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Morton Grove

Fear City Haunted House adds school to scare lineup

BY NATALIE HAYES
For Sun-Times Media I @NatHayReporter

The fourth season of Fear City Haunted House in Morton Grove promises to deliver plenty of scares as usual, but the debut of a cursed and abandoned all-girls school may leave scare-seekers running out the door.

Every year, Fear City owners Chuck Grendys and Jim Lichon spice up their 35-room main haunted house of horrors with the addition of a new separate haunted attraction.

The main part of the attraction, a decaying urban scene that takes visitors through a zombie- and ghoul-filled post-apocalyptic Chicago, will be coupled this year with a separate yet equally-creepy abandoned Catholic school, where unspeakable horrors allegedly took place many years ago.

Still two months ahead of Halloween season, Grendys and Lichon are adding the finishing touches to the 6,500-square foot "Our Lady of the Cursed," with abandoned classrooms, a decaying cafeteria and creepily quiet hallways. Of course, a few creatures are waiting behind the doors of closed lockers lining the hall.

For the thousands of people who have come to experience Fear City over the years, they know it's not your typical spook house.

From a hoarding room piled high with all sorts of disgusting real-life things to the rumbling broken-down haunted Red Line car and a very real-looking bloody butcher shop, Fear City each year puts on an elaborate show that has hundreds of people waiting in lines that stretch up to two-and-a-half hours long on weekend nights in October.

The 40,000-square-foot warehouse that houses Fear City is curated year-round by Grendys and Lichon, who spend all year searching garage sales, thrift stores and prop stores to find more scary stuff to add to their sets, many of which are made of parts from actual movies and TV shows.

Grendys — the owner of a movie-set building shop in Chicago called Big City Sets, and Lichon — an Emmy-winning set director who worked for Harpo Studios — met while working on the set of a Victoria's Secret commercial several years ago.

On a muggy August evening, Grendys sat in an office wearing a "Fear City" T-shirt while sitting behind a massive calendar marking down the days until Halloween season, and recalled his story about meeting Lichon.

"We started talking about our future career plans, and we said 'Hey, let's do a haunted house,'" Grendys said. "Usually when people bring these kinds of things up, no one actually calls, but he did."

When Harpo's days in Chicago ended, Lichon had extra time on his hands to help Grendys tour haunted houses all over the Midwest.

Armed with plenty of ideas, the two got to work on making their dream of creating the best haunted house in the Chicago area a reality.

They settled into an empty warehouse building at 8240 N. Austin Ave. that once was once used for manufacturing pink lawn flamingos.

They hired actors, brought in loads and loads of props from actual movies and TV shows, and anything scary they could get their hands on.

Fear City is now a go-to attraction every Halloween season for thousands of people of all ages all over the Chicago area — although the recommended minimum age for entry is 12.

"People know their kids better than we do," Grendys said, "So if your kid is going to be sleeping in bed with you scared for the next month, it's at your own risk."

Fear City Chicago and Our Lady of the Cursed will open to the public on October 3. Doors open at 7 p.m. on show days and run until 11 p.m. on weeknights and until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays through November 1.

Tickets are $25 for Fear City Chicago, and $20 for Our Lady of the Cursed. A combo ticket to both is $35.

A portion of proceeds from ticket sales support the Niles Township High Schools District 219 Education Foundation, which helps students in need.
Family of dead SIU student files lawsuit

The mother of a Southern Illinois University student who was found dead in February has filed a lawsuit against the city of Carbondale and a man she claims gave her son a ride before he disappeared.

Lovely Varughese, of Morton Grove, filed the suit Thursday in Jackson County Circuit Court against that driver, as well as the city of Carbondale and its police chief, Jody O'Guinn.

Her son, 19-year-old Niles West graduate Pravin Varughese, went missing Feb. 12 after leaving a party in Carbondale, police and his family said at the time.

The Morton Grove native and criminal justice student was found dead nearly a week later in a wooded area near the 1400 block of East Main Street.

Police previously said Varughese accepted a ride from a recent acquaintance just before midnight that night, but got out of the vehicle following a dispute and fled into a wooded area.

The original autopsy, performed by the downstate Jackson County Coroner's office, concluded he died of hypothermia, with no indications of trauma, Pioneer Press reported at the time. Carbondale police said they did not suspect foul play.

However, a second independently-performed autopsy found Varughese suffered "significant blunt force trauma to the head," according to a summary provided Thursday by Jimmy Vachachira, the family's attorney.

The second autopsy, performed by Dr. Ben Margolis of the Autopsy Center of Chicago, found Varughese suffered at least three separate head injuries and a defensive injury to his right arm, the summary said.

The family claims Carbondale police failed to further investigate, the suit says.

The suit accuses the city and police of negligence, and seeks at least $1 million in damages.

O'Guinn said in an email Thursday that he is aware of the litigation, but referred comment to the city manager's office. City Manager Kevin Baity declined to comment, saying the city has not yet been served with the suit.

"It has been frustrating for the family being kept in the dark," Vachachira said in an email. "This complaint addresses Carbondale's gross failure to investigate Pravin's death. And another step in our vigorous pursuit for answers we believe the family rightfully deserves."

The suit does not address the death of the driver, who was not named in the suit.

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The family said he had given a ride to someone who wandered off into the woods.

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The Jackson County State's Attorney's office continues to review the case, a source said.

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Park Ridge

Mayor: Out with O'Hare noise chief

BY ROSALIND ROSSI
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The mayor of Park Ridge has jumped into the fray over the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission, saying its chairwoman should resign because she represents a suburb that will benefit from flight path changes that have bombarded other areas with new jet noise.

Park Ridge's Dave Schmidt is the first mayor to publicly join the Fair Allocation in Runways coalition in calling for the resignation of noise commission chairwoman Arlene Mulder, who had served as mayor of Arlington Heights for 20 years, until 2013.

As one of 52 members of the commission, Mulder represents a suburb that will see far less noise once O'Hare's $8 billion runway overhaul is completed, Schmidt told the Chicago Sun-Times.

By 2020, a diagonal runway aimed at Arlington Heights is due to be decommissioned, Schmidt said, so Mulder has "no dog in the hunt."

Meanwhile, Schmidt said, Mulder is "far too chummy" with the Chicago Department of Aviation, which proposed the runway changes, and the Federal Aviation Administration, which approved the city's plan in 2005 after four public hearings - none of which Mulder was re-elected unanimously in March at a meeting attended by 31 of the 52 commission members. Park Ridge's representative did not attend, minutes show.

The move is supposed to reduce delays in all weather while increasing capacity. It also will ultimately bring at least 98.9 percent of all arrivals into O'Hare on parallel runways that point at Chicago, FAA data predicts.

Even now, Northwest Side Chicago residents have been howling about jet noise they say they never anticipated. One of them has bemoaned the "highway over our heads" in a YouTube video and song.

After the big October switch, monthly noise complaints from Chicago residents skyrocketed by nearly 250 percent from April 2013 to April 2014, according to the most recent city aviation department data. In Park Ridge, they jumped 60 percent in that period.

Mulder became chair of the Noise Commission within a year of its 1996 creation by then-Mayor Richard M. Daley. The group supervises a massive city and suburban sound insulation program, monitors attempts to reduce nighttime noise over residential areas, and "partners" with various aviation officials to reduce jet noise, one of its other officials said.

Mulder was re-elected unanimously in March at a meeting attended by 31 of the 52 commission members. Park Ridge's representative did not attend, minutes show.

Mulder said Monday she has the same single vote as every other commission member. Arlington Heights, she said, is still affected by O'Hare noise.

Mulder said she only sees FAA and Chicago Department of Aviation officials at commission meetings. Schmidt, she said, is "misrepresenting my attempts to be respectful" to those meetings.

"Chummy? No," Mulder said. "I don't do anything social [with them]."

Jac Charlier, a leader of the Fair Allocation in Runways Coalition, last week called for Mulder's resignation, saying the Noise Commission under her watch has "failed" in its mission of advocating for residents impacted by O'Hare jet noise.

Such noise has triggered growing attention since October, when O'Hare switched from using mostly crisscrossing, diagonal runways pointed at the suburbs to mostly parallel ones pointed to the east and west of the airport as part of the O'Hare overhaul. Even more parallel runways are due to be added by the project's projected 2020 completion.

Critics say the commission has no real power, except for its ability to collect data. They contend it should be actively taking advisory positions that reflect the opinions of its members and the impact of new jet noise.

Mulder has insisted the commission is working hard on jet noise issues. Over the years it has urged the FAA to reconsider the formula for determining what level of noise should warrant sound insulation, and the FAA is now doing so, she said. It also successfully pushed to put a night "curfew" on the new northern-most parallel runway, which most affects Park Ridge.

Mulder said.

Schmidt said the "curfew" is voluntary and Park Ridge is still impacted by jets that use other runways and fly over Park Ridge. Just Monday night, Schmidt said, there were jets flying over Park Ridge every one-to-two minutes.

Mulder is a "career politician and bureaucrat" who is minimizing her power as chair, Schmidt said.

"She sets the agenda and runs the meetings. That's a lot more than one vote," Schmidt said. "If she and I have the same power, then let me chair the meetings and she can have her one vote and see how she likes it."
Drivers who regularly take Lincoln Avenue past the Morton Grove Metra station during rush hour are familiar with the frustrations caused by a long line of vehicles that stop — sometimes in the middle of the street — to pick up and drop off passengers.

Frustrations escalated to fear, however, for one Morton Grove resident who was caught on the tracks as a train approached Monday night.

Kelly Dietrich takes the same route home from work every day, heading west on Lincoln Avenue, across the tracks and then left on Lehigh Avenue.

But on Monday night, traffic was particularly bad due to a 53-year-old man who was hit and killed by a Metra train near the station — a death the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office later deemed a suicide.

When traffic finally began to move again that night after emergency workers cleared the scene, Dietrich began to move — but cars in front of her moved forward at the last minute, giving her enough room to move off the tracks.

Rush hour traffic in the spot is always a mess, but traffic was unusually bad that night as emergency workers examined the scene of the man's death.

“People get used to picking people up [near the Metra station], and it’s a recurring problem during rush hour,” said Morton Grove Village Administrator Ryan Horne.

“We're working with the police chief to ensure people traveling near the Metra station are safe.”

While some drivers stop in the middle of the street, others ignore a line of signs prohibiting parking on the sides of the street.

“They park along both sides of Lincoln waiting to pick up and drop off Metra passengers, despite the fact that they are parked next to signs that read, “No stopping, standing or parking,” Dietrich said. “Another issue is the pedestrians who cross Lincoln and Lehigh without regard to crosswalks or to the cars going by — these are huge safety issues.”

Morton Grove Police Department officials didn't return calls this week, but Horne said village officials planned to address the safety concerns with police.

“If this is happening twice a day and people are violating the no parking signs, it’s something we need to address,” Horne said. “But officers can’t be everywhere at the same time, so we will do what we can.”
POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents were listed in the official bulletins of the Niles and Morton Grove police departments. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

MORTON GROVE

DEFRAUDING DRUG TESTS
Abdul R. Zakir, 48, of Hoffman Estates, was arrested on Aug. 4 on the 6200 block of Dempster Street for allegedly selling synthetic urine used to defraud drug and alcohol tests, police said. He is scheduled to appear in court on Aug. 22.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY VIOLATION
Darren Mitchell, 26, of Morton Grove, was charged with failing to register as a sex offender with the courts after he was arrested on the 6100 block of Capulina Avenue on July 29. Police said Mitchell also had an outstanding warrant out of Philadelphia. He is scheduled to appear in court on Aug. 22.

DUI
Jennifer Mitrenga, 34, of Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after she was arrested on Foster and Sayer Avenues on Aug. 1. Police said Mitrenga was pulled over for a traffic violation, and later allegedly failed sobriety tests. A court date is scheduled for Sept. 18.

DRUGS
Lauren C. Kinsella, 21, of Glenview, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after she was arrested on Dempster Street and Athletic Avenue on Aug. 1. Police said Kinsella was stopped for a traffic violation and officers allegedly found a grinder and a pipe in her vehicle. She is scheduled to appear in court on Sept. 18.

Margaret Weber, 31, of Chicago, was charged with possession of drugs and driving under the influence of alcohol after she was arrested on the 6800 block of Dempster Street on Aug. 4. Police said Weber allegedly failed sobriety tests and officers allegedly found cocaine in her possession. A court date is scheduled for Aug. 22.

FLEEING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT
Mychael Patytsky, 19, of Morton Grove, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident that occurred on Washington Street and Ballard Street on Aug. 1. Police said Patytsky was involved in a traffic accident and left the scene without providing insurance information to the other driver who was involved. He is scheduled to appear in court on Sept. 18.

NILES

DRUG POSSESSION
Oscar Arenas, 28, of 1645 Tripp Ave., Chicago, was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving with a suspended license on Aug. 5 following a traffic stop near the intersection of Howard Street and Lehigh Avenue. According to police, clear baggies containing a total of 3.5 grams of suspected marijuana were found inside Arenas' vehicle. Two glass pipes were also recovered from the car, police said. Arenas has an Aug. 28 court date.

RETAIL THEFT
Kaspars Klibiks, 20, of 7247 Waukegan Road, Niles, was charged with retail theft on Aug. 3. He was accused of stealing two bottles of wine and one cheesecake, valued at $37, from a store on the 8500 block of Golf Road. He has an Aug. 26 court date.

Silvana Petrov, 27, of 774 Wilkinson Parkway, Park Ridge, was charged with felony retail theft on Aug. 3 after she and an unidentified woman allegedly stole bath towels, cookware and appliances valued at $349 from a store inside Golf Mill Shopping Center. According to police, the woman seen with Petrov fled when the pair were approached by a store loss prevention agent. Petrov has an Aug. 19 court date.

Elysse Acevedo, 24, of 9231 W. Irving Park Road, Schiller Park, was charged with retail theft on Aug. 6 after she allegedly stole baby clothes from a store on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue. She has an Aug. 26 court date.

DUI
Cesario Cox, 24, of 1039 McDaniel Ave., Evanston, was charged with driving under the influence and driving with a suspended license on Aug. 6. Cox was stopped by police for allegedly speeding on the 7900 block of West Dempster Street at 7:20 a.m. He has an Aug. 26 court date.

Manuel Rosas, 23, of 3607 W. 54th Ave., Cicero, was charged with driving under the influence and driving with a suspended license on the morning of Aug. 3. Police conducted a traffic stop after Rosas' vehicle was reportedly seen sitting in the middle of the intersection at Milwaukee Avenue and Dempster Street while the traffic signal was red. He has a Sept. 17 court date.

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District 219

Back to school in Niles Township

Niles North remolds cafeteria, locker rooms; Niles West updates hall of fame

BY NATALIE HAYES
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A fresh school year begins this week at District 219 schools, and students at Niles North and Niles West High Schools will notice many changes that have taken shape over the summer — both in the way they learn in the classroom and throughout the buildings.

Big things are happening at Niles North, where the school will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year.

Students will also return to find shiny new locker rooms and a streamlined lunch line.

The three major construction projects that wrapped up over the summer at Niles North include the installation of new roofing, the renovation of the 50-year-old locker rooms, and the addition of a modernized cafeteria kitchen with four different serving lines.

The dimly-lit, outdated locker rooms used by physical education classes and varsity athletics for the past five decades underwent a total renovation over the summer, including the installation of additional lockers, new showers and fresh paint.

Niles North principal Ryan McTague said enough lockers were added so that students will now be able to keep their own locker during all four years of high school.

"The locker rooms are very clean, bright, and fresh — they look fantastic," McTague said. "Having the new locker rooms will motivate the students and make a great addition to our athletic program and PE department."

In the cafeteria, phase two of a two-part renovation plan was completed this summer.

The 50-year-old kitchen was torn out and replaced with a modernized "college-style" version that will expedite lunch lines with multiple serving stations.

"It's kind of like a college cafeteria model, where you grab and go," McTague said. "It's a state-of-the-art kitchen and I think students will love the new structure."

The final phase of the cafeteria renovation project will start next year when the entire seating area is remodeled, and a courtyard will allow students to enjoy the outdoors during lunch periods.

The last project completed at Niles North was the installation of a new roof.

McTague said 75 percent of the roof was replaced, eliminating past frustrations over ongoing leakage problems.

"This was critical for us, so we're so happy to have the new roofs up," McTague said. Beyond the excitement surrounding the new renovations, Niles North will celebrate the school's 50-year history with a 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend planned for Sept. 19 through 21.

The Vikings Homecoming game and parade will kick off the weekend, and alumni will be invited to walk through the hallways and visit their old classrooms, spend time on the football field, and reminisce with friends at an alumni celebration party.

Across town at Niles West, principal Jason Ness admitted the 50th anniversary was unique for the year.

"Our building is in great shape," Ness said. "We're an older school, but we've had our updates recently."

Cost-wise, reconstruction of the Niles North cafeteria cost $7.5 million, and the generator at Niles West cost about $1.96 million. The water main replacement was $184,000.

A construction package that included the Niles North locker rooms totaled $7.8 million. Included in that $7.8 million was $27.7 million for the roof replacement, $1.12 million for "general trades," approximately $1.1 million for heating and air conditioning, $925,000 for electrical improvements and a $530,000 bill for plumbing, according to District 219 information.

For more information on the 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend at Niles North, or to purchase tickets, go to http://url.d219.org/nhhs50th.

Digital push leads classroom changes

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Aside from physical improvements at Niles Township High Schools, District 219 is testing a digital literacy requirement at both schools.

Under the program, freshmen students will take a self-paced blended-learning series during their study hall period to gain basic computer usage, explained Ann Roloff, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction at School District 219.

District 219 School Board trustees approved the test program at the May 12 school board meeting to ensure students come into high school with a basic understanding of the computer operation and productivity tools aligned to the International Society for Technology Educators (ISTE) Standards for Students.

School officials said the program is in line with District 219's increasingly-heavy shift toward online testing and the new common core standards, which will require students to be proficient in technology operational skills and to be easily find and evaluate online information.

A new humanities department is also being added this year, which will be a blend of the social studies and English departments, Roloff said.

New classes are also being added to the course offerings at both schools, including "modern world history" and a new AP government course.

Finally, District 219 has initiated a partnership with Skokie/Morton Grove School District 69 that would streamline the curriculum at both school districts in hopes of preparing students for college at an earlier age.

District 219 has agreed to spend up to $2 million on a set of initiatives coined "Classrooms First Consolidation" that aims to align literacy programming, streamline STEM curriculum, and implement a modern-day technology-based learning infrastructure at the three District 69 schools — Madison and Edison Schools and Lincoln Junior High.

The goal of the partnership is to ensure consistency in teaching, curriculum and programming in each grade level that would result in a smoother transition between grade levels all the way up to senior year of high school.

School officials have said they would consider adding additional feeder school districts to the program in the future.
New programs to guide teachers, students at Maine South, East

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As Maine Township High School District 207 prepares to welcome new and returning students, the district is rolling out a number of changes.

The changes include a new peer mentorship program for teachers, new student evaluations and the expansion of its i:1 Chromebooks initiative. The district upgraded security with new cameras, and it's planning a number of building renovation projects.

This year, the district is launching an expanded instructional coach program. It's an extension of a program that the district has already been running for a couple of years. Under that program, teachers had an opportunity to be mentored by their more experienced peers.

"This will mark the first year in which every District 207 teacher will follow an instructional coaching plan, designed to make a highly professional and effective teaching faculty even more so," he said.

The district is also planning to do more to track the students' progress and give feedback. Starting this year, the students will be assessed based on their ability to manage their time, collaborate, show respect and maintain good work and study habits. Wallace said that the district sees those as critical skills for college and careers.

This year marks the second year of Chromebooks in the district. During the 2013-2014 school year, all freshmen and sophomores got Chromebooks last school year, and he hopes to that continue in the similar vein this school year.

"Year one of this program saw teachers and students alike beginning to tap the potential of these tools," said Wallace. "For instance, some teachers were able to connect with and teach students even on days when our schools were closed due to severe cold and snow last winter. We expect teachers and students alike to build on those first-year innovations."

He also said Chromebooks will allow parents to save money on textbooks. The district has been increasingly shifting to Chromebook-compatible e-editions, which cost less than the physical books.

During the summer break, the district also implemented some security improvements.

"Over the summer, interior cameras were installed in the hallways and common areas of our schools, which will further enhance the safety and security of our schools, which will further enhance the safety and security of our schools," Wallace said. "In the event of emergency, this system would allow our local police in Park Ridge and Des Plaines to view real-time video streaming from the cameras."

The district will be undertaking a number of smaller maintenance and renovation projects designed to improve existing utilities and interior structures. Wallace said that, while some improvements won't be too visible, there are several changes students will notice in the coming months.

"Students will see new carpeting in each of the three [district] libraries, and fans attending sporting events may notice new stadium lighting at Maine East and West," he said.
Five classroom addition opening soon at Park View School

BY NATALIE HAYES
For Sun-Times Media | @NatHayReporter

The completion of a five-classroom addition and a heavier focus on technology highlight back-to-school season this year at Park View School in Morton Grove.

The $3.8 million classroom addition is expected to be ready for use about two weeks after school starts on August 21.

School District 70 superintendent Phil Collins said weather at the beginning of the summer delayed the construction schedule for the classrooms, which will house a blended preschool class, two kindergarten classes, a sixth grade science class and a satellite classroom for Niles Township District for Special Education.

“We were hoping to have everything ready for the first week of school, but the rain delayed the project,” Collins said.

The front entrance, front office and the outside work on Lake Street in front of the building will be completed by the start of the school year.

Some classes will be moved to temporary locations during the first several weeks of school as a result of the delay, Collins said.

On the technology side, third-graders will be equipped with personal iPads for the first time this year, expanding the one-to-one technology initiative to grades three through five.

Parents will pay a $30 insurance fee for the iPads, Collins said.

Curriculum changes are also taking shape this school year. A redesign of the language arts and reading programs will take effect, reflecting a combination of the common core standards and the teaching resources to support the curriculum, Collins explained.

“It's basically focused on taking the common core standards and translating them into a student-friendly language,” Collins said. “We piloted the resources last year to support that curriculum, and we’ll implement those new resources this year.”

A redesign of the math program was implemented during the 2013-14 school year, he said.

“Everything happening this year is moving us in the right direction, and it's all good for our kids,” Collins said. “We're working to provide our students with great opportunities.”

iPads, Chromebooks roll out to Culver students this year

BY NATALIE HAYES
For Sun-Times Media | @NatHayReporter

More than 550 students will return to Culver School in Niles next week equipped with their own personal iPads and Chromebooks.

For the first time in the school's history, all students in kindergarten through eighth grade will have a personal technology device thanks to a one-to-one technology initiative rolling out this school year.

Last year, kids in all grade levels had access to the same devices during class time, but now all Culver students will be able to keep them throughout the school day, and third- through eighth-graders can take them home.

Parents will pay a $35 technology fee to cover insurance on the devices, which is paid during registration.

Niles School District 71 Superintendent Amy Kruppe said training the students on how to use the devices wouldn’t be necessary. Most students are already well-versed on how to use tablets and laptops because they’ve used in classrooms for the past five years, she said.

Beyond a heavier focus on technology, new science and language arts curriculum that falls in line with the common core standards will begin this year.

The “Next Generation Science Standards” — a science-learning framework created by the National Research Council — stems from the viewpoint that science is both a body of knowledge and an evidence-based model and theory-building enterprise, according to the Next Generation Science Standards website.

The science standards were adopted statewide in January in Illinois. Outside of the classroom, students will be continue to be exposed to anti-bullying messages through the “Rachel’s Challenge” campaign.

School District 71 students start the new school year on Aug. 20.

For more information on registration and school events, go to www.culver71.net.

$8 million renovation project wraps up at Hynes, Golf schools

BY NATALIE HAYES
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Golf School District 67 students will be welcomed back to the new school year next week with a fresh, modern-looking school after long-running construction projects finally wrapped up over the summer.

“This year we’ve closed out the entire project,” said Beth Flores, superintendent of School District 67. “We completed little odds and ends over the summer, and spent a lot of time painting the interiors of our building — it’s a very new and fresh environment inside both schools.”

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Between June of 2013 and August 2014, the School District has also reconfigured the security systems at the main entrances of both schools, and installed new fire sprinklers, new boilers, and LED lighting in the gyms at both schools.

“The last bit was landscaping work at Hynes around the gym,” Flores said. “It’s nice to be closing out the entire project.”

The approximate total cost for all the construction work is $8 million, according to school district information.

The district-wide wireless infrastructure was also updated this summer for an estimated $55,000.

After physical education classes were reduced to just a few days per week last year because of limited space during the new gym construction, five-day-a-week gym classes are planned to be phased in to curriculum once again this school year at Hynes.

There’s currently one full-time gym teacher at Hynes, and Flores said the School Board is looking into hiring a second, part-time physical education teacher to accommodate more gym classes.

“One condition of building the new gym is that we would have gym every day,” Flores said. “That is the goal.”
Next week marks the first day of school for more than 3,600 students at East Maine School District 63, who will trade summer days at the beach for fall days in the classroom.

Parents and students can expect to see a heavier application of the state-issued Common Core standards this year, including a new grading system at Gemini Junior High that will replace the age-old letter grade system with a standards-based report card.

Under the umbrella of the Common Core standards, the standards-based report cards have already been infused into the elementary schools, but the grading system will be new for junior high students.

“Students gather in a kindergarten class last school year at District 63.”
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Scott Clay, superintendent of School District 63, said the school district would help parents navigate the new grading system during several informational sessions that will be scheduled this fall.

“We’re aligning our teaching with those new [grading] standards,” Clay said. “The system looks at how the students perform based on different given standards — whether they met it or if they need more work.”

School District 63 schools have haven’t yet added a one-to-one technology program — which would equip students with their own personal iPad or laptop — but the district continues to encourage the use of mobile technology in its classrooms by providing temporary access to tablets and laptops via shared mobile carts.

Aside from the changes taking shape in the classroom, several summer construction projects wrapped up this summer at four of the seven schools.

The cafeteria floor at Gemini Junior High was replaced this summer at a cost of $66,400, according to Dan Barrie, director of operations for School District 63.

At Melzer School, the roof was replaced at a cost of $587,300, and the 30-year-old heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) unit that served the back annex classrooms was replaced at a cost of $155,000, Barrie said.

Topping off the summer construction work, the parking lots at Apollo School and the District Administrative Building were paved at a cost of $482,750.

To welcome students and their parents to the fresh school year starting August 20, each school is hosting open houses and back-to-school parties this month.

The open houses offer a chance for parents to tour the schools and meet with teachers and principals.
Mosquitoes bugging you? Homemade solutions help

BY CATHY CUNNINGHAM
For Sun-Times Media

Are the mosquitoes driving you buggy? We at Help Squad assume they are because, like road construction season, mosquito season is currently in full swing in Chicagoland! With this in mind, we decided to investigate some homemade and natural mosquito repellents and share our findings with you. What we discovered — with the expert assistance of environmental biologist Jim Louderman, collections assistant for insect collections at the Field Museum — are some options that are both environmentally safe and inexpensive.

A few drops of lemon eucalyptus oil (Louderman's personal mosquito-repellent of choice) or any other essential oil, such as lavender, citronella, tea tree, lemongrass, castor, geranium or peppermint, combined with 2 to 4 ounces of distilled water rubbing alcohol or olive oil, can be sprayed directly on skin and/or clothes to repel mosquitoes for up to three hours. Approximate cost: less than $15.

Fabric softener sheets, which contain linalool, a compound found in lavender and basil, can be rubbed over clothing to keep the bugs away for as long as two hours. Approximate cost: $7 a box.

A bubble machine utilizing a combination of bubble solution and a few drops of essential oil will discourage mosquitoes from entering an area where bubbles are blown — and more importantly, popped. The key is the dispersion and adhesion provided by the popped soap bubbles, which contain the repelling scent of essential oil. A fun solution for outdoor parties. Approximate cost: $20 to $40 for machine, $10 for bubble solution.

Apple cider vinegar set in small bowls around an area's perimeter will attract mosquitoes, luring them into a liquid trap from which they can't escape. Approximate cost: $5 for 32-ounce bottle.

Plants such as marigolds, Thai lemongrass, rosemary and geraniums all produce a scent that mosquitoes find very unpleasant and humans don't mind, so planting these around your deck or patio provide another mosquito barrier. Approximate cost: depends on yard size; individual plants range in price from $3 to $12.

Pure vanilla extract applied to the body's pulse points will make you smell delicious to other humans but unappetizing to hungry mosquitoes. Approximate cost: $6 for an 8-ounce bottle.

Incense sticks soaked in citronella torch fuel — which, when burned, create an inexpensive homemade mosquito coil — will repel mosquitoes with their scented smoke. Sticks can be arranged in flower pots or jars, or stuck in the ground and lit. This is a decorative way to keep bugs away at an outdoor party. Approximate cost: $10 for 200 incense sticks, $5 for 50-ounce jug of torch fuel.

Having fresh breath will keep the mosquitoes away! Well, not exactly, but the following mixture containing mouthwash will act as an effective bug barrier for several hours: Combine equal parts flat beer, Listerine and Epsom salt in a pump spray bottle and spraydeck, lawn, shrubs, etc., before outdoor guests arrive. Approximate cost: $15 for a 4-pound solution.

In addition to the above-suggested insect repellents, Louderman makes the following common sense suggestions to reduce the opportunity for mosquitoes to breed in the first place.

- Dispose of old tires, buckets, sagging tarps, etc., that can hold water, and turn over any other outdoor receptacles you may not currently be using.
- Clean debris from rain gutters and unclog obstructed downspouts. Clogged rain gutters are one of the most overlooked breeding sites for mosquitoes around homes.
- Irrigate lawns and gardens carefully to prevent water from standing for several days.

The bottom line, Louderman said, is mosquitoes are attracted to carbon dioxide and humans produce a lot of it. He half jokingly suggests, "If you can find someone whose respiration rate is higher than yours, stand or sit by them when you're outside." If that fails, try one or more of the inexpensive, natural repellent options listed above.

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Have we forgotten lessons of Watergate?

I blame Nixon.
For the longest time, the 37th president was the source of most of my anger and cynicism at public officials. And, of course, he was the main reason I got into journalism. If reporters could take down a president in the hunt for information and the truth, that's what I wanted to do.

Forty years ago last week, President Richard M. Nixon resigned the presidency in the aftermath of the scandal known as Watergate.

By the time he resigned, Nixon was much hated and scorned throughout the county.

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I need a Get Out of Jail Free card

I know it’s way too early. But I already know what present I’d like for Christmas.

It came to me the instant I dropped and shattered a glass orange juice pitcher. I said to myself: You are in trouble.

And sure enough, I was. But just before punishment followed crime, I said to myself, again:

Wouldn’t it be nice if I had something like a Get Out of Jail Free card, usable in real life? Like in the game Monopoly.

A Get Out of Jail Free card. No matter what I had done, no matter how broke, just show the card and I’d be free (for free).

I have a hunch other men might be able to use such a card. More specifically, a Get Out of the Doghouse Free card. I know I could use a whole bunch of them.

So, let’s say — purely hypothetically, mind you — I forget to fill the ice trays, as I was requested to do. I cannot be scolded when I whip out my Get Out of the Doghouse Free card.

Or, again hypothetically, I try to wear the same comfy shirt two days in a row. Out comes the card and I am spared a critique of my sartorial habits. No muss. No fuss.

Leave the lid loose on the mayo? Card.
Kick over the cat’s water dish? Card.
Forget to turn off the fire under the frying pan? Card.

Fill in your own sins of commission and omission. You can see how handy these Get Out of the Doghouse Free cards could be.

All that’s needed is for some enterprising company to make the cards.

I’ll even provide a slogan: “The Get Out of the Doghouse Free card. Don’t go home without it.”

And, to be fair, women could have a card of their own — the Why Don’t You Act Your Age card.
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**6832 Seward St., Niles**

- **House size:** 1,164 square feet
- **Lot size:** 6,650 square feet
- **Year built:** 1962
- **Bedrooms:** 3
- **Bathrooms:** 2.5
- **Garage:** Two-car detached
- **Property tax:** $4,516.57 (2013)
- **Architectural style:** Ranch
- **School districts:** Niles Elementary School District 71 and Niles Township Community High School District 219

- **Agent:** Mary Lou Scinto Allen, Coldwell Banker, 847-691-8135

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6980 W Touhy Ave, #201: Ernie S Shilling to John Gray for $145,000 on June 27
7071 W Touhy Ave, #307: Lucie Matuchova to Daniel P Gongola for $137,000 on June 24
8541 Bellefort Place: Judicial Sales Corp. Denise Johnson and Denise Ann Johnson to Opartners Inc for $160,000 on June 25
9247 Nathaniel Ave: Naf LLC to Sumara Khalid and Shomait Farooqui for $265,000 on June 27
9126 Sayre Ave: Maciej Czechura to Scott S Finger and Katherine A Jost for $319,000 on June 26
923 Elmwood Ave: Donald J Russ Jr Trust, Donald J Russ Jr Trust and J Russ Donald Jr Trust to Evan John Miskella and Anne E Miskella for $1,600,000 on June 27

Norridge
321 Harlem Ave: Humberto Fandino and Kristine Timmer Itchen and Kristine Arias to Derek D Walsh for $395,000 on June 23
22 Park Lane, #206: Thomas Girot and James Glowacki to Stephen Kolodziej for $345,000 on June 27

Des Plaines
1912 Riverview Ave: Judicial Sales Corp and Dimitrios Chronopoulos to Chicago Title Land Trust Co Trust for $158,000 on June 25
2719 Maynard Drive: Robert Hoeffer and Maureen Hoeffer to Alvin Abraham for $455,000 on June 27
1561 Palmer Drive: Danit Jacobson and Lior Bega to William Nelson and Joanna Nelson for $225,000 on June 27
508 Hunter Road: Norbert Andreas Lommer and Cristina Lommer to Antonios D Maridakis and Maria Maridakis for $1,017,500 on June 25
1757 S Mt Prospect Road: Key Auctions LLC, Mark Guzowski, Marek Guzowski, Niles Quality Auto Repairs Inc and M Elite Motors to Auction First LLC for $495,000 on June 27

Wilmette
544 Skokie Blvd: Alexander Garibashvily, Ekaterina Kasinskaya and Ekaterina V Kosinskaya to Jing Miao and Feng Tian for $547,500 on June 23
711 Lacrosse Ave: Alan S Dorn to Amir Ovcina and Lejla Delic-Ovcina for $448,000 on June 26

Park Ridge
214 E Sibley St: Kristine Timmer Itchen and Kristine Arias to Derek D Walsh for $395,000 on June 23
1209 E Devon Ave: Magdalena Kouvalis, Demetrios Kouvalis and Amalia Kouvalis to Ewelina M Gorczyca and Pawel L Mieczkowski for $225,000 on June 25
420 N 3rd Ave: Peter Debartolo and Lucia S Debartolo to Rashad Shehadeh and Ali Rafiqui for $314,000 on June 24
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FRIDAY, AUG. 15

Rise and Shine Story Time
10 a.m.: A 30-minute story time for children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. For more information, call 847-963-1234.

MONDAY, AUG. 18

Introduction to the Internet
10 a.m.: The class is held at 10 a.m. Aug. 18 and 19. Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles. Call 847-588-8420. $10-$15.

Men’s Club Meeting
10:30 a.m.: The Niles Center Club hosts a speaker from Ed McBey’s Office. The meeting includes Italian sausage on a bun, chips and dessert for lunch. Registration required. Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles. Call 847-588-8420.

Baby Time
11 a.m.: A short program of stories, songs, rhymes and playtime for children 2 and younger with a caregiver. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. For more information, call 847-663-1234.

Yoga for Kids: Stretch, Bend and Breathe
4:30 p.m.: Kids ages 4-8 can learn yoga poses and breathing techniques. No experience needed. Attendees are asked to bring a large bath towel and wear comfortable clothes. Kids in second grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

TUESDAY, AUG. 19

Book Discussion
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Women’s Club Meeting
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FRIYDAY, AUG. 15

Bus Trip: Garfield Farm Museum
8:30 a.m.: Discover America’s prairie farm heritage at the barnyard and brick tavern of Garfield Farm Museum in La Fox. Experience daily life in the 1840s with costumed interpreters interacting with live geese, turkeys, sheep, oxen and rare Black Java chickens. Bring lunch for a picnic after the tour. Plan on some walking. Call 708-867-2299 to register. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. $20.

SATURDAY, AUG. 16

Park Ridge Farmers Market
7 a.m.: The weekly farmers market runs every Saturday throughout October. Park Ridge Farmers Market, Prairie and Garden Streets, Park Ridge.

Morton Grove Farmers Market
6 a.m.: The market features favorites such as...
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Glenview Farmers Market
8 a.m.: Local farmers and food artisans offer the freshest choices of vegetables, meat, cheese, eggs, baked goods and much more. There are chef demonstrations at 10 a.m. Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview. Call 847-657-1506.

Blood Sugar Accu-Check Screening
9 a.m.: Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804.

Club Wonder
10:30 a.m.: Children ages 3 to 7 with special needs are invited to enjoy programs involving music, art, stories, movement and communication. Each class is taught by specialists from various therapy organizations. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-673-7774.

Multimedia Craft Class: Motto Art
Noon: Join artist Jenny Urbanek to create art out of personal monograms. Supplies included. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804. $92 suggested donation.

Watch TV and Movies on the Internet
2 p.m.: This presentation reviews both the best free and premium websites for viewing TV shows and movies. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-673-7774.

Party with the Park
7 p.m.: Sixth graders are welcome to socialize with enjoying snacks and pop. No admittance after 7:30 p.m. and parents pick up at 9:00 p.m. Hinkley Pool, 25 Busse Highway, Park Ridge. Call 847-692-6602. $5.

SUNDAY, AUG. 17

Coffee and Classics Car Show
9 a.m.: Meet at the library lot to admire retro car models in the vintage and contemporary style. The Hinkley Rodeo is shortly afterward at 1 p.m. at the Hinkley Pool. The Center of Concern, 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge.

The Hinkley Rodeo
1 p.m.: All cowboys and cowgirls are invited to retrieve gold and lasso horses while earning their sheriff's badge by finding the "wanted" lifeguard. All ages are invited to attend. Hinkley Pool, 25 Busse Highway, Park Ridge. Call 847-692-6602.

Cinema Sleuths: "Laura"
2 p.m.: This film is part of a six-part series on classic detective movies. Each month features a film and discussion moderated by author and film historian Doug Deucher. This incarnation screens "Laura." 90 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

MONDAY, AUG. 18

Career Support Group
9:30 a.m.: Network with others who are looking for work and learn strategies for finding a job. The group meets on the third Monday of each month. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-324-3176.

Drawing Eloise
1 p.m.: Art historian and author Michael Patrick Hearn conducts a Skype interview with Hillary Knight, the illustrator of the Eloise books. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804.

The Old Things Antique Club of Park Ridge
7:30 p.m.: Meetings will be held the third Monday of the month for those who enjoy or collect antiques. Membership fee is $30 a year. For more information, email OldThingsAntiqueClub@gmail.com. Iannelli Studios Heritage Center, 255 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-692-3718. Free.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20

iPad Basics
10 a.m.: Learn how to use an iPad. This is a demo class only. Attendees should bring their device. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123. Free.

iPad Apps: Intermediate
7 p.m.: The demo class reviews different app categories. Attendees can bring an iPad if they own one. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123. $15 for non-Park Ridge Library cardholders.

YA Fantasy Football Tournament
7 p.m.: Join the in-person draft that includes non-Park Ridge Public Library cardholders. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123. $15 for non-Park Ridge Public Library cardholders.

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Issue date: April 28
Permit cost: $25
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Address: 7715 N. Oketo Ave., Niles
Issue date: May 2
Permit cost: $40
Construction cost: $907

Fence
Address: 7928 N. Oconto Ave., Niles
Issue date: April 28
Permit cost: $25
Construction cost: $300

Water heater
Address: 7929 N. Oketo Ave., Niles
Issue date: May 2
Permit cost: $40
Construction cost: $925

Fence
Address: 7918 N. Octavia Ave., Niles
Issue date: April 30
Permit cost: $27
Construction cost: $2,088

Fire protection
Address: 7520 N. Caldwell Ave., Niles
Issue date: April 28
Permit cost: $247
Construction cost: $400

Water heater
Address: 6901 W. Cleveland St., Niles
Issue date: May 1
Permit cost: $40
Construction cost: $925

Water heater
Address: 7441 W. Keeney St., Niles
Issue date: May 2
Permit cost: $27
Construction cost: $4,520

Fence
Address: 7715 N. Oaketo Ave., Niles
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Permit cost: $40
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Fence
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Permit cost: $90
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BIZ NOTES

- Northfield resident Jamie Garard, a financial representative with Northwestern Mutual's McTigue Financial Group in Chicago, is being recognized by Northwestern Mutual, through its Foundation, for his work with Working in the Schools as a recipient of the company's 20th annual Community Service Award. The award secures a $15,000 grant for the nonprofit the representative supports. Garard has actively been involved as a tutor for more than 11 years and has served as a member of WITS Board of Directors since 2006. He is vice president, supporting fundraising and governance.

- The law firm of Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP announced the addition of Jacqueline Stephens Breisch as a new associate in the Lake Forest office. She has extensive experience in family law cases involving custody, maintenance, child support, property division, and finding creative solutions to deal with complex financial matters associated with divorce.

- Presence Health announced the appointment of Tracey Butler, 44, to director of oncology services for Presence Saint Francis Hospital in Evanston and Presence Saint Joseph Hospital in Chicago. A previous board member of the Association of Cancer Executives, Butler has extensive experience in oncology services, and has opened four successful multidisciplinary cancer centers throughout the United States and Canada. Prior to starting her own consulting firm in 2012, she was the director of operations for Beverly Hills Cancer Center and oversaw the operations for radiation oncology, medical oncology, the imaging center and the Los Angeles Skin Cancer Institute.

Do you or your company have news about grand openings, hires, promotions, awards or recognitions? Email your items to biznotes@pioneerlocal.
Park Ridge

Couple hopes to turn modern photo booth into full-time business

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
For Sun-Times Media | @studenkov

TapSnap, a modern take on the photo booth, has come to Park Ridge and franchise owners Michael and Pam Carrico are hoping to turn the concept into a full-time business.

The device, developed by a Canadian company with franchises throughout North America, allows users to take pictures, add accessories and backgrounds, and either print the results, email them or send them via social media.

Neither Michael nor Pam had much experience with photography before starting the franchise. Pam works as a speech therapist for Des Plaines schools, and Michael is a director of rackets at a tennis club on the North Shore. But the couple had been looking to start a business, and the concept behind TapSnap intrigued Michael.

At the beginning of the year, he attended a seminar at the company's headquarters in Vancouver where he learned how to operate the machine and set up a business around it.

TapSnap is a large touch screen mounted on a stand, with a professional-quality camera on the right side and a printer concealed in the stand, under the screen.

In a demonstration, Carrico showed how one could use the touch screen interface to take a picture and digitally add props and accessories from the selection of images stored on the device. Users can change image size and rotate them through simple touch. As part of the demonstration, he took a picture of himself, selected sunglasses and a hat, shrunk them to fit his face and put them on.

Carrico said for events, they bring a chroma key, which allows them to add backgrounds like a tropical island and the Las Vegas skyline.

Once the photos are ready, users can print them, send them digitally or instantly share them on social media.

"TapSnap connects with Wi-Fi," Carrico said. "I have a portable Wi-Fi hotspot, and it can connect to any Wi-Fi in the area."

The couple did several "practice" events in mid-February. In March, they officially debuted TapSnap at a fundraiser at their children's elementary school.

"The host was dressed as Elvis," Carrico said. "We took about 120 pictures, and I think he was in 115 of them."

Since then, the couple have been able to attract clients continuously.

"Right now, charity fundraisers are leading the way, but we are also doing corporate events, quite a few of them," Carrico said. "We recently did a Wal-Mart event."

"We've also had a surprise party and we booked a wedding for next year already," Pam Carrico added.

The clients come from a number of sources.

"We get a lot of referrals from the company itself," Carrico said.

"And we get other referrals from people who've been to our events. And, surprisingly, we get referrals from other TapSnap owners who are too far away to do [certain events]."

The couple said the biggest challenge is balancing the business with their full-time jobs.

"Luckily, a lot of our events are on evenings and weekends, so that helps," said Pam.

By their own admission, neither of them is tech-savvy, and technical difficulties do occasionally arise. But they said thanks to round-the-clock tech support from TapSnap, those issues can be resolved quickly.

Ultimately, the couple hope to reach the point where they will be able to focus on TapSnap full time. The fact they enjoy doing it as a big part of it.

"I just think that, after the hectic part of getting the machine set up, it's really fun," Pam said.
American Craft Expo marks 30 years of excellence

BY MEREDITH MORRIS
For Sun-Times Media

The American Craft Exposition keeps getting better.

Now in its 30th year, the American Craft Expo is returning August 21-24 to Northwestern University's Henry Crown Sports Pavilion in Evanston.

A highly competitive juried show, the expo is considered by many to be among the nation's leading craft events. The expo is also a major fundraiser to benefit breast and ovarian cancer research and care at NorthShore University HealthSystem.

The American Craft Expo annually features work by 150 juried craftspeople recruited nationwide who work in about a dozen different media, from basketry to wood, glass and wearable fiber.

In addition to perusing displays and being able to talk directly with expo artists about their work, visitors to this year's show can experience a new "Craft in Action" stage that complements the expo's popular "Wearables Fashion Show."

"The fashion shows have drawn so much attention to those artists, we were thinking of how to bring similar attention to non-wearable art," said Susan White, of Lake Forest, 2014 American Craft Expo co-chair along with Debbie Hulick of Winnetka.

The Craft in Action stage will showcase wood artists on Friday and ceramic artists on Sunday, White said. The expo's traditional fashion show will be held on Saturday.

In addition, a new "Living With Craft" display will include video vignettes that demonstrate how people can incorporate functional art into their everyday living spaces.

"It's a visualization that we hope will help people see how they can accessorize a home with art and functional pieces. We hope it will excite people," White said, adding that she personally enjoys living with art created by artists she has met and can look forward to seeing again.

"It's such a different experience than buying things in a store; to have a connection with the artists and know the backstories," she said.

This year's show features 40 new artists, including nine in the "emerging" category. One 2014 emerging artists, Mary Mowry, is thrilled to be bringing her "Imperfect by Design" jewelry to the expo.

"I haven't done anything like this before. I'm entering new territory," Mowry said of the show.

Though Mowry, a Michigan native who's lived in Lake Forest for 35 years, studied fine arts and interior design and has long been a painter, making jewelry is a relatively new endeavor.

Her passion for working with gemstones and precious metals started about four years ago with a class at the Highland Part Art Center.

"The first time I lit the torch, it was like, 'Wow! I've found something,'" Mowry said.

"This is the first time I've wanted to spend 12 hours in a studio," Mowry finds the "hardness" of metals and gemstone intriguing.

"It's taught me patience," she added.

For Mowry, exhibiting at the American Craft Expo is a milestone toward her development as an artist.

"I decided this is what I want to do, and I want to do it really well. It's working, for a means to be an artist and to live as an artist," she said. "The fact that I got into this show I love, and that it's its 30th anniversary — it's really cool."
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From the Les Turner ALS Foundation of Skokie: Bonny and Harvey Gaffen (from left), Wendy Abrams, Ken Hoffman, Maria Brauer and Dr. Scott Heller from Northwestern

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Top Ten Practices to Improve your Job Response

By: Monster Recruiting Training Corner

In today's competitive recruiting market, your company needs access to quality resumes to recruit the right talent for the right job at the right time.

Yet today's complex world allows job seekers to access information about your company from a wide variety of sources, such as your career site, job boards, and social media platforms.

The result can mean more applies -- but not necessarily from the right candidates. It also makes it difficult to track the sources that are driving the best return on your recruiting investment.

The good news is that these challenges are relatively simple to overcome.

The best practices below will help you attract the right candidates, reduce drop-off through the apply process, and endorse you to authenticate the most effective recruiting sources.

1. **Implement auto-source tagging.** You can reduce the chances of collecting questionable candidate source data by adding an auto-source tag to the end of your job posting URL. Studies have shown that when provided with a list of job sources, only one out of six seekers will correctly self-identify the correct source. This inaccuracy of your source reporting can negatively impact your bottom line.

2. **Optimize your job title.** Improve your job response by making sure job seekers can find your jobs. Seekers tend to use very simple and common search strings and keywords. Use specific and common titles with two or three descriptive keywords.

3. **Create a compelling and engaging job description.** Now that they've viewed your job, help seekers understand why they want to work for you.

4. **Include a call to action.** Don't expect seekers to apply based on your job description alone -- create a sense of urgency. Use language that motivates the seeker to apply.

5. **Redirect seekers directly to the requisition in your ATS.** Nothing is more frustrating than clicking on the apply button, only to have to start your search all over again. Reduce candidate drop-off by redirecting candidates directly to the requisition as opposed to your main career or job search page. Eliminate extra steps.

6. **Don't make seekers create a log-in before they can apply.** Yes, you likely want the seeker's email address early in the process, but once you have it, what do you do with it?

Unless you are actively communicating with these seekers through a CRM, move the creation of a log-in to the end of the apply process. Make it easy for seekers to check on the status of their application; enable them to create job agents for future opportunities.

7. **Evaluate your apply process.** How many clicks does it take to complete your apply process from start to finish? How many questions must the applicant answer? If your process is long and cumbersome, the drop-off percentage will increase, including candidates who are the most qualified.

Good talent is likely already employed, so if you make it difficult to apply, they will likely not complete the process.

8. **Eliminate barriers & offer alternatives to apply.** As you evaluate your apply flow, review the information that you are asking seekers to supply.

Are you aware of the type of information you can legally ask candidates to provide? Beyond using a legal hiring process, many job seekers unwilling to share information early on in the process and will instead opt out. Information-gathering is required for your job, be sure to explain why and give seekers the option to learn more.

Some seekers want to learn more about a company before they apply. Or they may not meet your current job requirements. Don't lose out on these potential candidates. Provide them the opportunity to create a saved search or engage with you through a talent community, on your Facebook page or Twitter feed. Cultivating a talent pipeline should be part of your ongoing recruitment strategy.

9. **Make sure your career site is mobile friendly.** According to Pew Internet, 56% of American adults have a smartphone. A recent Glassdoor survey indicates 68% of job seekers use their mobile device to search for jobs once a week or more.

Job seekers expect mobile optimization and are likely to leave your site if it's cumbersome and time-consuming to load content. Invest in technology that will take your recruiting efforts to the next level and make it easier for seekers to engage with you, regardless of how they find you.

10. **Compare yourself against your competitors.** Be aware of what your competitors are doing to recruit talent. Look at their career site, job listings, Facebook and Twitter pages and go through their apply process. From a seeker's perspective, is it better or worse than yours?

If you think of seekers as consumers of work, be sure your employee value proposition is clear, concise, and compelling. Make it easy for seekers to engage with you.

While technology has introduced efficiencies in the hiring process, it also encourages high candidate drop-off and often provides imprecise source data. Be proactive in prioritizing and implementing these best practices.
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Stephanie C. Lee
Defendant.

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Thursday, August 14, 2014

**Storage - Legal**

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER THE SELF-STORAGE FACILITIES ACT, ILLINOIS REVISED STATUTES, CHAPTER 114, PARAGRAPH 301, ET. SEQ.**

Notice is hereby given that on September 2nd 2014, U-Haul, Attorney-General for U-Haul, Co. of Chicago, Suburbs, will be offering for sale under the Illinois Self Storage Act, the following self storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. U-Haul Co. of Chicago Suburbs reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location:

950 W. Madison St.
Chicago, IL 60607

and will begin at or after 8:00 a.m. and continue day by day until all units are sold.

Auctioneer: Brook Snyder - IL License #44100168
Registration Fee: $100 per unit

**CONDITIONS:** All units will be sold to the highest bidder. Bids taken only for each unit in its entirety. Payment must be made by cash, credit card, or certified funds. No personal checks accepted. All goods must be removed from the unit within 24 hours. Payment due immediately upon acceptance of bid. Unit availability subject to prior settlement of account.

Unit: 2434 - Christopher Johnson
Unit: 2428 - James Zespy
Unit: 2334 - Andres Guzman
Unit: 2201 - Joe Hiera
Unit: 2129 - James Zespy
Unit: 123 - Mark Atkins
Unit: 120 - James Zespy
Unit: 12 - Clifford Besser
Unit: 1092 - James Zespy

Notice of Public Sale
To be held at: The Lock Up Self Storage
3800 West Devon Ave.
Chicago, IL 60614
Date: August 26, 2014

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Unit: 2263 - Segundo Luis Zhunio
Unit: 2238 - Stanley Miller
Unit: 2212 - Michael Webber
Unit: 2162 - James Zespy
Unit: 2129 - Christopher Johnson
Unit: 2121 - Mark Atkins
Unit: 2037 - Clifford Besser
Unit: 2036 - Joseph Hiera
Unit: 2032 - Joseph Hiera
Unit: 2031 - James Zespy

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High School Cube News, Sun-Times Media's new high school sports website, launched this week. It's the latest evolution in Chicago area prep sports coverage. High School Cube News integrates all the highlights and live games from HighSchoolCube.com with the comprehensive coverage formerly provided by Season Pass.

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The Row will bring new-construction row homes to Bucktown neighborhood

The popular commercia-use Transit Connect is what Ford affectionately dubs the "Unminivan." The new Ford Transit Connect drives like a car, features the flexibility and versatility of a crossover or sport utility vehicle, and possesses the ability to haul the payload of a pickup truck.

The 2014 second-generation Ford Transit Connect comes in two forms: the utilitarian panel van, and the "Unminivan" wagon. We'll cover the wagon here, which is available in both a five-passenger Short Wheelbase (SWB) and seven-passenger Long Wheelbase (LWB) configuration with third-row seating. Both the second- and third-row seats fold flat. The LWB version adds 15.8 inches to both the wheelbase and overall length, with the extension (8.9 inches) appearing in the side door area. The LWB models outweigh the SWB models by 349 pounds.

The Transit Connect Wagon consists of three trim levels — XL, a more upscale XLT model, and the top-of-the-line Titanium model — all available with either a rear hinged liftgate (non-power) or symmetrical, side-hinged double rear doors (with the exception of the Titanium models which only come with the liftgate).

Two engine variants are available to power the Ford Transit Connect Wagon. Standard is a 2.5-liter four-cylinder that produces 169 horsepower and 171 pound-feet of torque. Also offered is an optional 1.6-liter four-cylinder EcoBoost with direct injection and turbocharging that delivers 178 horsepower while developing 184 pound-feet of torque.

Both engines mate to a six-speed automatic transmission with overdrive that pushes motive force to the front wheels. LWB models are only available with the 2.5-liter engine. Towing capacity is rated at 2,000 pounds when properly equipped with the $295 tow package. Maximum payload is 1,270 pounds. Suspension componentry consists of independent MacPherson strut with a stabilizer bar up-front, and a twist-beam axle with a stabilizer bar in the rear.

In terms of its visual appeal, the Ford Transit Connect Wagon serves up a completely new exterior styling that reflects Ford's current design DNA. It is long, low, and sleek with pronounced flared wheel wells and soft-edge character lines all around. Outward visibility is ideal thanks to a large open greenhouse glass area, featuring blacked-out B and C pillars for a floating roof effect.

During the press introduction, I was able to pilot Ford Transit Connect Wagons with both engine variants and both wheelbases. I dove a Titanium model, 2.5-liter, four-cylinder-powered LWB wagon through downtown Los Angeles traffic, up Pacific Coast Highway and over Topanga Canyon Road. It had a Silver Metallic exterior and cost $29,000.
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Sales are underway at The Row, a 24-unit row home development in Chicago's Bucktown neighborhood. Located on Winnebago Avenue just west of Leavitt Street, The Row will feature three-story row homes with three or four bedrooms, 3½ baths, two-car garages and private outdoor space on three levels. Base prices range from $599,000 to $700,000.

"While single-family construction is booming in Bucktown, no new row homes have been built in the neighborhood for a long time," said Landon Harper, broker associate with @properties, the exclusive sales and marketing agent for The Row. "There are so many buyers looking for that intermediate step between a condominium and a single-family home. This is it."

All homes at The Row will feature contemporary interiors and high-end finishes including hardwood floors, Bosch stainless-steel appliances, quartz countertops, Grohe plumbing fixtures and a Whirlpool Duet washer and dryer. Outdoor space includes a gated front yard, a balcony off the second-floor living area and a private rooftop deck.

The Row is just one block from the intersection of North, Damen and Milwaukee avenues, offering easy access to shopping, popular restaurants and bars and the CTA Blue Line. The community is also just steps from the new, elevated park-and-trail system called The 606, which, like The Highline in New York City, is turning abandoned railroad tracks into public green space. The project is scheduled for completion by mid-2015.

"The 606 is going to be monumental in terms of how it's going to transform this area," said Harper. "When the park opens, it's going to be the crown jewel of Bucktown/Wicker Park and is only going to increase the desirability of homes in the neighborhood."

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Cacao Sweets & Treats
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August 16

WESTSIDE MUSIC FESTIVAL
R&B act 112 headlines. Grammy-nominated group Brownstone performs and a block from 1-4 p.m. devoted to local artists will see a slew of musical talent — including Terisa Griffin, Bachata Sensation and La Obra — take the stage. There will also be a kids' area, food and drink, a book giveaway courtesy of Acts of Love and a social media pop-up booth aiming to discuss our city’s violence and possible solutions.

Time: Noon-8 p.m.
Place: Garfield Park, 100 N. Central Park
Cost: Free. For more information, visit Chicagowestsidemusicfestival.com.

August 11

LAKE GENEVA GARDEN CLUB CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
In 2015, the LGGC will mark 100 years of making the world more beautiful. To commemorate the occasion, the organization is hosting a series of free, open-to-the-public events in the months leading up to the anniversary. Next up, two expert talks: Roy Diblik, owner of Northwind Perennial Farm, will speak on maintenance strategies and costs for perennial plants, and Suzanne Malec-Mckenna, executive director of Chicago Wilderness, will discuss the benefits, challenges and strategies of caring for trees.

Time: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Place: Horticulture Hall, 330 Broad, Lake Geneva
Cost: Free.

August 11

THE SERVICE CLUB DAY ON THE TERRACE
Enjoy cocktails, a luncheon and a runway presentation showcasing the best fall looks from designers such as Dolce & Gabbana, Escada and Azea and retailers such as Neiman Marcus and Lulu’s Vintage. Jean Antoniou, Sharyl Mackey and Sheila O’Grady chair the fashion show, and funds raised benefit a range of organizations via The Service Club, which has been serving the civic, educational and cultural needs of Chicago and surrounding communities since 1890.

Time: 11 a.m. cocktails, 11:45 a.m. fashion show, 12:30 p.m. luncheon
Place: The Peninsula Hotel Chicago, 108 E. Superior
Cost: $185. For tickets, call (312) 388-1814 or visit Serviceclubofchicago.org.

August 13-Sept. 8

CANSTRUCTION
CANstruction, an organization dedicated to raising awareness for hunger issues, hosts its eighth annual Design and Build competition, in which teams create structures using cans of food, which will later be donated to the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Watch the teams in action on Build Night Aug. 13 (6:30 p.m.) or drop by during Merchandise Mart hours over the next few weeks to take in the creations.

Place: Merchandise Mart, 222 W. Merchandise Mart
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August 16

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  Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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  Cost: Free. For more information, visit Cityofchicago.org.

August 23-24

- CHICAGO DANCING FESTIVAL
  This annual four-day fest celebrates all things dance with performances from a range of companies, including local favorites Hubbard Street and the Joffrey Ballet, and national stars such as Martha Graham Dance Company, the Juilliard School and dancers from Washington Ballet Brooklyn. Events at the MCA and Harris Theater are sold out, but you can still catch the opening night simulcast and Saturday night's grand finale performance, both at Pritzker Pavilion.
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  Cost: Free. For more information, visit Chichago dancingfestival.com.

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Sixteen-year NBA veteran and former Chicago Bull Nazr Mohammed put the spotlight on diabetes research Aug. 1, as he welcomed 300 guests to the third annual Nazr Mohammed Foundation Fundraiser. Athletes and friends, including Joakim Noah, Dee Brown, James “Big Cat” Williams, Jerry Azumah and Israel Idonije filled Galleria Marchetti (825 W. Erie) for an evening of cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, custom cigars and music by The Mo Fitz Project. Silent auction and raffle items such as Bulls tickets, a Gucci duffel bag, a Comcast SportsNet behind-the-scenes tour and autographed jerseys helped net more than $35,000 for the University of Chicago Kovler Diabetes Center, which works to develop innovative treatments and cures for individuals with diabetes. — Lucia Bower

Splash was the media sponsor of this event.

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From the top: Audrey Griffin and Mandi Mohammed; Peggy Hasenauer and Val Warner; Julie Bouchard; George Baker, Gilinda Baker and Vince Carter

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A LAKE GENEVA LUNCHEON

ALL ABOARD

It was the quintessential summer day Aug. 2 as guests day-tripped to Wisconsin for A Lake Geneva Luncheon, co-hosted by BMO Harris Bank and Splash. Attendees were welcomed to the sprawling grounds of a private residence, where they snacked on passed hors d'oeuvres and sipped Moët & Chandon cocktails crafted by Pure Kitchen Catering. Later, guests stopped at Spez's sunglass lounge and were outfitted with new shades by OGI and Seraphin, which kept them shielded from the sun during their next stop: a cruise aboard the steamboat-inspired Lady of the Lake, provided by Gage Lake Geneva Cruise Line. Once docked, partygoers left with a to-go bag of beignets that kept them fueled for the ride home. -Katerina Bizios

THE FEW INSTITUTE'S NIGHT OF BEAUTY

BEST IN BEAUTY

Guests at the Few Institute's (875 N. Michigan) July 31 Night of Beauty event took in the latest in fitness, beauty and aesthetics while giving back. Dr. Julius Few and his staff doled out tips on anti-aging and conducted body-shaping demonstrations while other industry experts — including fitness guru Jim Karas — mingled with the crowd. A portion of the event's proceeds will benefit the Few Initiative for Children, which serves underprivileged children through awareness and programming. If you didn't make the event, there's still a chance to give back: A silent auction stays open through end of the month (call 312-202-0882). -Maddie Fasci

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Dear diary...

BY JENNY McCARTHY

I love reading the responses and reactions I get from all of you when you read my Splash blog each week at Splash.suntimes.com. Setting aside some time every week to sit down and write a blog is one of my favorite ways to spend "me time." I love being able to share tips, give advice and almost feel like I'm just chatting with a friend while I write — it's kind of like free therapy.

There are so many different ways for people to express themselves and I think writing is one of the best ways to clear your head. Whether it's a blog, a diary entry or even a song, it's so therapeutic to be able to record your thoughts and opinions. Even if you don't share it with anyone, just getting all of those ideas out of your head and onto paper is such a good feeling.

So pick up a pen and paper — or just start typing. Write about the good, the bad and the ugly — you might surprise yourself with how much you enjoy it. And if you do decide to give it a try, tweet me a link so I can read it!

Other than writing, what are some ways you like to express yourself?

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There's something about Larenz Tate that keeps getting him cast as the good guy. The Chicago native has played reformed-criminal-turned-DEA-agent Demetrius Hicks in 2003's "A Man Apart," brave firefighter "Black Shawn" Johnston in 2007's "Rescue Me" and a lovelorn poet in 1997's "Love Jones." Even his less-than-reputable characters like Malcolm Kaan in Showtime's "House of Lies" seemed to have good intentions. Now, the West Side native is back on the small screen in USA's medical drama "Rush" but this time, Tate's moral compass isn't exactly pointing due north.

The show centers on Dr. Will Rush (Torn Ellis), the medical "fixer" of LA's elite who has a penchant for pretty faces and recreational drugs. Tate co-stars as Dr. Alex Burke, Rush's best friend and polar opposite: Dr. Alex is the man with the plan, a stir doctor at LA's top hospital on the verge of becoming a major player in the medical field. But according to Tate, "it wouldn't be a show if he didn't compromise his personal career. ... He likes the idea of not having everything figured out. Alex begins to slowly dip into Rush's world."

"Rush" is essentially a Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde story, constantly weighing the protagonist's wild risk-taking with Burke's by-the-books persona. For Tate, "it's an internal battle he faces daily. "There's a bit of a combination in me," he admits. "From a business standpoint, you have to be calculated, you gotta be focused. But here's the reality: In business — and your personal life — there's no science to what's the right thing to do or what's the wrong thing to do. Sometimes you just have to go with what feels right in your gut or your spirit. I have to let fate play its role."

So far, fate's done a pretty good job of rewarding the actor for taking chances. Almost 30 years ago, Tate and his brothers Lahmard and Larron left Chicago for LA, where they entered a drama program at the Inner City Cultural Center as a way to meet girls. But it wasn't long before Tate landed small roles in iconic shows like "The Wonder Years," "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" and "21 Jump Street." Tate cemented his heartthrob status in the classic romcom "Love Jones" opposite Nia Long — there's hardly a day when fans don't mention it on his Twitter page. And those diehard devotees of the film can rejoice: Tate's recently gone on record with MadameNoire magazine saying that he and Long are thinking about a sequel.

Through it all, Tate hasn't forgotten his local roots. "When I was doing "Rescue Me" I had the weekends to myself, and if I had a Friday off, man, I'd hop on a plane straight to O'Hare. I was [in Chicago] probably 10 to 15 times a year. It was to the point that my family didn't even care when I came. It's like, 'Hey, I'm home!' They're like, 'Yeah, but you just left like four days ago,'" he laughs.

These days, things are a little different for Tate. He and his wife, Tomasina Parrott, have three kids, including a newborn baby, meaning they only get back to Chicago three times a year. His new weekend destination is LA — he flies back from "Rush's" Vancouver set each week to be at his oldest's basketball games — and his home time is spent rocking a baby to sleep (Tate jokes, "I walk through the door — boom! — baby in my arms.")

But he's still not immune to the occasional temptation of throwing caution to the wind. "Every now and again, I might go out with my buddies and we end up at the strip club," he says with a laugh. "You can't always plan that out."

Watch "Rush" Thursdays at 8 p.m. on USA.
No stranger to being filmed in the kitchen, Sam Talbot shoots a segment for AOL's "Expert" series.
Sam Talbot has just returned from Greece and — as is often the case after one of his international jaunts — is bursting with culinary inspiration. "I have a new love for two things," he says. "Oregano is my new favorite ingredient, and Greek salads — they're not just a tourist thing. So I'm thinking about some twists and turns [I can put] on the modern-day Greek salad."

In the years since "Top Chef" — he took third place on the Bravo series' second season and was voted fan favorite — Talbot has visited spots like Brazil and Kyoto, Japan, picking up inspiration from the regional cuisines. On Aug. 22, he'll travel again, this time from his home base in Brooklyn to Chicago, where he'll serve as featured chef at the Greater North Michigan Avenue Association's A Magnificent Taste.

The event, part of the larger Magnificent Mile Shopping Festival, will see Talbot and 18 local chefs, including Travelle's Tim Graham and Allium's Stephen Wambach, prep delicious bites for guests in Pioneer Court (401 N. Michigan; see page 14 for more information). For Talbot's part, he'll be whipping up toasts with Dungeness crab, collard greens and Pimento cheese aioli. Proceeds will go toward Common Threads, Chef Art Smith's organization to help educate children on the importance of nutrition — a cause Talbot knows a thing or two about, having been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at age 12.

In fact, the 36-year-old chef is expanding on Smith's message of adolescent nutrition with a new book, "The Lunch Bag," available next year. "It's a children's food encyclopedia," he explains. "It shows where our food comes from, why it's important, what it all means. Growing up with a food allergy — because that's basically what diabetes is, a food allergy — I know what it's like to have to make different sacrifices and modifications for food. So each recipe in the book will have those modifications in case maybe diabetes runs in your family, or you have a gluten allergy or are dairy-free." The book follows up his successful debut tome, 2011's The Sweet Life: Diabetes Without Boundaries.

It was Talbot's competitive, beat-the-odds spirit — not to mention his rugged good looks and made-for-TV personality — that made him a "Top Chef"-show-in-eight-years-ago "Top Chef"-shoo-in eight years ago and, not surprisingly, that got him into cooking in the first place. "I was working at Dean & DeLuca in Charlotte, North Carolina, when I was 16," he says. "One of the sous chefs there was always reading this book and I said, 'Man, why are you always looking in that book, while we're all reading the Dean & DeLuca recipe book?' It was [French culinary encyclopedia] Larousse Gastronomique. He said, 'You're not serious about cooking, you don't really care, but when you do, you'll know what this book is.' That hit a chord with Talbot. "I was upset that he told me I wasn't serious," the chef admits. "I freaked out and took my paycheck and went across the street to the mall and bought the book. That was the turning point — when I realized there was this whole world of food.

He rode that wave of enthusiasm through culinary school at Johnson and Wales University and into the restaurant industry, until some of his cooks at Manhattan restaurant Punch, where he was executive chef, urged him to attend a "Top Chef" casting call. "I was talked into it," Talbot laughs. "But next thing you knew I was flying to LA [to film]."

Though he may have faded from the media spotlight since his "Top Chef" debut, Talbot has far from fallen off the culinary map. In addition to his upcoming book, he's working on opening a yet-to-be-named restaurant in Brooklyn and returning to TV, hosting a new show dubbed "Reverse Course" on the FYI Network beginning in early 2015. "It's a cool concept," he says. "It's basically a farm-to-table cooking show, but the experience is brought to you in reverse. The meal is presented in the first scene, and then the sourcing of the ingredients, the cooking, all happens in reverse, [all the way] to where the idea came from. There are some cool twists and turns along the way."

Despite the backward concept of the show, Talbot's life is on the fast track forward. As he avers, it all comes down to one thing: "I cook seasonally, I cook fresh, I cook as healthy as possible. I cook from the heart."
Every summer, 450 retailers, restaurants, hotels and attractions on our city's top shopping street come together to provide an abundance of experiences for the Magnificent Mile Shopping Festival. This year's event (from Aug. 22-Sept. 1) features pop-up shops and fashion shows, dining adventures, arts and entertainment and a first-ever women's half-marathon and 5K. Overwhelmed yet? We're here to help you sort through each of the fest's main events — and the special deals that make them even sweeter.

**FASHION**

**The Main Event: ShopFest**
**When:** Saturday, Aug. 23, and Sunday, Aug. 24, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
**Where:** Michigan Avenue, from 401 N. Michigan to 900 N. Michigan

What would a shopping festival be without fashion's best in show? Just in time to inspire ideas for your fall wardrobe, North Michigan will turn inside out, as stores take to the street with pop-up displays offering runway entertainment and boutique shopping. Look for retailers like Macy's, American Girl Place, Gap, H2O+, AT&T, Sunglass Hut and the Art Institute of Chicago to participate. The 900 North Michigan Shops will also have fashion presentations inside.

**Here's the deal:** Several stores extend the goodwill with in-store deals. Sunglass Hut has a special gift to accompany any purchase of $200 or more (check out its pop-up tent for the latest merch); Mary Mary offers 15 percent off when you mention the festival; Tumi on Michigan Avenue is doling out USB flash drive key fobs with a purchase of $250 or more; and Vince's Oak Street location has $50-$750 off purchases of $350-$3,000.

Stores along the Magnificent Mile, such as Gap (730 N. Michigan), will feature fashion presentations.
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The Main Event: Andy Grammer, Live in Concert
When: Saturday, Aug. 23, 1 p.m.
Where: John Hancock Plaza (875 N Michigan)

In 2011, it was nearly impossible to miss the smash hit “Keep Your Head Up” and its zany music video starring “The Office’s” Rainn Wilson. The song, which appeared on LA singer-songwriter Andy Grammer’s debut album, landed him everywhere from the Billboard Charts to the MTV Awards, the “Pitch Perfect” soundtrack, the Grammy Museum and even “The Rachael Ray Show.” Since releasing the tune, the one-time street busker has joined tours with The Plain White Ts, Natasha Bedingfield and Colbie Caillat. Take a break from shopping for his rare Chicago appearance — and hang around after for a special meet-and-greet.

Here’s the deal: There’s no shortage of extra entertainment during the festival: Head over to the Art Institute of Chicago and check out the new exhibition of Belgian surrealist painter Rene Magritte — access to the special display is included with the price of regular admission from Aug. 22-Sept. 1. The museum will also have a “pop-up sculpture” at Pioneer Court as part of the exhibit. Hot Tip has a selection of half-price theater tickets to choose from — stop by their offices at 163 E. Pearson, 72 E. Randolph or 108 N. State or purchase them online at Hottix.otg. Craving some sightseeing? Consider Mercury’s Urban Adventure Cruise, which tours the architecture along the Chicago River and Lake Michigan (children ride free with a paying adult, and daily departures are scheduled from the entry point at Michigan and Wacker).

DINING

The Main Event: A Magnificent Taste

The outdoor event, situated in front of NBC Tower, hosts celeb-chef and Splash cover star Sam Talbot (a finalist on “Top Chef’s” second season), who will prep a variety of plates for guests. Rounding out the assortment of cooks in the kitchen will be local notables like Stephen Wambach (Alum), Ron Aleman (Sophie’s at Saks), Tim Graham (Travelle/ Elle on the River), John State (Seasons 52), Doug Psaltis (Bub City) and John Colletta (Quartino) — but be sure to save room for after-dinner treats from Magnolia Bakery. Gluttonous as it may seem, it’s all for a good cause: The event benefits the Chicago charity Common Threads, which educates children of low-income families about good nutrition. Head there early for the VIP reception, where you can butter up the chefs before nothing.

Here’s the deal: Hungry for more? Check out these food-focused offers throughout the rest of the fest: A $44 three-course prix fixe meal at Café des Architectes offered each night; 50 percent off select pasta dishes at W Chicago Lakeshore’s Current restaurant; a boatload of seafood deals, like $1 oysters, $3 lobster claws and $7 appetizers at Devon Seafood Grill during select hours throughout the festival; and complimentary passed appetizers at Viand Bar and Kitchen from 2-5 p.m. the weekend of Aug. 23-24 only.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

The Main Event: The Magnificent Mile Chicago Women’s Half-Marathon & 5K
When: Sunday, Aug. 31, 7 a.m.
Where: Starting line is in Grant Park (337 E. Randolph)

What, you thought you’d rest on Labor Day weekend? In a rare move that would normally require Oprah’s touch, Michigan Avenue will shut down to traffic as 10,000 runners hit the pavement for the Chicago Women’s Half-Marathon & 5K, presented by Fleet Feet Sports Chicago, The Magnificent Mile Association, the Chicago Sports Commission and Choose Chicago. All participants will receive a custom performance racerback tank (with lined sports bra and hidden pockets) to wear during the race. Upon finishing, you can snag a commemorative medal and head to the public wrap party at Buckingham Fountain, where there will be food, music and spa recovery treatments.

Here’s the deal: When you finish the race, you’ll need a place to rest those feet. Fortunately, several Chicago hotels are offering deals for spa treatments and overnight stays: NoMI Spa at the Park Hyatt Chicago offers a 15-minute Leg Refresher ($35), which uses a citrus aromatherapy blend and a Sole Goddess treatment to awaken tired feet and keep you blister-free. Book a room at Sofitel Chicago Water Tower and receive a Chanel facial/makeover for her and a Lab Series facial for him, as well as a supply of l’Occitane shea butter foot cream and two cocktails from the Le Bar lounge. The Talbott Hotel is treating overnight guests in a one-bedroom suite to a personalized shopping experience with celeb stylist and “The Today Show” consultant Jennifer Burton as well as a $250 MasterCard gift card and a late 3 p.m. checkout.

Last year’s A Magnificent Taste event
Even before Nick Moretti, owner of restaurant/event venue Chop Shop (2033 W. North), met Carolyn Pelissero, founder and partner of PR firm Boldface Co., he had his eye on her. “Nick had seen an article about me and ripped it out for PR help,” recalls Pelissero. Shortly thereafter, a mutual friend introduced them and Moretti hired Pelissero — but then found himself smitten. “I wanted to make a move, but she was very clear that she doesn’t date clients.... So I fired her,” he laughs. Four years later, the former business associates married in an outdoor ceremony at Tivoli Lodge in Vail, Colorado July 12. “Vail was our first trip together and the first place we said ‘I love you,’” says Pelissero.

The laid-back bride says she didn’t do much wedding research, instead letting family and friends help her choose décor details for the rustic, romantic affair. “My mom and dad used branding irons to burn our table numbers onto pieces of birch wood,” she says. And although she opted not to go overboard with flowers, Pelissero added some special touches to her arrangements. “My uncles Stan and Jay, who produce DIY Network’s ‘Desperate Landscapes,’ created reception florals using flowers from my mother-in-law’s garden. I wrapped my bouquet with lace from my mother’s wedding dress and pinned it with charms from my grandparents, who could not be with us,” she says.

After tying the knot, the newlyweds and their 135 guests rode up the mountain in gondolas, where they dined and danced at The 10th on Vail Mountain restaurant. Their dinner menu featured local fare, including Colorado trout and beef short ribs, and the band Moment’s Notice kept guests grooving with everything from Frank Sinatra to the Jackson 5. Pelissero and Moretti even surprised their loved ones with one very special dance move. “Carolyn and I had talked about doing the ‘Dirty Dancing’ lift move for years, so we did that on the dance floor,” laughs Moretti, adding, “Colorado is the happy place in my life.”

IT’S IN THE DETAILS

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Bride’s shoes: Jimmy Choo, 63 E. Oak; jimmychoo.com
Hair: Bloom Spa, Sebastian Hotel, 16 Vail Road, Vail, Colorado; The Sebastian Vail, vail.com
Makeup: Elan Life Spa, 354 Blue River, Silverthorne, Colorado; Elan-lifespa.com
Bridesmaids’ dresses: Tbags Los Angeles, Edith Hart, 1917 N. Damen; Edithhart.com
Groom’s attire: Hugo Boss, Macy’s, 111 N. State; Macys.com
Photographer: Brooke Heather Photographer, brookeheatherphotographer.com
Wedding planner: Adrienne Gardner; GardenerEffect.com

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Here come the brides
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Bold Brights

Online space
Space519 sets up shop online with a newly launched e-commerce site. Shop a specially curated selection of goods — ranging from accessories to apothecary — from store-owners Jim Wetzel and Lance Lawson, and soak up stylish tips from the fashion experts’ blog. 900 N. Michigan; Space519.com

Top it off
Find your perfect swim top or bra with the help of Aerie style expert Jenny Altman, who will be on hand at Water Tower Place’s American Eagle store Aug. 16 for fittings. Get the latest tips and tricks for your body type and be entered to win prizes, including free bras for a year, mini iPads, a customized Mini Cooper and more. Noon-4 p.m., 835 N. Michigan, Shopwatertower.com
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Branching out

The Chicago Tree Project gives leafless limbs a new lease on life

BY THOMAS CONNORS

It will be months yet before the trees begin to turn. But some — whose days of autumnal glory are over for good — are sporting a whole new look. Thanks to the Chicago Tree Project, sick and dying specimens across the city are being given another go as eye-catching works of art. Organized by Chicago Sculpture International, in conjunction with the Chicago Park District, this nature-as-medium program launched this summer and will continue through the fall.

"By bringing public art into the backyards of the neighborhoods — the parks — we hope to engage the public directly," says Eric W. Stephenson, president of Chicago Sculpture International, a nonprofit organization that supports and promotes local sculptors. "The people that regularly use those parks have a preexisting relationship with those trees and the spaces they occupy. Then as we transform the trees we can alter the perceptions of the spaces. Hopefully it will generate conversation that integrates art, the city's trees and green spaces within the city of Chicago."

Park District personnel — including an arborist and forester — identified appropriate trees in suitable areas within each park, from the South Side's Bessemer Park to Olympia Park on the North Side. The team, notes Michael Dimitroff, manager of art initiatives in the park system's Department of Cultural & Natural Resources, "set up the criteria for selecting 'optimal' trees and locations, and this included both the geographic location as well as the location of the tree in the park, with the goal to maximize viewing exposure and engagement with the public."

Artist Nicolette Ross has been at work in Washington Park on Payne, near the intersection of 51st and Cottage Grove. After drawing a textile-inspired pattern on the lower 10 feet of the trunk, she took a power carver to bring the design into relief. Now, she plans to ink that pattern and make paper prints, extending the project into another medium. The opportunity has dovetailed nicely with her current interests. "I'm working toward a balance between my background as a printmaker and my interests in three-dimensional sculpture and public art," she explains. What's more, Ross appreciates the opportunity to work beyond the confines of her studio. "I've had many people from the community visit and ask questions about my process and the Chicago Tree Project," says Ross. "I have also been told several stories about my tree before it was condemned. It's a wonderful feeling to have the community cheering me on."

For more details on the artists and a map of tree locations, visit Chicagosculture.org.
Road to the stage

"I started playing music when I was 5, but it's not that I was practicing and playing, it was more watching people jam — so I learned from watching people. At 15, I performed with my dad [musician Pete Escovedo] — he had a band and his percussion player had gotten sick, so I played with them. It was that night I realized this is what I wanted to do. Prior to that, I wanted to be an Olympic gold medalist. I was a track runner and had been training to go to the Olympics until then."

Greatest achievement

"I take nothing for granted. Today is a new day, and the biggest achievement is [staying] in the present, in what's happening now. I've had a lot of things [to be proud of], but it's the little things that count — it's opening someone's heart to give, it's tweeting and posting, telling people to give someone a hug and smile — those are the greatest achievements."

Musical moods

"[Music] could take you to a dark place, it could take you to a good place. [When] I started playing, it took me to a place that was spiritually healing — it fed my spirit, my soul. I felt like it was a gift."

Giving back

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Dream collaborators

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LIGHTNING 'BOLT'
Chef Brian Huston and coffee roaster John Kim join forces at Evanston’s Boltwood

BY SELENA FRAGASSI

It all started with a cup of coffee. Every morning before heading downtown to begin his day at The Publican, chef de cuisine Brian Huston would get his fix at Brothers K Coffeehouse, an Evanston outpost owned by John Kim. The two became close friends and, three years ago, Kim called upon Huston for his advice on opening a restaurant in the north suburb. “I asked him if I was crazy to do so, and to my surprise, he said ‘Actually, I’d like to do it with you.’”

Huston soon left The Publican to focus on the project, which he opened in the former Lulu’s Dim Sum spot and named Boltwood in honor of the freshman wing at Evanston Township High School, where he graduated in 1989. “I’m a firm believer of living in the community where you work, and there’s a rewarding feeling of knowing the people in the room that you’re serving,” says Huston. It’s one of the reasons he opted for an open-kitchen design, which allows him to peer out while preparing his trademark market-to-table dishes.

The menu is divided into bar snacks like Castelvetrano olives and Momma Lili’s Pickled Peppers ($6), meat and fish options such as shrimp and summer succotash ($21) and vegetable dishes like crispy potatoes with garlic schmaltz ($7). As ingredients are locally sourced and vary from day to day, the menu is fluid. “We wanted to make it feel just like cooking at home,” says Huston.

Here’s what else to expect at Boltwood:

The vibe: Minimalistic. Think rustic dark wood tables and seating benches, peek-a-boo white curtains, a few pieces of art and quiet jazz playing in the background. “Brian’s food uses pure ingredients, and he does as little as possible to make them taste delicious. The room echoes that,” says Kim.

Farm aid: Boltwood’s list of purveyors runs deep, ranging from Green Acres to Kinnikinnick Farm as well as Nichols and Slagel Family Farms (all within central and downstate Illinois and Indiana) and even Evanston Township High School’s Edible Acre. Huston was one of the first to bring a heavy market focus to Chicago while working at Blackbird and now, he says, “It’s one of the highlights of my week: interacting with these people who care about their product.”

Drinking partners: Huston’s vast network of culinary talent also extends to the drink program, overseen by Keith Kreuser. Craig Herman from Herman Wines was an early consultant, and Kyle Blackbird from The Violet Hour and Blackbird helped develop the seasonal bar menu, including a Julep-style New Georgian ($10) and the Homemade Highball ($10), made with locally based CH Vodka and a choice of housemade raspberry, ginger or lemon-lime soda.

Coffee clutch: “Brian joked with me that we better have the best coffee program in the area,” says Kim, and Boltwood delivers by brewing Stumptown Coffee in a Chemex tableside ($12). Soon they might evolve into AeroPress or Melitta style. “We want people to know there are other ways that coffee can be prepared other than espresso, cappuccino and drip coffee,” says Kim.

804 Davis, Evanston, (847) 859-2880; Boltwoodevanston.com
Man about town

Magnificent Taste co-chair and Ext. 54 President Joel Morales picks his current Chicago obsessions

THE DETAILS:
1. Happy Socks: socks start at $12, Nordstrom, The Shops at North Bridge, 55 E. Grand; Shop.nordstrom.com
   “I’m an understated person when it comes to fashion, but I love a little glimpse of fun when my ankles peek out.”
2. Simple Squares: organic snack bar, $2.79, Marianos, 5353 N. Elston; Marianos.com
   “I’m always on the go and just need a quick snack to hold me over. This five-ingredient option keeps me healthy and away from junk food.”
3. Crew Bar & Grill: Parmesan chicken sandwich, $10.39, 4804 N. Broadway; Worldsgreatestbar.com
   “My go-to neighborhood comfort food.”
4. Celeste: cocktails start at $10, 111 W. Hubbard; Celestechicago.com
   “Our office is just down the street and I’m obsessed with their new rooftop and cocktail menu.”
5. Café Sello Rojo: coffee, $12.99 for a bag, La Unica Food Mart, 1515 W. Devon; Amigofoods.com
   “I always have a bag of Sello Rojo in my kitchen.”
6. Taschen: books start at $69.99, Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan; Artic.edu
   “I’ve always loved a good bound book and these finish off any bookshelves or coffee tables. Each one is like a mini art exhibit.”
7. AllSaints: blazers start at $360, 700 N. Michigan; Us.allsaints.com
   “I love the tailored fit of their blazers — an awesome way to make jeans look professional and put together.”
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4. Marina Reader and Rory Coulter's simple Oak Park wedding at Maya Del Sol in Oak Park was made more glamorous thanks to Marina's Maggie Sottero gown.


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‘On the Town’
A zany musical about tough times

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On The Town," the 1944 musical that follows the zany adventures of three sailors on a 24-hour shore leave in New York City during World War II, began life as a ballet, "Fancy Free."

Created for American Ballet Theatre by two fabulously gifted "emerging talents" of the time — choreographer Jerome Robbins and composer Leonard Bernstein — it proved so successful that Robbins and Bernstein teamed with comedy writers Betty Comden and Adolph Green to quickly turn it into a full-fledged Broadway musical directed by George Abbott. Financial backing for the show came from MGM, which in 1949 released a film version that starred Gene Kelly (as Gabey), Frank Sinatra (as Chip), and Jules Munshin (as Ozzie), and, unaccountably, replaced much of Bernstein's music.

"On the Town" is not revived very often, but right now it seems to be on a roll. At the very moment the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire is gearing up for its Aug. 20 opening (it will be the musical's first "major" Chicago area production ever), a Broadway revival is set to open in October.

Audiences here also will be able to catch a performance of "Fancy Free," featuring six stars of the New York City Ballet, when the free Chicago Dancing Festival performs it on Aug. 20 at the Harris Theater, with a simulcast on the ultra-bright screen at the Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park.

"The book for 'On the Town' is a vaudeville, and director David Bell and I have not shied away from that style, but embraced it," said choreographer Alex Sanchez, the Chicago-bred dancer-turned-choreographer who has appeared in such Broadway shows as the Lincoln Center revival of "Carousel," "Big, The Musical," the Roundabout revival of "Follies," "Fosse," and "Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life."

"We've tried to organically find the truth in the comedy of Comden and Green.

"I've never seen the show, and I stayed away from watching the movie or other archival material. But reading the script I was amazed by how many ballet sequences there were — a total of seven, with one at the end of almost every scene — from the opening, "New York, New York," to 'Miss Turnstiles' [an ode to a subway beauty], 'Carried Away,' 'Times Square Ball,' 'Carnegie Hall Pavanne,' and "The Real Coney Island."

"I did do a great deal of research about the time period, and that generation that was both tougher and more hopeful than mine as it emerged from the Great Depression," said Sanchez. "But then war broke out, along with that hope for better things. And I began to realize that..."
these sailors sensed they could die at any minute, and this show is about them just wanting to live to the fullest in their last free day in New York. I also tried to envision what it would be like to be cooped up in a big battleship on the ocean, and then enjoying that brief bit of freedom in what was then the greatest city in the world."

Sanchez grew up in Humboldt Park, the child of factory workers. When the family moved to Schaumburg he joined the high school choir and began doing musicals. A choreographer noticed he was a quick learner and natural dancer and he began taking classes in Des Plaines, where his teacher encouraged him and he sneaked off to Wednesday evening classes.

In 1985, while majoring in music at Illinois State University (he planned to become a teacher), he got a job in an Opryland theme park in Nashville. But the day after he arrived he got caught in a serious fire in his apartment, spent 2½ weeks in an intensive burn unit and then returned to Chicago for skin rehab at Northwestern’s burn care center. His friend, dancer Kenny Ingram, suggested he take classes at the Lou Conte Studio to lift his spirits. "I was 18 and in a class taught by Rick Hilsabeck [an early Hubbard Street dancer], and Lou kept peeking in and watching," Sanchez remembered. "And finally Lou said, 'You have the potential to be a professional dancer,' and gave me a scholarship. I then went on to dance with Ballet Chicago under Daniel Duell."

Although most of the Marriott cast is from Chicago, Sanchez had to find his three sailors (Max Clayton, Seth Danner and Jeff Smith), in New York. "It was difficult to find them even there, because you need ‘triple threat’ talents — terrific dancers who can also sing and finesse the comic acting," said Sanchez. "But we’ve put together a terrific cast."

TOP: Choreographer Alex Sanchez rehearses Alison Jantzie in "On the Town" at Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre. COURTESY OF PETER COOMBS AND THE MARRIOTT THEATRE

ABOVE: Three sailors on shore leave (Jules Munshin, Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly) admire a local beauty in "On the Town."
Mike Pender has never included Beatles songs in his show. For this weekend's Fest for Beatles Fans, the Searchers singer and guitarist will make an exception.

Pender is one of the musical headliners for the 38th annual Chicago fest along with Monkees drummer Micky Dolenz, former Wings guitarist Laurence Juber and Peter Noone, the “Herman” in Herman's Hermits.

And when Pender performs with the house band Liverpool, he's going to sing “A Hard Day's Night.” That's his tribute to George Harrison, who inspired him to buy the Rickenbacker 12-string guitar that became a big part of the sound for the Searchers, a Liverpool band who had seven Top-40 hits in the U.S. and 12 in the U.K.

Pender, who sang lead on hits including “Needles and Pins” and “When You Walk in the Room,” recalls catching the Beatles’ “A Hard Day's Night” when it was No.1. “I noticed that the guitar in the solo, it sounded a little bit different. I'd seen Rickenbackers before because John Lennon had one in the early days in the Cavern that he bought in Hamburg. And when I looked at the screen closely, I thought, 'Wow, it's a 12-string Rickenbacker.'”

Pender, who today fronts Mike Pender’s Searchers and will be back in the U.S. for a September tour bought a Rickenbacker 12-string and used it on the bright, jangly introductory riff to “When You Walk in the Room.”

WXRT-FM personality Teil Hemmert, the emcee at the Fest since 1978, will be back for the event's mix of guests, performances, panel discussions, contests, displays and giant flea market.

Among the most fascinating panels this year figure to be those featuring Mark Lewisohn, whose book “Tune In: The Beatles: All These Years” is 805 pages of meticulously researched surprises — and it's just volume one, covering pre-Beatlemania days through 1962. Lewisohn did hundreds of interviews, many with people who had never before spoken out. Sources such as Bobby Brown, the fan club secretary before Freda Kelly, and Lou Steen and Lindy Ness, who hung around the Beatles at the Cavern and their houses, and who kept diaries, helped flesh out personalities and motivations.

One revelation is that producer George Martin didn't sign the Beatles of his own accord. He was told to sign them because Kim Bennett of EMI’s publishing arm Ardmore and Beechwood wanted an early Lennon-McCartney song “Like Dreamers Do.”

Another has to do with just how tough Liverpool was in the late 1950s and early ‘60s. Ringo Starr sometimes played gigs with only a snare because carrying a full kit made him too much of a target for toughs in the street.

“Liverpool wasn't the only tough place in Britain, and Britain wasn't the only tough place in the world,” Lewisohn said. “But in a sense such experiences weeded out who really wanted to do it from those who quite wanted to do it. Because the Beatles, all four of them, were very, very determined young men.”
You may see a Jedi Warrior or even Obi-Wan Kenobi at Star Wars Sunday, 2-4 p.m. Aug. 24 at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave.

"There’s two costumed character organizations in the Chicago area," said Deb Keegan, head of Community Engagement. "These are organizations where people are big fans of Star Wars. They come in character with full outfits for various characters." Scheduled to appear are Darth Vader, a Jedi, a Tusken Raider, a Stormtrooper and several more.

"They’ll walk around and interact as if the library were their ship," Keegan said. "We’ll have a wall set up for a photo shoot with them."

Star Wars video games will be available and kids will have a chance to participate in Jedi activities.

This is a drop-in event. Registration is required only to participate in craft projects and to have snacks, with priority given to Lincolnwood residents.

For details, call (847) 677-5277 or go to lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

**BLOCK SOME TIME**

Kids ages 2-5 will create roads, bridges, castles, towers and skyscrapers at the drop-in Block Party, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20 at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Your children will work with the library’s brand new set of blocks.

For details, call (847) 324-3149 or go to www.skokielibrary.info.

**POOL POSSE**

It may seem like a strange location but the Hinkley Rodeo, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, will be at Hinkle Pool, 285 Busse Hwy., Park Ridge. Kids will practice lassoing horses, pan for gold and try to earn a sheriff’s badge by tracking down the "wanted" lifeguard. The event is free with pool admission.

For details, call (847) 692-5127 or go to www.prparks.org.

**YOU WANT A PET WHAT?**

A boy wants a different kind of pet in "My Pet Book" by Bob Staake. After the story, kids will do a related craft at the My Pet Book Storytime, 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19 at Barnes & Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie.

For details, call (847) 676-2230 or go to www.barnesandnoble.com.
Just click for summer’s bounty, prepared and delivered

BY VERONICA HINKE
For Sun-Times Media

Use to be, home meal delivery meant a phone call to a pizza parlor down the street. Today, the order-out concept has evolved into gourmet realms. Fine chefs are providing fresh, customized meals that can be ordered online, with the click of a mouse.

While some services offer prepped ingredients for home cooks to prepare, other chefs deliver completed meals that only require reheating. All have the same goal: healthful meals made with fresh, seasonal ingredients.

The most obvious advantage is the time-saving. “We both work in the Loop,” said Evanston resident Elaine Bucheger. “We don’t want to spend too much time on food.”

Bucheger, a busy teacher, and her husband David, a computer engineer, order dinners about once per week from Jonahad “Jona” Silva. He’s executive chef at Cooked, an Evanston-based company he launched with his wife a few months ago.

Silva’s and similar services take advantage of Midwest growing cycles.

“We’re inspired by what’s coming up out of the ground right now — eggplant, tomatoes, beets, kohlrabi,” said Factor 75 Head Chef Anthony Salsia. “And people don’t have time to prepare those foods themselves.”

With those fresh ingredients come plenty of health benefits. Rene Ficek is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist for the popular meal replacement home delivery service Seattle Sutton’s Healthy Eating. Ficek works closely with distributors in locations like Evanston, Northfield and Lincolnwood to plan seasonal menu items.

A popular meal right now, the height of summer, is crisp green beans and eggplant cutlets covered in a sauce made from tomatoes.

“Tomatoes are a treasure of riches when it comes to their antioxidant benefits,” Ficek said. She explained that tomatoes are a rich source of vitamins C and E, beta-carotene, manganese, phytonutrients, and potassium, “a mineral most of us don’t get enough of.”

Corn is another seasonal star in home delivered meals now.

Executive Chef Max Barajas is working corn into menu options at Meez Meals. Meez takes a cook-it-yourself approach to delivered meals, providing chopped and prepped ingredients for home cooks to assemble. They call it “DIY meal kit service.”

Blites — corn-on-the-cob — slathered with spicy lime aioli and a sprinkling of queso fresco will be on the Meez Labor Day menu alongside choices like zucchini tacos with corn salsa. “You’ll never look at corn the same way again,” Barajas promised.

Madison & Rayne Chef/Co-founder Josh Jones also preps and proportions ingredients for home cooks to assemble. Jones is right now on the lookout for local shishito peppers. “They have a real subtle heat with a bright citrus note,” he said. “When we find them, we’ll put together a little Mediterranean stir-fry with Corniglia olives and garlic purée.”

Evanston residents Ira and Dominic Dilllovic-Boomgarden say they have less of an urge to eat out since ordering about once per week from Madison & Rayne. “It’s like having a nice restaurant in our kitchen,” Dilllovic said. Their grocery bill has shrunk, too, now that extra ingredients no longer go to waste.

To learn more about these options, check out the ads inside this section.

Potato & Ricotta Gnocchi with Vegetables and Corn-Saffron Coulis

**Potato & ricotta gnocchi**

- 2 cups russet potatoes, peeled and baked
- 2 cups ricotta cheese
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese, finely grated
- ⅛ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon dry sage
- Black pepper, freshly ground
- to taste
- Combine ricotta, eggs, Parmesan, sage and salt in a food processor. Season with pepper and process until smooth. Add flour and potato, pulse just to combine (mixture should be smooth).
- Place the mixture inside a pastry bag with a half-inch round tip, and let rest for 30 minutes while refrigerated.
- After 30 minutes, pipe dough onto tray, cutting off one-inch pieces with a small knife and shaped with your thumb, cover well and refrigerate until service. This can be done a few hours before service, or even much earlier and gnocchi kept frozen.

**Vegetables**

- 1 medium batch broccoli
- 1 cup zucchini, medium diced or scooped out with a melon bailer
- ¼ cup yellow squash, diced or scooped out with a melon bailer
- ½ pound oyster mushrooms
- 2 cups asparagus, cut in one-inch pieces
- 1 medium bunch broccolini
- ⅜ pound fresh mozzarella, grated
- 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, grated
- Zest of one lemon, finely grated over each finished dish
- Fresh herbs and the fresh leaves of bay, basil and lemon zest

**Finishing the dish**

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil
- ¾ pound fresh mozzarella, grated
- 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, grated

**Potato & Ricotta Gnocchi, Vegetables, Saffron Coulis**

**Coulis**

- 2 cups fresh corn kernels
- ⅓ cup fresh basil
- ⅓ cup fresh parsley
- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley
- 1 teaspoon dry sage
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon white pepper
- 1/4 cup vegetable stock
- 1 pinch saffron threads
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter

Heat oil in small sauce pan and add corn, shallots, garlic, salt and pepper, sauté for 3-4 minutes. Then add the vegetable stock and the saffron threads, and simmer for two minutes. After two minutes, turn off heat and let it rest for five minutes. After five minutes, blend sauce and strain. Just before service, return the sauce to the small sauce pan, heat up gently and add the butter.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Heat a nonstick pan on medium heat and add one tablespoon of olive oil, place gnocchi on it and gently cook until a golden color on both sides. Be careful not to overcrowd pan, and work in small batches. Place the gnocchi on tray and place in oven for 8 minutes. Reserve the pan.

While the gnocchi are in the oven, in the same unwashed pan, add one tablespoon of olive oil, shallots and cook for one minute. Add vegetables except the fresh herbs and sauté until they are heated through.

Remove the gnocchi from the oven and toss with the heated vegetables, add the fresh herbs and the fresh mozzarella.

Place one ounce of sauce at the bottom of a bowl and place the gnocchi and vegetables on top. Drizzle more sauce, sprinkle with grated Parmesan and lemon zest.
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**GO CALENDAR**
**THURSDAY, AUG. 14**

**Morning Matinee: ‘Bad Words’**
10:30 a.m.: Someone tries to get revenge on the spelling bee by trying to win as an adult. Running time is 89 minutes. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277.

**Movie: ‘Transcendence’**
1:30 p.m.: Rated PG-13. 119 minutes. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-673-7774.

**Sights and Sounds of 1960s Music**
2:15 p.m.: Band director and music historian Steve Cooper gives a presentation featuring rare videos of 1960s music, TV shows, Broadway musicals and cartoon shows. Mather's, 3225 N. Central Ave., Chicago. Call 773-205-3300. $4 suggested donation.

**Dinner Theater: Chris and Charlie**
4:30 p.m.: The BYOB event includes dinner and a performance by the father-son guitar duo Chris and Charlie Laughlin. Mather's, 7324 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804. $80-89.

**Edison Park Fest**
5 p.m.: The event includes food, beverages, live music, a family stage with kids activities, a kids’ play area, bingo, a dog show and much more. For more information, visit www.edisonpark.com/opfest or call 773-631-0063. Edison Park Metra Station, 6730 N. Olmstead Ave., Chicago.

**MGPL After Dark: Street Corner Blue Concert**
7 p.m.: Street Corner Blue performs New Orleans-style rhythm and blues. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

**LePercolateur**
8 p.m.: The band combines a variety of musical styles, including gypsy jazz, '30s French-style jazz and '40s-era swing, Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call 847-677-7761. $25.

**Movie in the Park: ‘Despicable Me 2’**
8 p.m.: Watch Gru, the Anti-villain league and his yellow minions go on an adventure to stop an evil force in town. 98 minutes. Harris Park, 6200 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-1200.

**Yoga for Teens Ages 13-18**

**SATURDAY, AUG. 16**

**Morton Grove Farmers Market**
8 a.m.: The market features favorites such as seasonal fruits and vegetables, meats, eggs, baked goods, cheeses, honey, handcrafted items, natural bath and body products, gifts, prepared foods, live music, children’s activities and a free drawing. Runs weekly through Oct. 18. Market Grounds, 6200 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-750-6436.

**Multimedia Craft Class:**
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**The Wizard of Oz**
8 a.m.: An outdoor screening of the classic 1939 musical. Elks Play Lot Park, Callahan Avenue and Mulford Street, Evanston.

**Dirty Water**

**A Tribute to Neil Young and Bob Dylan**
10 p.m.: Broken Arrow and Positively 4th Street perform the music of Neil Young and Bob Dylan. Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call 847-677-7761. $25.

**SUNDAY, AUG. 17**

**Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

**The Holmes Brothers**
7:30 p.m.: Deemed by The New York Times as “timeless, deeply soulful”, The Holmes Brothers blends together elements of blues, gospel, soul and rock ’n’ roll and country to form performances with iron vocals. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-492-8860.

**The Zills**
8 p.m.: The three-piece band from Canada performs. Must be 21 and older to attend. Statue Pub, 3420 W. Grace St., Evanston. Call 773-478-4408. $7.

**MONDAY, AUG. 18**

**Men's Club Meeting**
10:30 a.m.: The Niles Center Club hosts a speaker from Ed McElroy's Office on the meeting includes Italian sausage on a bun, chips and dessert for lunch. Registration required. Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles. Call 847-588-8420. $5-$750.

**Trivia Night**
8 p.m.: Winners receive gift cards. Specials include $4 Budweiser products.
The Invisible Woman
11:30 a.m.: The film is screened at the Jewish Museum of Chicago. Call 773-328-1666.

Modern Times Film Series: 'Gravity'
1 p.m.: A medical engineer and an astronaut are left abandoned in space after their shuttle is destroyed. Stars Sandra Bullock, George Clooney and Ed Harris.

From Farm to Cafe Table
3 p.m.: Mary Beth Lutjen and the De-Lighters create eight small courses using fresh produce from the farmers market. Attendees can learn how to make the courses and give them a taste test. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804.

Natural Gas
8 p.m.: The improvisational group takes a suggestion from the audience and turns it into a show. The Gift Theatre, 4902 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Call 773-227-0741.

Critic's Choice Cinema: 'The Auction'
2 p.m.: A quiet farmer is forced to make a sacrifice he never intended for the sake of those closest to him. 2013, NR, French with English subtitles, 1 hour 50 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-956-4220.

'Star Wars' Sunday
7 p.m.: "Star Wars" fans are invited for an afternoon of intergalactic adventure with games, snacks, crafts, trivia and visits from favorite "Star Wars" characters. For all ages. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-777-5277.

Dinner Theater: The Jazz Stylings of Petra and Larry
4:30 p.m.: The BYOB event includes dinner and a performance featuring the soft-jazz stylings of Petra van Nuis and Larry Harris. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804. $16-$18.

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THE EXPENDABLES 3
Rated PG-13 for violence including intense sustained gun battles and fight scenes, and for language.
Stars: Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mel Gibson
Freelance commandos the Expendables and their leader (Stallone) come into conflict with the ruthless arms dealer (Gibson) who co-founded the team. Patrick Hughes ("Red Hill") directed the action adventure.

THE GIVER
★★
Rated PG-13 for a mature thematic image and some sci-fi action violence.
Stars: Jeff Bridges, Meryl Streep, Brenton Thwaites, Katie Holmes
A whole lot of knowledge becomes a very dangerous thing for the young hero of this well-intentioned but dull adaptation of Lois Lowry's classic young-adult novel. And audiences also run a pretty serious risk — of falling asleep before it's all over. Bridges stars as the Receiver of Memory, in charge of passing memories of mankind's past existence to a new, teenage Receiver (Thwaites) in the safe, secure, benignly fascistic post-apocalyptic future.

LET'S BE COPS
Rated R for language including sexual references, some graphic nudity, violence and drug use.
Stars: Jake Johnson, Damon Wayans Jr., Nina Dobrev
After dressing as cops for a costume party, two friends (Johnson and Wayans Jr.) get mixed up with real-life gangsters and corrupt detectives. Luke Greenfield ("The Girl Next Door") directed the action comedy.

STEP UP ALL IN
Rated PG-13 for some language and suggestive material.
Stars: Ryan Guzman, Briana Evigan, Adam Sevani
After breaking up with his crew, an ambitious street dancer (Guzman) recruits new performers and competes against his former team in Las Vegas for a lucrative contract.
Choreographer Trish Sie makes her feature directorial debut with the dance extravaganza.

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES
★★★
Rated PG-13 for sci-fi action violence.
Stars: Megan Fox, Will Arnett, Johnny Knoxville, Whoopi Goldberg
Basically brainless but intermittently adrenaline-fueling, this mostly just-for-kids reboot isn't much worse than half-bad — certainly not as awful as some fans feared. Producer Michael "Transformers" Bay backed off on his plan to present the turtles as aliens instead of mutated lab creatures, enlisting himself with a massive amount of super-pumped action scenes as the ninja-fighting terrapins take on the evil Foot Clan with the fate of the world (or at least New York City) at stake. And speaking of massive, by beefing up our heroes with so much muscle it's a miracle they didn't burst open their shells.

Dayal, Charlotte Le Bon
Scrumptious food is one of the key ingredients, with plenty of coolly classical French cuisine and zesty Indian concoctions on the menu. But the main attraction is the evolving relationship between Mirren, as the haughty owner of a Michelin-starred restaurant in a village in southern France, and Puri, as the patriarch of a clan who sets up a competing eatery across the road. With a little young love thrown in as a bonus. Directed by Lasse Hallström, who covered somewhat similar ground in "Chocolat."

INTO THE STORM
★★★
Rated PG-13 for sequences of intense destruction and peril, and language including some sexual references.
Stars: Richard Armitage, Sarah Wayne Callies, Matt Walsh
Assuming you're buying a ticket for "Into the Storm" for rip-roaring tornado action, and not for deeply (or even reasonably) satisfying drama, there's a good chance you'll walk away happy. You just have to endure a lot of emotional hot air until the last, big, senses-rattling storm front rolls in. Never mind the storm chasers and the tormented teens whose high-school graduation is rudely interrupted. The twisters are the stars here — big, mean, even flaming in one case) monsters orchestrated for maximum thrills.

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Death Notices

Snowhite, Mildred
(nee Potenza) Age 93; beloved wife of the late William; loving mother of Robert (Mehri) Briant, William (May Lou) Briant and Matthew J. Snow (Stanley J. Weinberge); dear grandmother of Sheila (Rob) Miceli and Payman (Victoria) Sattar; great-grandmother of five.

Service were held private. For information Nelson Funeral Home 847-823-5122.

Smith, Mildred T.D.
A truly inspirational native Evanstonian, she passed from this life and entered into heaven on Sunday, August 10, 2014. A woman of faith, poise, and intelligence, she broke racial and gender stereotypes and became one of the first African American women on the North Shore to hold the position of Vice President of a banking institution. As Vice President and First Officer for First Illinois Bank of Wilmette, her service to the community was legendary. A steward of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Mildred was instrumental in the continued expansion of the church building and grounds. As the resident hymn expert, organist and Senior Choir director, she served faithfully for over 70 years. Anchored as the family matriarch and chef, she joyously hosted family events with delectable meals and sumptuous desserts. For further information about the wake and the Celebration of Life service, contact House of Thompson at 847-869-3172.

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**My 1968 Ford Mustang**

By Steve Maglich of Rolling Meadows

When I was 17 years old my dad helped me pick out my first car, a 1967 Mustang fastback. It was a wild car with a 410 cubic inch Mercury police cruiser engine and three-speed manual transmission. It was aqua in color with this white strobe racing stripe down the side — very recognizable and way too much car for a 17-year-old.

My dad enjoyed driving the car more than I did, frequently saying, “We are out of milk! I have to go to the convenience store for milk!” He would take the ’67 Mustang out and an hour later would return with a smile on his face! I ended up getting in an accident with the car being a young and inexperienced driver, and never earned enough money to get it repaired. Someone bought the car for the engine only.

In 2004 I purchased a ’68 Mustang coupe, this time in honor of memories of the ’67 Mustang with my father. It has a 289 cubic inch V8 engine with, once again, a three-speed manual transmission which were popular in the 1960s. This car had been restored by a father-and-son team, which also resonated with me and my dad.

The wife of the owner had given the husband an ultimatum. “Either the ’68 Mustang goes or you go!” I just happened to be in the right place at the right time, for once, to purchase it at a wholesale price.

I have owned the car for 10 years now and have thoroughly enjoyed driving it and going to car shows and cruise nights.

My only brother is an avid car enthusiast like myself and loves Mustangs also. This fall I am giving him my ’68 Mustang so he can experience some fun times with his kids and have new adventures.
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There's a timeless piece of advice in sports that advises athletes to always practice and play as if somebody's watching. What happens, though, when somebody is always watching? That's the situation Mike Ferri was in this summer.

The Norridge resident played second base for Elite Baseball Training's 17U team, which featured several high-level Division I prospects, including Geneva's Nick Derr (Florida State), Joliet Catholic's Nick Dalsandro (Purdue) and Elmwood Park's Joe Uvelli (Purdue).

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Ferri hopes to make his decision this fall. He also plans on playing with his travel team during the next few months. In November and December, he'll likely work with his coaches at Elite Baseball Training to prepare for his final high school season.

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Ferri has already had a first-hand look at Division I-caliber pitching with 17U Elite, Stone said, and a big area of focus this offseason will be on improving against that level of talent.

"We're going to get a chance to play at the next level," Stone said. "It's just a matter of when and where we find the right spot. I think, at this point, we're close to finding it and he's going to be pretty happy come the end of the fall."
Mooney adding strength to become more complete player

Senior-to-be has received scholarship offer from Air Force, interest from other D-I schools

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INDIANAPOLIS — Notre Dame senior Joe Mooney caught a pass on the perimeter and it took the opposing AAU team’s coach one second to scream out “shooter” to his team.

Mooney’s reputation is simple: He’s one of the best shooters in Illinois, averaging 18 points a game and shooting 41 percent from the 3-point line as a junior. His ball-handling skills are also good, so the combo guard focused on getting into the weight room, adding more muscle and becoming a more complete player this offseason.

“He’s one of the best shooters in the state but his game has evolved into so much more over the past few years,” said Mike Howland, the coach for the Chicago Lockdown 17-and-under AAU team. “He has put on a lot of strength and I think he’s guarding and rebounding really well, so he’s made himself into a complete player. He was great as a junior, but I think you’re going to see that much better of a player as a senior and that’s because he works so hard and puts in the time.”

Mooney had bulked up to about 170 pounds by July and said he hopes to get up to 180 or 185 pounds before his senior season at Notre Dame begins. The added weight is meant to not only improve his game, but also his opportunities to play collegiately.

“Every coach I’ve talked to says that I have to get stronger,” Mooney said. “Those skills are there and I’m starting to grow more. I’m coming up on 6-foot-3 and that’s a good size for a combo, point-shooting guard position. A 6-foot-3, 185 point guard is a good size.”

Air Force offered a scholarship to Mooney during a visit for an elite camp and that’s where his brother Matt Mooney plans to play basketball this fall. Joe Mooney has also received interest from New Hampshire, Drake, Wofford, California-Davis, and several Division II and Division III programs.

California-Davis is coached by Jim Les, the brother of Notre Dame coach Tom Les.

“I think he’s physically there,” Howland said. “With the premium on shooting the ball [in college] I definitely think he’s a Division I player.”

Joe Mooney is a reserve for the Lockdown, coming off the bench to provide another outside shooting option. But he’s also shown the ability to consistently finish around the basket when given the opportunity, a benefit of the added muscle.

“When I go to the hoop, I can take contact and it doesn’t even phase me,” Joe Mooney said. “I’m much more comfortable with the ball and even defensively it has helped me so much. You might have said I was a liability on defense a year ago. Now, I don’t feel like I’m a liability at all. I feel I’ve become a very good defender on and off the ball, and a lot of that has to do with my size and strength.”

As a junior at Notre Dame, Joe Mooney was consistently double-teamed or even face-guarded. Nothing is likely to change this upcoming season.

“You learn to deal with that through experience and how to kind of pick your spots, because it can wear you down and take a lot of your energy,” Howland said. “He does a good job of using misdirection to get open and once he’s open it does not take much space for him to get the shot off. Everybody knows he can shoot the ball. You want to chase him off the 3-point arc, so it’s a matter of taking that contact and being able to finish at the rim.”
BOYS GOLF SEASON PREVIEW NOTEBOOK

LeVine can attack the course more this year

Dons looking for two more solid golfers like Steinle, Kolodziej

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Skylar LeVine qualified for the Class 3A boys golf state tournament last year by playing steady, hitting fairways consistently and excelling on and around the greens.

Niles West coach Mitch Stern said the junior is bigger this year, which has made him even better. LeVine is hitting the ball farther, Stern said, which has allowed him to attack more than he did a year ago.

"You'd see him last year and he'd be hitting hybrids and five irons into greens, and now he's using seven and eight irons to get into greens," Stern said. "It's just a much different game for him."

LeVine figures to be supported in the lineup by seniors Tyler Steinhle and Bennett Underwood and sophomore Jake Pfeifer, who is a candidate to emerge as one of the Wolves' top golfers.

Notre Dame

A year ago, Notre Dame advanced to the sectional tournament as a team for the first time in program history. The Dons will look very similar at the top of their lineup this year, with David Steine and Kyle Kolodziej both back.

"The question entering the season is who will emerge by playing steady golf to pair with the senior duo."

"Really, I just need two players that can be consistent -- solid players like David and Kyle are -- and I think we'll be OK," Notre Dame coach Bob Beckman said. "Those kids that weren't in the higher part of the lineup ... know that they need to bring their game up this year to have a chance of making it at least as far as we did last year."

Seniors Brendan Golden and Nick Yzaguirre are two candidates to step up, Beckman added, but they'll be among several golfers fighting for spots in the varsity lineup early in the season.

Niles North

Niles North has a great deal of uncertainty surrounding its lineup entering the season.

"We graduated kids that were our top golfers and also leaders, so we're looking for a lot of practice in the offseason because the whole lineup is wide open," Niles North coach Tom Zera said. "But even more than golf on the course, we're looking for some senior leadership."

Sophomore Kyle Mikota and senior Matt Ginsburg are likely to earn prominent places in the lineup, and several seniors are set to jockey for positions on the Vikings' varsity squad.

Maine East

Tony Montesano has been Maine East's coach for about 10 years and he said this year's team is the best he's ever had.

Maine East is led by Orion Yamat, who finished 31st at the Class 3A state tournament last year and figures to be one of the best golfers in the CSL as a senior. Aside from Yamat, seniors Anthony Calderone, Andrew Fox and Evan Beierwaldes provide the Blue Demons with lots of experience.

Montesano said he'd like to see Yamat get back to state, Calderone qualify for the sectional tournament and his team win matches, but there are also additional objectives.

"I definitely think we'll rack up some victories this year," Montesano said. "I'd love to see a couple more wins, but maybe I'm a different coach because those aren't always my goals. My goals are to make sure the guys behave themselves, are stand-up guys and learn a lot about life doing this."

Maine South

Anthony Celano established himself as Maine South's No. 1 golfer a year ago. The senior is aiming for his first state berth this season. Maine South coach Steve Scholl said, and he has the ability to shoot in the mid-70s on any given day.

The question for the Hawks entering the season is if anyone else can match Celano.

Maine South enters the season with a deep roster -- it figures to include seniors Tommy Deeter, Chris Brendza and Thomas Janowski, as well as juniors Wil-liam Parilla and Austin Derrick -- but it'll likely need at least one person to break 80 with Celano to compete in the CSL and the postseason.

"We have depth, but -- aside from Anthony -- I'm not sure if we've got anybody that can go pretty low," Scholl said. "Performing well really depends on if some of the guys in the three, four, five and six spots, if they're capable and pull off some low numbers at the right time."

Northridge

North Shore Country Day has been the top program in Class 3A and the Independent School League over the last three years, finishing second in the state last year and winning state titles in 2011 and 2012.

Northridge, like so many Class 3A programs, wants to knock off the Raiders this year.

"We've been second to North Shore Country Day in conference for as long as I can remember, so our main goal this year is we want to win conference," Northridge coach Alan Jankowski said. "North Shore is our target right now."

"The Knights appear to have enough talent on their roster to challenge North Shore. Senior Joe Egan returns as Northridge's No. 1 golfer, while junior Paul DiFranco and senior Conor Cleveland both figure to serve as solid golfers in the lineup."

Ridgewood

Eric Laskey became Ridgewood's coach in June. He takes over for Tom Parrillo, who stepped away from the program due to his business manager internship at Ridgewood.

Laskey provides the Rebels with a bunch of experience, having spent 13 years coaching West Chicago's varsity team, yet he's entering the season completely blind.

He said he didn't see any of Ridge-wood's varsity golfers play before the high school season started.

Senior Frank Malicki is expected to lead the team.
**Time looks right for Niles West’s move to varsity**

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The Niles West girls golf program fielded only a junior varsity team last year, but the Wolves will play varsity this season.

Juniors Sara Dym, Katrina Nickell and Kristin Recinto were three of Niles West’s five JV golfers last year, and they’re all expected back.

Their skill level and potential are big reasons why Niles West coach Rich Lee believes this is the right moment to transition to varsity.

"With the three girls going from sophomore to junior year, I thought the timing would be good for us," Lee said.

"It may be a little bit early, but I wanted to at least get my junior players some additional competition at the higher level and also try to get them a little bit more exposure [to college suitors] that they may not have gotten at the junior varsity level."

Lee is hopeful the Wolves can be competitive immediately. Niles West finished second behind New Trier at the Central Suburban League’s JV conference tournament a year ago, and talented sophomore Amanda Lee — she is Rich Lee’s daughter and former Niles West standout Nate Lee’s sister — is expected to join the squad after taking a hiatus from golf.

**Maine South**

The Maine South girls golf team will be one of the most experienced in the state, with five seniors returning.

The Hawks are the defending CSL co-champions and hope to advance downstate with a lineup headlined by seniors Leia Atas, Katie Krall and Annie Krall. Having such an experienced squad figures to lessen Maine South coach Jeff Hamann’s responsibilities.

Hamann said the program’s seniors, including Marissa Oshona and Tina Pirowski, will be role models for its younger players.

"I’ll be able to split people up into groups, so the seniors will be able to take the leadership [responsibility] when we do our stations in practice," Hamann said. "I’m looking forward to kind of giving them ownership with a lot of things — specifically practice, leadership roles when it comes to sportsmanship and how to play the game properly with etiquette, and then of course team bonding. It’s just going to be a great year with those five seniors."

**Maine East, Ridgewood and Niles North**

Ridgewood’s Sabrina Bonanno, Niles North’s Quynh Nguyen and Maine East’s Colleen Scholtz were members of their schools’ boys teams a year ago, but only Scholtz, a senior, has eligibility remaining.

Bonanno, who won a Class A state title in 2012, is playing golf at Arkansas-Little Rock. Nguyen received the Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship earlier this year, and will attend Purdue.

*ABOVE: In this Oct. 19, 2013, photo, Maine South’s Leia Atas watches her shot at the Class AA state championship played at the Hickory Point Golf Club in Decatur. She finished tied for 12th.*

*RIGHT: Niles West’s Sara Dym hits a tee shot during the Class AA Glenbrook South Regional on Oct. 9, 2013, at the Glenview Park Golf Club.*
In this Nov. 25, 2013, photo, Notre Dame's Joe Mooney drives past Lane defenders during the fourth quarter of a game in Chicago.
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