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ICGS holds All Saints Day mass

First grader Ellie Condon, dressed as her patron saint, Saint Grace, processes into the IC Chapel on Monday, November 1 as students at Immaculate Conception Grade School celebrated All Saints Day Mass. A long standing ICGS tradition, IC Pastor Father Tom Paul presided over the Mass at which first graders not only dressed as their patron saint, but also answered questions about them and presented a short music program.

Time to "Paws" for the Holidays

ELMHURST/VILLA PARK — Santa Claus will be making an early appearance on Sunday, November 21 at the Bow Wow Playground at 400 W. St. Charles Road in Villa Park where Elmhurst's own MWD Photography will be taking photos of Santa with your pet. (Photos will be available for

purchase on site.)

The event is sponsored by Great Lakes Lab Rescue, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to placing Labrador retrievers into loving homes and increasing responsible pet ownership through education. To schedule an appointment for a photo with Santa, please send

an e-mail to events@greatlakeslabrescue.org with your preferred time slot. You will be sent a confirmation. Walk-in sessions are also available.

There will be refreshments and other children's activities at the event. Please note: all dogs must be leashed.

Seguin Services, UCP announce new partnership

ELMHURST/VILLA PARK — Two renowned Chicagoland community organizations have announced a strategic partnership to expand and enhance services to individuals with disabilities. Seguin Services and United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Greater Chicago have combined forces to enrich the lives of nearly 900 persons they col-

lectively serve.

As part of this collaboration, UCP participants are utilizing the newly-remodeled, state-of-the-art Seguin Carr Center, a program space for vocational training, arts enrichment, health and fitness, food service, computer use, horticulture and other activities.

In addition, the new Seguin

CLIMB Program will open soon in Villa Park, an initiative designed to help young adults with disabilities who graduate from school, supporting their challenges of adapting to adult life.

"UCP of Greater Chicago and Seguin Services share 60

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Emerson social committee presents "Shops"

ELMHURST — On Thursday, November 18 from 6-9 p.m., the "Shops of Emerson" will be open for early holiday shopping at Emerson Elementary School, 400 No. West Ave.

Vendors, as of press time, included (more may be added): Arbonne International, Usborne Books and More, Healthy Conversions Inc., Dove Chocolate Discoveries, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Stella & Dot, Party-L-

ite, Fab Flips and More, Beijo Bags, British Swim School, Tastefully Simple, Homemade To Your Door, DBA Tupperware, Brianna Bella Boutique, We Got IT Promos, Lia Sophia, Kie & Kate Couture, RAFA Exteriors, Go überGreen, CMAX Photography, Me Art, Splendimonium!, Premier Designs Jewelry, Bashas, Stampin Up!, Glitzy Girls Hair Accessories, Midwest Energy

Systems, Stuff by Mrs. Leban, Tree of Life Chiropractic Center, Wimsys by Olsen Illustration, Inc., Jewelry By Venus, and Al's Hobby Shop.

The Shops of Emerson is not a District 205 sponsored activity, nor is it sponsored by the Emerson PTA. For more information, send an e-mail to a.grabau@sbcglobal.net.

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TC Showcase Night offers a new twist

Participants attend class, navigate classrooms, hear mini-lectures

ELMHURST — Timothy Christian Schools is holding a Showcase Night for prospective students and their families on Tuesday, November 30 beginning at 7 p.m.

According to administrators, the program has been significantly

revamped. Instead of having prospective families sit through informational sessions about the school (which can be dry), a mini-schedule will be handed out to parents and students alike. Participants then get to hear the teachers do

what they do best -- teach!

Each teacher will conduct and mini-version of a lecture, with participants having the regular allotted time to get from class to class. Everyone that night is treated as if they were a current student. (Even parents may be

called upon to answer questions in class!)

During "free periods," parents and students can talk with administrators and volunteers about any issues or concerns they may have. Administrators feel this new format will offer

a better way for students to see what it really would be like to attend Timothy Christian.

The evening closes with a brief assembly in the auditorium. For more information, call 630-516-0436.

Park District welcomes new employees

ELMHURST — The Elmhurst Park District is pleased to announce the addition of several new employees:

• Jim Doherty joins the Elmhurst Park District as a Park Ambassador. Doherty was the Elmhurst Police Department Deputy Chief of Police, and served on the Elmhurst police force for over thirty years. Doherty will bring his expertise in law enforcement

and community relations to the position, which entails scheduling athletic fields, enforcing Park District ordinances, issuing permits, and talking with community members about their questions and concerns.

• Heather Lloyd was recently hired as the Courts Plus Membership Services Specialist. Her previous experience includes human resources specialist and

recruiter at Ambrosi and Associates, as well as professional recruiter at Dean Search, Associates. Lloyd will draw upon her extensive background in business development, customer relations and project management to recruit and retain Courts Plus members.

• Barb Parsell-Madaio has accepted the position of Administrative Assistant at the Elmhurst

Park District. Parsell-Madaio brings over 16 years of customer service expertise to the Park District's Wilder Administrative Office, including experience as

an administrative assistant at A & L Construction. Parsell-Madaio will provide customer service to Park District patrons.

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years of history in advocating for children and adults with disabilities," said John Voit, President and CEO of Seguin. "Both agencies have created highly regarded programs to address the needs of individuals and families. The national brand and trademark of United Cerebral Palsy, along with Seguin's

membership in The Arc of the United States and The Arc of Illinois, will leverage significant experience and resources to better serve those under our care."

For more information, call 708-222-4530 or visit www.seguin.org; or, visit www.ucp-net.org.

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the day he came in to help out.

"He was sort of nervous and wasn't sure what to do with himself when he came in to the classroom," she said. "Then he just sat down at the little table and chairs where the rest of the kids were and began coloring and participating in the project they were engaged in."

That is exactly what the program is about, Bailey said.

"This is a funny, yet perfect example of how dads can become involved and make memories for their kids and friends."

The results of and reactions to this program have been nothing but positive. There's been a great response from the dads as there has been an average of three to five dads in the school each week since the program started. Bailey also reported that the school's annual fall fest included three times more volunteers helping than they ever have had in the past.

"This proves the program hasn't just been effective for D.O.G.S., but for parent volunteers in general," she said. "It has really brought everyone together as a school community. Everyone has learned a great deal from this program. Dads feel special and are always very excited to be participating, kids feel special when their dads come to school; and, the teach-

ers and faculty feel special for having such a positive parent program at their school!"

The school is still looking for "DOGS," so interested dads can still sign up at the Conrad Fischer website through May. Bailey knows that research has shown that "parental involvement and education go hand in hand."

"I have been in education for a long time and I've never seen something so different and good in a school," she reflected proudly.

She and the rest of Conrad Fischer hope to make this increase of father's involvement in the school sustainable and will work to include just as many mothers in the future as well.

Overall, the D.O.G.S. at Fischer Elementary School have done an excellent job and many have had repeated their visits to the school. The results of this program are outstanding both on paper and off. The numbers of overall parent volunteers has increased and Principal Jane Bailey truly believes these dads are making a difference to these kids every day.

"You never know what will make a difference in a child or create a childhood memory they will never forget," Bailey concluded, "and the D.O.G.S. program might just be that memory."



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