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Fox Valley Beaux Arts to present 'Notes of Nostalgia' Sept. 17

By: Pat Szpekowski

The Fox Valley Beaux Arts annual fundraiser will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Elgin Country Club, 2575 Weld Road, Elgin.

Entertainment will be provided by James Libera, a talented and entertaining Chicago-area performer singer. With 17 years of opera vocal coaching and training, Libera has the rare ability to perform difficult pieces of music from all genres.

"We are so pleased to have this opportunity to finally meet again in person for the first time in three years," said Susan Pepa, club president, "and give us a chance through our wonderful vendors and raffles to raise funds for awarding scholarships to seniors attending District U-46 and other Elgin high schools pursuing higher education in any area of the arts."

Tickets for the luncheon are \$50 each.

Fox Valley Beaux Arts, a nonprofit women's club, was founded 40 years ago to foster and support the arts. Its mission is threefold: to elevate the arts by offering youth scholarships to Elgin area seniors majoring or minoring in the arts; community art support; and lifelong learning.

For more information about reservations, contact Mary McCarthy at (847) 890-8224 or mmccarthy.mary@comcast.net.

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Elgin News Digest: Miss Illinois USA to appear at Dundee Library's storytime; U-46 hosting community engagement session Wednesday; Hanover Township's annual food truck fest being held Thursday

Sept. 17

By: Mike Danahey

To read the full article click [here](#)

U-46 hosting community engagement session Wednesday

School District U-46 will host a community engagement session at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the **U-46 Welcome Center**, 1019 E. Chicago St. in Elgin.

The topic for the meeting, which can also be viewed via Zoom, will be funding for school building improvements. Resident input is being sought to develop a plan to provide equitable learning environments for all students, officials said.

Registration is requested but not required. For more information or to obtain a Zoom link, go to www.u-46.org/Page/19296.

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Red alert: Julian Orozco puts up stop sign as Elgin rolls to fourth shutout in five games. 'I want to be that player that disrupts.'

By: Patrick Z. McGavin

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Elgin's Julian Orozco moves to defend an incoming kick against East Aurora during an Upstate Eight Conference game in Aurora on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022. (Jon Cunningham / The Beacon-News)

Senior defender [Julian Orozco](#) is cut from a different cloth for **Elgin**.

As one of the **Maroons'** central backs, Orozco is tasked with consolidating the defense and helping build the offense. And it all starts with him being the equivalent of a stop sign.

“Normally in soccer, everybody wants to do this thing where they think taking the play and attacking is so good,” he said. “I want to be that one player who doesn’t let them do that.

“I want to be that player that disrupts and stops everything.”



Julian Orozco (14) directs the ball toward an [Elgin](#) teammate against East Aurora during an Upstate Eight Conference game in Aurora on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022. (Jon Cunningham / The Beacon-News)

Paced by Orozco, [Elgin](#) continued its strong start Wednesday night under [new coach James Romano](#) with a 2-0 Upstate Eight Conference victory at East Aurora.

It's the fourth shutout for the [Maroons](#) (4-0-1, 1-0), who have conceded just one goal through five games this season. They have a 17-1 scoring differential.

[Erick Magallon](#) said East Aurora (2-2-2, 1-1) did not match [Elgin's](#) intensity.

"We were nowhere near good enough and need to improve immediately in order to salvage something from this season," Magallon said. "Moving forward, we desperately need to begin playing as a team and not as individuals.

"As a team, we can accomplish great things, as we proved last season."



Elgin's Edgar Perez (22) kicks the ball away from East Aurora's Julio Mandujano (18) during an Upstate Eight Conference game in Aurora on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022. (Jon Cunningham / The Beacon-News)

Senior forward Olamipo Ajayi and senior midfielder [Miguel Navarro](#) scored goals for **Elgin**. Keyed by Orozco, the **Maroons** shut down the talented Tomcats.

“Our midfield also plays really tight and doesn’t allow very much passing,” Orozco said. “It really helps out our defenders as well. The play in the back is what makes our play continue.”

Romano, who directed Marmion to a supersectional appearance in 2018, inherited a fast, athletic and mobile team.

Last season, the **Maroons** advanced to a Class 3A sectional.

“I’ve taught in the **U46** elementary system for a long time and I have always known about Elgin,” he said. “I knew about their potential and the quality of the players they had.

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Elgin's Miguel Navarro (10) charges toward the goal as East Aurora's Jose Sosa (12) defends during an Upstate Eight Conference game in Aurora on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022. (Jon Cunningham / The Beacon-News)

Orozco said under Romano's high-pressure style, the defense has optimized the athleticism, speed and furious nature of the back line.

"When we're playing a high press, I like to be aggressive," he said. "I like to be on top of the game. If we are winning the game, I like to play back, be more tactical and keep the ball in possession."

[Junior defender Edgar Perez](#) is Orozco's stylistic opposite.

While Orozco is quick and dynamic, the 6-foot Perez is long and rangy. He uses his frame to neutralize and overpower smaller forwards.

"Definitely, I take advantage of my size," Perez said. "I see most of the other forwards are shorter, and I take the headers or clear balls.

"I also have long legs. I can win the individual battles."



Elgin's Edgar Perez heads the ball against East Aurora during an Upstate Eight Conference game in Aurora on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022. (Jon Cunningham / The Beacon-News)

Orozco is a three-year starter. Perez is in his second year.

Together, they solidify the back.

“Communication has helped us a lot,” Perez said. “It’s key to our success and how we have done it. We definitely have a good sense of each other. We understand each other.”

The high-pressure style also has paid dividends on offense.

“We really pride ourselves on hard work, like pressing the ball and keeping up the tempo and the high pace,” Ajayi said. “We know our potential but we have to play to it.

“We can’t slack off or take days off. We have to keep the energy up, trust each other, build the energy and keep on winning.”