual gala focuses on meeting winter needs for kids

Chicago-based nonprofit Kids Above All will host their annual fundraiser as a virtual event at 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 18. The Kids Above All Virtual Gala: A Night of Impact & Gratitude is an opportunity for the community to stand up for the safety, health and well-being of the 2,448 kids and families in their programs.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the children and their families in Kids Above All's early learning program,

foster care and adoption services, housing programs for teens and formerly homeless young adults, and counseling services, providing:

Rental assistance for children living in poverty whose parents have lost their jobs due to COVID-19 to allow families to stay in their homes.

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Access to technology for children so they can e-learn, attend virtual counseling sessions and connect with family members.

The event's Emcee is Johnny Rivers, a graduate of Kids Above All's Emerge program which helps young adults experiencing homelessness to achieve finan-



## Spartans Welcome Sofia Marcotte

Oak Lawn Community High School welcomes full-time substitute Sofia Marcotte. Sofia grew up in Tinley Park and earned her associate's degree from Joliet Junior College before earning her English degree and license for high school at Northern Illinois University. Sofia was a member of Sigma Tau Delta, the national English Honors Society, and studied abroad at Oxford University.

Sofia has been involved in dance throughout her student years and is now volunteering with the school dance team. She loves the support and positivity she has felt from staff members. She hopes to become an English teacher and work with the dance team at the high school someday.

Welcome, Sofia!

### Statepoint Crossword

Theme: Proverbially Speaking  
ACROSS

1. Bornean ape
2. Casino's pull
3. Elbow-wrist connection
4. Paralyzing disease
5. Pigeon sound
6. Teething drops
7. Mary's subjects (1542-1567)
8. Ostrich-like bird
9. September stone
10. \*One responsible for someone else's welfare
11. \*Both rodents and humans like to come up with these
12. Name fit for a king
13. Wedding cover
14. Like a dim star
15. Head vermin
16. \*Like the schemes of a fool, biblically speaking
17. Thor's father
18. Cleopatra's necklace
19. Blood carrier
20. Ice on a window
21. Famous Teatro alla \_\_\_\_\_
22. Took to court
23. Prevent
24. Burden of proof
25. Leprechaun's land
26. Fit
27. Cabinet div.
28. Steadfast Soldier's mate-

rial

53. Letter before kappa

55. European Economic Community

57. \*It increases love and friendship

61. \*It will cause additional harm

64. Raccoon relative

65. Short for the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC

67. Huey, Duey and Louie, e.g.

69. #41 Across location

70. Prior to, pref.

71. Organ swelling

72. Benevolent fellows

73. African tam-\_\_\_\_\_

74. English county

DOWN

1. Roman goddess of plenty

2. \*It's just as unpleasant as a hard place

3. Sunburn soother

4. Fertilizer ingredient

5. Luke's teaching, e.g.

6. Laptop manufacturer

7. Data storage acronym

8. \*Cowards are sometimes compared to this

9. Encourage

10. Good earth

11. Sound on a scale

12. Saloon selections

15. Perennial garden flower

20. Signs for escape

22. Post-Soviet Union alliance, acr.

24. Covered porch

25. \*Can't use these to break a skeleton

26. Farewell, to ami

27. Nimbus, pl.

29. Gabrielle Chanel's nickname

31. \*Keep it clean to stay out of trouble

32. \*It's tastier if one is not allowed to have it

33. First cradles

34. Filled with cargo

36. Like whiskey right out of bottle

38. Classic board game

42. Colorado ski resort

45. Curb, two words

49. Disney dwarf

51. ACT taker, e.g.

54. Dangle a carrot

56. Miss Muffet's meal

57. "The Road Runner" corporation

58. Skin infection

59. #13 Across conqueror

60. J.F.K. postings

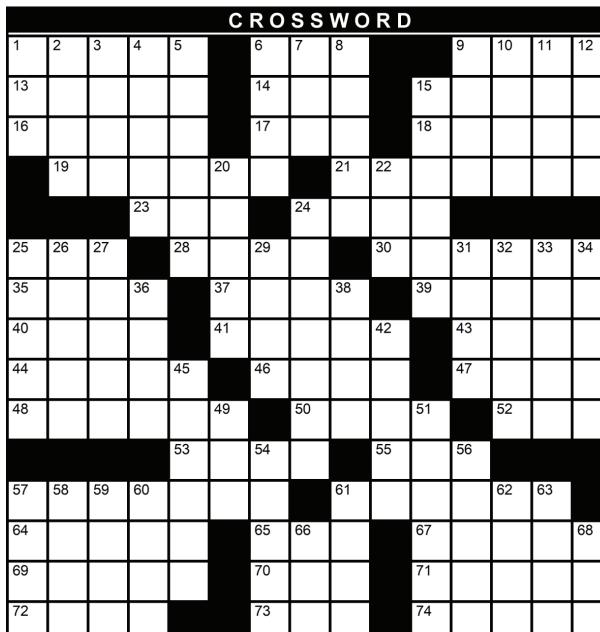
61. Bookkeeping entry

62. \*Don't make inquiries if you don't want to hear this

63. Hefty volume

66. Chapter in history

68. Coltrane's woodwind



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### Report highlights youth sports can be made more equitable

Park and recreation professionals and their agencies are an essential provider of youth sports in communities nationwide, according to a new National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) report. The five most popular youth sports affiliated with parks and recreation are basketball, baseball/softball, soccer, football (including flag and peewee) and volleyball. Other popular youth sports include tennis, swimming and diving, track and field, gymnastics and cheerleading.

The Youth Sports at Park and Recreation Agencies report also highlights the

critical role park and recreation professionals and their agencies play in ensuring every child in every community has access to team and individual sports. For example, 86% of park and recreation professionals agree they and their peers can contribute to a fair and just future for youth sports by identifying inequities in access to organized sports offerings. This includes addressing the many disparities that exist, as they relate to proximity to sports fields and courts and the ability to afford registration fees and the additional costs of participating in sports.

Ninety percent of park and recreation agencies report that the pandemic is negatively impacting their youth sports programming, including budget cuts, limits on participants and at-

tendees, and the need to train staff and volunteers on safe distancing practices. Parks and recreation also face several long-term challenges affecting their ability to ensure equitable access to youth sports activities, including: insufficient funding, competing with better funded private organizations, difficulty in recruiting enough volunteer coaches, competition with travel sports leagues, and insufficient sports fields and courts.

"Park and recreation professionals are in a unique position to promote increased access to sports, critical to a child's physi-

cal and cognitive development," said Kevin Roth, NRPA's vice president of research, evaluation and technology. "Unfortunately, the future of youth sports in our country is uncertain, especially given the COVID-19 pandemic and recession. Parks and recreation remain committed to providing low-cost youth sports programs to everyone."

According to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association, the percentage of children ages 6 to 12 par-

ticipating in organized or unstructured sports at least one day during the year declined from 72.9% in 2012 to 71.8% in 2019. NRPA is exploring how parks and recreation can address gaps in the provision of youth sports opportunities. This includes surveys, member engagement and partnerships. Specifically, NRPA is collaborating with the Aspen Institute to develop new opportunities to make sports accessible to all kids. To learn more about NRPA, visit [www.nrpa.org](http://www.nrpa.org).

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Church Visitation: Thursday morning, November 19th from 9 to 10 a.m. At St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church at 11025 S. Roberts Rd., Palos Hills, IL.

Funeral Service begins 10 a.m. at the church. Interment is Private at Evergreen Cemetery due to cemetery COVID-19 restrictions.

Memorial donations in memory of Bill G. Les to St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church will be appreciated.

**Carole J. Ross nee Johan** age 85; beloved wife of Frank; loving mother of Frank (Carol), Christopher (late Laura), Nicholas, Kathryn, Maureen Ross and Carolyn (late Joseph) Mullen; cherished grandmother of Casey, Andy and James; dear sister of Martin (Arlette) Johan; dearest daughter

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**Lilia Elizabeth (nee Davis) Potts** passed away on November 9th, 2020. She was born February 9, 1938 to William F. and Ella F. Davis in the Gresham neighborhood of Chicago, IL. She will be deeply missed by her two daughters, Deborah (John) Larkin of South Chicago Hts., IL and Patricia (Bill) Hayden of Cedar Lake, IN, four grandchildren; Christopher, Jessica, Katie and Cory (Ashley), three great-grandchildren; Cain, Solomon, and Eli. She was sister to the late

Walter Davis and loving aunt to many nieces and nephews. She retired from the Illinois State police after 35 years. She previously worked for Horace Mann Insurance in Springfield, IL, Star Electronics, Continental Bank in Chicago, and volunteered for South Suburban Hospice. She was a good friend to many and was always there for anyone in need of help. She said, "No tears - Live life to the fullest-But remember to love your children and family." Due to Covid-19; no services will be held at this time. She will be laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip, IL. Memorials appreciated in her name to the Breast Cancer Assoc. or to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements by Kosary Funeral Home (708) 499-3223 or kosaryfuneralhome.com.

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