



South Holland TODAY

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HERITAGE HAUL & FALL FEST

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2015**
Veterans Memorial Park
500 East 160th Place
South Holland, Illinois



HAUL SCHEDULE

7:00 AM Opening ceremony and warm-up
7:30 AM 15 Mile Bike start
7:45 AM Half Marathon start
8:00 AM 10k Run start
8:15 AM 5k Run/Walk start
8:30 AM Kids Dash & other activities
11:00 AM Fall Fest

HAUL EVENT PARTNERS



FALL FEST 11:00 AM

Car Show
Balloon Twisting
Caramel Apple Making
Face Painting
Food Vendors
Fun Inflatables
Hay Rides
Kid's Craft Corral
Kid's Garage Sale
Kite Flying
Line Dancing
Live Music
Movie in the Park
Poptastic
Rock Climbing Wall
and more.

HAUL EVENT SUPPORTERS

ATI Rehabilitation • Carl Buddig & Company • Haines-Craft Agency, Inc. • Happy Days Child Care Center • Hi-Tech Machining & Welding, Inc. • JMA Architects • MB Financial • May Material Specialists, Inc. • Midwest Transit Equipment • Rupari Foods • Sandrick Law Firm • Stepping Stone Financial, Inc. • Superior Towing • Van Drunen Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

THE ARTS

October 15-18, 2015 is the launch of the Village of South Holland's new initiative – **VISION 2022 – CELEBRATING THE ARTS!** This initiative joins together the musical, vocal and creative talents of the South Holland community.

Artists' Gallery Exhibition

October 15 – 17, 2015

Artists' Gallery Exhibition

South Holland Community Center
501 East 170th Street

Thursday, October 15, 12:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 16, 12:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 17, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Artists' Gallery features a unique collection of oils, watercolors, pastels, graphite and colored pencil, prints, photographs, sculptures, pottery, and miniatures. The gallery is currently recruiting artists – junior high, high school, and adult artists are welcome. To register, please visit South Holland's website at www.southholland.org, or stop by Village Hall (16226 Wausau Avenue) to complete a form.



South Holland Master Chorale

The South Holland Master Chorale, with a growing membership of 125 voices, has established itself as one of the premiere singing ensembles of the Chicago Southland. Under the direction of Albert M. Jackson, the Chorale has performed in concerts throughout the Chicago south suburban region and Northwest Indiana, presenting major works such as Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Carl Orff's Carmina Burana, Mozart's Grand Mass in C minor, Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise, and the Mozart Requiem with the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra. In 2012, the Chorale completed its third international tour in its nearly 50-year history. The Chorale performed concerts and recitals in several of the major cathedrals in Austria (pictured above at St. Michaels in Mondee, Austria) and Prague. Each season, the Chorale performs 7-8 full concerts, and will appear at South Holland's 2016 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute.

The Chorale is an all volunteer, non-audition group consisting of members ranging in age from 17 to 70+, representing a variety of cultural, ethnic and religious affiliations, whose members live in Chicago, and all over the south suburbs and Indiana. The members represent all walks of life from students to homemakers, nurses, teachers, doctors, dentists, pastors, social workers, human resource professionals, small business owners, accountants and retirees, to name a few. The chorale is a very diverse group with a common interest – the love for music and singing.

To learn more about the South Holland Master Chorale, visit online at www.shchorale.org, or call 708-210-2913.

South Holland Master Chorale 2015-2016 Performance Season

October 18, 2015

4:00 PM

First Reformed Church • South Holland

December 6, 2015

4:00 PM

St. Victor Catholic Church • Calumet City

January 16, 2016

10:00 AM

Village of South Holland

10th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute
Covenant United Church of Christ • South Holland

March 5-6, 2016

4:00 PM

Lincoln-Way Performing Arts Center/Rialto Theatre Joliet
Concert with Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra

April 24, 2016

4:00 PM

Annual Spring Concert
Spirit of God Fellowship • South Holland

May 1, 2016

4:00 PM

St. Andrew Catholic Church • Calumet City

ALL CHORALE PERFORMANCES
ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC.

HAPPENINGS



New South Holland Trustee Appointed

Village President Don A. De Graff, with the unanimous support of the Board of Trustees, appointed Vickie L. Perkins as Village Trustee. Perkins fills the unexpired term of Mathew James, who retired on June 30, 2015, after ten years of service on the board.

As a dedicated community ambassador, Perkins has served the community in the capacity of member, and most recently chairperson of the Youth Commission. Prior to her eight-year tenure with the Youth Commission, she was a member of the Communications Commission. In addition, Perkins is the recipient of the 2013 Mayor's Future Leadership Award and the 2014 recipient of the Community Spirit Award, presented by Diversity, Inc. (East Hazel Crest, IL). "Vickie has continually demonstrated her commitment to the Village of South Holland for nearly ten years" said Mayor De Graff. "As a community, we are blessed to have someone with her dedication, drive and talent to offer their leadership abilities for the betterment of the Village."

Perkins is District Manager for Starbucks, Chicago south region. She has worked for this national corporation for 12 years, and earned several awards, including District Manager of the Year for Customer Service and numerous business results awards. Perkins has lived in the Village of South Holland since 1995. Perkins and her husband, Carlos, have two sons, Carlos James and Mikael, and one granddaughter, Carmen.

Trustee James Retires

After ten years of dedicated service as a Trustee, as well as, Chairman of the Public Works Committee and Member of the Public Safety and Community Coordination Committees, Trustee Mathew James retired from the Village of South Holland. Trustee James is a life-long educator. His passion for all children to experience a safe, creative and innovative learning environment has resulted in more than two decades of serving students and parents of Calvary Academy in the Village of South Holland. Among his Calvary Academy positions were Language Arts Instructor, Assistant Principal, and Dean of Students. Trustee James concluded his tenure as Principal of the Academy. He held a leadership position at Roseland Christian School prior to transitioning to his current role as a Strategic Consultant to Bright Promise Fund for Urban Christian Education. In honor of his retirement from the South Holland Board of Trustees, Mayor Don De Graff presented a proclamation to Trustee James.

Peace CRC Celebrates 50 Years

Peace Christian Reformed Church is celebrating 50 years of Christian ministry and worship. The church, located at 833 West 168th Street, will host a community gathering on September 12. In addition, a dinner is planned for its present and former members on November 14. To learn more about the community gathering, contact Peace at 331-7755.

Coffee with the Mayor

Residents can meet and talk about issues of the day with Mayor Don De Graff at one of his regular Coffee with the Mayor sessions at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at the South Holland Community Center, 501 E. 170th Street.

Paarlberg Fest - Labor Day

Monday, September 7th, starting at 10am is the annual Paarlberg Farm Festival, hosted by the South Holland Historical Society. The fest will kick off with raising of the American flag raising by the Lansing Boy Scout troop and will include music by D.J. "Ever After Events," Magician Joe Spiller, Line Dancing, a Farmer's Market, Crafters, Quilt Show raffle, small art gallery, tour of the historic farm house for \$1.00, food vendors, and woodcarvers. Paarlberg Fest concludes with a performance by the South Holland Municipal Band, from 3 to 4 p.m..

You're Invited for Coffee

The Fire department invites residents for coffee the first Saturday of every month at Station 1, 16230 Wausau Ave., from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Harvest Fest

The Harvest Fest is scheduled for Oct. 29, 6:30 to 8:00 PM. There will be costume judging, games, and pumpkin decorating for children ages 3 to 12. This event will be held at the South Holland Community Center and space is limited, and registration is required between September 14 and October 16.

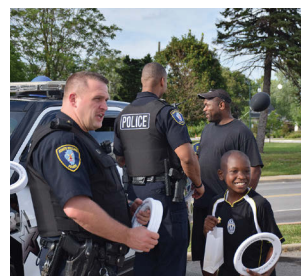


South Holland Municipal Band

South Holland's very own Municipal Band, which is celebrating its 73rd anniversary this year, began their season with the Memorial Day celebration and have one final performance left this season.

● **Monday – Sept. 7 at 3 p.m.**
Paarlberg Park, 173rd & Paxton Avenue

POLICE



The South Holland Police Department held its first annual National Night Out event in the parking lot of the Municipal Campus, 16226 Wausau Avenue. The events was a huge success, attracting many local families who enjoyed music, refreshments, giveaways and raffles, games, and good old fashioned camaraderie.

Send Tips to Police Department

To send an anonymous tip via text message to the South Holland Police Department: Text shpd and your tip to 847411 (tip411).



FIRE

Teenagers Heat Up in Fire Cadet Program

The South Holland Fire Department began 2015 with the launch of its Fire Cadet Program. Eleven high school students applied, and seven successfully met the requirements and interview process to be accepted into the program.

The volunteer program is targeted toward students between the ages of 16 and 21 who would like to pursue jobs in the fire safety field. Fire cadets is a youth community service initiative designed to engage students who have an interest in being involved in the community and serving the public. Many of the current South Holland firefighters, lieutenants and chiefs began their careers in a cadet program.

Cadets attend class twice a month and learn basic skills in the areas of firefighting, EMS, hazardous materials and technical rescue. Cadets participate in many of the same drills our firefighters complete and take active roles in various community outreach programs such as the pancake breakfast and public education events.

The scope and intent of our program can best be described in our mission statement, detailed below.

South Holland Fire Cadets Mission Statement

The South Holland Fire Cadet program provides high school students with experiences and learning opportunities in the fire and emergency medical profession. We hold firm the values of community service, public safety, and volunteerism as they are key guiding principles for our members. Through our activities and training, we introduce the traits and characteristics needed to pursue a career in today's fire and EMS professions. By design, the process seeks to motivate students to pursue a lifestyle that is productive, responsible, mindful of the law and inclusive of people in all walks of life.

If you are interested in becoming a cadet or know someone who would be a good candidate for our program, contact Firefighter Eric Petravich at 708-331-3123, or by email at epravich@southholland.org.



Fireman Retires After 20 Years of Dedicated Service to Village

David DeGraff served the Village of South Holland as a full-time fire safety professional for twenty years. His career as a firefighter/paramedic began in the Village of South Holland in February 1989 as a Paid-On-Call Fireman. He earned Illinois State Certifications as a Firefighter II in June 1990 and Paramedic in July 1992, and was hired as a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic in August 1995.

Throughout his long career, DeGraff earned many other state certifications, including Rescue Specialist, Fire Apparatus Engineer, CPR Instructor, Hazardous Materials Operation, Firefighter III, Technical Rescue Awareness, and Vehicle and Machinery Operations. In July 2009, DeGraff was appointed an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Coordinator. As an effective and committed member of the South Holland Fire Department, DeGraff earned many special commendations, including Outstanding Paramedic in 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, and 2014. He also received recognition in 2010 for rescue of an autistic child from a drainage pipe and for his outstanding work as EMS Coordinator from Providence Health Care. Firefighter/Paramedic David DeGraff, who served the Village of South Holland with distinction, retired from the Fire Department on August 22, 2015.

PARADE OF LIGHTS

The South Holland Fire Department will hold our annual Parade of Lights in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week, October 6, 2015.

Many suburban Fire Departments will join us in a silent tribute to fallen firefighters and citizens who have suffered a loss in fire emergencies. Firefighting apparatus, including fire engines, fire aerial ladder trucks, squad cars, and ambulances will form a lights only parade. We may have as many as 40 apparatus participate in the parade. Come on out Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 pm to Thorn Creek Reformed Church, 1875 E. 170th Street, and join in the festivities.



PUBLIC WORKS

South Holland Recycles!

The South Holland Public Works Department is excited and proud to have successfully launched the village's recycling program.

By now, residents should have received their light blue top container and started their recycling journey.

Recycled materials are picked up every other week.

New Gazebo for Veterans Park

Veterans Park soon will have a new 38-foot gazebo on the north side of the park. This new structure for village residents to enjoy is fully funded by a state grant.



RECYCLING AT YOUR FINGER TIPS!



Recycling at your curb

Plastic	Glass	Metal	Cartons	Paper
<p>YES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bottles and jugs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water, soda and juice bottles Milk and juice jugs Ketchup and salad dressing bottles Dishwashing liquid bottles and detergent jugs Shampoo, soap and lotion bottles <p>NO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Styrofoam™ containers, peanuts or packing Microwavable food trays Plastic wrap Plastic toys Motor oil bottles and other containers that held hazardous products 	<p>YES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food and beverage bottles and jars <p>NO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drinking glasses, ceramic dishes and vases Window glass and mirrors 	<p>YES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food and beverage cans Empty aerosol cans Clean aluminum foil wrap and pans 	<p>YES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milk cartons Juice boxes Soup, broth and wine cartons Take-out pizza boxes 	<p>YES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mail, office and school papers Magazines and catalogs Newspapers and inserts Phone books Shredded paper in closed paper bags Boxes <p>NO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper soiled with food Paper plates and cups Paper napkins or towels Gift wrap



Rain Barrel



During the July 20, 2015 meeting of the village board, trustees approved a resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to make rain barrels available to South Holland residents. The official program is expected to roll out in the very near future.

WHAT IS A RAIN BARREL?

A rain barrel is a type of water conservation tool used to capture rainwater from your roof and save it for when you need it to wash your car, water your lawn, or clean work boots and tools. Rain barrel water is naturally free of chlorine, lime, and calcium. However, since rain barrel water is runoff from your roof, never drink it!

WHERE SHOULD I PLACE THE RAIN BARREL?

Most homes can benefit from rain barrels. Areas of your yard that are unpaved or pervious ground near your downspouts are good locations for your rain barrels. Homeowners throughout Cook County have incorporated rain barrels into their yards with great results.

WHAT SIZE IS THE RAIN BARREL?

MWRD's rain barrels are 55-gallons and made using repurposed, or upcycled, food barrels.

ACQUIRING YOUR RAIN BARREL

Rain barrels will be free of charge for residents of municipalities currently enrolled in the MWRD's program. A village ordinance is currently under development. Additional details are expected to be released in a future edition of *South Holland TODAY*.



RECREATIONAL SERVICES



South Holland Athlete, Official Compete in Special Olympics

A Special Olympics Illinois athlete and coach were among the Illinois contingent at the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles.

Miguel Castillo, a soccer player who attends Thornwood High School, was among the 481-member delegation representing the United States at the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, held July 25-Aug. 2. **Tom Schell**, a bocce official, was one of six residents from Illinois who officiated at the Games.

Every two years, the world transcends the boundaries of geography, nationality, political philosophy, gender, age, culture and religion to come together for Special Olympics World Games. Alternating between summer and winter games, this event is the flagship event of the Special Olympics movement, which promotes equality, tolerance and acceptance through the power and joy of sport. This prominent world stage brings attention to the Special Olympics movement and the abilities of people with intellectual disabilities. Currently, nearly 5 million Special Olympics athletes train and compete year-round in 170 nations across the globe.

With an anticipated 30,000 volunteers and 500,000 spectators, the 2015 Special Olympics World Games was expected to be the largest sports and humanitarian event anywhere in the world in 2015, and the single biggest event in Los Angeles since the 1984 Olympic Games.

South Holland Community Center Inspiring Life Giving Art

By Ronda Williams

"I smile everyday on my way to work," says **Eric Stiles**, art instructor at the South Holland Community Center. "I truly enjoy pouring life lessons into my art students by helping them to see the possibilities of their talent through art expression."

Owner of StilesInk face painting and balloons, Stiles teaches drawing at the Community Center on Monday afternoons to students ages 6 to 15 years old. The popularity of the class has really appealed to girls who have an interest in expressing themselves through drawing.

Stiles' interest in drawing began in elementary school with childhood drawing competitions with friends who sketched images of cartoon characters and muscle men. Unwilling to be outdone by friends who could draw better, Stiles spent years through high school at Percy L. Julian and later at Columbia College to perfect his skill, taking classes in art design, digital, painting, multimedia, and more. Through this art form, Stiles learned lifelong skills of professional presentation, public speaking and most importantly self-confidence.

"I teach my students life lessons that to succeed you have to be assertive and able to take criticism as art is subjective and appeals to people's emotions," says Stiles. "Many of my art students are shy and use art to express themselves. We share our work, present our drawings in class and talk through what they're working on. These are skills they'll use in school and beyond."

The class is focused on pencil drawing but will soon include other media like colored pencils, water color and paint. Stiles incorporates discussions on art history, highlighting artists who made significant contributions to the art form.

County Opens New Campground in South Holland

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County opened a new campground this summer at Shabonna Woods in South Holland.

Now, individuals and families can camp overnight in a tent or in a cabin. The campgrounds offer tent pads, RV spaces and small and large cabins throughout the summer to give individuals of all ages, interests and backgrounds the chance to experience camping on forest preserve lands.

Fees vary by season and day, but range from \$30 for a



Shabonna Woods is located at 15810 S. Torrence Avenue, South Holland.

weekday tent pad to \$200 for a Saturday-night, 36-bed bunkhouse for Cook County residents. Non-residents will pay \$10 more per night.

The campground will have 24-hour staff and will be monitored with regular patrols by the Forest Preserves Police Department. Each site will feature new restrooms and shower facilities.

Camp Shabonna is open April through October.

To learn more about Camp Shabonna Woods, visit online at www.fpdcc.com.



YOGA FOR BABY BOOMERS AND BEYOND



By Ronda Williams

Yogi MD Nadine Kelly empowers her students to live freely and healthy through preventive, practical strength training and healing. As the yoga instructor at the South Holland Community Center, teaching Aqua Yoga, Chair Yoga and Yoga for osteoporosis, Kelly uses her medical background and compassion for the baby boomer generation to share her life calling.

Kelly, a retired doctor, found her calling with the baby boomer generation years after medical school and well on her way to a career in pathology.

“At a challenging point in my life, I took a yoga class to reduce stress and in the midst of my own healing, the light bulb went off. I realized that combining my love for health and the principles of yoga could be truly life changing for others,” she said.

Her student’s changed lives tell the story of the power of Kelly’s enthusiasm and commitment to helping those who are on the outskirts of mobility.

“I work with stroke and cancer survivors, people with disabilities confined to wheelchairs, those who have had hip and knee replacements, or suffer with chronic pain. I have found that working in water or in a chair, students get the support they need to strengthen their bodies while improving flexibility and breathing,” says Kelly.

Kelly teaches her students to live healthy and safe lives by providing practical guidance that can be incorporated into their daily activities.

“I had a student who often fell,” says Kelly. “After learning how to breathe, balance and boost herself, she was able to get up without assistance. This may seem simplistic to many but for my students, this is an amazing feat. It’s testimonials like these that keep me going.”

There are three major teaching components that Kelly uses in her classes: proper breathing, physical movement and mental health. Kelly starts each class with a wellness check, giving each student a moment to “check in” by sharing emotionally how they’re doing. She is able to give each student exactly what they need simply by sharing her own vulnerability and struggles to achieve peace.

“I want every person to be empowered through my class so they can live in the fullness of health and wellness,” says Kelly. You can find out more about Kelly’s classes at www.yogimd.net and register for her classes at the South Holland Community Center, www.southholland.org.



“The positions and moves are gentle but have a powerful healing purpose at the same time.

The pain has decreased 100% and my mobility has never been better.”

*-Lynn Watkins
Living with chronic pain*



Aqua Yoga



Chair Yoga

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Calumet Carton Awarded for Top Audit Rating

Calumet Carton Co., a premier manufacturer of paperboard packaging solutions, received Recognition of Achievement, scoring 910 out of 1,000, from the American Institute of Baking International after a recent audit.

AIB is a nonprofit organization committed to protecting the safety of the food supply chain through rigorous inspections, audits and training.

“Receiving the AIB recognition is a great accomplishment and reflection of our facility and its operations,” said John Inwood, president and fourth generation of Calumet Carton. “With many of our customers being in the food business, this is an important step to the success and growth of our business. It gives our customers the assurance that we are committed to their industry and the high standards of packaging safety.”

Calumet Carton was started in 1930 and is still a family-owned company, currently employing 130 people.

Known in the packaging industry as the inventor of the Stayflats Mailers, they continue to be a leader in design, innovation and manufacturing of folding cartons and mailers.

Village Awarded Grant to Support Vision 2022

The Village of South Holland was recently awarded a Local Technical Assistance grant from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning to establish a Comprehensive Village plan.

Designed to build on the foundation of Vision 2022, the plan will utilize subject matter experts on staff with CMAP to create the foundation that will help chart the course of this community for the next 20-30 years.

Select Chicago Southland Opens Doors for Economic Development

Select Chicago Southland is a consortium of south suburban communities that has joined together to approach retail development from a regional perspective.

South Holland is a founding member of the group, which began in 2014 with six communities and has now expanded to 13 communities.

Activities have been based around participation in major trade shows, including the annual International Council of Shopping Centers Convention held annually in May, which attracts more than 50,000 participants in commercial real estate.

New Businesses Openings in South Holland

Construction has begun on **Love's Travel Stops**. The \$9 million development will include auto and diesel gas, capacity for compressed natural gas, a large convenience store, a Hardee's restaurant, and a mobile tire and lube shop. They will employ approximately 65-70 people and will be a 24/7 operation.



The development is expected to be open in the spring of 2016.

Miniat Corp. is completing a 62,000-square-foot expansion, in which they invested \$30 million. The expansion is expected to be fully operational in September, with plans to hire approximately 125 full-time employees within three to five years.

Burger King has opened in South Holland at the southwest corner of Route 6 and South Park Avenue. The \$2 million development employs approximately 50 people, and includes a décor more attributable to a fast casual restaurant, rather than a typical fast food restaurant. The restaurant also includes a modernized play area for families with children.

MJ May is a family owned company that has expanded into the 21,000-square-foot former Silliker testing lab. The company converts bulk belting into customized uses and sizes that are not available in large quantities.

Eagle Express, a longtime South Holland business, has purchased and is now occupying the 28,000-square-foot property formerly operated by Lippert Inc. Eagle is a trucking operation that, among other things, delivers mail for the U.S. Postal Service. With their purchase, they have consolidated their former Blue Island maintenance facility, relocating 40 employees to South Holland. Eagle now has a total of 80 employees in South Holland.

DirectSat, a division of Unitek, is a communications infrastructure provider. They have purchased the former Steiner electric building where they will house 50 full-time employees (44 maintenance, 6 office) that will be responsible for the maintenance and service of customers with DirecTV.

Meekhof Tire and Service has purchased the vacant building formerly occupied by Alison Hagerty Buick. Founded in 1972 and based out of Grand Rapids, Mich., Meekhof Tire has been a locally owned and operated automotive repair center and tire dealer serving nine locations in the state of Michigan. A Michelin approved dealer, this venture marks the company's first expansion into Illinois and is expected to result in approximately 20-25 full-time employees, in addition to significant improvements of the current facility.

SALUTES



South Holland Guardsman Returns Home After Deployment

Sgt. 1st Class **Tatshee Simmons** (pictured front left) of the 108th Sustainment Brigade, has returned home after two consecutive deployments, totaling 18 months in the Middle East.

The soldiers are home after the demobilization phase of their deployment at Fort Hood.

The brigade's mission was to provide logistical support in the Central Command area of operations. Its mission concluded in the fall of 2014, but Simmons and nine other soldiers stayed to support the 3rd Sustainment Brigade, which replaced the 108th.

Simmons visited Oman, Dubai, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain before finally spending the rest of her deployment at Camp Arjidan, Kuwait, with the 3rd Sustainment Brigade based in Fort Stewart, Georgia, in the ammunition and supply section.

One mission that stood out to Simmons was a humanitarian relief mission, where the 108th SB assisted in delivering supplies to 40,000 Iraqis surrounded by ISIL on Mount Sinjar in northern Iraq.

South Holland Actor Wins Theater Award

Kevin Cox, a native of South Holland, won an acting award this summer from the non-Equity Jeff Awards for the lead performance in "La Bete" at the Trap Door Theatre in Chicago.

Cox received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in acting from Millikin University, where he also was the recipient of the J. Ben Wand Award for Excellence in Acting.

At the Trap Door Theatre, a long-established alternative company, his credits include "They Are Dying Out," "The Word Progress on My Mother's Lips Doesn't Ring True," "Minna," "A Couple of Poor, Polish-Speaking Romanians," "Eva Peron" and "Emma."

Elsewhere in Chicago, Cox has worked at the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Steppenwolf Theatre, BoHo Theatre, Greasy Joan & Co., Oracle Theatre, The Broken Compass, and The Mill.

His television credits include ABC's "Detroit 187" and Starz' "Boss."



"The Blessing on the Village"



When I reflect on the Village of South Holland, which I have learned began in the year 1847, I am in awe of the blessing that exists on the village. Years ago when the early South Hollanders established the village, they had God on their minds because of the godly standards that were

implemented for the community.

We see in the book of 2 Chronicles that King Uzziah, who began his reign at the age of sixteen years old and reigned fifty two years in Jerusalem, had God on his mind. The Bible says that he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah did. In 2 Chronicles 26:5 we read, "And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper." When we have God on our minds, earnestly seeking Him and His will, and doing what is right in His sight, we will prosper in our endeavors. Trials and tribulations will come and I'm sure the early South Hollanders experienced difficult circumstances. However, they were victorious because they sought God.

South Holland has the motto of faith, family, and future and is known throughout the Southland area as a "community of churches." God has made the Village of South Holland to prosper by having godly leaders at the helm, who lead with integrity and love for the village and who sincerely work for the continual advancement and consistency of the village. Also, South Holland has pastors, men and women, after the very heart of God. The South Holland Ministerial Association works diligently to ensure that the spiritual climate in the village remains at the forefront, by intentionally praying for the leaders and the village as a whole.

So like King Uzziah, let's be unified as a village in doing what is right, seeking God in all things, and He will make South Holland to remain prosperous because the "Blessing is on the Village."

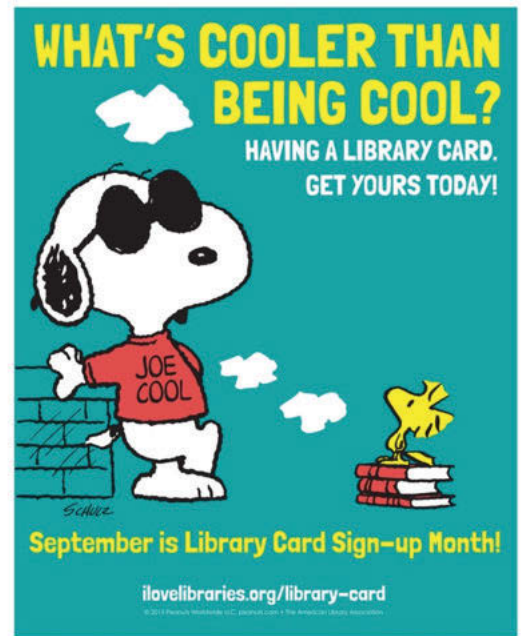
*Evangelist Betty Wilson,
Breaking of Bread Fellowship*

LIBRARY

Quick Facts...

- September is Library Card Sign-Up Month.
- 58% of adults in the United States have librarycards and go to libraries three times as often as the movies.
- There are more public libraries than McDonald's in the US.

If you haven't been to a library in a while, now is the perfect time to learn about everything they have to offer. More than just books, libraries provide access to DVDs/BlueRays, CDs, free streaming music services, ebooks, audio books, quality programs for all ages, and access to computers, and subscription online resources. Stop in during September to get a library card or renew you current one! The South Holland Public Library is open from 10:00-9:00 Monday through Thursday, 10:00-6:00 on Friday and 10:00-5:00 on Saturday. For additional information call the library at 708-331-5262.



TOWN CENTER

The Village of South Holland
Faith, Family, & Future

MARKETPLACE

4th Sat. in June - 1st Sat. in Oct.

162nd & South Park

The village's version of a farmer's market will run through Saturday, Oct. 3. The market will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the northeast corner of 162nd Street (Route 6) and South Park Avenue.

The market will offer a variety of farm fresh, organic fruits and vegetables provided by local farmers who participate as a collaborative, under the umbrella of Zeldenrust Farms. Additionally, a line of organic flavored infused olive oils, fresh baked goods, roasted corn, grilled hotdogs and hamburgers and hot barbecue will be available for purchase this summer. Specialty products, such as organic soy candles and soaps, glass spice and oil jars, as well as Tupperware, Tastefully Simple and Pampered Chef items, will compliment the featured market products. Town Center Marketplace accepts Senior/ WIC program coupons.

Flood Proofing SERIES

Village regulations protect you from flooding

“Water flows downhill.” This basic truth is the basis for the Village’s drainage system. This system consists of storm sewers, channels, culverts and storage basins. All of these work to carry water away from buildings, such as your house, that can be damaged if flooded.

However, water can’t flow if there is a dam in the way. South Holland’s drainage system can be blocked or altered when people dump in the channels, plug storm sewer inlets, or build improperly in the floodplain. Therefore, there are Village regulations to prevent these problems.

Every lot was built so water would flow away from the building and along property lines to the street, storm sewer, or ditch. Fences, railroad ties, landscaping and regrading block this flow.

So do construction projects in the ditches or the floodplain. All such projects require a permit from the Village.

Some things to remember:

- **Floodplain Permit Requirements:** All development within the 100-year floodplain (not just construction of buildings, but filling, excavation, fences, etc.) is required to obtain a Village Permit. Applications must be made prior to doing any work in the floodplain area. Please contact the Planning Development and Code Enforcement Department to receive all the information you will need in order to properly develop in the floodplain at (708) 210-2915. You may report any illegal development activities to the above number as well.

- **Substantial Improvement/Damage:** The NFIP requires that if the cost of improvements to a building or the cost to repair damages (from any cause) to a building exceeds 50% of the market value of the building (excluding land value), the entire building must be brought up to current floodplain management standards. Building improvement projects include exterior and interior remodeling, rehabilitation, additions and repair and reconstruction projects. Please contact Planning Development and Code Enforcement Department at (78) 210-2915 for further information.

- **Do not dump or throw anything into the ditches or basins.** Dumping in our ditches and storage basins is a violation of Village Code, Sections 14.51 – 14.53.

If you see dumping or debris in ditches or basins, contact the Code Enforcement Office at 210-2915. The debris may cause flooding on your property.

- **Every piece of trash can contribute to flooding.** Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. If your property is next to a ditch or storage basin, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris.

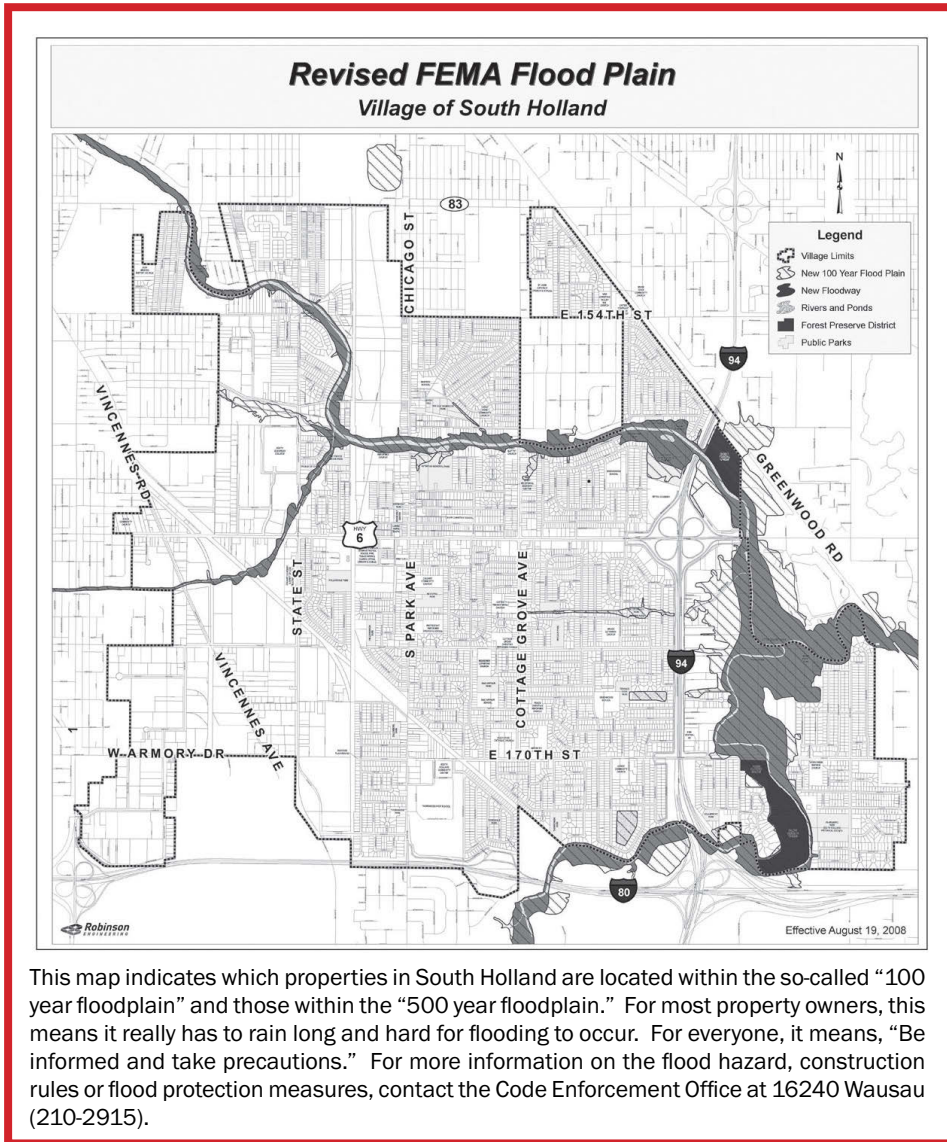
- **Always check with the Code Enforcement Office before you build on, alter, regrade, or put fill on your property.** A permit is needed to ensure that such projects do not cause problems on other properties.

If you see building or filling without a Village permit sign posted, contact the Code Enforcement Office at 210-2915. The project may increase flooding on your property.

New buildings in the floodplain must be protected from flood damage. Our building code requires that new residential buildings must be elevated one foot above the base flood level. The ordinance also requires that all substantial improvements to a building be treated as a new building. A substantial improvement is when the value of an addition, alteration, repair or reconstruction project exceeds 50% of the value of the existing building. In the case of an addition, only the addition must be protected. In the case of an improvement to the original building, the entire building must be protected.

For example, if a house is flooded, has a fire, is hit by a tornado, or is otherwise damaged so that the cost of repairs is more than 50% of the value of the building before the damage, then the house must be elevated above the base flood level.

These regulations are designed to protect you and your neighbors. By keeping the drainage system clear and getting the proper permits before you build, we can prevent flooding and other drainage problems.



This map indicates which properties in South Holland are located within the so-called “100 year floodplain” and those within the “500 year floodplain.” For most property owners, this means it really has to rain long and hard for flooding to occur. For everyone, it means, “Be informed and take precautions.” For more information on the flood hazard, construction rules or flood protection measures, contact the Code Enforcement Office at 16240 Wausau (210-2915).

Education is a True Calling For Kevin McMillen

By Cindy Cruz



Christ Our Savior (COS) junior high teacher Kevin McMillen felt drawn to education at a young age.

“I played school with my younger brothers and sisters. When I was a little older, I gave guitar lessons to the kids in my neighborhood. When I finally had my own classroom, I felt like I had fulfilled my lifelong ambition,” he said.

McMillen describes his teaching style as always evolving. It’s a blend of using some traditional teaching methods and embracing the better aspects of newer trends and technology based learning. I want my students to “experience” learning, he said.

During the past two years, he created four new labs out of regular classrooms. The Discovery Lab is a science lab complete with lab tables, student aprons and goggles, and lab equipment. The Technology Lab has a Buzz

Lightyear theme and includes 25 new computers. SEA is the Student Enhanced Academic Lab that blends 25 computers with learning centers and a learning lab specialist. The Explore Room is McMillen’s classroom. It has learning tables instead of desks and is the home of the Explore Zoo with over a dozen animals that are cared for by the junior high students.

In math class, students designed and created a scale model of a two-story house. They calculated the quantity and cost of all the materials needed to complete the house. Students studying astronomy compete in the Astronomy Olympics. They are divided into teams with each student becoming an expert on one planet. Students

compete as individuals and as part of a team.

McMillen’s other ventures included creating a musical group called “Amanti Sauti” – a peaceful sound- to perform in church and at parish events. Students learn to play percussion, keyboards, vibraphone, and electric bass. He also started a hand bell

choir with the girls in the seventh-grade. They perform at the Christmas concert and at school masses.

He enjoys using technology in his math and science classes. In math, student instruction is enhanced by online math programs with individualized tutoring. His students are constantly challenged and work at a pace customized for them.

“The science class utilizes student reporting from creating PowerPoint presentations on a human disease or a specific species of shark to researching a natural disaster and publishing a newspaper as if it were the day after an earthquake, volcanic eruption, or a tsunami,” he said.

Calumet City. Their daughter Katie is an education major and is student teaching in Valparaiso, Ind.

He was hired to teach computers at COS when it first opened in 2004. McMillen taught all grades and was later asked to again teach science and math as he had done for 23 years at previous schools.

“We have many wonderful families that are supportive of the school. Our principal, Karen Brodzik, is a dedicated educator who inspires others with her hard work,” he said.

In the future, McMillen would like to conduct an archaeological dig with the students. He has collected animal bones, Indian arrowheads and other objects and hopes to parcel off a section of grass in the school parking lot and bury the items. This project would allow students to unearth and discover the buried artifacts. He wants them to experience how to keep accurate records and interpret how the location and condition of an object can tell the story of its past.

His advice for someone considering a career in education is to be flexible and open to change. “Keep your focus on the students in your class. My mantra has always been, ‘How can I help this child?’ ”

McMillen received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois in Champagne/Urbana and completed his graduate work in Education at Calumet College of St. Joseph. He began teaching in the Chicago Archdiocese in 1981. His wife, Joan, is a teacher at Lincoln School in

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SPORTS

Miami drafts South Holland's Brett Lilek in second round

Junior pitcher **Brett Lilek** was the first of three Arizona State University pitchers to be selected in the major league baseball draft earlier this summer.

The 6-4 left-hander from South Holland was picked in the second round (50th overall) June 8 by the Miami Marlins. Coming out of Marian Catholic High School, Lilek was a 37th-round pick (1,121 overall) by Seattle.

Lilek was 4-2 with a 3.20 ERA this season. He was ASU's No. 1 starter at first, like when he was a sophomore, then was moved to No. 3 by first-year coach Tracy Smith before pitching in the No. 2 and 1 slots at the end of the regular season.

Lilek was All Pac-12 first team in 2014 when he went 4-5 with a 2.68 ERA. Overall at ASU, he is 10-8 with a 3.05 ERA, seventh lowest in the aluminum bat era, with 162 strikeouts in 182 2/3 innings.



2015 GIRLS CENTRAL REGION JUNIOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT



It was a great week for a sporting event at Veterans Memorial Park as the Junior League Softball Central Regional Tournament was held for the first time ever in the Village of South Holland. Girls softball teams from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin fiercely played on the pristine field of Veterans Park, July 25-30. A total of 19 games were played during the course of the tournament, with Kentucky and Michigan advancing to the championship game on July 30. At the conclusion of the tournament, it was Kentucky to win the game and earn their team's ticket to the 2015 Junior League Softball World Series in Washington.





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