Laverne and James Kozak, and Janet Supergan, are served chicken by Michael Alpopianis on Nov. 23 at White Eagle Banquets during International Taste of Niles.

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village won't raise '08 tax levy

The Niles Village Board voted Nov. 25 to increase property taxes for 2009, citing the weak economy as a reason to protect residents.

Going about it in a careful, measured way, the village raised the 2008 property tax levy by 4.7 percent to $4.4 million, Village officials said the funds will be toward paying for resident-
Niles, neighbors sound off over noise from new O'Hare runway

By TONY BERTICA  tbt@pioneerlocal.com

The village of Niles and its neighbors claim they have been experiencing an increase in aircraft noise around the northwest corner of the airport's flight pattern. The,Niles village attorney, the village's neighbors and businesses within the new flight pattern have been complaining about the noise, which is being referred to as a nuisance.

The noise is being referred to as a nuisance because it is considered to be a public nuisance. Public nuisances are those that affect the public in general and not just the individual who is disturbed by them.

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**Maine East dancers to perform this weekend**

Maine East High School’s Orchestra company will perform posterity through their annual Winter Concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Maine East Auditorium, 4000 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge.

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**Village Board toasts safe holiday driving**

For the safety of everyone, the village board has issued its annual reminder to drivers on the roads this holiday season to remain alert and drive safely.

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Man killed in car crash was drunk: coroner

The death of Theodore Shub was caused by speed and Lake County Coroner Dr. Richard Mukai.

Shub, 47, who lived on the 8000 block of Cedar Lane, in Mokena Township near Des Plaines, crashed Nov. 27 into a pick-up truck while driving along Foss Rd. near the Wilmette border, Illinois State Police said.

Shub was alone when traveling north on Foss Rd. about 6:50 p.m., when his 1985 Toyota Land Cruiser struck the rear of the truck and flipped over into the railroad, according to witnesses.

He had been drinking alcohol and had been drinking for about 30 minutes prior to the crash, according to the coroner's office.

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POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents were listed among the official reports of the Mokena Police Department. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

BATTERY

- Karen Mandarizky, 38, of 10850 N. Deerlove Road, Grayslake, was charged with battery Nov. 30 after fighting with a man on the 700 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on $1,000 bond and is due in court Jan. 31.

BURGLARY

- A man was burglarized Nov. 27 on the 8610 block of North Oakton Avenue. The value of the stolen items was not determined. He was released on $2,000 bond and is due in court Jan. 8.

Theft

- Mark Corde, 32, of 2150 W. Berens Ave., Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Nov. 29 near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Algon Avenue. He was released on a $1,000 bond and is due in court Jan. 8.

- John Swiercz, 49, of 415 E. Dundee Road, Northbrook, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Nov. 20 on the 7000 block of West Trafton Avenue. He was released on $2,000 bond and is due in court Jan. 31.

- A car was burglarized Nov. 30 on the 8000 block of Golf Mill Road and charger of unknown value was reported stolen.

- A woman was burglarized Nov. 30 on the 8000 block of North Oakton Avenue. The value of the stolen items was not determined. He was released on $2,000 bond and is due in court Jan. 31.

The following items were reported missing.

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Log archipelago noise complaints

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The plaintiffs are seeking compensation for noise-related damages. The lawsuit seeks to recover damages for noise-related injuries, including physical and emotional distress.

The suit also seeks to recover damages for noise-related property loss. The plaintiffs are seeking compensation for noise-related property loss, including the value of their property and the value of their business.

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The suit is still in the early stages and the outcome is uncertain. However, the plaintiffs are determined to hold the airport accountable for the noise it generates.

The airport, on the other hand, is denying the plaintiffs' claims and is fighting against the suit. The airport claims that it is not responsible for the noise it generates and that the plaintiffs are making false allegations.

The suit is expected to take many months, if not years, to resolve. The parties are currently in mediation, and it is hoped that a settlement can be reached without going to trial.

However, if a settlement cannot be reached, the parties will go to trial. The trial will be a long and complicated process, and it is expected to last for many months.

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"Twilight" stars Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson. (JT) (104 min.) Rated PG-13 for some partial nudity and sexual content. (JT) (91 min.) Rated PG-13 for some strong language, sexual content and some violence.

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First-time buyers have wide range of choices, affordable pricing

By Marcy Marro

Moving into your first new condominium, townhome or house is a big step for anyone. You want to make sure you find a place with desirable amenities and a good location close to restaurants and shopping. There are some communities around Chicagoland that can help make it a smooth process.

According to BusinessWeek magazine, Mount Prospect is the best place in America to raise kids. Norwood Builders has two properties in Mount Prospect: Founders Row and The Emerson at Village Centre.

"This is an excellent, tight-knit community populated by caring families, hardworking professionals and bright, active children," said Bruce Adreani, president of Norwood Builders. "It has a small-town charm all its own and a neighborly feel of camaraderie, brotherhood and community involvement."

Founders Row features 14 semi-custom row homes in the heart of the downtown district. Homes span 4,446 to 4,536 square feet, and they are priced from $896,900 to $904,900. For more information on Founders Row, call (847) 577-0100 or visit www.norwoodbuilders.com.

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Homes near train stations possess extra sales appeal

By Marcie Marro

In suburbs, Chicago home sales in communities served by Metra and other commuter railroad lines have declined sharply, but they still move more quickly to an elite group of communities. It is not only a matter of proximity; it is also the quality of life that has made these areas attractive. Homebuyers who live in these areas are looking for a lifestyle that is different from what they experience in the city. They are looking for a community that offers a sense of community, safety, and convenience.

Fireplaces provide cozy winter warmth

By Marcie Marro

As the winter chill arrives, one thing that many owners of homes are looking for is a fireplace. A fireplace can add a sense of warmth to the home and create a cozy atmosphere. It is a feature that can be enjoyed all year round, not just during the winter months.

Toll Brothers sends message of hope through Toys for Tots

Toll Brothers is partnering with Toys for Tots, a nonprofit organization that collects unused toys and distributes them to children in need. The company has donated toys to children in need for many years, and this year, they are asking for the public’s help in collecting toys for children in need.

Bargains attract first-time buyers as Chicago-area home prices fall

Homes in the Chicago area are becoming more affordable as home prices continue to fall. This is good news for potential homebuyers, as it makes it easier for them to purchase a home. The decline in home prices is being driven by a combination of factors, including a decline in the number of home sales and a decline in the number of new home construction.

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Design coordinators assist buyers with upgrade decisions

Whether you are a first-time buyer, move-up buyer or empty-nesters looking to downsize, the selection process can be overwhelming, especially when it comes to figuring out what exactly to choose. This is where Toll Brothers’ Design Studio plays a significant role. Design coordinators take the anxiety out of home buying by streamlining the selection process.

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With a design coordinator assisting in the entire selection process, buyers get the most value out of their hard earned money. For instance, design coordinators advise the customer to input the majority of their money into hard goods, those elements that are difficult or costly to change after they move in, rather than carpeting which can change.
Kitschy Flex offers an alternative to the minivan
Ford Flex makes interesting alternative to minivan

by JILL CIMINILLO

One thing you’ve got to give Ford Motor Co. credit for: it was bold enough to try it. Or, perhaps I should say the shape of a box it Bowen in to the all-new 2009 Flex. As a five-passenger, seven-seat crossover utility vehicle (CUV), the new Flex has a rather unique look that makes it a bit more polarizing than some of its competitors.

The Flex certainly has its share of detractors. While it’s not a minivan, it’s definitely not a minivan. The Flex makes a strong statement and as such, it’s likely to attract a specific group of buyers. Those who embrace the Flex are likely to love it. Those who don’t will likely hate it. But, for those of us in search of another option for a family of five, the Flex is worth considering.

The Flex features a 3.5 liter V6 engine that produces 260 horsepower and 250 lb-ft of torque. This is paired with a six-speed automatic transmission and either front-wheel drive (FWD) or all-wheel drive (AWD). The FWD model starts at $29,677, and the AWD model ups the ante to $31,305. The top-of-the-line Limited model starts at $26,638.

One of the key selling points of this new Flex is its cargo capacity. With all seven seats in place, the cargo area measures 19 cubic-feet. But, with the second-row seat folded down, the cargo area expands to 44 cubic-feet. And, with all the seats down, the cargo area expands to 90 cubic-feet.

The Flex also offers a variety of trim levels, including the SE, SEL, and Limited. Each trim level offers unique features and benefits.

The Flex has a number of standard features, including a power lift gate, a dual-zone climate control system, and a rearview camera. The Flex also offers a variety of optional features, such as leather upholstery, a panoramic sunroof, and a premium audio system.

In terms of safety, the Flex has a five-star overall safety rating from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). This includes a five-star rating in all three categories: front, side, and rollover.

The Flex also offers a variety of advanced safety features, including a blind spot monitoring system, a rear cross-traffic alert system, and a forward collision warning system.

Overall, the Ford Flex is a versatile and practical vehicle. It offers a unique blend of style, comfort, and functionality that sets it apart from other seven-seat SUVs.

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Nissan shifts gears, will attend Chicago Auto Show after all

Nissan Motor Corp. will have a presence at the 2009 Chicago Auto Show after all. In a novel reversal, the Japanese automaker said it would attend due to financial concerns and a downturn in U.S. sales.

"After a careful review of this decision with our North American Region management and our Chicago dealers, we have found a way to maintain a presence at the Chicago show through our dealers, while still ensuring the financial responsibilities required by these challenging times," the company said in a statement Thursday.

Nissan also reiterated its plans to stay the Detroit North American International Auto Show in January.

In a previous statement last week, Nissan unveiled the Nismo Z, a new JDM sports car and a Versa Sedan priced below $12,000.

Turboccharging for more power

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Turbochargers are the latest in a series of "turbo" technologies that are being developed for cars that feature "turbo" engines. These engines use small displacement and turbocarging to increase the power of a larger engine.

1. Exhaust side of turbocharger

Intake side of turbocharger

Intake manifold

Exhaust manifold

Intake plenum

Exhaust plenum

The engine

Air is drawn into the intake manifold and warmed up by the turbocharger's turbine. As air rushes into the manifold, it's pressurized. The pressurized air leaves the turbocharger and is then mixed with fuel in the engine's combustion chamber. Inside the engine, the fuel ignites and creates a "bang." Inside the engine, the fuel ignites and creates a "bang." Inside the engine, the fuel ignites and creates a "bang." Inside the engine, the fuel ignites and creates a "bang."

With a turbocharged engine, the exhaust gases are used to spin the turbine, which drives the compressor. The compressor then forces more air into the engine, which allows it to run more efficiently.

In return for new federal loans, leaders of automakers to submit financials and that we feel comfortable about the auto industry," said Ron Gettelfinger, the spokesman for the U.S. government's Task Force on Financial Stability.

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by MYRNA PERLICKI
Contributor

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Church gives gift of ‘Messiah’

Theresa Brancaccia, mezzo soprano.

Edward West, tenor.

A full-throated cry of “Hallelujah!” will again be heard this holiday season as Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church in Skokie

The church’s choir, augmented by some professional singers and choir members from other congregations, is rehearsing for its annual performance of the first part of Handel’s “Messiah.” The Sunday afternoon concert will also include traditional Christmas carols, led by the church’s director of music, Pat Reardon.

It is volunteer, but I do hire professionals to augment the choir,” said Reardon. “This will be the 12th time she has directed a performance of the “Messiah” as Carter-Westminster minister.

“Tis a lot of fun and a wonderful experience,” she said. “Everyone really gets into it, even though the music is very difficult, as I have professionals to augment the choir. Most don’t have a musical background, but I think they love the music and the brilliant writing of Handel gives them through it.”

Reardon said the “Messiah” is most appreciated by the Carter-Westminster congregation, a diverse assembly of families from various groups united in ocasional fellowship.

In a white-hot blaze of inspiration, George Frideric Handel wrote the “Messiah” in roughly three weeks in 1741. The oratorio, whose second part concerns Christ’s death and resurrection, premiered on April 13, 1742. Handel, who was a devout Christian and a skilled musician, was inspired to write the work after hearing a performance of a sacred pageant called “The Messiah.”

Set in the time of King Solomon, the story of Jonah and the people of Nineveh, and the return from exile, the “Messiah” is one of the most popular and beloved classical works in the repertoire.

Handel composed the oratorio for a performance of the Messiah at Carter-Westminster in 1756. The choir is augmented by professional singers and choir members from other congregations, as Radosavljevic put it, “It’s a very friendly community.”

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The annual concert is greatly appreciated by the Carter-Westminster congregation, a diverse assembly of families whose heritages include German, Scottish, Korean, Dutch, Latvian, and American. The “very friendly and welcoming church,” she said.

Edith Hunter, host.

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Skokie native has role in ‘Four Christmases’

By STEPHANIE FISCHMONT

When David Aranovich was growing up in Skokie and Buffalo Grove, he sometimes entertained a character inside his mind that would later surface like the Shanghai High School stage, but this time in reverse: a sporty kid with a cast on his arm whose name was Aramovich, who had to sign to a stranger with a perm before they both had to take second jobs to pay the bills. Then there was that time six years ago, when he spent a month living in his car.

“Sometimes I have to sleep in my car or on other people’s couches,” he said. “Some years I’m OK and some years I’m not. Most of this year I’ve not had to have a second job.”

The need to stay visible in Thawmexheen means he only makes his home about once a year.

Busy schedule

“So much happens in a week that when I leave I miss a huge audacity,” he said. But he’s grabbed some really important roles. He’ll play the part in Comedy Central’s “Chocolate Nose”, and even voice-onover roles in “Indiana Jones” and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull.”

Arianovich said Aranovich, whose parents emigrated from Russia in 1970, was often called Aramovich by his teachers, including a role where he improvised alongside Verve Vaugh in the comedy “Four Christmases,” which came out in Nov. 16.

Working with Vaughn—a Buffalo Grove and Lake Forest native—is exhilarating, Aranovich said. He’s been able to play tennis with Reese, I was cracking something up,” he recalled.

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1. Reflect
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2. Alternate Gift
This year, make giving and receiving a playful activity. Plan to exchange gifts with family or friends. Make it special by promoting a favorite cookie recipe or perhaps a homemade soap recipe. Send the kids and give them special needs—peas and quiet. It’s amazing how much the gift of silence will go.

3. Light Up the Night
Each year, the Magnificent Mile takes on an even more festive appearance. Traditionally, the whole family and brings a theme of hot apple cider on a walk through the neighborhood’s magical display. You can gather around ground in the tree and turn into the holiday station for the drive.

4. Add Sprinkles
The holidays mean days of endless cookie sheets and sweet treats. This year, make a batch of gingerbread men and add sprinkles and sugar cookies. Invite the little ones to decorate a batch before baking. Having a party? Nothing says holiday more than decorating a gingerbread house complete with a luminous glistening light.

5. Cheers
Host a wine-tasting event for a few other couples. Simply set out a cutting board and a selection of soft and hard aged cheeses. Rely on your guests to bring their favorite vintage that recently closed, to the season for overindulgence so anyone can enjoy the party and relax afterwards.

6. Embrace the Snow
While it may seem like the weather is here for the long haul, no one can deny the beauty of a crisp white winter. Help your kids build a snowman or dive into a snowman angel. Trust the snow with a festive glass of hot chocolate. Serve with a少量 of reinforcements and incentives.

7. Cuddle Up
When the winds pick up, grab the blankets and light up the quilts. Everyone’s here to gather around a showing of It’s a Wonderful Life. Pop some popcorn and savor the innings to hang on the tree.

8. To Your Health
Before dinner, think of the winter as a time to take extra care of our inside as well. The cold and fog is full force (or too much sun), green tea and orange juice. Make a warm-colored hand towel in place and backdrops for games presence on the go.

9. Comparison Shop
Now more than ever, shoppers are looking for ways to save without compromising with sales. Consider starting early and searching local retailers and compare online for the best deals. Sign up for The Insider’s offer a great way to cover the most ground in the last slice.

10. Give Some, Take Some
Beyond the joy of exchanging presents, we shouldn’t shy away from the fact we’re seeing the season with a more open mind. Consider giving your time to volunteering at a local food bank or clearing out your old winter coats and donating them to those in need. On a similar note, don’t be afraid to set aside some time for holiday treats and shopping. Not only can they do it, do them some favors and their loved ones some favors by helping them out.
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“People call him ‘Mr. B’Nai B’rith,’” Dorothy says. “The conversation always comes back to something about B’Nai B’rith.”

“Do not worry about me,” the centenarian says. “My hope, my great-grandson on the great-grandchildren, is that I’d have one day in my life that would be better than the next day.”

Harvey Firestone, 100, was recently honored by B’Nai B’rith International for his 77-year service to the organization. B’Nai B’rith is just as key to his life as the family and the community. Firestone’s parents were both of Jewish faith and his parents, both of whom died years ago, his parents’ names are remembered by the organization. Firestone was a key event that led him to becoming active in service organizations called B’Nai B’rith.

“I’ve been a member of B’Nai B’rith, he says, especially meaningful to him in his life. He has worked as a good work performed and became a volunteer on a mission to help the underprivileged in the world. Firestone has been a member of B’Nai B’rith for more than 58 years in his life, saving at least 88 years on his birthday. His more personal history is still at the forefront of his mind. He is in the midst of his 77th birthday celebration, which is required to be held in Chicago. The course will meet 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Dec. 6. The fee is $150.

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Food

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The family cookie
Mom’s recipe, daughter’s know-how
build a thriving business

BY JACLYN KOLBER

The mother & daughter team of Maria Templer (left) and Rachel Halstuk have turned their family’s favorite cookie into a thriving business.

The idea to create Marla’s Mandels came from one source – trying to come up with the cutest name for the cookies.

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The two bakers worked on refining their recipes and working on their business plan. They officially launched Marla’s Mandels in mid-April.

"I realized how much I loved baking. My goal is to learn how to open my own bakery, " Halstuk said.

A good team

Halstuk and Templer provide the quality and all-natural ingredients that Marla’s Mandels are known for. They also offer a variety of flavors to suit any taste.

A good team means a solid footprint in the Chicago area. "That’s why we’re excited to expand our business and start making an impact on their lives. Today every single Marla’s Mandel is amazing! " Templer said.

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**Trinity Lutheran Church**

Come celebrate with us!

- **Sun., Dec. 7**
  - Service of Lessons & Carols - 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Dec. 10**
  - Thanksgiving Service - 7:15 p.m.
- **Sun., Dec. 14**
  - Advent Service with Handbell Choir - 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Dec. 24**
  - Christmas Eve - Candlelight Service - 10 p.m.

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

Join us for a Christmas Musical Celebration

- **Saturday Dec. 13** 6:00 P.M.
  - Bring the whole family to see a musical celebration of Christmas with the Children's Choir and other groups performing. Come and enjoy this festive evening, which is free to the public. (Donations are appreciated to support our music ministry.)

**Steelz 345**

**6676 W. Howard St.**

- **Sun., Dec. 7** 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
  - Festive Choir with Chamber Orchestra
  - Fiddling with the Steelz 345 Brass Quintet
  - Congregational Carol Sing
  - Christmas Eve Worship Services
  - Progressive Dinner (Jr. High)
  - Christmas Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.
  - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 5:00 p.m.

**Martin Luther's Birth Anniversary**

Tuesday, December 10, 2008

- **8 p.m.**
  - Organ Recital by Scott C. Brittingham

**Christ's Birth Anniversary**

Sunday, December 14, 2008

- **4 p.m.**
  - Carol Program for kindergartners, children and adults

- **6:30 p.m.**
  - A Christmas Cantata

**Mayor’s Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 21, 2008

- **9:00 p.m.**
  - Followed by coffee and refreshments

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I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for Golf School District No. 87 for 2008 will be held on December 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Board of Education Meeting Room, 3423 N. 95th Street, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053.

II. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mrs. Lisa De La Fuente at (847) 966-8200.

III. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for the year 2007 were $5,970,446. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2008 are $2,000,595. This represents a 10% increase over the previous year.

IV. The property taxes extended for debt service for 2007 were $471,035. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service for 2008 are $492,025. This represents a 4% decrease over the previous year.

V. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2007 were $6,441,471. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2008 are $7,017,685. This represents an 8.94% increase over the previous year’s total levy.

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Delbert A. DeBeIIa, John A.

Delbert A. DeBeIIa, age 83, beloved husband of Patricia, nee Kessler, passed away suddenly November 13, 2008. He is survived by his wife of 55 years and three children, daughter Margaret (Richard) Earnest of Deerfield, Illinois, and sons Brian (Janet) DeBeIIa of Morton Grove, Illinois, and Thomas (Kathleen) DeBeIIa of Freeport, Illinois. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Carole (Bill) Rohman, Richard (Lori) DeBeIIa, and Janice (Bob) Earnest. Began his career as a mortician in Chicago, Illinois, and a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran; past Commander of Morton Grove American Legion Post #134; member of New Trier High School. He passed away at his residence, 10:50 a.m., Thursday, November 13, 2008. A celebration of his life will be held at St. Paul of the Cross Parish Church, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 20, 2008. Visitation was Monday, going to St. Paul the Cross Church, 11:00 a.m., November 17, 2008. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Catholic Charities of Northwest Chicago, 7325 N Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Illinois. The family suggests memorials to St. Vincent de Paul Society of Chicago. 8040 S Western Ave., Chicago, Illinois. **Sign a guest book, share memories and send flowers, gifts and charitable contributions online.**

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Donnellan, Francis "Frank" Joseph

Donnellan, Francis "Frank" Joseph, age 82, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at home. He was born on September 26, 1926 in Chicago, Illinois. He was the beloved husband of the late Mary, Anthony, Ann (the late Al) Diccis, Jenny (the late Peter B. Fritzsche; loving mother of Frank Seizer, age 80, longtime resident of St. John, Illinois; a brother, Charles R. Eaton; a sister, Georgiana Eaton; a brother, Charles Michael Seizer, and a nephew, Irwin C. Wessels.**
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BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Notre Dame captures New Trier tourney title

By JIM EDISON

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Hockey Beat

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By Jon Yee

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Boys win 3-of-4 at tournament

By Jim Edson

Despite a hard-fought loss in the championship game of the Battle of the Bigs Tournament, Maine East boys’ basketball team ended the week with a sense of accomplishment.

The Demons won three of the four games at the eight-team tourney re-hosted by Highland Park Prep. And while he would like to have gone undefeated, second-year head coach Glenn Olson took some solace from what may have been.

“I think that tournament is somewhat under-rated,” Olson said. “There are some quality teams there. And while that 66-64 loss to Evergreen Park was tough, we feel we benefited overall.

“We were able to see different defenses that will make us better.”

Beginning Experience

The Demons, who are coming off a tremendous 109-0 campaign began the season on Nov. 24 when they hosted unbeaten Hinsdale Central, 67-44. Olson’s team turned in a solid offensive effort with four players scoring in double digits.

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