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B-MAC EDITION

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Blue Island, Midlothian, Alsip, Crestwood

Wilson Yerxa's "Aerobic Exorcise" exhibit now at South Suburban College's Thiel Gallery

The Art & Design Department of South Suburban College (SSC) is pleased to present an exhibition entitled "Aerobic Exorcise" by artist Wilson Yerxa. Yerxa, originally from California, has lived in Chicago since 2018 after living in New England. The exhibition, displayed in SSC's Dorothea Thiel Gallery, now and will run until Thursday, November 17, 2022, with an artist reception on Friday, November 4, at 10 a.m.

Yerxa stated, "My drawings and paintings are conceived of as parts. What they are is usually determined later and is subject to change. The works comprise a growing vocabulary I can source to create composite paintings and installations. As in the



"Red Grapes" by Artist Wilson Yerxa

film, the footage comes first, then the editing. Some works stand-alone and are displayed individually, while others need to be cut up, glued, stitched, or layered, among other works. I am asking what analogies can be made between vastly different subjects. How can I fend off conclusions to recycle ideas and perspectives? I seek moments of stability within the unslowing mixture."

The Dorothea Thiel Gal-

lery is on the fourth floor of SSC's main campus. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and is closed on weekends and holidays. The galleries are supported in part by the SSC Foundation. SSC is located at 15800 South State Street, South Holland, Illinois. For more information, please email etucker@ssc.edu or mail to: etucker@ssc.edu or call (708) 596-2000, ext. 2300.

Sertoma Centre's Holiday Bazaar is back bigger than ever on Dec. 2

Sertoma Centre, Inc. will host a Holiday Bazaar on Friday, Dec. 2, from 9:00am to 7:00pm at 4100 W. 127th Street in Alsip.

Stop by for crafts, decor, gifts, sweet treats, and much more. The Holiday Bazaar features one-of-a-kind, modestly priced items

for everyone on your list, including you! Shoppers will enjoy a variety of holiday craft booths while supporting Sertoma Centre. The event also includes a visit from Santa between Noon and 6:00pm. Photos with the jolly old elf will be available for only \$5.



Admission is \$2. Proceeds benefit individuals with disabilities that Sertoma supports. For more information or to inquire about becoming a vendor or volunteering, contact Gwen at grucker@sertomacentre.org or 708-730-6210. Learn more at www.sertomacentre.org.

Connecting to the Community fundraising goal for Sertoma Centre



This year our theme is "Connecting to the Community," and our fundraising goal is \$25,000 to begin a fund to support community integration for people with disabilities. For community integration to be a long-term success, persons with disabilities must have equal access to programs and incorporate various activities, instruction, and services. Without enough support, Sertoma Centre cannot offer the programs and activities that are vital to successful community integration.

The official Giving Tuesday date is November 29, but The Coleman Foundation will double any donations of \$150 or higher made between November 15 and December 15, 2022. We need 84 gifts at \$150 or more in order to earn the match. We accept credit cards or checks and appreciate you sharing this important need with your family members, friends, and co-workers to get them involved as well.

There are four ways to donate between November 15 and December 15: On your mobile device, text GIVINGTUES to 269-89 for a direct link to our Giving Tuesday page; visit our secure website at sertomacentre.org/givingtuesday; contact our Donor Relations Manager, Paula Biancalana, at pbiancalana@sertomacentre.org or by phone at 708.973.0316 or send in the attached remittance by mail to reach Sertoma between the campaign dates November 15 through December 15.

Take our call on Giving Tuesday, November 29, and donate over the phone with our Sertoma representative.

Remember, giving is not about making a donation; it's about making a difference!

Moraine Valley to host open house for prospective students

Anyone interested in becoming a student at Moraine Valley Community College is invited to attend an open house on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 9 a.m. to noon., in Building M on the college's campus at 9000 W. College Parkway in Palos Hills.

"We'll give a presentation about the college and the many student support services we offer. We'll also provide information about tuition, the admission process and financial aid," said Andy Sarata, director of Admissions and Recruitment. "Potential students can take a tour of



the campus, meet faculty from our academic and career programs, hear from current students during the student panel and ask any questions they have."

Attendees also will learn about how Moraine Valley can help students save thousands of dollars in college tuition by completing the first two years of their bachelor's degree at the college before transferring to a four-year institution. In addition, information on the Early College Program, which allows high school

students to earn college credit while still in high school, will be available.

There will be an admissions and financial aid presentation in Spanish at 9:30 a.m.

"We offer a high-quality, affordable education, and we are excited to share all the wonderful benefits of starting college at Moraine Valley during our upcoming open house," Sarata added.

Learn more and RSVP at morainevalley.edu/openhouse.



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FAR SOUTH EDITION

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Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Tinley Park



Village of Orland Park to Host Veterans Day Ceremony November 11

The Orland Park community is invited to join the Village as we honor all who have served our country. The Village of Orland Park

will host their annual Veterans Day ceremony on Friday, Nov. 11. Names newly added will be unveiled on the granite walls bordering the Village's Veterans Memorial, Ara Pace – Place of Peace, located in the Village Center at 14700 S. Ravinia Ave. The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m.

Orland Park's veteran's memorial displays the engraved names of veterans, living and deceased, from across the country who served in all branches and in all wars. It is during the Memorial and Veterans Day ceremonies that the newly added veterans' names are announced, and the veterans are recognized.

The ceremony will be held indoors at the Orland Park Civic Center, located at 14750 S. Ravinia Avenue in Orland Park. Those interested in virtual participation can view the program on the Village's YouTube channel at youtube.com/users/villageoforlandpark. Those who are subscribed to the Village's YouTube channel will be automatically notified of the live broadcast. A recording will be shared on the Village's social media accounts and YouTube channel after the live viewing.

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day honors all former military service members. The name of the day of honor was changed to Veterans Day in 1954 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Ceremonies are traditionally held on the "11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour," to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning.

Questions about the ceremony may be directed to Darryl Wertheim at 708-403-6115.

Orland Township hosts Cook County Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy

Over the past six weeks, 25 Cook County residents attend the Cook County Sheriff's Office Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy at Orland Township.

The curriculum offered participants an in depth look at law enforcement agency operations, as well as specific crime prevention methods, including personal safety, gang and drug awareness, home protection and avoiding scams and con games. Students also had the opportunity to witness

a K-9 demonstration and to learn about crime scene processing and fundamentals of an investigation.

"I'm proud to have supported the academy, as it provides useful and necessary information to our senior residents." Said Supervisor Paul O'Grady. "Opportunities like this give us the chance to not only educate our citizens, but to aid in building and maintaining the relationship between law enforcement and the public."

Cook County Chief of Police Leo Schmitz, Undersheriff of Cook County Marlon Parks, Senator Bill Cunningham, and State Representative Frances Hurley for were all present aside Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady for the graduation ceremony.

For more information on Orland Township services, please call at (708) 403-4222, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or visit the website at www.orlandtownship.org.



Fire Dept. names poster contest winners

The Tinley Park Fire Department recently announced the winners of its 51st annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest. This year's theme was "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape."

More than 1,500 Tinley Park students made posters this year. Overall grade winners and their families were invited to breakfast at Fire Station 47 in October,

and fourth-grade student Tegan was the Grand Prize winner. Each winner will get a ride to school in a fire truck. Other winners include:

Kindergarten: Maddy, of McAuliffe Elementary; First Grade: Vinny, of Bannes Elementary; Second Grade: Colton, of Trinity Lutheran; Third Grade: Gavin, of McAuliffe Elementary;

Fourth Grade: Tegan, of McAuliffe Elementary; Fifth Grade: Aaron, of McAuliffe Elementary; Sixth Grade: Rosalee, of St. George; Seventh Grade: Erin, of St. George and Eighth Grade: Abby, of St. George

Congrats to all this year's winners and to all the students who submitted great designs!

Beautification Awards handed out to Mokena residents and businesses

A total of 149 Beautification Awards were handed out to Mokena residents and businesses at the Community Affairs Commission's annual awards ceremony at Mokena's Local 597 Pipefitters Training Facility recently.

Awards were presented by Mayor Pro-Tem George Metanias and Trustee (and Community Affairs Commission Chair) Debbie Engler to 64 winners from 2021 and 65 winners from 2022. An additional 20 families received the Lifetime Beautification Award, an accolade bestowed when a property has been designated an annual winner at least three times.

Due to COVID-19, the Beautification Awards program was temporarily suspended in 2020, and as a precaution, a ceremony was not held in 2021.



Veterans Day Ceremony

The Village of Tinley Park and the Tinley Park Veterans Commission host the annual Veterans Day Ceremony every November 11, 2022 at 10am at the Gen. Patrick E. Rea Veterans Plaza. at 18001 80th Ave, Tinley Park, Honor the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice and those who were willing to in service of the United States. The ceremony includes patriotic music, short speeches and a gun salute.



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SOUTH SUBURBAN EDITION

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

McCord Gallery & Cultural Center welcomes Darlene Zdanowski our newest music instructor



Darlene has played flute for most of her life. She has a degree in music from DePaul University where she studied music theory and enjoyed improvisation. In addition, Darlene plays the piccolo, piano, and oboe.

She is currently the flutist for the contemporary group at Our Lady of the Woods Church and also plays for weddings and other special occasions. Although she typically uses the Rubank Flute Method book and school band books, her teaching style is flexible.

Darlene has had experience working with students at all levels. Not only will her students learn flute, they will gain knowledge of musical phrasing, interpretation, and theory.

Darlene joins our talented team of music instructors including Christina Kedzior Piano & Voice and Mike Roti Guitar.

Ms. Kedzior holds performance degrees in both Musical Theater and Theater from Illinois State University. Performing since the age of three, she has credits in theater, opera, and dance ranging from Miss Julie to The Magic Flute to Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. While she will always cherish these memories, her greatest joy is teaching and the opportunity it allows her to enrich her student's lives.

Playing since the age of 12, Mr. Roti attended Columbia College, where he majored in Music Performance for Jazz and Blues Guitar. He has played with several bands, performed at the Taste of Chicago on the Fox Stage, and currently performs on weekends. Mr. Roti teaches over 60 private students each week and has been an excellent addition to McCord since 2004.

Give us a call at (708) 671-0648 or send us an email to office@mccordgallery.org and we'll be happy to get you started with one of our instructors!

The Palos Park Police Cadets kick off their Annual Food Drive

Palos Park Police Cadet Commander Jake Zemgulis has announced the Palos Park Police Cadet program will once again be holding their Annual Holiday Food Drive. They are looking for donations of non-perishable foods such as canned goods or boxed goods.

The cadets will accept donations at several locations throughout Palos Park. They will begin accepting donations November 11, 2022 through January 1, 2023. This is a great way to give back to the community and help families that are in need. All donations will go to the area Food Pantries.

To request a pick-up or more information, please call (708) 671-3770. Thanks in advance for helping to make this year's Food Drive a successful one.

Palos Park Police Cadet Food Drive 2022 - Food Drive drop off sites: Palos Park Recreation Center - 8901 W. 123rd; Palos Park Library - 12330 Forest Glen Blvd.; Palos Park Metra Station - 12200 S. 82nd and Village of Palos Park Kaptur Administrative Center - 8999 W. 123rd.



Santa Through Palos Hills

Santa will be visiting Palos Hills on Sunday, December 18, from 3:00 to 4:30pm. See Santa, Frosty & Grinch. Find the route at www.paloshillsweb.org by December 9th, 2022.



Veterans Day Ceremony 2022

Please join us on November 11th at 11 am for the Village of Palos Park's Veterans Day Ceremony honoring all who served.

Palos Park Recreation Center in the gym at 8901 W. 123rd Street, Palos Park. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

For more information visit www.palospark.org.

Veterans Day Breakfast

Free for all Veterans and one guest, the Palos Heights Parks & Recreation is inviting you to our Veterans Day Breakfast. On Thursday, November 10th, 2022 from 9am to

10:30am. The Palos Heights Recreation Center is at 6601 West 127th Street, Palos Heights.

To register call Lauren at 708-361-1807 or email at Lkoszol@palosheights.org.



Student Council & Cheer Dash for Den

Members of Student Council and Cheer participated in the 5k walk "Dash for Den" at the Children's Farm at The Center in Palos Park. Proceeds from the walk raised awareness and helped support the Pathway Program at The Center, a long-term residential treatment program for men who suffer from alcoholism or addiction.

Event chaperones were Colleen Conway, Jennifer Sidlow and Maria Vanderwarren.

Dinner with Santa

Join Santa and Mrs. Claus for the Dinner with Santa on Thursday, December 8, at the Palos Hills Community Center, 8455 W. 103rd Street, Palos Hills. Starting at 6pm. Price is \$15 child ages 1 to 12 and \$13 adult. Must pre-register, for more information, call 708-430-4500.



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SUBURBAN EDITION

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



Officials Group Photo – From L to R: Mayor Kelly Burke, Mayor James Sexton, Village Clerk Cathy Aparo, and Trustees Jeannie Olson, Mark Marzullo, Mark Phelan, Carol Kyle, and James McQuillan

Park renamed in honor of former Mayor James Sexton

Evergreen Park officials hosted a brief ceremony recently on officially rename 50-Acre Park the James J. Sexton Park in honor of the former Mayor. The park, which is located at 91st and California, opened in 2014 and includes a barn with farm animals, a dog park, a driving range, and a disc golf course.

With members of former Mayor Sexton's family, many friends, Village staff, and community members in attendance, Mayor Kelly Burke stated "it is an honor to name this park for Jim Sexton who has dedicated so many years to serving the residents of Evergreen Park."

Trustees Mark Marzullo and James McQuillan agreed. "It's a well-deserved honor for a person who dedicated most of their life to make Evergreen Park a great place to live and raise a family," stated Marzullo.

McQuillan thanked Sexton "for his vision and planning of a multi-use park and open space."

Sexton was the Mayor of Evergreen Park for 20 years before retiring in 2021. Previously, he served as Trustee and Village Clerk. He also spent some time as a member of the Youth Commission and the Fire & Police Commission. In total, he dedicated over 30 years of service to the Evergreen Park community. The purchase and development of the park is one of the most noted accomplishments from Sexton's time as Mayor.

For more information about the Village of Evergreen Park, please visit www.evergreen-park-ill.com.



Mayor James Sexton looks at the new sign for James J. Sexton Park after it was revealed.

Senior Transportation Pilot Program has begun

Worth Township Supervisor Patricia Joan Murphy is proud to announce that the Worth Township Senior Transportation Pilot Program has begun. Our mission is to provide affordable transportation and give

seniors the ability to remain independent, healthy, and socially active.

Worth Township provides curb-to-curb service to seniors ages 55 and older, and adults with disabilities ages 18+ that live within

the boundaries of Worth Township. You must be registered to ride the bus. Passengers who are unable to get to and from the bus will require an escort. All caregivers must also be registered.

Victoria Prause awarded college board recognition

Written by Jennifer Jepsen, OLCCHS Staff Writer

Oak Lawn Community High School is proud to announce that Victoria Prause has been selected as a College Board National Recognition Program Awardee and has received the National Hispanic Recognition Award. Eligible students have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10 or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/

or attend school in a rural area or small town. Victoria accomplished these milestones during an immensely demanding period of her high school career.

Ashley Madsen, Tori's school counselor said, "Tori is an accomplished young woman who is goal-driven in her studies as well as her extracurricular activities. Having known her in both areas, she has proven to persist and excel in anything she puts her mind to, being a strong student and role model. Tori is well-deserving of this academic recognition."



The entire Spartan community is thrilled that Tori has earned this recognition. We are very proud of her for her achievements in her classrooms and on College Board assessments. These programs help students from under-represented backgrounds stand out to colleges during admissions.

Honor Society hosts Veterans Day Breakfast

The Evergreen Park Community High School National Honor Society will host its annual veterans' breakfast on Friday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

The NHS invites all Evergreen Park military veterans, and veteran rela-

tives of Evergreen Park Community High School students, to the free meal held in honor of local veterans.

Veterans living in Evergreen Park and veteran relatives of EPCHS students who would like to attend should RSVP to Ben Nesler,

EPCHS NHS coordinator, at 708-398-1352 by Friday, Nov. 4. Email reservations can be sent by that date to bnesler@evergreenpark.org.

Evergreen Park Community HS, 9901 S. Kedzie Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.



This service operates Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Last pickup is at 2:30 pm. We provide service on a first come, first serve basis and reservations should be made 24 hours in advance by

calling (708) 972-7075.

Township Boundaries are 87th Street – 135th Street, Western to Harlem (excludes Chicago). In addition to the Worth Township area, we also provide transportation to Hi-Tech, Palos Hospital,

and medical offices on College Dr.

The cost is \$3 each way, \$6 round trip, or get a \$25 10-ride pass (\$5 savings).

For more information, go to www.worhtownship.com, or call (708) 972-7075.

Illinois Tollway offering I-PASS app

The Illinois Tollway is offering a new app that allows drivers to fully manage their I-PASS accounts through their smartphone or mobile device.

The new app includes enhanced account notifications to keep accounts current, as well as biometric login capabilities for secure account access. Full account management features include:



Adding or purchasing transponders; managing vehicles, including rental vehicles; adding and changing payment methods and viewing account history.

Visit IllinoisTollway.com or see your device's app store to download it.

Annual Veterans Day Salute in Burbank

The Annual Veterans Day Salute will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 11, 2022 at the Veterans Memorial on State and Melvina Ave. If you are



a veteran of Burbank and would like to participate with either raising the flag or placing a wreath, please contact Mary Ann Lema at 708-430-3688.

Veteran's Day Celebration in Tinley Park

November is Veterans month with Veterans Day on November 11th. We here at the Tinley Park VFW are asking everyone to remember our Veterans this month by thanking those you know and those you will run into for their service, believe me we appreciate it. Also join us on Friday November 11th at the 80th Ave. Train Station, Tinley Park at 10 am for our annual Veterans Day Celebration.



Free program for families and friends of veterans diagnosed with a mental health condition

NAMI Homefront is a free program for caregivers, family members, military service members and veterans, designed to increase understanding, communication, wellness and advocacy skills for those diagnosed with a mental illness or experiencing difficulty with mental health.

The three-week program will be offered on Saturdays, November 5 and 12, 9:30 to 3 p.m. at St. Luke Orthodox Church, 10700 Kean Ave., Palos Hills, IL 60465.

Classes are led by individuals who have been trained to provide the program and have a family member that was in the military and diagnosed with a mental illness or is receiving treatment for a mental health challenge.

The classes will cover mental health conditions, treatment options, approaches to increase overall wellness, tips for self-care and managing stress, communication strategies, transitioning from military to civilian life, links to helpful organizations and crisis services.

Registration is required by contacting Howard Sloan, caprilife@gmail.com or (815)630-0736.

Assistance for small business owners

The Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation and 4343 Ascending House are

working with the Cook County Small Business Source program to offer free consulting services to small businesses.

The Cook County Small Business Source program is dedicated to supporting small businesses in any stage of development. Advising services and resource topics include building business plans, finance sourcing, marketing and much more. See <https://csedcworks.org/smallbusiness>. For more information, Contact Reggie Greenwood at reggie.greenwood@chicagosouthlandedc.org.



Orland Park Police Dept. awarded IDOT traffic enforcement grant



The Orland Park Police Department announced it has been awarded a Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program grant to conduct additional traffic safety efforts. The STEP program focuses on high-visibility enforcement and strategies aimed at saving lives and preventing injuries by reducing traffic crashes.

"We're pleased to receive this grant to step up our road safety efforts with the goal of saving lives," said Orland Park Police Chief Eric Rossi. "Our mission is to make travel safer through directed, proactive patrols and to stop, cite and arrest those who choose to violate traffic laws."

During the STEP grant year, which runs from Oct. 1, 2022, through Sept. 30, 2023, the Orland Park Police Department will continue to conduct additional enforcement efforts to supplement mandatory and optional campaign enforcement dates scheduled during some of the deadliest times of the year.

The supplemental efforts will focus on the leading contributory causes of crashes: speeding, impaired driving, electronic device use, failure to yield and disobeying traffic control signals, as well as occupant restraint violations.

The STEP grant is funded by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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Hosted by the Internet Archive.
Look at the Oak Lawn Library website at <https://www.olpl.org>.

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23rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner

The Tinley Park Community Band, under the direction of Barbara Abarro, will be hosting their 23rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 12th from 3:00 to 7:00 pm at the Tinley Park Community Church, 7939 W. 167th Street, Tinley Park, IL 60477.

Dinner includes spaghetti with marinara or meat sauce, salad, garlic bread (all you can eat). You also get dessert, coffee, lemonade and water. Tickets are \$7 per person or \$30 per family, maximum of five. Meatballs can be purchased for \$.50 each or three for \$1.00. Meals to go are also available.

Enjoy live music by various members of the band, silent auction, raffle prizes, and split-the-pot. Fun for the whole family!

For more information, contact us at 708-620-7701 www.tinleyband.org, www.facebook.com/tinleyband or tinleyband@gmail.com. Tinley Park Community Band, 7939 W. 167th Street, Tinley Park, IL 60477.



Trombone solo by Dan Kleinow

Online Programs on Zoom

Cook Along with Chef Krystin Slick: Perfectly Pumpkin, Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.

Clever hacks will give you triple or quadruple the Thanksgiving food fun with Tear and Share Bread and Sheet Pan Pie. Cook along with Chef Kristyn Slick in



your own kitchen. Recipes and a link to attend will be sent out before the event. To register, please call the library at 708-687-3700 or email kspringer@acornlibrary.org.



Don't miss our next two Lunch Bunch & Bingo days at Mokena Park District. Bring your friends or make new ones while you enjoy a delicious buffet-style lunch and three rounds of bingo. Fee includes lunch, drinks, dessert, and bingo cards. Age 55 and over.

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, from 11 am to 1 pm. Registration Fee Resident/Nonresident: \$10/\$12. Registration dead-

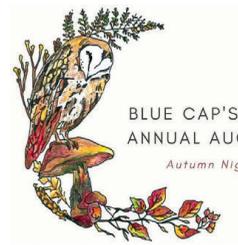
Lunch Bunch & Bingo

line is November 11.

Wednesday, December 14, 2022, from 11 am to 1 pm. Registration Fee Resident/Nonresident: \$10/\$12. Registration deadline is December 10.

Location: The Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center, 10847 La Porte Rd., Mokena. Register for Lunch Bunch & Bingo days at www.mokenapark.com or call 708-390-2401 for more information.

Blue Cap's 34th Annual Auction Autumn Nights



Blue Cap cordially invites you to attend the 34th Annual Auction Fundraiser November 4, 2022 at the DoubleTree Hotel Chicago-Alsip, 5000 West 127th Street, Alsip Illinois.

Join us in celebrating the 34th Annual Auction Fundraiser. In addition to the Live Auction, this year's event will include exciting Silent Auction and Raffles featuring only uniquely selected items. Auction 2022 will also include hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, open bar and a delicious curated menu.

Doors open, silent auction and raffles begin at 6:30 p.m. Buffet style dine at your leisure 7:00 p.m. To 9:00 p.m. Live auction begins at 9:00 p.m.

Semi-formal attire, please. For more information call Blue Cap 708.389.657.

St. Laurence Fall Sports Awards

Dear Parents/Guardians, The St. Laurence High School Athletic Department will be hosting the Fall Sports Awards for Boys and Girls Cross Country, Boys and Girls Golf, Boys Soccer, Girls Tennis, and Girls Volleyball. Football will have a separate banquet when their season concludes. All Freshmen, Sophomore, JV and Varsity team members and immediate family are invited to attend. The awards night will be held Sunday, November 13th, 2022, at 4:00p.m. (doors open at 3:15 pm).

The Fall Sports Awards will start at St. Laurence High School in the gym. After the group awards, we will break out by team for each team's awards.

The banquet is a semi-formal affair -- no jeans, yoga pants or sweatpants allowed. Collared shirt required for all male student-athletes.

There is no cost for the banquet, but we do ask that you RSVP so we know how many are attending. Please complete this Google Form by Thursday, November

10th if you plan on attending. If you have any questions please feel free to call Mrs. Becker at 708-458-6900 ext. 256. Best Regards, Tim Chandler, CMAA, Athletic Director

Evergreen Park Senior Council luncheon and program

Please join us on Thursday, November 17th as we have a special program to honor our veterans.

Our luncheon this month will be a roasted chicken with dressing feast. The

luncheon is free to any Evergreen Park veteran, but reservations are a must.

After lunch we will enjoy the musical program of Johnny Gray.

The meeting and program will be held at

the Community Center at 11:00 AM. We are open to all Seniors. Come and bring

a friend.

The charge for the luncheon is \$10.00. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, November 14, 2022, at the Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St.

Questions call 708 422-8776.

Annual Coat Drive

Make this winter a little warmer for someone in need. Donate a coat October through November 30 at the Community Center (3450 W 97th St), Room 105 or at Village Hall (9418 S. Kedzie). Coats can be new or in clean used condition.

For more information and to register for these programs visit the Youth Center at 3450 W 97th St, Rm 105 or call 708-229-3377.

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Orland Park Veterans Commission creates scholarship to help Moraine Valley veterans

The Orland Park Veterans Commission established a new scholarship for veterans or their dependents who attend Moraine Valley Community College. The organization donated \$3,000 to provide three \$1,000 scholarships that can be used toward the recipients' tuition, books and fees.

"Our charter is to support veterans in the community. We raise and donate funds to causes that help us achieve this mission," said Dale A. Carver, chairperson of the Orland Park Veterans Commission.

Carver noted that Moraine Valley is supportive of veterans and has an active veterans organization, Boots to College, on its campus.

The recipients of the scholarship this year included Elizabeth Cobo of Orland Park, Lisa Mannion of Palos Hills, and Alejandro Martinez of Chicago.

Veterans of any branch of the military who received an honorable discharge or a dependent of a service member or veteran who demonstrates financial need could apply for the scholarship. They must carry a minimum of six hours in the semester during which the scholarship is awarded and must maintain a 2.0 GPA. In addition, they must submit a personal statement about their educational goals and how the scholarship will help them achieve those.

"For many years, the efforts of most veterans' organizations have recognized the contributions of veterans from World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam. This scholarship not only includes those veterans, but also veterans from the post-Vietnam era, up to the present day. We also wanted to support veterans' families and caregivers by making this scholarship available to them," Carver said.

For more information on creating a scholarship at Moraine Valley, contact Kristy McGreal, executive director of the Moraine Valley Foundation, at mcgrealc2@morainevalley.edu.



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Tickets for Tuesdays to Sundays cost \$5. Mondays are free, but still require a ticket.

During the season you can also enjoy special ticketed events like Sensory-Friendly Night at ZooLights on November 29, BrewLights Presented by Louis Glunz Beer, Inc. on December 1, Adults Night Out: Holidaze on December 15, and Zoo Year's Eve on December 31.

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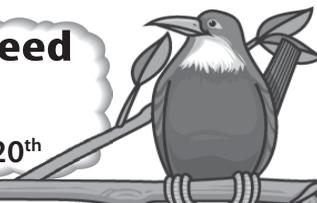
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What you need to know about Verdi's *Don Carlos*

In another first this season for Lyric Opera of Chicago, the company presents the 1886 five-act version in French of Verdi's epic masterpiece *Don Carlos* a tour-de-force experience for opera lovers, for five performances only, November 9th to 25th, 2022.

Based on the historical characters and events of the Spanish Inquisition but with a dramatic political storyline seemingly ripped from today's headlines, *Don Carlos* features some of Verdi's most beautiful music, woven together with a story of love, royalty, and revenge.

While the Italian-language four-act version of Verdi's masterwork has been presented at Lyric six times in the company's history (most recently in 1996), this is the first time the five-act version in French, in Verdi's final revisions, will be performed on the Lyric stage.

Lyric's world-renowned musical forces led once again by Enrique Mazzola. Following his success with the season-opening performances of Verdi's *Ernani*, Lyric Music Director Enrique Mazzola conducts the Lyric Opera Orchestra in interpreting Verdi's majestic score. While Mazzola is a perfect match for the expansive scale and rich orchestration of *Don Carlos*, he will also showcase a different side to his musical leadership while also conducting performances of Rossini's light and frothy *Le Comte Ory* at Lyric during the same time period.

Only five chances to see *Don Carlos*: November 9, 12, 17, 20, and 25, 2022.

Sung in French, with English translations projected above the stage.

For more information and to order tickets, visit lyricopera.org/doncarlos or call 312.827.5600.

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Chicago Shakespeare Theater presents William Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*, staged by celebrated director Henry Godinez in the Courtyard Theater, now playing through November 27, 2022. "Some rise by sin, and some by virtue fall" as Shakespeare's searing play comes to vivid life amidst the glamour, music, and sensuality of 1950s Cuba, just before Fidel Castro seizes power. Havana is the carefree playground of the rich, the famous, and the corrupt, while a revolution brews.

The performance on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. will feature projected Spanish translation.

More information at www.chicagoshakes.com/measure or on social media at @chicagoshakes at #cstMeasure.

Chicago Shakespeare Theater, 800 E. Grand Ave. on Navy Pier, Chicago, IL.

What you need to know about *Le Comte Ory* at the Lyric Opera

Comedy takes center stage at Lyric Opera of Chicago, as Rossini's frothy delight *Le Comte Ory* makes its Lyric premiere for five performances only, November 13 to November 26, 2022. Audiences are invited to experience one of Rossini's rarely performed works, featuring humor and hijinks performed by a stellar cast of Lyric favorites and debuting artists, all powered by the lush melodies of the Lyric Opera Orchestra and Chorus.

In the midst of the French Crusades, Countess Adèle shuts herself deep within the walls of her castle while

Black Ensemble Theater the Season of Healing and Joy with *Blue Heaven*

Black Ensemble Theater's Founder and CEO Jackie Taylor concludes the 2022 Season of Excellence: The Season of Healing and Joy with the world premiere musical *Blue Heaven*, written and directed by Producing Managing Director Daryl D. Brooks. The production runs Now through November 27, 2022.

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Lawrence Brownlee as Ory

her brother and nearly every other man in the country heads to battle. Sensing an opportunity, the mischievous Count Ory shirks his duty and concocts a wildly misguided plan to sweep the Countess off her feet.

Five chances to see the Lyric premiere of *Le Comte Ory*: November 13 matinee, 16 matinee, 18, 22, and 26. Performed in French with projected English titles.

For more information, visit lyricopera.org/newseason. Lyric Opera of Chicago, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 860, Chicago, Illinois.



Stevie Ray Vaughn, are reminiscing about the ups and downs of their careers while waiting for the "new guy" to show up. They are eager to give him advice about meeting 'The Boss.' The new guy – B.B. King, arrives and what ensues is a blues concert that is heaven sent!

The cast includes Lyle Miller (Howlin' Wolf), Dwight Neal (Muddy Waters), Michiah Lathan (Big Momma Thornton) and Billy Rude (Stevie Ray Vaughn), Aaron Reese Boseman (B.B. King).

Tickets are available at www.blackensemble.org, (773) 769-4451 and at the Black Ensemble Theater Box Office, 4450 N. Clark Street in Chicago. Tickets for are, \$55 (\$50 for seniors).

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For more information on the Black Ensemble Theater Company, visit www.BlackEnsembleTheater.org or call 773-769-4451.



Tess Gunty, *The Rabbit Hutch* (Penguin Random House 2022)

By Lorraine Schmall

Kurt Vonnegut is alive! In *The Rabbit Hutch* by freshman novelist Tess Gunty. Funny, bizarre, confusing and compelling, the tale of the denizens of La Lapiniere Affordable Housing Complex, called by its resourceless tenants the "Rabbit Hutch," starts at the end and bounces back and forth among the C block apartments.

They all live in Vacca Vale, Indiana, a once -thriving industrial center developed, abandoned, and ultimately poisoned by Zorn Motor Company, now an economic wasteland. Suffering a painful high school experience, the savant protagonist changes her name from Tiffany to Blandine, after a first-century teenage martyr who stoically endured torture in a Roman Coliseum. Blandine, an ethereal 18-year-old captivated by female mystics, especially Hildegard von Bingen, lives with three unbalanced 19-year-old boys: Todd, Malik, and Jack, who narrates a part of the novel.

All four of them aged out of the State's Child Welfare foster system. Gunty brings us characters who range from sublime to profane. There's prescient Penny, "a woman of indeterminate age who spends most of her time whistling outside the convenience store...with a shopping cart of Beanie Babies." Penny's downstairs neighbor, Joan, who toils at Restinpeace.com screening obituaries for inappropriate comments. "You'd be surprised," she often tells people, "by how cruel people can be to the dead." To stave off anxiety attacks, Joan breathes "to the beat of Ave Maria."

There are Reggie and Ida, who are outraged by the newlywed's upstairs who drop the ubiquitous "dead mice out the window." Those newlyweds conceived their new baby at the local Wooden Lady Motel, described online as "if manslaughter were a place." Postpartum depression makes the young mother afraid of her baby's eyes, because he won't look at her and "doesn't blink enough." Visual stimulation overwhelms him and he "prefers to behold plain and unthreatening surfaces like the walls."

There is Moses, the son of a cold, narcissistic mother, a child star who stayed famous even after death, who wrote her own bizarre obituary and left her estate to Pygmy three-toed sloths. Moses confesses to a random priest in a random church that sometimes "I cover my entire body with the liquid of broken glow sticks and break into the houses of my enemies" just to "fuck with them."

The only saving grace of Vacca Vale is the five-hundred-hundred-acre Chastity Valley, although "it's not a valley at all" due to the Midwestern dearth of mountains. It "is so verdant it looks like a screensaver."

Blandine's eco-terror, dropping two liters of fake blood, 26 voodoo dolls and "large quantities of dirt" on a dinner of "venison, elk, hare, pheasant, turkey, quail, goose and American coot" all hunted by the development team who dreamed of constructing a tech park in the Valley, in a town where "crime was on the rise," where there were more rabbits than rats, does not deter them. *The Rabbit Hutch* is a hoot and a horror. Enjoy.

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Moraine Valley women's tennis captures two championships, heads to nationals

With a largely new roster, a second-year head coach, first-year assistant coach and new team captain, all the right pieces came together to give the Moraine Valley Community College women's tennis team two championships and trip to nationals this season.

It has been quite a turnaround for the Cyclones, who finished fourth in the NJCAA Region IV and third place in the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference last year. The Cyclones are now champions of both. Aside from a first match loss, where two players were injured and unable to finish competing that day, the team was undefeated. They

went 6-1 overall and 4-0 in conference, largely dominating opponents, including four shutouts.

From the onset, the players worked hard and wanted to qualify for the national tournament in Texas. With each match, they grew more confident and determined. By season's end, the Cyclones were conference and region champions and headed to nationals in May. The last time the program earned a conference championship and trip to nationals was in 2015, and the last region crown was won in 2014.

"Of all the teams I've coached, I've never seen a group more hungry. They're

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The VFW Auxiliary is sponsoring their annual Craft & Vendors Show on Sunday November 20th from 10am to 3pm at the VFW Post, at 17147 So. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park.

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The 2022 Moraine Valley Community College women's tennis team, from left, Simona Tomczak, Cate Gerl, Izzy Slezakova, Aubree Schultz, Victoria Maratea, Reagan Cameron, Erica Chapan and Hannah Markiewicz.

the most competitive, driven team, hands down," said Head Coach Matt Marusz, who was named Region IV and Skyway Coach of the Year.

Sophomore Hannah Markiewicz (Mother McAuley) avenged her regional loss in 2021 and this season's match loss to Sauk Valley by becoming region champion at No. 3 singles. She also was the

conference champ. "Respect to Hannah for bouncing back after that loss last year. She played hard against Sauk Valley," Marusz said.

At No. 2 singles, Simona Tomczak (Oak Lawn) was conference and region champion as was Aubree Schultz (Lincoln-Way West) at No. 4, Reagan Cameron (Oak Lawn) at No. 6, Schultz/Cate Gerl (Lincoln-Way West) at No.

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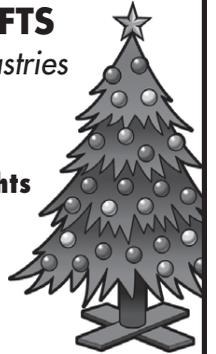
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played on the women's soccer team. These two are on the basketball team this winter.

Although the entire roster shined, Tomczak was one of the toughest mental players Marusz has coached. "She's always ready to go. At regionals, she ran with all the outside noise and played out of her mind," he said.

The Cyclones have a few months to prepare for the national tournament and heal any injuries, but players are already asking for workouts.

"We had a lot of great matches this season, and I'm proud of all the players," Marusz said. "They worked hard, and we had such a great turnaround. Now, we're working for nationals."

For updates on Cyclones Athletics, visit mvcyclones.com.

2 doubles and Tomczak/ Erica Chapan (Andrew) at No. 3 doubles. Gerl earned a conference championship at No. 5.

Schultz emerged as a team leader and was the first one on and last one off the court, Marusz said. Cameron picked up a racquet for the first time this fall and won a championship. She also competes for the women's basketball team and has

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Berg boasts perfect SSC red season, earns 'athlete of month' honor

Written by Brian Frangella, OLCBS Staff Writer
 Transitioning from a doubles girls tennis player to the top singles player is a huge challenge, but Oak Lawn Community High School's Sandy Berg did it, and she did it perfectly. The senior went 10-0 in South Suburban Conference dual meets this fall. That performance earned her the distinction of being named September Athlete of the Month by the athletic department for OLCBS.
 "Some of Sandy's victo-

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ries had to go to a third set, but one in particular against Lemont stands out as Sandy had to overcome being down a set to force a third set tiebreaker with the sun going down," said head coach Dan Doyle. "She has been our leader from day one. She leads the team not only with her spirit, but she definitely also leads by example. She will be next to impossible to replace next year."

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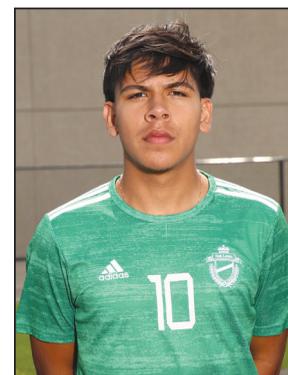
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Aceves dishes out assists to lead hungry Oak Lawn soccer

Written by Brian Frangella, OLCBS Staff Writer
 As a four-year starter on the Oak Lawn Community High School boy's soccer team, Jose Aceves has learned a thing or two about what makes the difference between winning and losing. As a senior he is doing all he can to raise the Spartans' level of play by supporting his teammates.
 As a central attacking midfielder, Aceves leads the team in assists with 10 and has added three goals of his own. However, his major impact has come through inspiring success by taking control of team huddles.
 "Jose is a senior captain whose vocal leadership on the field and in the team, talks has been instrumental to the Spartans' success," said head coach Nate Joiner. Jose is a complete player, who boasts excellent passing range to go with an aggressive ball-winning mentality."

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Frank V. Ross, age 90; beloved husband of the late Carole J. (nee Johan); devoted father of Frank Jr., Christopher, Carolyn, Nicholas, Maureen, and Kathryn; cherished grandfather of Casey, Andrew, and James. Most Holy Redeemer Church Evergreen Park; Inurnment Holy Sepulcher Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Kosary Funeral Home 708-499-3223 or www.kosaryfuneralhome.com.

Helen Hruska, age 95; beloved wife of the late John; loving daughter of the late George and Gizela Kubik; cherished sister of the late Mary, Anna, Paulina, Gizela, and Mila; also survived by many special friends. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Kosary Funeral Home 708-499-3223.

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