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Once everyone had their spotlight, the dancing began and music filled the air. The rest of the night celebrated the bonding of the community. It showed the importance of the Chamber being a resource to the community.

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Scott Pazera Quartet performing.



Members dancing during the gala.



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## Briefs:

### Three Creeks Historical Assn.

Three Creeks Historical Association is hosting a Christmas season baked goods fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 10 till 3 at Halsted House. A variety of holiday treats, including cookies, candy, breads and pies, will be available for a donation. Sugar Cream pies can be pre-ordered on Facebook on the Three Creeks Historical Association page.

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The enclosure needs to be 30x30 feet with a perch. Their current owner is moving and can no longer keep them.

Paws Critter Crossing is raising money with their 4th annual Pick 3 LOTTO fundraiser. First place prize is \$2,000 and \$1,000 second place prize. The goal is to raise \$4,500.

The raffle is a \$20 donation to receive a ticket and the drawing for the winning number is the evening of Nov. 24. Prizes should be picked up on Nov. 26 with winning ticket after 12 p.m.

For more information visit the Paws Critter Crossing Facebook page, website [pawscrittercrossing.org](http://pawscrittercrossing.org) or call (708)710-3167.

The donations help fix any enclosures, food and maintenance needed to help the animals.

Paws Critter Crossing is a nonprofit rehabilitation facility in Illinois for orphaned and injured, local wildlife and has provided sanctuary for farm animals since 1950.

David Uhter and Dr. Paula Bratich help their many volunteers triage, feed and treat the variety of species that are brought to PCC for help.

“The organization is all about education. There’s a lot of misinformation that people have about wild animals, and we help educate them,” said David Uhter CEO of Paws Critter Crossing.

The common animals they receive are deer, raccoons, possums, and foxes.

“It’s a fun experience seeing how their brains work. I can have a baby possum on my shoulder while I feed them,” said Taylor Trzupsek, volunteer at Paws Critter Crossing.

The season for hiring volunteers has ended but will be looking in the spring. For injured wildlife, the organization provide vaccines, regular deworming and routine maintenance. Simple breaks can be helped by putting on a splint.

Paws Critter Crossing cannot take animals from a different state. If you find a hurt wild animal in Indiana, contact Humane Indiana Wildlife at (219)-299-8027.

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Ariel sitting on a perch.



Angel and Ariel in the enclosure.



Photo credit Paws Critter Crossing. Angel the peacock showing off their feathers.

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**AROUND THE SOUTHLAND**

**Speech coach surprised with statewide honor**

Cheryl Frazier, director of speech and forensics at Southland College Prep Charter High School, started the speech and drama program there shortly after the school's founding in 2010 and has built the program into a nationally recognized speech powerhouse.

In a surprise ceremony last week at the school in Richton Park, Frazier was honored as an Illinois Charter School Lifetime Achievement Award winner by the Illinois Network of Charter Schools, a not-for-profit organization that advocates for the improvement of public education through high quality charter schools for underserved communities.

The INCS Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to someone who has contributed deeply over many years to the success of the charter school community in Illinois and dedicated their career to helping underrepresented students achieve their goals, officials said.

Frazier was presented a check for \$10,000 from Southland College Prep's Board of Directors in recognition of her achievements, along with proclamations from the villages of Richton Park and Matteson, Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller and state Sen. Michael Hastings.

"Through her work, Mrs.



Cheryl Frazier, director of speech and forensics at Southland College Prep in Richton Park, leaves a surprise rally last week where she was announced as the Illinois Network of Charter Schools Lifetime Achievement Award winner. **JOHN SMIERCIAK/DAILY SOUTHTOWN**

Frazier has changed the lives of our students and generations to come," said Blondean Y. Davis, Southland's CEO.

Frazier, who started coaching speech at her alma mater, Thornwood High School, in 1987, has coached students at the predominantly African American charter school in Richton Park to state and national championships.

"I always felt my job, my purpose, my passion was

to make sure our children know who they are, where they came from and their purpose in this life and world," Frazier said.

The Illinois Network of Charter Schools will honor Frazier and the recipients of the Outstanding Senior, Elementary and High School Teachers of the Year and Principal of the Year Awards on Dec. 6 at a ceremony in Chicago.

During the surprise rally for Frazier, school officials

also announced Southland senior Lauren Russell was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship as the INCS Outstanding Illinois Charter School Senior.

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**Bremen wins 'Fittest School in the Region' title**

Bremen High School physical education classes competed last month for the title of the "U.S. Army's Fittest School in The Region."

The challenge was led by Army sergeants during PE classes at the school in Midlothian, and included relay races, army carries and obstacle courses.



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### **Cedar Lake Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree Sale has Begun**

Taking orders for Christmas trees around the lake began for all 130 trees on a first come, first serve basis.

The trees will be located on the west side of the lake from Wicker to Parrish avenues on 133rd Ave., the central location on Lakeshore Dr. on west and east side of the Chamber Welcome Center and on the east side from Morse to Fairbanks streets on 133rd Ave.

Cedar Lake Chamber of Commerce members pay \$70 and non-members \$90. Payments are to be fulfilled at point of purchase in order to guarantee a tree.

Purchase and decorations are to be completed by Nov. 20 for the Jean Eberle Parade of Lights.

The Chamber will supply a sign identifying the purchaser or dedication and electricity.

For more information, visit the Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center, 7925 Lake Shore Drive in Cedar Lake or call (219) 374-6157. Office hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Leo's Pet Garden Home provides the trees and stake them for purchasers.

"We brought to the Chamber's attention how we have sold trees here in town for years. [So,] we volunteered to put up the trees free of charge to give back to the community," said Steve Govert, owner of Leo's Pet Garden Home.

# Post Tribune

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The screenshot shows the Chicago Tribune website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "SECTIONS" and "SEARCH" on the left, the "Chicago Tribune" logo in the center, and a "Jumble Daily & Crossword Play Now" button on the right. Below the navigation bar is a "Post Tribune" header with a "LEARN MORE ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS" link. Underneath, there are tabs for "SPORTS", "OPINION", and "ALL SUBURBS". A large advertisement banner for a "Holiday Gift Guide" is displayed, featuring a red gift box and the text "Click Here!". Below the ad, there are breadcrumb links for "POST-TRIBUNE" and "SUBURBS". The main article title is "Community news" with a "FEEDBACK" button on the left. The author is listed as "By POST-TRIBUNE STAFF" and the publication date is "OCT 05, 2021 AT 11:36 AM". Social media sharing icons for Twitter, Facebook, and a general share icon are visible on the right.

This screenshot shows a specific article on the Chicago Tribune website. The article title is "Chamber now taking Christmas tree orders" and it is dated "Opens March 19, 2022". The article text reads: "The Cedar Lake Chamber of Commerce is taking orders for Christmas Trees that will line several streets in the community. The staked Frasier Firs will be located in the following areas - West on 133rd Ave. from Wicker to Parrish Avenues; Central on Lake Shore Drive on the east side and west side of the Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center; East on Morse Street and from Morse Street to Fairbanks Street. The cost of the trees is \$70 for Chamber members and \$90 for non-members. Included in the price is a tree, a sign indicating a business name or who the tree is dedicated to and electricity to the tree. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce office from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 219-374-6157. Leo's Pet Garden Home provides and stakes the trees." To the right of the article is a sponsored advertisement for E\*TRADE, titled "tor active traders" with a "Open an account" button. Below the article is a "You May Like" section with a sponsored link by Taboola for SIGYN, titled "A Strategy to Address the #1 Cause of Hospital Deaths".

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## **Public Service Announcement**

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**Air Date: 11-23-21**

**End Date: 01-08-22**

### **Keep Your Christmas Trees Running Bright- 30 seconds**

**Announcer:** The Cedar Lake Chamber of Commerce wants to ensure your Christmas trees displayed in town are safe. Here are some tips on how to keep your lights shining bright outside. The trees should be decorated with lights that are securely tied to the branches; you never know when the next gust of wind may take it all away. No decorations or lights can be placed on the ground next to the trees. They can cause a hazard to vehicles when they fall into the street. Has your sign gone missing? Call us to receive a new sign for \$10. Decorations must be removed by January 8, 2022. Happy Holidays!



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