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District 63 offers kids a little after-school TLC

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

PARK RIDGE

When the afternoon dismissal bell rings, not everyone in East Maine School District 63 runs for the exit doors.

For more than a decade now, students across the district — which serves portions of unincorporated Maine Township, Niles, Park Ridge, Morton Grove and Glenview — have been staying behind at the end of the school day for extra academic help, a game of basketball or a lesson in building birdhouses.

Extracurricular activities that are fun, healthy and educational are the specialty of District 63's Total Learning Community, more commonly known as TLC, which is now beginning its 12th year.

What started out as a grant-funded initiative for at-risk children at four schools has grown into a multifaceted after-school, spring and summer program serving students in District 63's seven schools, as well as first- through sixth-graders attending Culver School in Niles Elementary School District 71.

When children sign up for a TLC program at their home school they can choose between activities that range from sports and Spanish lessons to crafts, cooking and computers.

"There's a great variety depending on the interest and the talents of the staff and volunteers," said TLC Director Pam Surber.
Pamela Surber, director of the Total Learning Community for East Maine School District 63, addresses her staff during a meeting at Apollo School on Aug. 22. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-Sun-Times Media

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After-school activities, offered until 5 p.m., vary from school to school but can include homework help, games, art, fitness, building with Legos, international dance and science. “We try to give everybody a little of everything,” Surber said.

Sometimes activities are added based on the interest and skills of the individuals who volunteer to become part of the program. Children at Melzer School in Morton Grove, for example, once crafted foot stools out of wood because a volunteer happened to be a woodworker, while other participants have taught students how to knit and sew.

At Nelson School in Niles children learned basic gymnastic moves last year, while at Apollo School in unincorporated Maine Township a professional chef volunteered to teach the students about healthy eating and helped them make a grilled salmon salad.

“It was amazing how much the kids enjoyed it,” Surber said.

TLC also operates a teen center behind Apollo School for students in grades 5-8 at no charge, followed by basketball in the school’s gym when Apollo’s own TLC programs end for the day.

The TLC basketball league, sponsored by Maine Township, is extremely popular, said Bill Gibson, a retired Gemini Junior High School teacher who runs the teen center and two open-gym programs offered by TLC at Gemini.

Gibson said TLC also benefits parents because it provides supervision and parental figures for their children after school.

“We have hardworking parents and they need a place for their children to go,” he said.

Surber’s goal for TLC is to provide children with additional academic support, social opportunities and language help for those struggling with English, all in a safe environment.

TLC also offers a spring-break session and a five-week, full-day summer program divided into an academic session in the morning and recreational pastimes in the afternoon. The summer program is open to children outside Districts 63 and 71.

TLC is funded largely through program fees, grants, fundraisers and community partnerships. Some funding is also provided by Maine Township and sometimes TLC is the recipient of private donations, Surber said.

The cost per child adds up to $16.66 per week, with bussing provided at about $1 per day, according the TLC website.

After so many years children who once enrolled as elementary-school students are now returning as high-school helpers.

“lt’s really rewarding to see the families stay with us when the kids grow up,” Surber remarked.
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Resident files suit over petition rejection

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

Resident Joe Makula has filed a lawsuit in response to the village of Niles' refusal to certify the referendum petition regarding term limits for Niles officials.

A hearing was to have been held Aug. 28 in Chicago and Makula said he expected to get a trial date at the hearing.

Makula said he represents the 1,018 people who signed a petition to put a referendum regarding limiting Niles officeholders' terms to four four-year terms, or 16 total years, on the November ballot.

"I filed the suit because I feel the clerk is wrong in her actions," Makula said. "And the election board is wrong in their inactions."

Mayor Robert Callero and Trustee Louella Preston are on the Niles Election Committee and did not meet on the issue.

Makula said Chicago attorney Adam Lasker will be representing his case.

In a letter to Makula, Village Clerk Marlene Victorine stated: "I have determined that I cannot certify the question presented on the petition for the November 6, 2012 election, because the petition sheets are not in apparent conformity with mandatory provisions of the Illinois Election Code."

Her letter also states that his petitions state an incorrect standard for determining the number of signatures required.

Makula said his petition-circulator statement noted he is a registered voter of Niles (indicating that he is at least 18 years of age) and that he certifies, to the best of his knowledge and belief, that the signatures were registered voters of Illinois when they signed the petition.

"I'm attesting to the genuineness of the signatures," Makula said. "It should have been put on the ballot two weeks ago."

Makula said he is really representing all of the citizens of Niles because he feels they should have the chance to vote one way or another on the question.

"He doesn't want to give the people a chance to vote on it," Makula said of Callero. "To deny them the chance is totally wrong in the form of government we're used to."

Niles company settles hiring discrimination case

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

The U.S. Justice Department announced that it has reached an agreement with Niles-based MicroLink Devices resolving allegations that the company violated the anti-discrimination provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

MicroLink Devices, which manufactures semiconductor structures and advanced solar cells, placed six online job postings "that explicitly stated citizenship status preferences or requirements that excluded certain work-authorized non-citizens from consideration," according to a press release from the Justice Department.

The settlement involved MicroLink Devices paying $12,000 in civil penalties.

The Niles-based company also agreed to revise its hiring-and-recruiting procedures, conform future job postings to the requirements of the law, and to be subject to training, reporting and compliance and monitoring requirements.

According to the press release the job postings discriminated against non-citizen workers who were eligible for the posted positions, such as lawful permanent residents, refugees and those given asylum in the United States.

An email to MicroLink Devices from Pioneer Press regarding the agreement was not immediately answered.
Books, other artifacts buried in sacred Jewish ceremony

BY MIKE ISAACS | misaacs@pioneerlocal.com

SKOKIE

Five tons of Jewish books, documents and other items donated by the community were buried Aug. 22 in a Jewish ceremony called a “Geniza” at Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie.

A Geniza is a Jewish ritual in which used books, clothing and other items are donated by community members and buried in a sacred place to benefit both the community and future generations.

Nearly five tons of donated items were placed inside caskets and buried in plots donated by Memorial Park Cemetery.

Sponsored by Weinstein Funeral Home, the Geniza also included children of the Keshet who participated in the ritual by assisting with the burial of the donated items. All items of the Geniza were collected by Weinstein Funeral Home.

Rabbi Jeffrey Weill, of Ezra-Habonim, Niles Township Jewish Congregation in Skokie led the ceremony.

Marshall Kayman, of Weinstein Funeral Home, said that Weinstein holds a Geniza about every couple years.

Kayman said an ideal time to perform a Geniza is before the Jewish holidays when people are home and preparing for them.

Many of the five tons of holy books came from synagogues, chabads as well as individuals. Five filled caskets were buried at the cemetery.
Avi Lesser, of Evanston, was one of the participants Aug. 22 in a "geniza" ceremony at Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie. Tons of holy books and other materials were buried. | RYAN PAGELOW-Sun-Times Media

Rabbi Jeffrey Weill, of Ezra-Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation talks to those of the Gadol program through the Keshet organization during a "geniza" burial ceremony Aug. 22 at Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie. | RYAN PAGELOW-Sun-Times Media

A truck is loaded with Jewish holy books waiting for burial Aug. 22 during a "geniza" ceremony at Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie. About 5 tons of holy books from synagogues, chabas and individuals were buried. | RYAN PAGELOW-Sun-Times Media
Former Niles North teacher pleads guilty to sexual exploitation

**BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor**

**SKOKIE**

A former Niles North High School math teacher and cheerleading coach admitted to misdemeanor sexual exploitation of a child on Aug. 23, the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office reported.

Jeffrey Tackes, 30, of Bensenville, pleaded guilty and will now be registered as a sex offender for the next 10 years.

According to Paul Darrah, a spokesman for the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office, in December of 2010, Tackes played strip poker with two girls, ages 16 and 17, at his home. Tackes will also face two years of probation and 250 hours of community service.

Darrah said Tackes exposed himself to the female minors, but he did not have any further information related to the details of the incident.

The sentence was handed down by DuPage County Judge Brian Diamond.

Representatives of Niles North High School in Skokie were not immediately available for comment.

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**DOMESTIC BATTERY**

Mark Ciolek, 50, of 6807 Nora St., was arrested Aug. 18 and charged with domestic battery on the 6800 block of Milwaukee Avenue. The victim, a 55-year-old Niles woman, told police she got into an argument with her husband, who had been drinking that day. The woman said her husband struck her in the face with a closed hand and also choked her. Police observed red marks on the victim's neck. Ciolek had an Aug. 21 court date.

**THEFT**

A woman about 30-years-old allegedly took numerous cosmetic items and clothing valued at $100 on Aug. 21 from the store on the 8500 block of Golf Road, concealed them in her purse and ran away without paying. Police said the suspect entered a black Ford SUV and headed east on Golf Road.

A 48-year-old Niles woman said someone removed a catalytic converter from her 1999 Toyota SUV between Aug. 20 and Aug. 21 on the 8200 block of Oleanor Street.

An employee placed his Android telephone in the break room at his place of employment Aug. 17 on the 6400 block of Howard Street and it was stolen, police said. The phone was valued at $100.

A Niles police officer saw tagger-style graffiti done with a black marker Aug. 23 on the rear door of a business in an alley on the 8800 block of Dempster Street.

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**BURGLARY**

A 46-year-old Niles woman said she was a victim of a burglary Aug. 22 at her home on the 6800 block of Oakton Street. The incident was under investigation.

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**CREDIT-CARD FRAUD**

A 50-year-old Niles woman told police her credit card was fraudulently used Aug. 15 at a grocery store on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue. The woman believes her wallet was stolen from her place of employment on the 7700 block of Gross Point in Skokie. She determined that $169.16 was fraudulently charged on her credit card at a grocery store on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue, and $332.72 at a retail store in Niles.
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The Joint Emergency Telephone System Board, an intergovernmental organization representing municipalities that use the center has commissioned a study of relocating dispatching services.

Mark Dubley looks up from his station at the 911 Emergency Communications Center in Des Plaines. A board representing municipalities that use the center has commissioned a study of relocating dispatching services.
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Death Notices

Dougherty, Elizabeth Logan Garden
AKA "Lizzie Logan" or "Betsy", 87, recently of North Little Rock AR, formerly of Lake Bluff and Park Ridge, IL, died peacefully in the arms of God and family on Tuesday, August 7, 2012. Born April 13, 1925, Chicago, IL, the daughter of the late James Logan Gardner II and Hazel Minerva (Bradway) Gardner Hayes formerly of Boca Raton, FL and Park Ridge, IL, Betsy was a direct descendant of Magna Carta, Mayflower and American Revolution pioneer-ancestors who settled in Kentucky and Illinois.

In 3rd grade she played on the boy's baseball team and during WWII she volunteered and was later paid for temporary assignments riveting and installing aircraft Linecon for the war effort—even then, a lady to her core. She graduated from Maine Township High School, Park Ridge IL in 1943 with a group of Biegen friends affectionately dubbed "the Dirty Dozen".

She graduated Northwestern University in Evanston, IL with a B.S. in Speech and English minor becoming a traveling secretary for her sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi (AOD). Train travels across the U.S. and high into the Canadian Rockies fed her own pioneering spirit and longing for adventure. Shortly after graduation she was a speech therapist at the prestigious (then boys-only) Iolani Preparatory School in Honolulu, HI. She traveled by oceanliner, SS Lurline, to and from ports in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Hawaii. Iolani School will be 150 years old in 2013. Betsy is seen climbing coconut tree trunks and hula dancing in more than one scrapbook photo!

She wed, in 1954, at the North Island Chapel, NAS San Diego, CA Robert H. Dougherty formerly of San Francisco, CA and Glasgow, Barren Co., KY just days before Bob shipped out for the Korean War.

While raising two teenagers, Betsy was promoted to Editor, Technical Publications—Satellite & Weapons Systems Proposals at Lockheed Martin Corporation, formerly Ford Aerospace of Palo Alto, CA. She retired in 1991 in Gig Harbor, WA and removed to North Little Rock, AR in December 2003.

Betsy's soul food included all things orchids, music, trees, water and huge, red-sky sunsets. Her love of each came from fishing trips with her beloved Granddaddy at "The Camp" just outside of Louisville, KY and Park Ridge 2nd Presbyterian children's-teen summer camps. She was an exotic indoor orchid grower until her death in 2012.

Although a woman of few words she loved them all—written and spoken, serious and poetic, humorous and biblical. She worked daily crossword puzzles for 70 years. She was an avid bridge player and had attained "Life Master" standing in the American Contract Bridge League.

She is survived by two children, Jane Gardner (Dougherty) Findley Robinson and Robert Bradway; Betsy was preceded in death by one brother, James Logan Gardner III, formerly of Park Ridge, IL, Evanston, IL and Park Ridge, IL. Betsy was a direct descendant of Magna Carta, Mayflower and American Revolution pioneer-ancestors who settled in Kentucky and Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the American Heart Association or Redwood Area Hospice, 100 Fallwood Road, Redwood Falls, MN 56283. On line condolences at www.bradyfuneralhomes.com.

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Death Notices

Koe, Robert L. "Bike Bob"
Passed away July 15, 2012. Funeral and memorial services will be held Friday, September 7th 8:00PM at Saint Lambert, 8148 N. Karlov, Skokie, IL. A memorial service will be held immediately after the Mass at St. Lambert's in Rob's Hall.

Nachbauer, Johanna
Formerly of Langlade died Thursday, August 23, 2012 at the home of her daughter in Redwood Falls, Minnesota. She was 90 years old. She was born on October 31, 1921 in Plunder, Minnesota, a daughter of Frank and Agatha Weloch. She married Ferdinand "Fred" Nachbauer on December 10, 1945 in Shoemaker, California. He preceded her in death on August 18, 2006.

She came to the United States in January of 1926 and lived in Kindred, North Dakota. She received nurse's training in Richmond, Virginia and in 1945 moved to California. Mrs. Nachbauer worked as a nurse for 37 years in California and Illinois before retiring to White Lake.

She was a member of St. James and Stanslaus Catholic Parishes, Redwood Falls, Minnesota; White Lake and Langlade where she served as a Eucharistic minister and was a member of St. Rita's Christian Mothers Society. She was also a member of the White Lake Ski Bells.

Survivors include four daughters, Joan (Ron) Hermann, Seguin, Texas, Mary Nachbauer, Redwood Falls, Minnesota, Kathleen (Frank) Quanzenski, Starbuck, Minnesota, Lorraine (Jim) O'Neill, Lindenhurst, Illinois; two sons, Thomas (Sharon) Nachbauer, Hernando, Florida, Fred (Claire) Nachbauer, Gurnee, Illinois; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and seven siblings.

A funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Langlade with Rev. Roger Strebel officiating. Burial will take place in Langlade Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Bradley Funeral Home and 9:30 a.m. until the time of services at the church on Wednesday. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the American Heart Association or Redwood Area Hospital Hospice, 100 Fallwood Road, Redwood Falls, MN 56283. Online condolences at www.bradyfuneralhomes.com.

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Crowhurst, Albert J. "Bud"
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Visitation was Sunday, August 26, at HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory, Skokie. Funeral Mass was celebrated Monday, August 27, at St. Peter Catholic Church, Skokie. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 820 Davis St., Suite 400, Evanston, IL 60201. Funeral info: 847-673-5111 or www.habenfuneral.com.

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Ricketts, Esther L.

She was a lifetime member of First United Methodist Church of Park Ridge, member of PEO International and Park Ridge Country Club, dedicated volunteer for over 25 years with Lutheran General Hospital Service League serving as a past president, accompanist, bridge player and bowler, traveled the world with Elder Hosted, spent her last two years at the Summit of Uptown Park Ridge.

A memorial was held on Saturday, Aug. 25, at First United Methodist Church of Park Ridge. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to First United Methodist Church of Park Ridge appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Ryan-Parker Funeral Home.

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The decision to explore the possibility of relocation was prompted by financial concerns, the Des Plaines dispatch center looking at leaving its headquarters at Des Plaines City Hall and the interest of the village of Morton Grove to leave the group.

Frank Kaminski
Park Ridge Police

911
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those three communities, as well as Morton Grove, decided this month to request a feasibility study of moving dispatching services from the Northwest Central Dispatch System in Arlington Heights. The decision came following word that the Morton Grove Police Department is looking to leave the group and pursue emergency-dispatch services from the Glenview Public Safety Dispatch Center.

According to Park Ridge Chief Mike Zywanski the Northwest Central Board is expected to vote in September on the feasibility-study request. If accepted the study will take three to four months to complete, he added.

One of the components of the study will examine the cost to each municipality for services.

The Des Plaines 911 center now dispatches calls for Park Ridge and Des Plaines police, and Fire and Morton Grove 911 center.

"We're always looking for ways to be as efficient and cost-effective as possible," Wax said.

He added that there are no immediate plans for the center to move out of Des Plaines City Hall, though the city has expressed a need for the space during the past few years.

Sherill Ornberg, executive director of the North Suburban Emergency Communication Center in Des Plaines, could not be reached for comment.

Morton Grove Village Administrator Ryan Horn said the village has been a member of the Des Plaines 911 center for 10 years, but cost savings and modernized operations are potential benefits to an agreement.

"All those things together has now created some different dynamics for us as to how we're going to handle our 911 services in the future," Kaminski said.

Alan Wax, chief of the Des Plaines Fire Department and chairman of the Joint Emergency Telephone System Board, said the feasibility study is "a matter of determining options" for the municipalities that now use the Des Plaines 911 center.

"It worked very well, but unfortunately there's just some obstacles and limitations we weren't able to overcome," Horne said. "It's not that we had bad service or difficult relationships with anyone."

The Illinois Commerce Commission must still approve the transition, which Horn hopes could take place by Jan. 1. Citizens will never be without 911 service if the transition occurs, he added.

Horne said a conservative estimate has Morton Grove saving about $300,000 annually by joining the Glenview Public Safety Dispatch Center. Both Horn and Kaminski said their communities pay just more than $1 million annually for dispatching through the Des Plaines 911 center.

In recent months the member municipalities of the North Suburban Emergency Communication Center began exploring "whether the current operation is cost-effective," Kaminski reported.

On Aug. 13, Park Ridge 6th Ward Alderman Marty Maloney asked if there was a possibility of Park Ridge dispatching its own 911 calls in the near future.

"I won't say that's not a possibility if the others are going to do other things," Kaminski said.

"I just have to wait and see."

He added: "This is definitely on the top burner and definitely something we have to devote considerable time and energy to. We have to make some decisions."
What it means to you

TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

CHICAGO

Mayor Emanuel defends graffiti-removal strategy, budget cuts

Mayor Rahm Emanuel defended his decision to cut his predecessor's popular graffiti blasters program - and dramatically alter the city's plan of attack - despite a slowdown that has so frustrated one alderman, he's using his expense allowance to remove it.

Even after appeasing aldermen by restoring $1 million in graffiti removal cuts, Emanuel's first budget reduced annual spending on graffiti removal from $5.7 million and 60 employees in 2011 to $4.1 million and 43 employees this year.

Still, the mayor insisted that "crew efficiency" is up 16 percent and calls to 311 are down 11 percent in the six months since the Department of Streets and Sanitation started blitzing four wards each day instead of handling graffiti removal requests on a first-come, first-served basis.

Instead of leaving it there and creating the impression that the neighborhood is gang-infested, Ald. Robert Fioretti (2nd) is digging into his annual, $73,280 expense allowance normally reserved for office rent, telephones, cars and supplies to pay for removal.

"I've hired three people. We've taken down 2,000 hits of graffiti in the 2nd Ward since the end of June. ... I, myself, have taken down about a thousand hits," Fioretti said.

- Chicago Sun-Times

SPRINGFIELD

Union: No link between pension vote, contribution to Madigan

One of Illinois' most influential labor unions denied that nearly $100,000 it contributed to a campaign fund controlled by House Speaker Michael Madigan was part of a "quid pro quo" designed to kill a pension-reform package in his legislative chamber earlier this month.

State campaign records show the Democratic Majority fund reported receiving $97,000 from SEIU Healthcare Illinois and SEIU Illinois Council on the same day a special legislative session called by Gov. Pat Quinn to fix Illinois' $83 billion pension crisis ended in failure.

Madigan (D-Chicago) wouldn't allow a floor vote on Senate-passed legislation that would have reeled in pension benefits for state workers and General Assembly members and only allowed a procedural vote on a slimmed-down measure affecting only lawmakers' pensions. That latter plan wound up being positioned for a final House vote but was six votes shy of the necessary 60 votes it would need to move to the Senate.

The union represents 2,450 employees in Secretary of State Jesse White's office and 525 toll collectors and other workers employed by the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, all of whom had pensions that would be affected by the outcome of Aug. 17's special session.

- Chicago Sun-Times

WASHINGTON

Middle class share of America's income shrinks; Congress blamed

WASHINGTON - The middle class is receiving less of America's total income, declining to its smallest share in decades as median wages stagnate in the economic doldrums and wealth concentrates at the top.

A study released Aug. 22 by the Pew Research Center highlights diminished hopes, too, for the roughly 50 percent of adults defined as middle class, with household incomes ranging from $39,000 to $118,000. The report describes this mid-tier group as suffering its "worst decade in modern history," having fallen backward in income for the first time since the end of World War II.

Three years after the recession technically ended, middle class Americans are still feeling the economic pinch, with most saying they have been forced to reduce spending in the past year. And fewer now believe that hard work will allow them to get ahead in life. Families are now more likely to say their children's economic future will be the same or worse than their own.

In all, 85 percent of middle class Americans say it is more difficult now than a decade ago to maintain their standard of living. Some 62 percent say a lot of the blame lies with Congress. A slight majority say a lot lies with banks and other financial institutions.

- The Associated Press
Equal-opportunity idiocy in Illinois

“We all look like idiots,” state Rep. Daniel Biss said earlier this month at the end of a special legislative session, called to fix the state’s pension mess, that went nowhere.

Well, yeah. You do. You all look like idiots. And if anybody thinks the familiar fog of cowardice that wafted through the Statehouse again Aug. 17 is good for their re-election hopes in November, we beg the voters: Don’t let them get away with it.

Problem is, both parties were cowards, and that makes it hard to know whom to disdain more.

Biss, a Democrat from Evanston, got it right.

Aug. 17 was a day when everybody in Springfield failed the people of Illinois.

Last week was back-to-school week for most suburban families.

And back to school for teachers, too.

As a student, I always looked at the return to school with much hope and anticipation.

This could be the year, I always thought, just like a Cubs fan on Opening Day.

I could get the best classes and have the best teachers who would bring out the best in me. Anyways, that is what I wished for.

Sometimes, I got the best teacher, like Mr. Mims, who sparked a love of literature in all of us with his own love of poetry and probing questions.

Sometimes the teacher was awful, like my chemistry teacher, who had a habit of leaving the room for lengthy periods of time, even during tests. Eventually, an enterprising student discovered he had left behind the answer key in a top drawer. We all managed to pass the final with flying colors.

So it goes. Not every teacher is a Mr. Holland, the Richard Dreyfuss character in the film, “Mr. Holland’s Opus.”

I’ve always thought that movie was aimed at students and non-teachers. The film sought to chronicle the sacrifices and struggles of a teacher to give his students the best and to help them to become the best. Dreyfuss is a sort of teacher everyman, who dreams of greater things while toiling away.

But, as we’re about to start another year of school, maybe that film has a different message.

Mr. Holland never wanted to be a teacher. He considered himself an artist who loved music and wanted to create music. He was the living embodiment of the well-worn cliché, “Those who can’t, teach.”

So maybe the message of the movie is really for those who have chosen the teaching profession. Maybe you got into it as a fallback career. Maybe you had greater aspirations, but feel you are settling for something less.

Maybe its message is aimed at those who are tired of the system, tired of the students, tired of the pay and hard work, and tired of the low esteem the public has for teachers these days.

For all of those, the message of Mr. Holland is to appreciate the great chance you have. You get to touch and shape young lives. Do it well, for you can change the world.
Grey Lantern: 102 people saved and counting

I am a super hero.

Call me Grey Lantern. You might be a super hero, too.

As Grey Lantern, I save lives.

The lives I save belong to people in thrall to an insidious, pervasive and mind-altering electronic entity.

They wander our communities on foot or bike, never paying attention to where they are going. Instead, they text or talk on a cell phone as they wander. Too often, these poor people wind up injured or worse.

Last year, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 1,152 people were treated for injuries sustained while walking and texting or walking and using some other electronic device.

And the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration states that while the number of yearly traffic deaths has gone down, the number of pedestrian fatalities rose 4.2 percent in a year. Injuries increased by 19 percent.

This is where Grey Lantern swoops in. These near-misses happen frequently, as you know, if you drive.

At least two or three times a week I fast-brake as some texter/talker wanders dazedly into traffic and saunters across the street. Or a bike rider will come straight at me, unaware of the thousands of pounds of metal and glass about to put a period to his text.

But that never happens because Grey Lantern stops in time.

So, if, as I said, I save from injury or worse two to three texter/talkers a week, then I, Grey Lantern, have this year so far saved between 68 and 102 people from injury or worse.

You probably have saved a considerable number of texter/talkers, too. What is your super hero identity? Or is that a secret?

There are many super heroes. And there is plenty of work for us.

I read a letter to an advice column in which a teenager asked if she was justified in being angry with her boyfriend. It seems the boyfriend refuses to text her while he is riding his bike. He insists on pulling over to the side of the road before texting. Everyone texts while bike-riding, the young woman wrote. Is her boyfriend's refusal to text her while he is riding his bike a sign that he really doesn't care for her?

As long as this way of thinking exists, so long will there be work for Grey Lantern.
At the Park Ridge Farmers Market we asked, “What are your plans for Labor Day?”

Jennifer Walsh
Park Ridge
“I would like to have a barbecue with my family.”

Kelly Gibbons
Park Ridge
“I would like to go to my lake house.”

Jeanne Powers
Dixon
“I would love to come to Park Ridge to visit my in-laws.”

Thomas Powers
Dixon
“I would like to visit my grandma.”

People Poll

LAST WEEK’S QUESTION
“What is/was your favorite class in school?”

RESPONSES
1) Math 13%
2) English 16%
3) Science 26%
4) History/Social Studies 23%
5) Gym 23%

THIS WEEK’S QUESTION
“Which federally-recognized holiday means the most to you?”

RESPONSES
1) Labor Day
2) Memorial Day
3) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
4) Veterans Day
5) Columbus Day

To respond to this week’s People Poll question, visit niles.suntimes.com.
Dear Fixer: I joined Women's Workout World in August 2011. My membership was payable on a month-to-month basis.

The month after I joined, I went into the hospital for routine hernia surgery. There were some complications and two days later, while still in the hospital, I had a stroke that affected my vision.

I was unable to drive, but I continued to pay my monthly membership fee of $19. My ophthalmologist was not very encouraging as far as me being able to drive again, but my neurologist was more so. I kept paying my $19-a-month fees for the next nine months in the hope that I would be able to return to the club.

Fast-forward to June. I finally decided to call the club and cancel my membership. A few days later, I received a document from my ophthalmologist stating I meet the requirements to drive again.

Dear Lana: First, let us say it has been The Fixer's observation that 9.99 times out of 10, the consumer is out of luck when it comes to a rules dispute with a health club. The fitness industry is known for sticking to the fine print when it comes to things such as membership fees, cancellations and contract periods.

But your case did seem to be unique, so we asked Women's Workout World — also known as W3 — President and CEO Shari Whitley if anything could be done.

Guess what? Within minutes of our inquiry, Whitley responded that she sympathized with your predicament and would find a way to resolve it.

You soon got a call from Kathy LaMonto of member services, who promised to reindate your old $19-a-month plan. W3 also offered to credit you for the nine months of fees you paid when you were recovering.

So they more than fixed this.

LaMonto said she wasn't aware of your medical circumstances earlier, now she looks forward to helping you stay physically fit.

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If you bought an Ab Circle Pro, you may be eligible for a refund. For more info and to apply, go to FTC.gov.

A WORD ABOUT CREDIT REPORTS

Mistakes happen, so it's a good idea to have a peek at your credit report now and then. Federal law entitles consumers to one free report from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus every 12 months. Go to the official site, annualcreditreport.com, and follow the prompts for the free reports. You will not have to buy anything, and you don't have to provide a credit card number.
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Education in Focus

Oakton kicks off Jewish studies program

BY MIKE ISAACS | misaacs@pioneerlocal.com

SKOKIE
When Oakton Community College began classes this month, it introduced a time machine into the past — about 3,000 years into the past.

That's how long Jewish civilization has shaped history and the world, which is explored in the community college's new Jewish Studies program.

"Many prestigious universities around the world have a Jewish Studies program, but Oakton is one of the few community colleges in the country to offer such a concentration," said Jewish Studies Coordinator Wendy Maier-Sarti.

The Oakton history professor recently had a book published — "Women and Nazis: Perpetrators of Genocide and Other Crimes During Hitler's Regime, 1933-45." It was the result of 10 years of research into women who committed genocidal acts on behalf of the Third Reich.

Oakton planned an Introduction to Jewish Studies class for the fall, but it was scrapped because of low enrollment. Maier-Sarti said it will be offered in spring after word about the program has had time to percolate.

"By the very nature of its interdisciplinary approach, this program provides an opportunity to understand and appreciate the complexity and also the diversity of Jewish studies," Maier-Sarti said.

The Jewish Studies concentration, an 18-semester-hour program, is scheduled exclusively for the Skokie campus rather than its largest campus in Des Plaines.

Maier-Sarti said the concentration is dedicated to "the support of academic research, civic and community outreach, coordination with Jewish organizations, public lecture series, and symposia" to both educate and challenge community learners to be informed, responsible and capable global citizens.

Concentration requirements include History of the Holocaust and eventually Introduction to Jewish Studies, but students must also complete four additional classes designated as Jewish...
Oakton Community College’s Jewish studies program kicked off this month at the Skokie campus. The program provides learners with an interdisciplinary study of Jews and Judaism.

Studies courses or sections.
This fall, they include History of the Middle Ages, Art History: Jewish Art from Antiquity to Modern Israel, Beginning Hebrew I and Intermediate Hebrew.

There also are three fall events scheduled for the Skokie campus, including:
* "Reason vs. Revelation: A Jewish Alternative" from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 13 in room P103. Explored are the role reason plays in the Jewish tradition and the ways in which reason and revelation may not be mutually exclusive.
* "Imagined and Guilty Identities: Remembering the Kindertransport" from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 11 in room A145-152. The Kindertransport saved nearly 10,000 predominantly Jewish children.
* "The Jewish Jesus" from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 16 in room P103. Reviewed will be ways in which studies of Jesus’ life and teachings downplayed or ignored his Jewish historical context.

Students meeting the requirements for the Jewish Studies concentration will have a notation added to their transcript. They must complete a Jewish Studies Concentration Completion Form and meet with Maier-Sarti.

“We welcome all those who wish to enrich their learning experiences with a basic overview of Jewish culture or want to delve further into the heart of Judaic studies,” Maier-Sarti said.
Health Career info sessions
Learn more about health-care opportunities in September during Oakton’s five free information sessions. All information sessions will take place at Oakton’s Des Plaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road.

Nursing — Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. (Room 1604); Medical Laboratory Technology and Phlebotomy — Sept. 12 at 2:30 p.m. (Room 1608); Radiologic Technology — Sept. 19 at 5 p.m. (Room 2153); Physical Therapist Assistant — Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m. (Room 1604).

Health Information Technology — Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. (Room 1610).

Seminars showcase the college’s degree and certificate programs in these health-care programs. Faculty will be on hand to discuss course requirements and industry trends.

Jewish Studies
"Reason versus Revelation: A Jewish Alternative" — Join Oakton for the first of three free fall events that explore varying aspects of Jewish history, culture, and thought. On Sept. 13, Ellen LeVee, Ph.D., Jewish studies, Spertus Institute, will speak. Learn more about the central role reason plays in the Jewish tradition and explore the ways in which reason and revelation may not be mutually exclusive. Professor LeVee’s seminar will run from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Oakton’s Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., in Room P103.

Also at the Skokie campus:
"Imagined and Guilty Identities: Remembering the Kindertransport" — Oct. 11, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Room A145-52, Phyllis Lassner, Ph.D., professor, writing program, gender and Jewish studies, Northwestern University.

"The Jewish Jesus" — Nov. 16, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Room P103, Zev Garber, Ph.D., professor emeritus and chair of Jewish studies at Los Angeles Valley College, and editor of Shofar.

For more information, visit www.oakton.edu/jewish_studies or e-mail jewishstudies@oakton.edu.

Special Interest courses
Head on over to Niles North High School for a variety of special-interest courses offered through the Oakton Alliance for Lifelong Learning.

Retirement Planning Today (FIN E02-01) — Discover how to integrate your finances with your goals and values to create an early retirement plan. Three-week course meets 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays starting Sept. 5. Course fee is $45.

Concepts of Floral Design (ART D27-01) — Learn the fundamentals of floral design and how to create floral arrangements that add beauty to home and office settings. Six-week course meets 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays starting Sept. 10. Course fee is $99.

Sushi Workshops (HEC F12-01) — Learn the components of sushi including rice, fish, seaweed, wasabi, soy, and ginger. One-week course meets 7-9 p.m. Sept. 10. Course fee is $35.

All featured classes meet at Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler Avenue, Skokie. Students will be charged an $8 non-refundable processing fee at the time of registration. For a complete Alliance for Lifelong Learning class schedule, including registration and fee information, visit www.oakton.edu/all, or call 847-982-9888, press 3.
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Niles Chamber bids farewell to Juris after decade

BY NATALIE HAYES | Contributor

NILES

After 10 years working as the membership-services coordinator at the Niles Chamber of Commerce, Debbie Juris left this month to take a new job as executive director at the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce.

As the new executive director, the mother of five and lifelong Niles resident said she’s looking forward to taking on more responsibility.

“In Niles, I was constantly out on the street working with businesses,” Juris said. “I’m still doing that here, but my job has broadened to running all the programs and doing everything necessary to support the businesses and make the chamber a success.”

In Morton Grove, Juris will work with roughly 200 businesses — a big reduction from the 460 businesses she built relationships with at her last job in Niles.

But as the only employee working in the Morton Grove Chamber office, Juris is a one-woman operation who has many responsibilities under her belt.

“I’m single-handedly running the Chamber on my own,” Juris said. “My goal is to keep it strong and help provide the necessary tools for businesses in the community to succeed.”

Before starting her work with the Niles Chamber of Commerce a decade ago, Juris helped run a family business owned by her husband while raising her children.

That experience helped her understand the needs, struggles and goals of a small-business owner, and she uses that perspective to relate to local chamber partners.

“Coming from a small-business background, myself, I know how tough it is out there,” Juris said. “That’s why it’s important to pull together as a community and offer support to our businesses by shopping locally.”

Juris said she’ll miss the many friends she made over the years during her career in Niles, but she doesn’t have far to go to stop by for a visit.

“The two towns are very similar, especially in the sense that the people who live here tend to just be really nice people,” Juris said.

Juris has lived in the same house with her husband in Niles for the past 30 years. She attended Niles West High School and is a former student at Oakton Community College.

In her free time, Juris volunteers for Gift of Hope, a nonprofit organ-procurement organization that coordinates organ and tissue donation, and provides public education on donation in Illinois and northwest Indiana.
Eric Leys, a three-term member of the Maine Township High School District 207 Board of Education, traveled to Tampa, Fla., on Aug. 26 to participate in the 40th Republican National Convention.

Last year Leys was asked by Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford to serve on the alternate delegate committee to Mitt Romney. Rutherford serves as chairman of Romney's Illinois campaign.

“I have supported Romney since very early in the process because I believe he brings a unique skill-set very well-suited to the current economic difficulties our country is facing,” Leys said in a statement. “I believe his economic expertise and track record of success in the private sector are what we need.”

This year marks Leys’ second national convention. He was part of the Illinois Delegation Host Committee in 2004 and attended the Republican National Convention in New York City.

Leys was first elected to the District 207 Board of Education in 2001. He has also served as a precinct captain, as a member of the Maine Township Regular Republican Organization and as a delegate to the Illinois State Republican Convention in June.

The Center of Concern in Park Ridge is conducting a pledge drive through Sept. 15 with a promise to match the first $20,000 in donations made.

“Since funding has been reduced or eliminated from many governmental agencies, including Park Ridge, this fundraising effort is critical to our operation in the future,” said Kathy Rolsing, a member of the Center of Concern’s Board of Directors.

The matching funds will be made available through a group of supporters and the Board of Directors, the center said.

The Center of Concern provides various types of assistance to citizens in need in Park Ridge and surrounding areas. Included are food vouchers, emergency payment of utility bills, rent payments and temporary shelter.

The center also focuses on homelessness prevention, transitional housing and home-sharing opportunities for seniors. In addition, volunteers assist citizens with free professional services like preparation of tax returns, drafting of a will, budgeting assistance, financial planning and help with Medicare paperwork.

Donations can be made to The Center of Concern, 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

For more information call (847) 823-0453.

Advocate Health Care has announced that it is conducting an 18-month long study on how chaplains provide palliative care in the intensive-care unit thanks to a grant from the John Templeton Foundation.

Advocate was one of six organizations in the nation to receive this funding. Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge is one of three Advocate sites that will be studied as part of the research project.

The study, titled “What do I do? — Developing a Taxonomy of Chaplaincy Activities and Interventions for Spiritual Care in ICU Palliative Care,” will identify exactly how that care is provided and its impact on patient outcomes.

“The study will give us a more precise description and listing of all the essential activities performed by our chaplains working in the ICU,” said the Rev. Kathie Bender Schwich, senior vice president, mission and spiritual care for Advocate Health Care. “The knowledge will ultimately benefit our patients and families and help our clinical teams align more closely with the work of the chaplains.”

Chaplains help patients and families with ethical questions, give counseling on advance directives and provide connections to spiritual sources of strength, among a host of other services.
For the week of Sept. 5 to Sept. 11

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
A change that you'd hoped for is down the line. But you still need to be patient until more explanations are forthcoming. Continue to keep your enthusiasm in check.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Your social life expands as new friends come into your life. But while you're having fun, your practical side also sees some positive business potential within your new circle.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Your workplace situation continues to improve. Look for advantages you might have missed while all the changes were going on around you. That trusted colleague can help.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Resist the urge to hunker down in your bunker until things ease up. Instead, get rid of that woe-is-me attitude by getting up and getting out to meet old friends and make new ones.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Now that you're back enjoying the spotlight again, you should feel re-energized and ready to take on the challenge of bringing those big, bold plans of yours to completion.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Congratulations. Your self-confidence is on the rise. This could be a good time to tackle those bothersome situations you've avoided both at home and at work.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
You feel obligated to return a favor. (Of course, you do.) But heed advice from those close to you and do nothing until you know for sure what's being asked of you.

PIES (February 19 to March 20)
Your loving reassurance helped revive a once-moribund relationship. But be wary of someone who might try to do something negative to reverse this positive turn of events.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are a wonderful matchmaker who can bring people together to form long-lasting relationships.
Calendar

Toddlers 0-3  Kids 4-12  Family  FAM  Teens 13+
Adults 18+  Seniors 65+

Submissions for Community Calendar are required 14 days preceding the date of publication. Send to: Niles Managing Editor, Pioneer Press, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026. Information may be faxed to (847) 486-7495 or emailed to mbottari@pioneerlocal.com.

CENTER OF CONCERN

Week's Offerings

The Center of Concern: 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge, (847) 823-0453, calendar of events includes:

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Animal assisted therapy

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Inc. offers “Introduction to Animal Assisted Therapy” dog training classes at various locations, including 6042 W. Oakton St., in Morton Grove. The fee is $60. Contact Dorida King at dhking4@yahoo.com or call (773) 736-9021.

Niles Chapter Toastmasters

Meets 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Members learn how to feel comfortable and have self-confidence talking to an audience. Call (847) 583-9328.

COMMUNITY

Classic and Antique Car Show

The Polish National Alliance will host this event on the grounds of the Home Office Building, 6100 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, from 1-5 p.m. Sept. 9. Rain date is Sept. 16. It will feature hot cars, food and music. Trophies will be awarded to the best cars. Those wishing to participate showing off their cars, 1986 and older models, (muscle cars, antique cars, sports cars, classic cars, and motorcycles) must register; contact the PNA, (800) 621-3723, Ext. 360, or download a form from www.pna-znp.org, events section or from the car show link on the main page. Questions about the car show, call Dave at (847) 970-1040. Early registration fee before Sept. 1 is $5; onsite registration the day of the event will be $10, cash only.

Holocaust Museum

Meetings: 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Members learn how to feel comfortable and have self-confidence talking to an audience. Call (847) 583-9328.

Niles Township Clerk

Niles Township Clerk's Office is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and evenings by appointment on the second and fourth Mondays of each month to accommodate residents with passport applications, voter registrations and temporary handicapped parking placards. To schedule an appointment at Niles Township in Skokie, call (847) 673-9300.

Korean War Vets

Greater Chicago Chapter No. 25 meets 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Montclare-Leyden VFW Post, 6940 W. Diversey Ave. Call Joe Henmueler, (773) 774-9671.

Knights of Columbus

North American Martyrs Council Chapter, Niles, provides ways for members to help others in the community while trying to improve their family and spiritual lives. Call Bob Gaselli, (847) 965-0920.

Maryville's Jen School

FUNDRAISERS

Wine Fest

The Norwood Park Historical Society will hold its annual Wine Fest from 4-7 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, Chicago's oldest home, 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago. Participants will experience various wines and foods at a unique outdoor venue. Foremost Liquor Center will coordinate a "never-ending glass" of wine filled by a wide-ranging selection of flavors from around the world; Gourmet cuisine provided by Honest Foods. Inside the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, guests can bid on a silent auction featuring vacations, sports memorabilia, gift certificates, and wine merchandise. Tickets are $50 before Sept. 2 and $55 afterward, or $70 for VIP tickets, which includes high-end wines and an extra 45 minutes of tasting (beginning at 3:15 p.m.). The Wine Fest is one of the largest fund-raisers for the Norwood Park Historical Society. Guests must be 21 to attend. Tickets are available for purchase by phone at (773) 631-4633, email to info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org or online at www.norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.

Maryville's Jen School
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1150 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Registration will begin at 6 p.m., with shotgun start at 7; dinner and awards follow at 8. Tickets are $60 per golfer ($220 foursome) and include 18 holes of golf, appetizers, dinner, beverages and prizes. Use of your own putter is encouraged. Online registration is available at maryvilleacademy.org. Contact Nancy Woulfe at (847) 294-1982 or woulfen@maryvilleacademy.org.

**Health**

Skin Cancer Screening

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is hosting a free skin cancer screening from 9 a.m.-noon Sept. 8. The visual screenings will take place on the first floor of the hospital’s Center for Advanced Care, 1700 Luther Way, Park Ridge. Physicians will perform the screenings and give participants their results immediately, recommending follow-up care, if necessary. Open to the public. Registration is required; call (800) 323-8622 and mention event code “8CO3” or visit www.advantagehealth.com/luth click on “I need a class or support group” and type the class code (8CO3) in the keyword box. Participants may park for free, with validation in the parking garage adjacent to the Center for Advanced Care.

Whooping Cough Vaccine

Whooping Cough Vaccine: All three of the Jewel-OSco Pharmacies in Niles are offering the whooping cough vaccine booster in response to recent whooping cough outbreaks across the state. It is recommended that all individuals ages 11 and older receive the vaccination, called Tdap, which specially-trained and certified pharmacists are able to administer. Consumers can obtain the vaccination at Jewel-OSco Pharmacies seven days a week and no appointment is necessary.

**Library**

Niles Public Library: 6960 W. Oakton St., (847) 663-1234 or online at www.nileslibrary.org. Registration is required for most programs unless indicated otherwise.

**Parks**

Maine-Niles Special Rec

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation: Offers people with physical and mental challenges, behavior and learning disorders, hearing and visual impairments and emotional disabilities an opportunity to enjoy a variety of recreation activities. MNASR serves Des Plaines, Golf-Maine, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Skokie. To receive a seasonal brochure, or to offer support for people with special needs by volunteering, call (847) 390-0160.

**Religion**

Holy Trinity Episcopal

Holds Adult Christian Education classes following 10 a.m. Sunday services at 8201 N. Karlov Ave, Skokie. Classes held on a variety of topics. A Fellowship Hour follows the 10 a.m. service each week with “Bring a Friend to Church and Brunch” the first Sunday of each month. Call the church (847) 675-4141, or visit www.ehn.org.

**Ezra-Habonim**

Ezra-Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, offers Introduction to Judaism and beginning adult Hebrew classes on Sundays and monthly Yiddish. Members and nonmembers welcome. Call (847) 675-4141, or visit www.ehn.org.

**Kampus Kids/Child Care**

Before and after school available for children in grades K-6 at Stevenson, Apollo and Mark Twain schools.

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The June 1961 Class will hold a 50+1 reunion Sept. 21 to 23. Events held in Chicago and Arlington Heights. Email TaftJun61alu@comcast.net; write to Taft 1961 Reunion, P.O. Box 369, Park Ridge IL 60068; or call John, (312) 208-2582.

The center offers membership to Niles residents age 55 and older and their spouses. Drop by the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles, or call (847) 588-8420 for an application. Visit www.niles.com, click on Departments and then Senior. Registration required for most programs.

Grandparents Day
2-4 p.m. Sept. 9, $5/person. Bring your grandchildren to a good old-fashioned ice cream social, complete with games, prizes, and more. Advance registration by Sept. 5 is required.

Ice Cream Social
2:30-4 p.m. Sept. 4. Build your own sundae with a variety of toppings and then join in a game of "Scene It!" Watch scenes from legendary films and test your knowledge of the greatest movies of all time. Prizes awarded: $5, members; $7.50 nonmembers.

Fall BBQ
11:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sept. 7. Join a very special BBQ and say "Good-bye" to MaryAnn. Lunch features grilled burgers and brats with sides and dessert. Door prizes awarded; entertainment features Johnny Gray, $15, members; $20, nonmembers.

Say 'Good-Bye'
3 p.m. Sept. 7. Join MaryAnn for some cake to celebrate her retirement.

AARP Safe Driver's Program
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sept. 4 and 11. This is a refresher course for drivers age 50 and older. Both days are required to receive the certification needed to be eligible for an insurance reduction (check with your insurance to find out if it recognizes this program). Payment is due on the first day of class and is payable to AARP. $12 for members of AARP; $14 for non-members. Advance registration required.

Computer Classes
Pre Intro to Computers: Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 4-13; 9:10 a.m. to 10 a.m. $25 M/$30NM.

Online Couponing: Sept. 10 and 12; 2-3 p.m. $6M/$9NM.

Computer Basics: Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 17-26; 2:30-3:30 p.m. $25 M/$30NM.

Exercise classes
Arthritis Foundation Exercise Classes: Level 2 Beginners, 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays, to Dec. 19; balance sticks, sitting, standing, and gentle dance movements are included with this class. Level 4 Advanced, 9-10 a.m. Mondays, up to Dec. 17; includes weight training with under 3-pound weights, sitting and standing exercises. Level 1 Beginners/Pain Management, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays, up to Dec. 17; includes gentle stretching, mostly seated in a chair. Classes filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Cost for all levels is $10 members; $15 nonmembers.

Understanding Dreams
Applications are available for this event to be held Sept. 8. The program provides for the painting of the exterior of a single-family home at no cost to those who qualify. Homes must be owned and occupied by people with limited financial resources and owners must be at least 60 years of age or have a permanent disability that hinders them from doing the work themselves. Call the Niles Senior Center, (847) 588-8420 or Catholic Charities, (847) 253-5500.

Paint-a-Thon
Event to be held Sept. 7. Join a very large group to help provide houses for those in need. Advance registration is required for most programs.

See website for complete information.
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Mondays at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, on the lower level (handicap accessible). TOPS meetings open to women, men and teens. Cost is nominal. Visitors welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. Call (847) 966-4871; to find another local chapter, visit www.tops.org or call TOPS Headquarters at 1-800-932-8677.

Families Anonymous

A support group for family members and friends who are concerned about and affected by the substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one. Group 831 meets at 10 a.m. every Friday at Carter Westminster Church, 4950 W. Pratt Ave., Skokie, in the basement; enter from parking lot in the rear. Group 173 meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday (except holidays) at First United Methodist Church, 418 W. Touhy Ave., Park Ridge, in the Parlor Room, south portion of main level; use entrance at rear (Grant Place), across from the parking lot. No dues or fees required. First names only used at meetings to preserve individual anonymity. This is a nonprofessional and non-religious program. Call (773) 777-4442 or visit www.familiesanonymous.org.

MOMS Club

Northern Chicagoland group holds weekly activities (such as play groups, outings, museums, park dates) and monthly member meetings and Moms Night Out. Call (773) 853-2834 or visit http://sites.google.com/site/momsclubofnorthernchicago or email chicagomomsclub@gmail.com.

Grieving groups

Holding Onto Hope: Monthly daytime group for widowed people grieving the loss of a spouse meets 1-2:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Park Ridge Non-Profit Center, 720 Garden St. Registration is required. $5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

Resurrection support groups

The hospital sponsors a variety of free cancer support groups for both patients and their family members. All support groups are free and meet in the Cancer Conference Room (ground floor, Entrance C), 7435 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. Contact Carol Flanagan, (773) 792-5116.

Sexual Abuse

Queen of All Saints hosts a weekly meeting for female survivors of sexual abuse. The meetings are 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Benedict Center Chapel, 6275 N. Ironia. To participate in the confidential, 12-step program, call Queen of All Saints Rectory, (773) 736-6060. Additional meetings are 7-8:30 p.m. Fridays at St. Juliana Parish Center, 7200 Osceola Ave. Call Linda, (773) 271-2281.

Girls who provide support and advice on Teen Center programming, develop leadership skills and work to serve the Niles community, meet on the first and third Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Stop to check them out. Call (847) 375-8949. The Teen Center is located at 373 Golf Mill Center in Niles.

VOLUNTEERS

FISH

FISH of Park Ridge is experiencing a 40 percent increase in ridership and needs to recruit more volunteer drivers (four hours per month). FISH has been providing free transportation to medical appointments for Maine Township residents. Contact Ed Oken, president, (847) 696-0761. Send donations to: FISH of Park Ridge, P.O. Box 86, Park Ridge IL 60068. Fish is a 501-c3 organization; contributions are tax deductible.

Help for the elderly

Center of Concern: 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, serving the elderly and low-income families in the north and northwest city and suburbs, needs volunteers. Call (847) 823-0453 or visit centerofconcern.org.
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Kids’ enthusiasm spikes at Niles volleyball club

Its name says it all. Energy VBC, located at 6352 W. Howard St., is filled with just that — lots of energy.

The friendly, vibrant environment and skilled coaches make the volleyball club one of a kind.

About eight years ago Linda Snyder and another parent were unhappy with other volleyball clubs their children were a part of, so they decided to start something on their own.

What started as a club in the basement of Snyder’s home consisting of 10 players has grown into a very successful club boasting about 400 members. The club is going...
Haunted house fosters fear, philanthropy

MORTON GROVE

Two of Chicagoland's haunted houses — Fear City and Hades — are partnering with the Greater Illinois Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the coming Halloween season to raise funds that will support research, programs and services that improve the lives of the more than 20,000 people affected by multiple sclerosis in Illinois, according to a news release.

Fear City will donate 3 percent of all ticket sales from both haunted houses to the Greater Illinois Chapter during its entire run. A combo VIP ticket, which can be redeemed at any time, and sneak-peek ticket for the show on Sept. 28 is available for $30. The combo ticket deal ends Sept. 15.

These haunted attractions, which are recommended for ages 12 and older, are at 8240 N. Austin Ave., amount to 20-30 minutes of entertainment per house, the release stated.

Fear City, which is enjoying its second year catering to the Chicago metro crowds, and Hades, a new addition to the team's repertoire, are the product of a Chicago-based, Emmy award-winning set-design team.

"They're not you're standard slash-house type haunted houses, not an overwhelming amount of gore. We like to delve deeper into the art of the production — our rooms are suspense-driven and beautifully eerie," said Joe Jensen, Fear City partner and Chicago-area haunted house purveyor, in the release. "Both houses, which offer completely different experiences, are located in a 40,000-square-foot warehouse that we’ve had a lot of creative fun building out, it's really a dream to work with this team and actualize all of the scary ideas we've visualized so accurately. People are going to have a great time." Fear City will bring to life an apocalyptic Chicago as pop-culture meets the end of time in a deadly, realistic depiction filled with zombies, aliens and plagues, involving nearly 100 live actors and interactive displays, the release stated. Hades will anthropomorphize the mayhem of the mythological underworld as it melds a visual-art performance of a trip to Hell. The Seven Deadly Sins: lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy and pride, will all be personified as theatrical-magic-meets-technological-trickery to immerse audiences in a world of horror and fear, the release stated.

Both haunted attractions will open to the public for their "Bloody Red Carpet Opening Weekend" Oct. 5. The Greater Illinois Chapter's special night is Oct. 11, or "10/11/12," where both haunted houses will donate 100 percent of the proceeds from the door beyond the first 600 people to enter. "Hades Retro Weekend" begins Oct. 12, followed by "Halloween Pre Scream Weekend" beginning Oct. 19. Fear City and Hades will be open each weekend in October, with the finale culminating in the "7 Days of the Apocalypse" running through Halloween, Oct. 31.

Besides the Combo VIP tickets, other tickets to Fear City and Hades Haunted House are also on sale. Prices are $25 per haunted attraction or $35 for a ticket to both haunts on the same visit. There is also a $10 VIP Fast Pass option, which allows rush entry and is free with a valid U.S. military ID, the release stated.

Fear City is ADA accessible, 100 percent indoors (including the waiting area) and parking is free. Hours of operation are 7:30-11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; and 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. A portion of all ticket sales from both Fear City and Hades will benefit the National MS Society, Greater Illinois Chapter.

Every hour in the United States someone is newly diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, an unpredictable, often disabling autoimmune disease of the central nervous system, the release stated. MS interrupts the flow of information between the brain and body, and it stops people from moving — affecting more than 400,000 people in the United States and 2.5 million worldwide, the release stated.

"The Greater Illinois Chapter of the National MS Society mobilizes people and resources to drive research for a cure and to address the challenges of everyone affected by MS," the release stated. "We envision a world free of MS and move toward that end by driving change through advocacy, facilitating education, collaborating with others and by providing helpful programs and services."

For more information go to MSillinois.org.
Volleyball
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on its sixth year in the 52,000-square-foot facility in Niles.
This year Nike has named Energy VBC as one of the "elite" volleyball clubs, a title it gives to less than 20 clubs in the country. Energy VBC is the only club in the state to be given the honor.

"Volleyball is such a good team sport and social sport," Snyder said.

She added that it's a great sport for people of all ages to play and stay involved in. During the adult tournaments Snyder said it's great to see players in their 50s and 60s still playing and loving the game.

The club's offerings include private volleyball lessons, clinics, adult volleyball and open gym.

Snyder said organizers wanted to create an environment that stresses the importance of communicating with parents.

"The kids love being here and the parents love being here," Snyder said.

The players receive training by talented coaches at the facility and then they part-icipate in competitions. Last year five teams from Energy VBC competed in the U.S. Junior National competition.

"There has been a lot of excitement about it," Snyder said of volleyball in this summer's Olympics.

Many of the volleyball players at the facility attend local high schools, including Maine South High School, Niles West High School, Glenbrook North, Glenbrook South and New Trier High School. Several of the younger players, who are ages 11-13, attend schools in Niles.

"I take kids from anywhere," Snyder said.

Emily Fitzgerald, the facility manager, who also runs the pro-shop, said: "I love working here. It's like one big happy family."
PROPERTY TRANSFERS

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7541 W Monroe St: Coronado to Jose C Zepeda for $340,000 on June 28
7635 N Nora Ave: Teresa Privatny to Leslie A Roth for $245,000 on June 29

MORTON GROVE
9246 N Nagle Ave: Dinkerral Beasley to Mohammed A Rab for $150,000 on June 27

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Year built: 1924
Bedrooms: 4 Baths: 5.5
Garage: 2-car detached
Most recent available tax: $22,888.52
Agent: Kay Costello, 708-697-5900

BARRINGTON
$850,000
1009 Oakland Court
House size: 4,207 square feet
Lot size: 15,214 square feet
Year built: 1993
Bedrooms: 4 Baths: 4.5
Garage: 3-car attached
Most recent available tax: $13,976.04
Agent: Ray Ehiert, 847-381-9500

NORTHBROOK
$829,000
1356 Western Ave.
House size: 2,484 square feet
Lot size: 7,540 square feet
Year built: 2005
Bedrooms: 4 Baths: 3.5
Garage: 2-car attached
Most recent available tax: $13,976.04
Agent: Linda Jacobson, 847-835-0236

LIBERTYVILLE
$800,000
140 School St.
House size: 2,450 square feet
Lot size: 2,609 square feet
Year built: 2012
Bedrooms: 3 Baths: 3
Garage: 2-car attached
Most recent available tax: $3,106.35
Agent: Christine Bong, 847-367-1171

BURR RIDGE
$849,000
6539 Manor Drive
House size: 5,224 square feet
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Say “sayonara” to boring old school lunches! This year try adding a little color and style to your kids' midday meal with simple bento box meals that are as easy to make as they are cute.

**EMBRACE THE FUN**

Wendy Copley is a “Bento Box Sensei.” The mother of two and founder of wendolonia.com discovered her lunch-making ‘calling” a few years ago, after receiving a bento box as a Christmas gift. She instantly became hooked on the concept, which allowed her to make visually appealing meals that were fun, healthful and delicious. “I’ve always been creative, but once I had kids, I found it hard to make time for hobbies,” said Copley. “But with bento lunches, I can be as whimsical and creative as I like, while giving my family something they always need – a good meal!”

**HAVE A FEW TOOLS HANDY**

When it comes to packing a bento lunch, anything goes. According to Copley there are a number of different companies that make Bento-inspired boxes; however buying a fancy box is not necessary. For a child's lunch, Copley recommends using a plastic container that is roughly 4 x 6 inches wide and about 1 1/2 inches deep. Although it seems small, it's actually a great size, as you'll be able to pack the box tightly, which will help prevent food from moving around while in transit. Copley also suggests using smaller containers such as mini plastic bowls or silicon baking cups, which are great for corraling small items such as peas, corn or grapes. To add interest and variety, use a sharp knife and/or cookie cutters to create intricate designs, shapes and details. Remember, the only thing standing in the way of you and a light saber made of cheese is a knife.

**GET INSPIRED**

When it comes to making lunch, the biggest challenge is always choosing what to make. Creating bento lunches is slightly easier than their less-inspired counterpart because portions are small, which gives you more opportunity to experiment with flavors and textures. You can also get inspiration from various bento box websites such as wendolonia.com, where you can view the multitude of lunches Copley has packed for her family. Pinterest.com is another great place to go for inspiration, but be forewarned, it can be quite addicting.

**Bento Box Fillers**

- Whole grain bread
- Naan
- Tortillas
- Biscuits
- Crescent rolls
- Pretzel sticks
- Mini-muffins
- Goldfish crackers, cheddar bunnies or other snack crackers
- Leftover pasta (toss with some chopped veggies, vinaigrette, salt and Parmesan)
- Apple slices (dip in pineapple juice to prevent browning)
- Berries (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries)
- Cherries
- Grapes
- Bananas
- Mandarin oranges
- Carrots
- Sugar snap peas
- Red bell pepper strips
- Frozen peas (run them quickly under warm water to start them thawing)
- Leftover meat from dinner (cut into chunks)
- Chicken or turkey sausage with barbecue sauce or ketchup for dipping
- Deli meats
- Garbanzo beans
- Baked tofu
- Yogurt
- Cheese (slices, cubes and sticks)
- Cottage cheese
The concept of a holiday celebrating the spirit of the American workforce caught on in several large cities in the coming years, but it took more than a decade before the government made Labor Day a federal holiday.

Just as Labor Day found its official holiday footing, it became clear that Americans had not only warmed to the idea of ground meats for use in recipes, but celebrated its versatility. Whether used for Stroganoff, meatballs or hamburgers, the newly favored ground meats remained inexpensive and readily available during tough economic times. Meatloaf especially gained in popularity with a version appearing in nearly every cookbook at the time. Over time, meatloaf became the dish most associated with American comfort foods.

Make a culinary connection on Monday by linking two products of the Industrial Revolution: Labor Day and meatloaf. Doing so will not only honor the holiday, but give you and your guests a chance to taste a little piece of history.

Source: Department of Labor and History.com
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Jimmy Buffett fans flock to Parrots of the Caribbean

BY MYRNA PETLICK | Contributor

You may be surprised — and possibly relieved — to learn that the Skokie Theatre stage will not be filled with tropical birds when Parrots of the Caribbean performs this weekend.

There will be five Parrotheads, though. Parrots of the Caribbean is a Jimmy Buffett tribute band. They called themselves Parrothead Band for about five years because Buffett fans are known as Parrotheads. Then representatives of Jimmy Buffett called, threatening to sue if they didn’t stop using that name.

Yet founder, lead singer and harmonica player Dave Albrecht is too busy performing 60 shows a year with the band — Jeff Cline (lead and rhythm guitars; lead and backing vocals), Kenny Rice (keyboard), Gary Rigmaiden (bass and guitar) and Greg Martin (lead and backing vocals; drums and percussion) — to worry about another lawsuit from Disney when concert announcers sometimes mistakenly call the group Pirates of the Caribbean.

The Ohio-based band performs all over the country, sometimes to crowds of 10,000, and has also performed overseas, including for the troops in Okinawa. They’ve been asked to return next year for a mini-tour of bases.

Albrecht has been a Buffett fan since the 1970s, when his dad bought the album “Son of a Son of a Sailor.” Albrecht asked for a harmonica for Christmas that year. “Once I got that harmonica, I pretty much cabbaged onto my dad’s Jimmy Buffett album,” he said. “I started playing harmonica because a lot of the songs were in C.”

He began buying other Buffett albums and wanted to form a Buffett band.

That dream was delayed because, 22 years ago, Albrecht became “Elwood” in a nine-piece Blues Brothers band, Jake and Elwood Blues Revue. Later, he talked four of the band members into forming a Jimmy Buffett tribute band with him.

“I told these guys, ‘I can sing like Jimmy Buffett,’” he said. “Now I actually look like him because I’m 53 years old now. I have gray hair.” He also dresses like Buffett in custom-made costumes. Audiences will see a lot of them at the Skokie Theatre performances because Albrecht changes clothes five or six times during each show.

“I put my heart and soul into these songs,” Albrecht said. “I don’t just stand up there. I’m all over the place. I mess with the crowd. I mess with my band members.”

Predictably, “Margaritaville” is an audience favorite. But the biggest reaction occurs when he performs “A Pirate Looks at 40.”

“I throw a big harmonica solo in the middle of it,” he said. “And I end it with a big harmonica solo.”

Albrecht said that the best things about being a Parrot of the Caribbean are, “the travel and the reaction and meeting great people.”
General Motors unveils front center airbag

BY CHERYL JENSEN
Motor Matters

General Motors recently unveiled an industry first: a front center airbag designed to better protect front-seat occupants on the far side of the vehicle in a side-impact crash.

This safety feature will be standard on 2013 GMC Acadia and Chevrolet Traverse models with power seats and standard on all Buick Enclaves. The front center airbag deploys from the right (inboard) side of the driver's seat and inflates adjacent to the center console into a position between the front seats. It is a tubular-shaped bag and tethered to the seat.

In what are called "far-side" crashes, when the hit is on the driver's side, the front seat passenger flies over to the driver's side. When the hit is on the passenger's side, the driver flies over to the passenger's side.

The airbag is designed to be a restraint and to reduce the likelihood that the driver, passenger or both will be thrown to the opposite side of the vehicle in these far-side crashes.

When a driver is the only one in front, the airbag is designed to keep the driver from being thrown to the passenger's side of the vehicle by the force of an impact on the passenger's side. By restraining drivers, the center airbag can keep driver's head from hitting the passenger's seat or anything intruding into the vehicle on the far side.

GM's front center airbag is also designed to serve as a buffer between the driver and front-seat passenger in both driver- and passenger-side impacts. It also will deploy in rollovers and provide a cushion between front occupants.

In a far-side impact it's very easy for the occupant to slip out of the shoulder belt and then start leaning or tipping across the vehicle head first, said Scott Thomas, a senior safety engineer for General Motors and one of the people who worked on this airbag.

"Then the head or torso can strike any object that's intruding into the vehicle, the center console, the opposite seat or the other occupant," he said.

The front center airbag was developed by GM and automotive supplier Takata over a three-year period. There is no federal regulation that requires vehicles to have front center airbags.

This airbag has the potential to save lives in these far-side crashes, said Adrian Lund, president of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, a nonprofit group financed by the insurance industry.

Up to now the auto industry and safety community have focused on equipping vehicles with the current side-impact airbags that protect people sitting on the side of the vehicle where the crash occurs, called near-side crashes, Lund said. And the reason is because these near-side crashes are responsible for more deaths and serious injuries.

"We have worked on the biggest piece by looking at near-side crashes and how do we protect against them," Lund said. "It is to GM and Takata's credit that they got together and developed this airbag to begin to deal with this situation of far-side impacts and especially side impacts where you have two occupants in the same seating row."

If you are the near-side occupant, say the driver being hit on the driver's side of the vehicle, "you are already in trouble," Lund said. And then you are in further danger of becoming the airbag for the passenger on the far side of the vehicle who has slipped out of the shoulder belt and is being propelled your way by the force of the impact, he said.
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Cinematic Classics film series continues with “The Third Man” at 1 p.m. Sept. 6 at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. Call (847) 677-5277 or visit www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

‘Marvin’s Room’ is being performed through Sept. 30 at Circle Theatre, 1010 Madison St., Oak Park. Call (708) 660-9540 or visit www.circle-theatre.org.
Ravinia closes its summer season with a star-studded, three-day program.

"The Knights, an orchestra with a fresh approach to the standard repertoire and beyond, will take up residence in the pavilion and bring as guest soloists cellist Yo-Yo Ma, violinist Itzhak Perlman, and soprano Dawn Upshaw.

"We're calling this the Trifecta," said Colin Jacobsen, violinist, who with his cellist brother Eric established The Knights about a decade ago. "We're going to be playing with three of our musical idols."

"We've worked with Yo-Yo and Dawn before," added Eric, who is also conductor of the chamber orchestra. The ensemble has appeared at the Ravinia Festival twice before, both times in the Martin Theatre, but their association with Perlman, a Ravinia favorite, is something new. "Welz Kauffman at Ravinia matched us up with him," said Colin. "We are very pleased about the opportunity to work with him."

Perlman will be soloist in Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto on Saturday, Sept 8. The program includes Beethoven's Fifth Symphony and a work by the late Morton Feldman titled "Madame Press Died Last Week at Ninety," an homage to the New York composer's childhood piano teacher.

Ma will be soloist Friday, Sept. 7 in Schumann's Cello Concerto, and the program includes Wagner's "Siegfried Idyll," Debussy's "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun," "Three Studies After Couperin," and a traditional Persian melody "Ascending Bird," arranged by Jacobsen and Aghaei.

Soprano Dawn Upshaw, who is herself an adventurous artist, performs at the final program Sunday, Sept. 9. "There will be a very French atmosphere to it," Colin said. "We're playing Debussy, Satie, Milhaud and Stravinsky, and Dawn will be singing Ravel. We're doing something by the Baroque composer Couperin, who was also French."

In addition, Upshaw will present the world premieres of three numbers written just for this program. Mike Atkinson, the Knights' horn player, has made an arrangement of the Cole Porter tune "I've Got You Under My Skin" for her. Colin is arranging "Undiu," a bossa nova
Renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma performs at Telpochcalli Elementary School in October, 2011. He will be the featured soloist in a concert at Ravinia on Sept. 7.

The Jacobsen boys grew up in a musical household. Their father was associate concertmaster of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and their mother taught flute.

“When I was 16 and Colin was 20 we started having our friends over and we’d sight-read quartets,” Eric said. “Sometimes we’d have 20 to 30 people.”

“The late-night musical sessions continued in New York City for a while in an apartment shared by our Dad and us,” Colin added. “That was while Eric was at Juilliard and I had just graduated.”

In such an atmosphere, no one faults a player for a mistake. “So we are free to just play,” Eric said. “Then, after studying and getting input based on everyone’s experience and ideas of how something should be played, we decide on our approach.

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"We change the theme every month," Marketing Coordinator Edelyn Eliwood said. "September 1, the theme is 'Let's Sing-a-Long!' It's not just singing through the hour. It's a combination of storytime, craft and sing-a-long."

The three-part session's goals are to encourage a love of literature and inspire imagination and creativity.

The free monthly events are held at the Barnes & Noble store's lower level in the Skokie shopping center at Old Orchard Road and Skokie Boulevard. You don't need to register for this event which is led by a Skokie Public Library librarian. An adult must stay with the child.

Future themes are "Tricks and Treats!" (Oct. 6), "Turkey Tales" (Nov. 3) and "Story Time with Santa" (Dec. 1).

For details, call (847) 673-6800 or visit www.westfield.com/oldorchard.

Parents and kids can challenge themselves and each other at Family Chess and Brain Games, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. A variety of games will be available in the lower level activity room.

For details, call (847) 965-4220 or visit www.wfbourn.org.

The next Rembrandt or Picasso may be discovered at Toddler Art. But having fun is the main purpose of the workshop at the Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave. Kids ages 18 months to 3 years old, with an adult, can attend from 9:30 to 10 a.m. or 10:30 to 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 7. Registration is required.

For details, call (847) 825-3123 or visit www.parkridgelibrary.org.

Kids will learn to make a pie iron pizza and a banana boat at Campfire Cookout, 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 at Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel, Skokie. They will create a three-course lunch for $9, $11 for nonresidents. Children must be accompanied by a paying adult. Children younger than 3 are free.

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A great white shark has to rescue his brother, Finn, from a huge threat in "Gilbert the Hero" by Jane Clarke and Charles Fuge. After children hear the tale, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31 at the Village Crossing Shopping Center Barnes & Noble, 5405 Touhy Ave., Skokie, they will make their own sea creatures. For details, call (847) 329-8460 or visit www.barnesandnoble.com.

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Hall & Oates bringing ‘rock ’n’ soul’ to Ravinia

BY JAKE KRZECZOWSKI | Contributor

Darryl Hall and John Oates, one of the most influential rock duos during the Reagan years, return to Ravinia on Sept. 1. Better known as Hall & Oates, the two men rocked the pop stage with their rock and R&B fusion throughout the late ’70s and early ’80s, en route to being named Billboard’s best duo of all time.

“Chicago’s always been a great city for us, but has really embraced us these past couple of years. And the shows have gotten better and better,” said Oates. “It’s amazing that after all these years we’re able to go out there and bring excitement, and the fans are still showing up.”

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the release of Hall & Oates’ first album. The duo got their start in the early ’70s in Philadelphia and found their voice with hits like 1976’s “Sara Smile” and “Rich Girl” in 1977, before taking over the pop charts in the early ’80s with a string of hit songs and top-grossing albums.

The success hinged mainly on their distinctive, hybrid sound that Hall & Oates called “rock ‘n’ soul.”

“Coming from Philadelphia, we were exposed to a lot of different sound, such as rock and R&B, so we tried to open ourselves up to incorporating all of those,” said Oates. “For lack of a better term, we came up with ‘rock ‘n’ soul’ because we rocked and we have soul.”

Oates still pays tribute to what he calls “the...
Hall & Oates have been bringing their distinctive rock 'n' soul sound to Chicago since the late 1970s. They'll do it again when they play Ravinia on Sept. 1.

"An original sound is something that's hard to accomplish," said Oates. "This younger generation, though, is doing exactly what we did. They just have new tools to work with because of the technology and whatnot."

Currently, Oates is working on a solo album that he expects out sometime in 2013. Hall released a solo CD, "Laughing Down Crying," in September 2011.

Though the two have traveled the world with their music for 40 years, and have reached a level of satisfaction with their accomplishments, they have no desire to stop, or even to slow down.

"We're pretty firmly implanted in the world of rock music and it's been great," said Oates. "We've been coming to Chicago since the '70s and we're excited to keep doing so with this show."
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BY BRUCE INGRAM | Film Critic

NEW THIS WEEK

DARLING COMPANION

☆☆½
Rated PG-13 for some sexual content including references and language
Stars Kevin Kline, Diane Keaton, Richard Jenkins, Diane Wiest

Unlike the lost pooch motivating the plot of this baby-boomer update from Lawrence Kasdan, "Darling Companion" never entirely loses its way. But the emotional territory it sniffs out is mildly diverting at best. Kline and Keaton are appealing as upper-middle-class upper-middle-class marrieds re-evaluating their relationship after self-absorbed hubby loses empty-nest-traumatized wife's beloved dog in the Rocky Mountains. A handful of warm, fuzzy love stories, a thin veneer of snappy one-liners and heaps of gorilla language, "Darling Companion" never entirely loses its way.

Also New This Week

THE PIRATES OF MISFITS

Rated PG for mild action, rude humor and some language

Twelve episodes from the first season of Cartoon Network's animated series about a blue cat with a giant head, the T-rex who chases him around school and his friendship with a piece of toast. Well, who doesn't like toast?

BATTLESHIP

A fleet of ships on a war-games exercise is forced to do battle at sea with an alien armada. Peter Berg ("Hancock") directed the action thriller. Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence, action and destruction, and for language.

BOARDWALK EMPIRE SEASON TWO

Twelve episodes from HBO's Depression-era crime drama about gangsters cashing in on prohibition in Atlantic City. Extras include a 15-minute recap of season one, "The Money Decade" documentary about the Roaring '20s, and an interactive character dossier.

ECLIPSE SERIES 35

In the late-'60s, novelist, activist, egotist Norman Mailer used his literary fortune to bankroll a series of experimental films (with the assistance of cinema verite specialists D.A. Pennebaker and Richard Leacock) which he directed, with himself as star. Titles in this Criterion Collection bargain side-project label include "Maidstone," "Wild 90" and "Beyond the Law."

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THINK LIKE A MAN

After reading comedian Steve Harvey's relationship advice book, four women change their game plan with the men in their lives. Tim Story ("Fantastic Four," "Barbershop") directed the romance, featuring Chris Brown, Kevin Hart and Gabrielle Union. Rated PG-13 for sexual content, some crude humor and brief drug use.

RECENT RELEASES

THE HUNGER GAMES

☆☆☆
Rated PG-13 for intense, violent, thematic material and disturbing images - all involving teens
Stars Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth

The much-anticipated movie version of "The Hunger Games" does little more than faithfully replicate the mega-selling novel, yet, this proficient and generally satisfying adaptation gets the job done reasonably well. Primarily because of the perfect casting of Lawrence as the bow-hunting heroine of a dystopian-future televised competition in which only one of 24 teenage participants can survive. As likely to satisfy fans as it is to sweep along newcomers with its exploitative, teen-slaughtering craziness. Extras include the eight-part documentary "The World is Watching," a conversation between director Gary Ross and screenwriter Elvis Mitchell, and "Propaganda Film" in its entirety.

A MAN APART: BLU-RAY DEBUT

☆½
Rated PG-13 for strong graphic violence, language, drug content and sexuality
Stars Vin Diesel, Larenz Tate

The best thing that can be said about "A Man Apart": It's better than it had to be. Director F. Gary Gray (a Highland Park native) and Diesel apparently invested some creative energy in this formulaic story about a rogue cop out for revenge. What's more, they managed to do it without messing up the movie for fans who simply want to see Diesel do his macho stuff. Undercover DEA agent Sean Vetter (Diesel) loses his wife when a drug lord called — what else? — El Diablo attacks his home. He does what a man's gotta do to get some pay-back. Familiar stuff. Yet, Gray's fresh approach to action and emotion does deliver a stylish vehicle to be (ahem) fueled by Diesel. Extras include deleted scenes.

AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK

Director John Hughes celebrates the comically troubled life of teens in the Blu-ray debut of "Sixteen Candles". While the early, pre-censorship films of director Frank Capra come to scandalous new life in "Frank Capra: The Early Collection"; and the Blu-ray debut of the 1967 animated TV classic "Mad Monster Party" (featuring Boris Karloff's "The Monster Mash") reminds us that Halloween is coming up frighteningly fast.
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★★½
Rated
Rated R for strong sexual content throughout, language and some drug use
Stars
Lauren Miller, Ari Graynor, Justin Long
Former college enemies (Miller and Graynor) find themselves sharing a Manhattan apartment out of necessity and starting a phone-sex business for the same reason. Jamie Travis makes his feature debut as director from a script co-written by Miller.

LAWLESS

Rated
Rated R for strong bloody violence, language and some nudity
Stars
Tom Hardy, Shia LaBeouf, Guy Pearce
Three bootlegging brothers (Hardy, LaBeouf and Jason Clarke) in Depression-era Virginia have to face down crooked lawmen and a competing gangster to stay in business. John Hillcoat ("The Proposition," "The Road") directed the crime drama from a script by Nick Cave.

If you enjoy genres (ranging from car-chase epic to romantic comedy) mashed together, you're likely to find "Hit and Run" a pleasant surprise. Romance provides the framework as former getaway driver turned witness-protection runaway Charlie Bronson (Shepard, who also wrote, co-directed and edited) drives girlfriend Annie (Bell) cross-country for a dream-job interview. Things get complicated, though, when assorted homicidal maniacs from Charlie's past, and a well-intentioned, but dangerously incompetent federal marshal (Arnold) give chase. Annie begins to realize Charlie hasn't been entirely honest about his past. Fortunately, the male/female negations, while charming and intelligent, are punctuated by just enough crazed, comedically tinged action to keep the situation lively.

PARANORMAN

★★★½
Rated
Rated PG for scary action and images, thematic elements, some rude humor and language
Stars
Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Anna Kendrick, Kodi Smit-McPhee
Very much a children's film (though some of the horrific images may be too much for very young or sensitive kids), this frightfully entertaining family-horror-comedy pits 11-year-old town "freak" Norman against a vengeful witch — who wants to destroy small-town Blithe Hollow with a zombie army on the 300th anniversary of the townsfolk burning her alive. Writer/co-director Chris Butler, moving up from storyboard work on "Coraline" and "The Corpse Bride," makes effective use of stop-motion animation to establish a wonderfully morbid mood and move things along at a fast pace with plenty of flashy camera moves, with an emphasis on ghastly humor throughout. While also touching on some surprisingly serious moral philosophy from time to time. There's plenty of stuff in "Paranorman" to entertain adults as well, especially if they appreciate old-school horror films.

PREMIUM RUSH

★★★★½
Rated
Rated PG-13 for some violence, intense action sequences and language
Stars
Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Michael Shannon, Dania Ramirez
Writer/director David Koepp (whose A-list screenwriting efforts include "Mission Impossible," "Jurassic Park" and "Spider-Man") knows how to craft compelling, crowd-pleasing movies — a knack that's evident from the first frames of this adrenaline-pumping two-wheeler action opus. There's just enough story (revealed in flashback as a means to punctuate the action) to justify one long chase between fearless Manhattan bike messenger Wilee (Gordon-Levitt) and the dirty cop (Shannon, alternating bug-eyed comic relief with freaky menace) who's desperately trying to settle a gambling debt by hijacking a mysterious envelope. The real attraction comes from the film's breakneck pace, dazzling camera work and 90 minutes of death-defying, minimal-CGI stunt work. It's a wild ride, even if it is on a bicycle.
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Lincolnwood Public Library
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Gorilla Tango’s Skokie Theatre

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Holding auditions for a staged reading of “The Amish Project” from 6-9 p.m. Sept. 4-5 at Oakton Community College’s Studio One, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. No appointment is necessary. The director seeks teenaged girls (including one Latina actress), as well as women and men ages 30 to 55. All should prepare a contemporary monologue (one to two minutes in length) or be prepared to read from the script. Call (847) 635-1897.

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Six Piano Ensemble
The group, which performs classical, jazz, and contemporary music arranged for six pianos, will hold auditions from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 10 and 12 in Room 1360 at Oakton Community College’s Des Plaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road. Music is provided, and candidates also may play a prepared selection. Contact Glenna Sprague at (847) 635-1905 or gsprague@oakton.edu.

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Technology at Work: The Creation of the Anywhere Worker

By: Connie Blaszczyk, Managing Editor, Resource Center

Whether at home or work, technology has long driven innovation. Now, with the convergence of broadband and wireless technologies, these once separate worlds are merging. The result allows workers to get the job done anywhere and anytime. Call it a revolution in worker mobility, but it's actually much more than that.

Author Emily Nagle Green documents this trend in her book, Anywhere: How Global Connectivity is Revolutionizing the Way We Do Business.

As president of Yankee Group, a leading global connectivity research firm, Green has tracked global connectivity trends and surveyed thousands of millennial workers about technology. The results are often surprising.

Monster: What exactly is an "Anywhere Worker"?

Emily Nagle Green: There are two ways to spot them: Someone who has the appetite to use whatever technology is available, wherever they are, to be productive. Along with that they have an expectation that their employer will support and respect their enthusiasm for technology and be productive wherever they are - within the proper constraints.

An anywhere worker is also willing to take a lot of personal responsibility for that technology. In the old days, the source of all technology insight was the company's IT dept. As workers, we depended on it to tell us how tech could be useful and when we needed help.

Because of the consumerization of technology - particularly in the home - people in their twenties join the workforce without the assumption that the IT department of their employer has the core responsibility for their use of technology. They're willing to assume that they should handle it on their own. But they also assume that the organization has kept up with technology.

Monster: What type of company can best make use of Anywhere Workers?

Emily Nagle Green: Organizations that understand the big picture and have the flexibility to be responsive. There is a tremendous amount to gain – the biggest benefit is productivity.

Anywhere workers are willing to use technology wherever they are. If you can respond to this, you can recapture lost time in airports, hotel rooms and while commuting. Doing so also helps create a satisfying work environment. It starts with a business recognizing these benefits and figuring out how the organization can adapt.

For instance, can you find a way for people to bring their own smart phones to the work environment? Many companies put rules in place around technology to say, "only these employees get smart phones" as a means to contain costs.

This misses the point. The core issue isn't cost - the core issue from our research is that employees cite smart phones as the second most productive tools. And if your employees are willing to buy their own, why not make it feasible for them to use them at work?

We're at a tipping point. The biggest change that companies have to make is in how they think about the role of their IT organization. Is it the citadel that defines and controls all technology use? There is often an incredible squandering of potential employee enthusiasm when IT defines what technology workers can use.

Monster: Your research firm, Yankee Group, surveys young workers about technology. What have been some of the most notable recent findings?

Emily Nagle Green: We asked workers where they find new technologies that make them more productive. Only a third cited their IT department as the source. A third cited co-workers and a third said the Web. That is significant.

These workers are used to sourcing generationally - reaching out to the network-connected crowd to answer questions. They're willing to answer their IT problems in the same way - including questions about their own applications. That's another hidden benefit that might lessen the costs of your IT department - employees servicing their needs via the crowd.

We asked the same group of people to what extent they use consumer applications for business. A third said they use the same IM for business and personal use. They don't see the boundaries - don't differentiate. It's all one experience for them. They time-slice their lives in much finer increments than 9 to 5 and 5 to 9.
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Host of area pools receiving makeovers

BY GEORGE M. WILCOX | gwilcox@pioneerlocal.com

DARIEN

Preseason practices for Hinsdale South's girls swimming team took an interesting twist earlier this month.

Instead of practicing in the comfortable environment of their own pool, the Hornets' swimmers and divers were forced to practice outdoors. Hinsdale South's pool was closed all summer for renovations, and the team returned to the rehabbed pool for the first time on Aug. 20.

"I know a lot of people missed the pool. It was different, and hard (going outdoors)," sophomore Rachel Hawken said. "It's nice to be home."

While the pool was closed, Hinsdale South coach Frank Kuchta held preseason practices at the Darien Swim and Recreation Club, a private, outdoor facility located in a residential neighborhood. The Hornets were able to also use Hinsdale Central's pool for a few practices when it was available.

New entrances at Hinsdale South and Hinsdale Central weren't the only major summer projects completed at District 86. South's pool received a new ventilation system and new lighting, paid for out of the district's operations and maintenance fund.

However, Hinsdale South's pool wasn't ready for the team's first home meet against Riverside-Brookfield on Aug. 23, due to the cold temperature of the water after the pool was filled. The meet was moved to R-B, so the Hornets' first home meet will be against Lockport and the Proviso Co-op on Sept. 5.

Kuchta welcomes the upgrades.

"The lights make the pool look bigger and they don't even have all the lights in yet," Kuchta said.

"Swimmers couldn't breathe (because of chlorine)," Hinsdale South junior Brianna Kirin said. "We needed a new ventilation system, particularly in the summer when the heat is bad. The lighting is great. It does not look like everything is green."

Indoor high school swimming pools receive a great deal of use. In addition to high school team practices and physical education classes, park districts rent pools for lessons, and private clubs rent them as well. Many private clubs host meets on Sundays.

Mundelein's pool remains closed while a $2.8 million project continues to not only reconfigure the pool, but increase its depth. Athletic director Perry Wilhelm said he hopes the new pool will open in February.

"It was built in the mid-1980s," Wilhelm said. "It was not deep enough. We couldn't use starting blocks because it was too shallow. There was only one deep end for water polo. It was a national federation-compliant. There will be eight lanes, and all deep for water polo."

But while the pool is under construction, the Mustangs have been forced to compete in away meets, and practices have been held at other schools in the area.

Pools at District 128 schools Libertyville and Vernon Hills reopened in May after it took only a few weeks to reach compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, a federal law that changed suction devices after the death of a young girl who became entrapped in a hot tub drain.

"Neighboring schools helped us out and gave us pool time," Libertyville athletic director Brian Kelly said. "We were able to bus kids (to practice), but obviously that was not the best situation."

According to Melaney Arnold, of the Illinois Department of Public Health, 61 schools in Illinois were issued non-compliances closure notices for suction entrapment devices, as of October 2011. Currently, eight schools remain closed.

Glenbrook North is one of the few greater Chicago area high schools with two pools, and its smaller, older pool closed for about a month in 2011.

"We ran into issues because the pool is 60 years old," Glenbrook North athletic director John Catalano said.

Oak Park-River Forest faced closures for its two pools from July to December 2010 in order to fix drainage issues.

"It was pretty disruptive for both the boys and girls teams, and swimming programs in the school, too," OPRF athletic director John Stelzer said. "We use it for physical education classes."

Inspectors also discovered that the requirements for diving weren't met, so OPRF had its diving board removed. Its diving team now practices at R-B.
Rule change shifts the prep soccer landscape

BY DAN SHALIN | Contributor

Buffalo Grove boys soccer coach Rick Carlson used the word incredible to describe the atmosphere at last year's Class 3A Palatine Sectional semifinal, when an estimated 800 to 1,000 people watched the Bison play Prep.

Even though Buffalo Grove lost on penalty kicks, the experience will likely stick with the players who competed in front of classmates and neighbors. The players were representing their community, and that community was paying attention.

But for many elite high school soccer players, experiences like that have become a thing of the past. The United States Soccer Federation's decision to expand its Development Academy program season from seven to 10 months went into effect this year. Now, players who choose to compete for an "elite" club team are no longer eligible to play for their high school.

In Illinois, the high school soccer landscape has been altered. Several of the area's top soccer players are no longer involved with their high school teams. Programs like New Trier have reportedly been hit heavily. Trevians coach Craig Fairbairn did not return calls seeking comment.

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New Trier among nation's best

BY MATT HARNESS | mharness@pioneerlocal.com

WINNETKA

In her first year at New Trier, Mimi Smith finished 10th in the Class 3A cross country state meet and helped the Trevians win their first-ever team state title.

New Trier coach John Burnside said Smith will be even better in her sophomore season after she gave up soccer to concentrate on running full time in the summer.

"The big thing with Mimi is that she is now legitimately a distance runner," he said. "She's solely training to be a runner. It's a different kind of training than she was used to with soccer. There's going to be some bumps in the road, but it's going to benefit her greatly."

Smith seemed to downplay the transition, but agreed it's more demanding.

"The opportunity to run for New Trier was great," Smith said. "I knew to run at that competitive of a level, I needed to do it all the time. Some of the workouts are hard, but you get used to it."

Once again, Smith will run alongside senior twins Courtney and Jessica Ackerman, each of whom is back for a fourth varsity season. All three finished in the top 11 at state for the Trevians, who beat Wheaton-Warrenville South by a wide margin at Detweiller Park in Peoria last fall.

Although the Trevians — ranked No. 4 in the country by ESPN's DyeStat — look to be the state title favorite again this season, but Burnside quickly pumps the brakes on that talk.

MAINE SOUTH READY TO MOVE ON

Last season's heartbreaking fueled Jack Carpenter's offseason. After the Maine South boys cross country team finished sixth at the Class 3A Niles West Sectional last year — one spot away from qualifying for the state meet — the junior ran harder than ever during the summer in an effort to escape the memory. He is one of five runners to return from the lineup that helped the Hawks win their first-ever Class 3A regional championship.

"I really stepped up my training, and I'm in the best shape of my life," Carpenter said. "Things are looking good, and I won't be satisfied unless we end up on that podium at the state meet."

Also returning to Maine South are seniors Jon Vaccaro, Robbie Taylor, Kevin Dolan and Stephen Lavelle.

"All of them had great summers," Hawks coach Greg Nordahl said. "No one wants a repeat of last year. It was disappointing, and we are using it as motivation."

Maine South should be one of the favorites — along with New Trier and Niles North — in the CSL this season. The Hawks are ranked No. 6 in Mike Newman's DyeStat poll. The Trevians, who graduated state champion Leland Later, are ranked No. 10, and the Vikings are No. 16.

Maine South's strength last season was running as a pack. The team's scoring split at the CSL meet was 22 seconds. Vaccaro figures to be the headliner this season after Zach Eckhart led the team most of last year, but Carpenter won't be far behind.
Maine East

Names and Faces

CHRISTIAN LOPEZ

Noteworthy efforts:
The junior scored a key touchdown for the football team in its 28-16 victory over Schurz on Saturday night at Lane Stadium. His 89-yard TD run, put the Blue Demons up for good in the fourth quarter. Two plays later, Lopez returned an interception 68 yards to set up another score that sealed the win.

HANNAH FARLEY

Noteworthy efforts: Had eight kills in the Blue Demons' 25-16, 27-25 non-conference victory over Leyden on Friday.

Quick Hits

Big Numbers

152 | Rushing yards gained by fullback Javed Lukovic in Saturday's 28-16 victory.

Don't Miss

Today

Girls volleyball: Maine East at Niles West, 6 p.m.
The Blue Demons travel to Skokie to take on the Wolves in a Central/Suburban League crossover.

Friday

Football: Amundsen at Maine East, 7:30 p.m.
The Blue Demons look to move to 2-0 on the season as they take on Amundsen in a nonconference contest. Maine East came from behind to pull off a 28-16 victory over Schurz on Saturday. The Vikings are looking for their first win of the season after getting beaten by Plainfield Central 42-6 on Saturday.

This Week

Maine East

BOYS and GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday
At Fenton Early Bird Classic, 9 a.m.

FOOTBALL
Friday
Hosts Amundsen, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS GOLF
Today
Hosts Glenbrook North, Sportsmans G.C., 4 p.m.
Saturday
At Fenton Invite, 6:15 a.m.
Tuesday
At Deerfield G.C. vs. Deerfield, 4 p.m.
9/6 Thursday
Hosts Niles North at Wilmette G.C., 4 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Today
Hosts Kickoff Classic, 5 p.m.
Tuesday
Hosts Maine South, 7 p.m.
9/6 Thursday
At Waukegan Sports Pk. vs. Waukegan, 7 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING/DIVING
Friday
Hosts Regina Dominican, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Hosts Fenton, 5 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS
Today
At Leyden, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday
At Niles West, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Hosts Streamwood, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Today
At Niles West, 6 p.m.
Wednesday
At Addison Trail, 6 p.m.

Lukovic leads rushing attack

BY ERIC VAN DRIJ | Contributor

CHICAGO

Near the end of fullback Javed Lukovic's bruising, will-breaking performance in Maine East's 28-16 season-opening win against Schurz on Saturday night, Blue Demons coach Gabe Corey stood on the sideline at Lane Stadium and shouted something that had become increasingly apparent during the second half.

“They don't want nothing to do with you, Javed!” he yelled.

On the next play, quarterback Alex Corey then took the snap, faked to Lukovic and handed off to running back Christian Lopez. Lopez was tackled in the backfield on that particular play, but it was one of the Blue Demons' lone negative rushing plays against Schurz. Gabe Corey's game plan in the second half revolved around Lukovic's ability to get positive yardage on each carry — the 250-pound junior ran for less than four yards just once in 16 carries — and attract all of the defense's attention.

“Featuring Lukovic worked for us,” Gabe Corey said. “We were able to just hammer it in on them and every once in a while hit them with a tailback counter. … Every time
Maine East running back Christian Lopez carries the ball during the first half of Saturday's game against Schurz in Chicago. | J.J.GEIL - For Sun-Times Media

Lukovic
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(Lukovic got) the ball, no one wanted to take him on. They were arm tackling at the end. He's 250 pounds. When he's coming down with that shoulder pad level down, where are you going to hit?

Lukovic didn't score any touchdowns against Schurz, but he led Maine East with 152 yards rushing and had a direct impact on three of the Blue Demons' four touchdowns. Alex Corey scored on two 1-yard down. Alex Corey said, "That's a huge lesson for the kids. With increased confidence and a balanced, powerful attack, Lukovic said he hopes that all of the work put in by Maine East in the offseason will set up the Blue Demons for more success this year.

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varisty player — came on a Blast 21 where Alex Corey initially faked a handoff to Lukovic, causing the defense to go to its left and opening a giant hole for Lopez on the right.

"They were focused on (Lukovic) most of the game," Lopez said of the Shurz defense. "Once (Alex Corey) did that first fake, they all went to him and they left it wide open for me.

"Once I saw up the field, it was off to the races."

Although starting the season with a win is important for each team around the state, rallying from a 16-6 halftime deficit against Schurz was vital for Maine East. The Blue Demons won only one game last season, and Gabe Corey still believes that the team gave away last year's season-opener to Schurz.

But with an improved offensive line and four quality options in the backfield, Maine East was able to rally against the Bulldogs on Saturday and learn a valuable lesson about persistence.

"It was a good first game for us because to fall under at halftime and fight through that adversity, it sets them up for the rest of the year — that they know that if they get down they can always come back," Gabe Corey said. "That's a huge lesson for the kids."

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Underwood sparks offense

BY DANNY CARLINO | Contributor

SKOKIE

Anthony Underwood made the most of his debut as Niles West’s featured running back, scoring the game-changing touchdown and gaining 111 yards on the ground in a 28-12 win over Westinghouse in Friday’s season opener.

Underwood played mostly on the defensive side of the ball last year, so there were no guarantees about his role on offense going into his senior season.

"I put in a lot of hard work over the offseason," Underwood said. "I want to play running back. Coach said, 'We'll see.' I was always there early. I want to be on defense, too. I want to be out there wherever the coaches want me."

Underwood had some nagging ankle issues and suffered a concussion as a junior. That experience only drove him to make every play count this year.

"I made it through the season," Underwood said. "Mentally, I had to keep going. In my eyes there was a lot of work to do. I'm not done. This is only the beginning."
All the work that Underwood put in wasn't lost on Niles West head coach Scott Baum. He noticed that determination and willingness to do what was asked of him.

"Anthony played a lot of defense for us last year," Baum said. "He got some reps on offense, and that touchdown was a big pick up for us and for him."

Underwood scored on a 47-yard run with 6:21 left in the second quarter. That turned around a sputtering Niles West offense and was the first of four straight scores.

Niles West will try to carry the momentum of the season opener into Friday's game when it plays host to crosstown rival Niles North (1-0) in a Central Suburban League crossover game. The teams know each other well, and the Wolves are looking to avenge a 2-0 loss to the Vikings last season. The teams actually got together to run a youth clinic during the summer that Coach Baum was glad to see.

"We try to give back to the community, and it's great any time to see our kids coaching up some youngsters," Baum said. "They're in purple, and we're in red, but it's nice to (be) out there to help. We're supposed to compete on the field and try to beat our opponent, but these are kids that have sat in class together in grade school, they could be neighbors."

Underwood said he is still ready for a spirited affair.

"Our goal is to beat them," Underwood said. "They're our rivals, but we do interact. At the same time, though, (on the field) they're the enemy."
Niles North

Names and Faces

BILLY VOITIK
Noteworthy efforts: The senior quarterback was dangerous with his arm and his legs in the Vikings' new spread offense, throwing three touchdown passes, one each to Nick Lakhani, Edi Zamfir and JJ Myles. He also ran for a score.

THEA DAGUISON/ANO HORBERG
Noteworthy efforts: The Vikings' girls tennis doubles team of Daguison, a senior, and Horberg, a sophomore, improved their record to 4-0 with a pair of close victories at the Niles West Tournament over the weekend.

Quick Hits

Big Numbers
85 | Senior Jack Burke’s score in the Grant Invite in Antioch was good for a sixth-place finish in the eight-team golf tournament on Aug. 20.

Sound Bites
“(Girls tennis doubles partners Thea Daguison and Noa Horberg) are both quick learners and very consistent. They are just going to get better and better. It’s exciting to have an undefeated doubles team and they haven’t even reached their full potential yet.”
— Niles North girls tennis coach John Amaro

Don’t Miss
Friday-Saturday
Girls volleyball: Niles North at Summer’s End Tournament
The tournament at New Trier begins at 5 p.m. Friday and resumes at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Saturday
Football: Niles North at Niles West, 1 p.m.
The Battle of Skokie pits the District 219 rivals against one another.

Voitik impressive in return

BY DAN SHALIN | Contributor

Niles North began the new season Friday against Oak Lawn with a new coach and a new offense.

The leader of that offense, senior quarterback Billy Voitik, was not new to the varsity, though it may have seemed that way.

The 6-foot-5 signal caller started the first three games last season before suffering a concussion in practice. That forced him to miss the remainder of the 3-6 campaign.

But Voitik was back and better than ever in the opener, leading the Vikings to a 33-24 win over Oak Lawn in a nonconference game.

Voitik got the job done with his arm and his feet. Voitik finished 8-for-20 passing for 175 yards and three touchdowns. He had two well-thrown long passes dropped and threw two interceptions. Voitik also carried 20 times for 92 yards and a touchdown.
“Billy is our catalyst,” North’s first-year head coach Mark Egofske said. “He leads our offense. You can’t ask more from a kid. In our practices, he just makes us better, competes.”

Voitik, who started on the school’s basketball team last winter, said he expects to thrive in the Vikings’ new offensive scheme.

“I’ve gone from the Wing T, running the ball 95 percent of the time to a spread offense, where we’re sometimes passing almost 50 percent of the time,” he said. “It’s really fun, there is a lot of passing, a lot of rollout and run. It’s a lot better than last year.”

Friday, Voitik shook off two early dropped passes by his receivers and helped his team overcome 7-0 and 10-7 deficits. He hit senior Edi Zamfir for an 11-yard, first-quarter touchdown and later dumped off a short pass of to junior receiver JJ Myles, who took it for a 51-yard score.

The game’s big play came on the last snap of the first half when Voitik’s 42-yard throw was brought down in the end zone by senior receiver Nick Lakhani, giving the Vikings a 20-10 lead and the momentum.

Voitik, who battled second-half cramps, ran in a 1-yard score late in the third. Senior Johnny Clanton completed the Niles North scoring with a 1-yard run early in the fourth, which gave his team a 33-10 lead.

Oak Lawn scored twice in the fourth quarter.
Earning his keep

Underwood carries Niles West to victory

Niles West's Anthony Underwood breaks to the outside during his game against Westinghouse on Friday in Skokie. | CURTIS LEHMUKHL- Sun-Times Media

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