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# Blackhawks thunder to a huge win as the Fall sports season moves into full swing



Photo by Taylor Scott, *Managing Editor*

Lightning flashes in the background in the final minutes of play as the River Valley Blackhawks Varsity Football team takes on the Lancaster Flying Arrows at home as a large storm rolls in Aug. 27.

After coming off a hard loss last week, the Blackhawks thundered to a 32-8 win against the Flying Arrows. They play Platteville this Friday, 7pm at home.

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# American Players Theatre opened two more plays in August

*Oedipus* and *The Taming of the Shrew* adaptations still to come in the fall

American Players Theatre (APT) opened two more productions in August. A new adaptation of William Shakespeare’s *Cymbeline*, adapted by director Marti Lyons and APT’s Director of Voice and Text, Sara Becker from an original adaptation by Henry Woronicz opened in the 1,089-seat outdoor Hill Theatre Saturday, August 17.

APT’s Artistic Director Brenda DeVita said of the production: “We are so thrilled to be working on this production of *Cymbeline*. It’s a play APT has only produced once before, and this adaptation by Director Marti Lyons and our Director of Voice and Text, Sara Becker, featuring an incredible cast of women – it truly opens up new facets of the play. The story very much feels like a fairy tale, and it’s so much fun to play with those tropes and kind of turn them upside down, and inspect what’s relevant and true and exciting about this often-overlooked Shakespeare play. And it shouldn’t be overlooked. Because ultimately, it’s a play about forgiveness. Who deserves it? Is anything truly unforgivable? How do you hold people accountable for their misdeeds, whether they’re trivial or dangerous? Those are questions we, as a society, are asking every day, and it could not feel more timely. I can’t wait for our audience to see it and dig into those questions.”

Christopher Fry’s *A Phoenix Too Frequent* directed by Keira Fromm began its run in the 200-seat Touchstone Theatre on Thursday, August 26 with opening night on Saturday, August 28 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are on sale now for both *Cymbeline* and *A Phoenix Too Frequent*.

For people who can’t make the trip to APT in person, filmed versions of the plays are available online through the closing date of the in-person production. More information can be found at [americanplayers.org/apt-at-home](http://americanplayers.org/apt-at-home).

For more information on 2021 tickets, visit [americanplayers.org](http://americanplayers.org). Masks are currently required in the indoor Touchstone Theatre. For the latest safety updates, visit [americanplayers.org/covid-rules](http://americanplayers.org/covid-rules).

**The 2021 Plays**  
**August 12 – September 11, Hill Theatre**  
**Cymbeline**  
**By William Shakespeare**  
**Adapted by Henry Woronicz**  
**Directed by Marti Lyons**

When his daughter Imogen secretly marries Posthumus, a good man without financial means, King Cymbeline banishes Posthumus in a fury. In Rome, missing his wife and his home, Posthumus meets Iachimo, who plants a seed in his mind that Imogen will be unfaithful to him in his absence. In despair, Posthumus contacts his servant Pisanio with orders to murder Imogen, but the servant instead disguises her as a page and smuggles her out of

court and off on a great Shakespearean adventure. Featuring: Tracy Michelle Arnold, Gina Daniels, Sarah Day, Alys Dickerson, Elizabeth Ledo, Colleen Madden, Melisa Pereyra and Lisa Tejero.

**August 26 – October 3, Touchstone Theatre**  
**A Phoenix Too Frequent**  
**By Christopher Fry**  
**Directed by Keira Fromm**

In ancient Greece, Dynamene is prepared to die from grief over the death of her husband and has barricaded herself, fasting, in his tomb. She has brought her faithful servant along to die with her (a plan that said servant is not 100% on board with). But it’s not long before Dynamene is distracted from her death wish by the arrival of a handsome soldier, Tegeus, providing a foil for her grief in this comedy about love and expectations. Originally slated for the 2020 season. Featuring Phoebe González, Tyler Meredith and Christopher Sheard.

**September 19 – October 9, Hill Theatre**  
**Oedipus**  
**By Sophocles**  
**Adapted & Directed by David Daniel**

A plague has descended on Thebes, and the citizens insist that King Oedipus do something to save them. The king sends his brother, Creon, to an oracle to determine how to lift the sickness in their city, and he comes back with an answer (although an oracle’s answer is seldom a simple thing): find the murderer of the previous King Laius, and when the

killer is punished, the plague will lift. Oedipus sets out immediately to do so, and what he discovers spurs a reckoning that reverberates through the centuries. A Greek murder mystery that explores the many facets of human nature and relationships.

Featuring Gavin Lawrence as Oedipus. Also featuring La Shawn Banks, Sun Mee Chomet, Ted Deasy, Corey Jones, Samantha Newcomb, Triney Sandoval, Thallis Santesteban and Marcus Truschinski.

**October 14 – November 14, Touchstone Theatre**  
**The Taming of the Shrew**  
**By William Shakespeare**  
**Adapted & Directed by Shana Cooper**

In Padua, the wealthy Lucentio stumbles across a woman he immediately believes to be the love of his life. The problem is that said woman, Bianca, already has multiple suitors. And to complicate matters further, she will not be allowed to marry until after her sister, Katherine, has walked down the aisle herself. Kate is a bit of a wild card, though, and marriage is not on her mind. So Lucentio and Bianca rope in a gold digger, Petruchio, who agrees to pursue Kate. This infamous will-they-won’t-they couple engages in the usual fray in a brand new way in this five-actor adaptation of the classic Shakespearean comedy.

Featuring Alejandra Escalante and Daniel Molina as Kate and Petruchio. Also featuring Casey Hoekstra, Colleen Madden and James Ridge.

# Additional COVID-19 vaccination dose offered in Richland County to immunocompromised

Tracy Thorsen, *Director and* Rose Kohout, *Health Officer, Richland County Health & Human Services*

Certain immunocompromised people are recommended and eligible to get an additional dose of Pfizer (ages 12 and up) or Moderna (ages 18 and up) COVID-19 vaccine following a completed series. This includes people who have:

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for

tumors or cancers of the blood.

- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system.
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last two years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system.
- Moderate to severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome,

Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome).

- Advanced or untreated HIV infection.
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids, alkylating agents, antimetabolites, transplant-related immunosuppressive drugs, cancer chemotherapeutic agents classified as severely immunosuppressive, tumor-necrosis (TNF) blockers, or other drugs that may suppress your immune response.

Eligible individuals may receive an additional COVID vaccine dose at FREE COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS being held in Richland County. Starting September 1 these Wednesday vaccination clinics will be moved to Richland County Health & Human Services, 221 W. Seminary Street, Richland

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