Pulling for the prize

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Due to renewed interest in purchasing luxury condominiums on the North Shore, Optima, Inc. is taking the lead by offering a selection of Developer Reserve Condominiums, exquisitely appointed residences at Optima Old Orchard Woods. These residences with star power have been designed and finished by David Hovey, FAIA, renowned architect and owner of Optima, Inc. Prices range from $289,900 to $749,000 for one- two- and three-bedroom condominiums.

The residences are highlighted by floor-to-ceiling windows that frame breathtaking views of Harms Woods Forest Preserve just across the street, and by an array of recreational facilities within the award-winning building.

"The Developer Reserve Condominiums have been created to reflect the highest standards of North Shore luxury along with a no-maintenance lifestyle ideal for those who wish to maximize their freedom while satisfying their preference for the very best," said David Hovey. "In addition, purchasers will enjoy an outstanding quality of life in the Developer Reserve Condominiums."

Setting a new standard of luxury for North Shore buyers, Optima Old Orchard Woods has also received the accolades of the architectural community with numerous design awards. These include the prestigious Distinguished Building Honor Award from the American Institute of Architects as well as a Merit Award for innovation from Buildings Magazine.

The Developer Reserve residences include high-impact interiors with floor-to-ceiling windows that frame magnificent views of miles of trees or the city skyline. A changing seasonal panorama of nature can also be enjoyed from the balconies, terraces and 460-foot long sundeck.

Luxury standard features include hardwood flooring in the living areas, kitchens with stainless-steel appliances, designer cabintery and natural stone countertops, luxury baths, stainless-steel washers and dryers plus window treatments. Some of the condominiums also have built-in subzero refrigerators, wine reserves, Miele dishwashers plus Bosh ovens and cooktops.

The luxury lifestyle at Optima Old Orchard Woods also includes abundant recreational facilities within the building. The development is comprised of three interconnected residential towers, each with its own fitness center on the penthouse floor, adding panoramic views to the daily work-out session. An indoor pool and two spas boast a dramatic setting in a room with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the woods, and the expansive sun deck and walking area are just outside. The pool can be accessed from any of the three towers without venturing outside.

Other highlights include a party room and private park, and the convenience of a gourmet grocer, coffee shop, dry cleaner and secure indoor heated parking. Each tower welcomes residents and visitors alike with a two-story, glass-enclosed courtyard entry. The elegant courtyard features a 500-foot portico, paver driveway and landscaped quadrangle with lighted 90 by 120-foot reflecting pond and 20 fountains. The building is pet-friendly.

The forest preserve includes hiking trails, a horseback riding stable and 18-hole public golf course. The Grove, a private residents' park, boasts a tennis court, picnic benches, grills, three ponds and a bridge that connects to the 20-mile long North Branch Trail that ends at the Chicago Botanic Gardens in Glencoe. Dog lovers will enjoy the hiking trails, and a designated dog park is available. Old Orchard Shopping Center is within walking distance, three blocks away. The Edens Expressway, the Metra station, and O'Hare International Airport are very convenient. The City of Chicago is 20 minutes away.

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O'Hare Airport

Tugging war

Park Ridge, Niles teams pull plane across O'Hare tarmac

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON

The rules of the Special Olympics Plane Pull are simple, even if the task is not: A team of 20...
Maine South's football team poses for a photo in front of the UPS Airbus A300 plane which weighs 16,000 pounds. JON LANGHAM FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

The Maine South High School football team, last year's champions, find the competition a bit tougher this year as they pulled a 12.41 second time which was over two seconds slower than a team from a construction company. JON LANGHAM FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Niles Police team member Vince Genualdi holds Declan Kampwirth, 2, the son of Park Ridge Police Sgt. Bob Kampwirth, as the Park Ridge Police team competes. JON LANGHAM FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA
Expressions of grief, sadness, anger follow fatal Skokie shooting

BY MIKE ISAACS
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More than a half hour before Monday night's vigil for two Niles North High School students shot inside a vehicle the night before on a tree-lined Skokie street, people began gathering.

Sunday night's shooting on the 9200 block of Kedvale Avenue claimed the life of one teenager male and left a teenage female wounded. Both the crowd and the accumulation of flowers kept growing Monday night, people of all ages coming from all directions - their pain and grief palpable.

The victims' classmates and friends hugged each other, held hands and propped each other up during an unimaginable night for all of them.

Maxwell Gadau of the 7800 block of Tripp Avenue in Skokie, a popular senior and athlete at Niles North; was fatally shot. A 17-year-old Niles North senior; a female also from Skokie who has not been identified, was shot and taken to a local hospital. She remained in critical condition as of Tuesday afternoon.

"Whatever religion you are, whatever religion you believe in, at this time I think if you all join in with me, and grab somebody's hand, let's just come together for these two," said Muriel Sanders who has a son at Niles North. "We can speak out and just pray and just agree that everyone here... family near and far, young and old, will be protected against these senseless crimes."

Sanders said the teenage victims' lives were not in vain.

"They touched each and every one of you all here," she said. "This is great. This is great for their families. It's great for everybody's family that's here."

As Sanders delivered her impromptu prayer, about 200 people held hands and formed a large circle, their emotion audible in all directions in the night air.

Skokie Police responded to a report of shots fired at 9:41 p.m. Sunday when they found the victims inside a vehicle. The case is still under investigation, and authorities have not publicly speculated on a motive.

But many Niles North students Monday said that it was common knowledge the shooting had to do with a drug transaction that had gone wrong.

Skokie Police Chief Tony Scarpelli said Tuesday that he could not release further details about the investigation at this time.

"Rumors are abundant when tragic incidents like this occur, most of which eventually prove false," Scarpelli said in a statement released by the village. "The public is encouraged to be patient as this multi-faceted, meticulous investigation is underway, and not to take rumors as fact."

Scarpelli said the Skokie Police Department and the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force (NORTAF) are following up on dozens of leads and making positive progress.

"Bringing this case to successful resolution and seeing justice served in an expedient manner are the top priorities of the Skokie Police Department," he said.

The tragedy was announced Monday morning over the loudspeaker at Niles North and immediately rocked the school community.

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"We were really a mess after we heard," she said. "It's been a very difficult day."

Other friends of the victims learned of the shooting just before they headed away on a school field trip. One of the students said they didn't want to come back they were so upset by the news.

"This isn't supposed to happen in Skokie," he said.

A neighbor who lives across the street from the crime scene said he had gone to bed Sunday night before the incident. But his German shepherd barked away after he heard gunshots. His wife also heard the shots and knew right away what they were, he said.

Only steps away from the heavily attended vigil, a couple faded drops of blood could still be seen on the pavement where the shooting had occurred less than 24 hours earlier.

**Rally against guns**

Monday's early evening vigil followed a small rally held by local anti-gun organizations People For a Safer Society and Peaceful Communities.

"The shootings are taking place everywhere including right here in the suburbs," said Lee Goodman of Peaceful Communities. "You can no longer think you can exempt yourself from the violence by having a certain amount of money or a certain address. It's no longer possible to think we are privileged in being able to escape the violence. Violence follows us."

People For a Safer Society is a local group started by Evanston resident Denysse Wang Stoneback following the school shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School. The group works for stronger gun control laws locally and nationally.

Parents of Niles North students also spoke at the rally. "I have a flurry of texts on my phone and voicemail messages from my sophomore child who knew a student who died," said Stacey Robinson. "And he died because we all of us — allowed it to happen. We don't do enough to get guns out of our society."

Two other Niles North parents also spoke out, saying their kids were shaken by the day's tragedy and that guns have to be made less accessible.

For the two latest victims of gun violence and the many people impacted by it, though, it was too late.

"The kids need covering," explained Sanders about why she decided to speak up at the vigil. "They need to know this is not right. This is not good, but we can make it through it by standing together."
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.

**NILES**

**BATTERY**
Daniel Mitchell, 28, of 8060 Milwaukee Ave., Niles, was charged with domestic battery on Sept. 20 after he was accused of punching his pregnant girlfriend and kicking her in the stomach during an argument. The 25-year-old woman told police that Mitchell's mother held her down while she was beaten and that Mitchell had also grabbed a knife and threatened to kill her. A child present in the home also gave similar statements, police said. Mitchell was the only individual charged, and he has an Oct. 6 court date.

**RETAIL THEFT**
Edin Kuduzovic, 18, of 4848 Mulford, Skokie, was charged with retail theft on Sept. 19 after he allegedly stole a bottle of alcohol, a can of energy drink and a bag of candy from a store on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue. He has a Nov. 3 court date.

**MORTON GROVE**

**DRUGS**
Terrell M. Jackson, 33, of Chicago, was charged with possession of marijuana after he was arrested on Dempster Street and Menard Avenue on Sept. 24. He is scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 28. Myron Johnson, 21, Skokie, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after he was arrested on Dempster St and Central Ave on Sept. 22. Police said he was pulled over for expired registration. He is scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 29.

**DUI**
Wook Lee, 49, of Mukilteo, Wash., was charged with DUI after he was arrested on Dempster St and Birch Ave on Sept. 19. Police said Lee was pulled over for a traffic violation. He is scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 8.

**CRIMINAL DAMAGE**
Peter Keller, 37, of Evanston, was charged with criminal damage to property after he was arrested at the CVS store on the 5900 block of Dempster Street on Sept. 22. Police said Keller allegedly tore a cell phone out of a package and attempted to leave the store without paying for it. Keller is scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 28.

**SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT**
Police were contacted on Sept. 22 after a white powder was discovered inside an envelope delivered to a business on the 9300 block of Milwaukee Avenue. Police took the envelope and powder into evidence. The following day, a U.S. Postal Inspector performed an examination and determined that the substance appeared to be powdered sugar, police said.

**BURGLARY TO VEHICLE**
Clothing and coins were stolen Sept. 18 from a vehicle parked on the 9200 block of Loras Lane. A landscaper told police that on Sept. 22, while he was cutting grass on the 7900 block of Neva Avenue, three landscaping machines valued at $1,045 were stolen from his pickup truck. Police said the pickup had a broken window, which the landscaper said occurred during a prior, unreported burglary in Elgin in which other equipment was stolen. A resident living across the street told police he had been in his front yard the entire time of the alleged burglary and did not see anyone near the landscaper's truck.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE**
A resident of the 8200 block of Elizabeth Avenue told police that on the afternoon of Sept. 20, she saw between 10 and 12 children jumping on parked vehicles, but they ran away when she exited her residence. The woman reported that her minivan's front bumper was cracked.

**FIRE**
A fire was reported inside a small trash container located behind a business on the 9000 block of Milwaukee Avenue on the night of Sept. 21. The flames were extinguished by the Niles Fire Department.

**THEFT**
A catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle parked on the 8500 block of Marmora Avenue on Sept. 20, police said. Luggage was stolen from a vehicle parked on the 6100 block of Lincoln Avenue on Sept. 19. The vehicle was unlocked at the time of the theft, police said. A locker was broken into at LA Fitness on the 6800 block of Dempster Street on Sept. 18. Police said the gym member returned to the locker to find personal items missing, including cash and credit cards.
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Gun shop moratorium passed by Village Board

By Igor Studenkov
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The Niles Village Board unanimously approved an eight-month moratorium last week on special permits for gun shops and other businesses that deal with firearms.

Under the terms of the moratorium, any application for a gun shop special use permit would automatically get rejected. The moratorium was designed to give the village time to examine its current gun-related laws and consider potential changes.

In the run-up to the Sept. 23 vote, members of gun-control advocacy group People For a Safer Society urged the board to change the resolution’s language so that it would apply retroactively — making a special use permit the board had already granted to the Sportsman’s Club gun shop invalid.

While the board didn’t move to do that, Trustee Rosemary Palicki tried to put a vote on whether or not to revoke the permit on the next month’s agenda. Her motion was defeated 3-2.

During the Aug. 26 board meeting, Mayor Andrew Przybylo said that village government was considering putting a temporary moratorium on gun shops. During the same meeting, People For a Safer Society member Cory Hance argued that the board shouldn’t have given Sportsman’s Club a permit in the first place, because it violates Cook County law.

The ordinance he cited prohibits gun shops within a mile of a public school. However, it only applies to home rule municipalities like Niles if the village doesn’t already have an ordinance specifically regulating licensing of gun shops. While the board did pass such ordinance earlier this year, it was designed to amend an existing law — which was part of a larger appendix of special use permit regulations.

The moratorium the board considered during the Sept. 23 meeting would automatically deny gun shop applications. However, applicants have a right to appeal the denial, and the board has to consider the appeal during the nearest board meeting. The board can decide to approve the application, but if it decides to uphold the denial, the applicant wouldn’t be able to appeal again.

The moratorium was proposed to give the village time to review its laws regulating firearms and other weapons. The law requires gun-sellers to keep track of every weapon they sell, gives the police the right to search the gun shops’ inventory and prohibits anyone from discharging firearms within the village outside licensed firing ranges.

The law also bans the sale of assault weapons, as well as the sale of any firearms to minors, convicted felons, alcohol and drug addicts, anyone with the record of violating weapons laws, as well as anyone who has been a patient in a mental health facility for the past five years or was acquitted of a crime for a reason of insanity.

Most sections of the law haven’t been updated since the 1960s, and the law does not specifically deal with gun shops.

Przybylo said that the moratorium would also give the village an opportunity to come up with stronger gun regulations. He said that he and other Niles officials recently met with city of Chicago officials to get some suggestions.

“I don’t feel that Niles needs an establishment that sells guns, especially so close to our schools,” Niles resident Diane Barounis said. “I respectfully submit that not all things that are permissible are good for communities.”

Former trustee Louella Preston also urged the board to strike section three.

“I don’t agree with the way [Sportsman’s] zoning permit was granted,” she said. “You have an opportunity to impose the moratorium, and I’m urging you to pass it. I also urge you to strike the language in section three so that it could be retroactive.”

When the motion came up for vote, none of the trustees made a motion to strike Section 3. But Palicki moved to amend it to extend its scope to firing ranges and conceal-carry training centers.

She said that she was concerned about “proliferation” of gun-related businesses.

However, most trustees present were concerned that it went too far, affecting shops that don’t use actual guns, such as the training center near the intersection of Howard Street and Milwaukee Avenue. The amendment was defeated 3-2, with trustee Joe LoVerde joining Palicki in voting for it. Trustee Chris Hansiak was absent during the meeting.

Palicki then offered an amendment that wouldn’t affect training centers.

“If we say ‘gun shop,’ gun ranges, or any stores to have to do with firearms, would be able to move in,” she said.

The board approved the amendment — and the moratorium in the amended form — unanimously.

Towards the end of the meeting, when the board prepared to vote to approve the next meeting date, Palicki tried to put an item on the next meeting’s agenda to rescind Sportsman’s Club permit.

Her motion was defeated 3-2, with LoVerde being the only other trustee to vote “yes.”

After the vote, Przybylo said that just because the board approved the gun shop didn’t mean the village wasn’t taking safety concerns seriously. He used liquor stores as examples of legal facilities that have been known to create safety issues — something the village addresses through regulations.

“I expect [Sportsman’s Club] to be tightly regulated and that the license will be legally restrictive,” Palicki responded that her problem wasn’t with the shop — it was with the way its permit was approved.

“I’m just trying to make you sleep easier,” responded Przybylo.

“You are not the man who said this, and you are not the one who said that,” Palicki responded. “You are the one who approved it. I am trying to make you sleep easier.”

Palicki responded that he would take it up with the police department.

“Thank you very much,” responded Palicki. “I won’t.”
District 219 hires leader for new math partnership

BY NATALIE HAYES
For Sun-Times Media / @NatHayReporter

A math department chair at a large northwest suburban high school has been recruited by Niles Township School District 219 to lead a K-12 math program under a new partnership to streamline curriculum with Skokie School District 69.

Steven Shadel was appointed by the District 219 school board Sept. 22 as the director of K-12 math curriculum and instructional supervision—one of two roles District 219 created this year to lead STEM curriculum at both school districts.

Shadel—who left Jacobs High School in Algonquin for the new position with District 219 paying $105,000—will be responsible for creating a new set of math curriculum aligned with STEM learning and the state's Common Core Standards.

The partnership between Districts 219 and 69 is coined "Classrooms First Consolidation." The initiative aims to ensure consistency in teaching, curriculum, and programming in each grade level from kindergarten through senior year of high school, for better college preparedness.

As part of the joint agreement, formed in August between Districts 219 and 69, Shadel will work with both school districts to help coordinate and apply math curriculum within the STEM program—a key component of the school districts' overall plan to get students better prepared for college.

Shadel was hired to work under former District 219 science director Lois Wisniewski, who was appointed as the executive director of K-12 STEM in August.

Shadel and Wisniewski are the first staff members brought on board by District 219 to oversee the initiative.

The former math leader at District 300 earned a master's degree in educational leadership from Concordia University, and a bachelor's degree in mathematics and secondary education from Judson University.

He is currently a doctoral student at Concordia, and is the "Illinois Team Leader" for the National Council for Supervisors of Mathematics, according to information from District 219.

Shadel's contract begins immediately, and he will start working out of District 69 this week, according to a press release from District 219.

District 69 is one of nine elementary school districts that feed into the Niles Township high school district, and is so far the only school district to partner with the high school to align learning standards.

Aside from its academic focus, there's also a financial incentive to bring down some expenses for District 219.

According to information from the school district, more than $3.4 million is spent on remedial programming annually. District 219 has agreed to spend up to $2 million on the consolidation plan.

Trustee Shel Marcus meets president of Panama

Shel Marcus, a Morton Grove Village Trustee, B'nai Brith International board member and national membership chair, recently attended a B'nai Brith International Policy Forum in Panama City, Panama. The forum, the second international gathering in its 170-year history, presented an informative program of lectures and small interactive sessions dealing with global anti-Semitism, interfaith understanding, and addressing terrorism throughout the world.

The event was co-hosted by B'nai Brith District XXII, North Latin America, the Caribbean and the Irving Zapp Lodge of Panama. Speakers included Panama's president Juan Carlos Varela, former president of Uruguay Julio Maria Sanguinetti, and a closed circuit conference with Yuval Steinitz, Israeli Minister of Intelligence and Strategic Affairs.

Marcus, also a past president of B'nai Brith's Midwest Region, presented to both President Varela and former president Sanguinetti a specially-designed commemorative pin celebrating B'nai Brith International's 170th anniversary.

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Mayor Andrew Przybylo didn't turn off the charm when he visited the Niles Teen Center recently, pitching a new standalone facility integrated with music stores and a fast-food restaurant.

His Sept. 18 visit was part of the center’s long-running Speaker Series, which features village officials, artists and other guests who might bring something interesting and informative.

In addition to answering questions about politics, the mayor took the opportunity to lay out his vision for the future of the Teen Center: a larger, freestanding facility that could incorporate businesses and services.

Teen Center director Mark Williams sees the Speaker Series as a way to educate teens. Past speakers have included comic book artist Josh Elder, Niles Fitness Center yoga instructor Marty Hedrich, GameStop employee Beth Molina and staff of the Erika’s LightHouse adolescent depression awareness group.

Przybylo opened his speech with praise for the center teens.

"I don't think I can teach you as much as you can teach me," he said. "You've seen a lot more of this world than I have when I was your age. I'm just a 63-year-old, trying to keep up."

Przybylo then talked about how he got elected, explaining how he and his Miles New Party slate were able to take advantage of the voter data to improve their voter outreach efforts. He also talked about what he personally did to appeal to voters.

"Election is about selling a Happy Meal," he said. "Election is about convincing you that I can solve all your problems. What is my Happy Meal? Low taxes and great services."

Przybylo cited one particular, seemingly mundane issue that resonated with voters.

"One of the things that got me lots of votes is skunks," he said. "Everybody hates skunks. So I said, 'Let's bring back animal control.'"

When Przybylo invited teens to ask questions, Josie Bravo was the first to raise her hand.

"Can you bring a store called 'Hot Topic' to Golf Mill Mall?" she asked.

The California-based chain, which was originally known for goth-themed clothing and accessories, currently specializes in broader pop-culture-themed items. Once Williams explained to Przybylo what it was, the mayor said he'd look into it.

"I'll promise I'll write a letter to the owner and ask," he said.

Omar Yanez inquired about the progress on the Niles Park District's Skate Park project. Przybylo admitted that he wasn't entirely sure, but he expressed frustration that it was taking so long.

"It should have been done two years ago," he said.

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Williams stepped in to explain that construction has already started, and that it should be open in the next few weeks.

Bella Principe asked Przybylo about plans for the Touhy Avenue.

"We hope to put in about $1 million to repair the Leaning Tower of Niles, so that you would be able to climb on top of it," he replied.

Przybylo added that the village was planning to turn the corridor into an entertainment destination.

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"I think you guys deserve a better space," he said. "I think it should be a standalone, multi-faceted facility."

Ultimately, he envisioned something akin to the Niles Senior Center.

"There is no reason why seniors should have it better than you guys," he said.

Przybylo acknowledged that the vision wouldn't be cheap, and said that, even if it doesn't come to pass, he will push for smaller improvements.

"We'll try to refurbish it, we'll try to get longer service hours," he said. "That's my commitment to you."
Consultant abruptly drops library job

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
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The Niles Public Library hired a consultant to help analyze its staffing last month, only to see the consultant withdraw a little over a week later, setting the process back another month.

The Library Board of Trustees chose Chicago-based NextLevel-NPO during a special Sept. 4 meeting. The board has been looking for a staffing consultant since July. The consultant would have looked at the library's existing organizational structure, staff and how it conducts its operations, and come up with suggestions for improvements.

It is not clear what made NextLevel decide to withdraw. They offered no explanation to the library, and they declined to comment to Pioneer Press. The Library Board will now go back to the remaining bidders to pick out a candidate—something that it expects to do during the regularly scheduled October meeting.

Earlier this year, Library Financial Manager Greg Pritz, then-Director Linda Weiss, and assistant directors Susan Lempke and Barbara Kruser came up with a proposal to significantly change the library's organizational chart. The goal was to create something more modern and more efficient.

Some aspects of their proposal, such as merging the Page Services Department into Patron Services Department—were implemented. But during the summer, other aspects—most notably the creation of the new Digital Services department—stalled.

During the June meeting, Board President Morgan Dubiel said that he felt that the proposed changes were too confusing and urged the board to hire a staffing consultant before approving anything else. In July, the board wound up giving Pritz a go-ahead to look for potential companies.

During the special meeting, the board voted 4-2 to approve NextLevel's contract, with Trustees Linda Ryan and Karen Dimond voting against. Trustee Barbara Nagamishi was absent. Dimond had previously expressed reservations about hiring a staffing consultant, arguing that Pritz has shown that he had good ideas as and that it would be more cost-effective for the library to handle it in-house.

NextLevel was supposed to be paid $42,000 for its services, plus an estimated $1,500 in expenses. According to the NextLevel proposal, the company planned to work for at least three months. Their work would have been split into three phases. During the first phase, it planned to collect data, interviewing library officials and collecting data. During the second phase, it would use the information it collected to come up with recommendations for improving efficiency of library resources, create the new organizational chart and make suggestions about how it can best use technology to serve the community. During the third phase, it would use the board feedback to refine and adjust their recommendations.

In the proposal document, NextLevel said it anticipated working with the library. "We believe that our experience, data and fact driven approach, and our commitment to common sense, [and] workable solutions make us a good partner," it stated.

But on Sept. 15, the day NextLevel was scheduled to begin the first round of interviews, the consultant informed Niles Library attorney Dennis Walsh that it was pulling out of the project. Walsh told Pioneer Press that the company didn't give him any explanation for its actions.

When contacted by Pioneer Press, Kelly Dettman, NextLevel's co-partner, declined to comment and hung up.

The Library Board publicly announced what happened during its regular, Sept. 17 meeting. After a short discussion, it decided to look at the remaining bidders during the next regularly scheduled meeting, which will take place on Oct. 15.
Niles

Ethics Board: Village employees shouldn’t have to share affiliations

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
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If the Niles Ethics Board has its way, village employees wouldn’t need to report what organizations they’re involved in outside work — something that the employee handbook currently requires them to do.

The Ethics Board voted unanimously Sept. 16 to suggest the Village Board strike that rule from the handbook. Board chairman Tony Gaudio has been opposed to it since it was adopted two years ago. He has argued that it was a needlessly restriction on employees’ freedoms.

It is now up to Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo to decide whether the matter will go before the Village Board; the change won’t become binding unless the board approves it.

The issue wasn’t discussed during the September meeting, but Przybylo is free to put it on the agenda for any future meetings.

The issue originally arose in late 2011. In December, Joseph Penze, who then served as a division commander at the Niles Police Department, was appointed a second vice-president of the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The position would make him eligible to become the organization’s president within two years.

In December 2011, then-trustee Louella Preston approached the Ethics Board with a concern that, if he became president, it would create a conflict of interest. She argued that police officers, whose job it is to enforce business regulations, shouldn’t lead organizations representing businesses.

In February 2012, the Ethics Board voted to add a new passage to Section 1.12 of the employee handbook. The passage stated that “employees who hold or are considered for appointment or election as a board member, director, or officer of a non-governmental social, athletic, business or charitable organization shall notify their immediate supervisor of such current or pending appointment.”

The Village Board approved it later that year.

Gaudio, who was then a non-ranking member of the ethics board, was the only one to vote against the change. He argued that it went too far, arguing that village employees shouldn’t be required to report what organizations they are involved in outside work.

“It’s a perfect example of too much government,” Gaudio said at the time.

In June 2014, the Village Board made some revisions to the employee handbook and sent them to the Ethics Board for review. In an interview with Pioneer Press, Gaudio said he decided to use the review as an opportunity to try to get the notification requirement overturned.

“Now, we have two new members, so now, I have a potential to make a change,” he said.

The board ultimately decided to vote on the issue during its Sept. 16 meeting.

During the meeting, Gaudio reiterated the argument he made two years earlier.

“We need to stand up for the rights of village employees,” he said. “Sometimes, in our haste to make rules, we overlook the rights of people.”

Gaudio argued that the preceding paragraph of Section 1.12 is enough to prevent the conflict on interest issues. That paragraph prohibits village employees from conducting “any business or preparations” related to jobs they hold outside the village. It also prohibits village employees from using village facilities, equipment and stuff in any way that’s related to their outside employment.

He also argued that revealing what organizations they belong to could create problems.

“What if someone wants to join a gay group, or a Muslim group?” said Gaudio. “Islam isn’t a popular religion [in United States] right now. That’s something they might want to keep to themselves.”

The other board members agreed. As they prepared to vote, Gaudio asked Village Attorney Joseph Annunziato about the phrasing. He argued that there is one situation where the village should still know about employees’ outside activities.

“[It should make sure] that someone isn’t involved in clubs or organizations that meet during work hours,” he said.

Gaudio accepted the change, and the Ethics Board unanimously approved the amended motion.

It is now up to the mayor to decide whether it will be brought before the Village Board, or when.

In an interview after the meeting, Gaudio said that, whatever happens, he would continue to push for the change. He sees it as his duty as an Ethics Board member.

“I’m going to protect the rights of the people, not just go after bad guys,” he said.
Letters

Keep our waterways clean

As a River Forest resident since age 7, I could not possibly count the number of times I have benefitted from our local waterways. Picnics by the lake, strolls along the Des Plaines, as well as plenty of sandy summer fun on Chicago's beaches, yes, I think we all can agree that these waters provide wonderful opportunities for recreation, relaxation, and endless fun with family and friends.

That said, I'm enraged to hear about the recent debates about water legislation in Congress. As of now, 55 percent of our waterways remain unprotected from pollution. The EPA submitted a proposal in April to close up gaps in the Clean Water Act, but the proposal faced aggressive pushback in the house, which was fueled primarily by misinformation put forth by Big Ag and The Farmer's Bureau that the proposal would limit farmers' autonomy over their waterways. Contrary to this belief, the proposal actually explicitly states in many places that the protection extensions will not apply to converted agricultural land, so farmers have nothing to fear from this proposal.

This month, the House passed Bill HR-5078 onto the Senate. The bill threatens to bar the EPA from taking any action to improve water protections. With 40 percent of our lakes already too polluted for swimming, aquatic life, or drinking, this is obviously a major mistake.

So I'm urging you, as fellow River Foresters and fellow humans dependent on clean water, let's all take the initiative to contact our state senators and district representatives to ensure we can count on clean water for ourselves and for generations to come. It's really the least we could do.

Victoria Reese
River Forest

Divine inspiration: Divvy expanding to the suburbs

As regular readers know, I'm not always a fan of expanding government. But I know a good idea when I see one. Expanding Divvy bikes to Oak Park and Evanston is definitely it. Can we get Skokie, Park Ridge and Elmwood Park on the list soon?

I spent a few days last week tooling around Chicago and wishing I had a better way to get around than my car, Metra or the CTA.

It all started with a trip to Wrigley Field from northern Lake County for the Cubs final home game of the season and a chance to see some old friends. I thought if I left early enough, I would have no problem driving to Wrigley Field.

The trip wasn't too bad, and my game plan of taking Route 41 to the Edens Expressway through the junction and exiting at Irving Park Road or Addison Street seemed reasonable, at first. I admit it was a little more complex than staying on the Addison Street bus - instead of getting off at Western to go to school — and waiting in line for bleacher seats. But it seemed doable.

That fantasy ended just a few yards beyond the junction when I tried to exit at Irving Park Road. Progress became slower than a crawl at that point.

The opportunity to hook up with my friends at the Cubs shuttle went out the window. So I decided to park somewhere near Wrigley Field and walk to the park. I had done it many times over the years, even with the city cracking down by creating neighborhood parking zones near Wrigley. By maneuvering through Ravenswood, I found a spot pretty close, just a couple blocks west of Ashland and north of Irving Park.

Not ideal, but walkable.

Then the thought occurred to me that if I had thrown the bikes on the back of the car, we'd really be in business. But I didn't.

Then it hit me. Divvy bikes, the city bike rental system. Unfortunately, there were no Divvy stations near Lake View High School, so I was out of luck.

The next day I was attending a seminar near Fullerton and Ashland and conveniently took the Metra, getting off at Clybourn and walking the six blocks to my class. Because of the train schedules, I arrived early. Again, I thought it would be great to have a bike to explore the neighborhood. I could have put it on the train, but the hassle of a bike on a crowded train didn't appeal to me. Still, a bike station at Armitage and Ashland would have been ideal.

Which brings me to the great news of this week: The Divvy bike system is expanding to Oak Park and Evanston. What a great idea!

Before moving to Lake County, I often biked around Oak Park — to Scoville Park, the library, Hemingway Home, even to work at the Oak Leaves Building. And while trying to get around Evanston by car, I've often envied the bike riders, who didn't have to park in Davis Street garage and walk to the lakefront.

As regular readers know, I'm not always a fan of expanding government. But I know a good idea when I see one. Expanding Divvy bikes to Oak Park and Evanston is definitely it.

Can we get Skokie, Park Ridge and Elmwood Park on the list soon?
Penny Lane

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Same old problems for Baby Boomers

PBS is showing a documentary about the Boomer generation. I plan on missing it. Who wants to spend an hour or two listening to aging middle-managers lecturing that all other generations from the time of Alexander the Great to 1946 were no good and how they, the Boomers, invented civil rights, real music, sex, freedom of expression and deep-dish pizza?

Boomers always were boors. But at least they used to be young and brash boors. Now, they are elderly, repetitive, boring boors who mistakenly (or wishfully) remember themselves as the center point of human history. Before them everything was wrong. Then they came. And now everything is right?

Sure. Just watch the news. Baby Boomers are those Americans born from 1946 to 1964. So they now are between the ages of 50 and 68. They were the kids of World War II vets. Their decade was the 1960s, in which their liberalism turned America around. They righted the wrongs and up-tightness of all preceding generations. So the legend goes. But if that is so, where did all the extreme right-wing Republicans come from? It is they who dominate government.

Like all legends, the Boomers' view of history contains not only some truth but also a lot of wishful thinking.

No, the Boomers are just like everyone else. They tried. They did their best. They had some successes. They had some failures.

The world is a mess today. And the Boomers have to take their share of responsibility. But I bet that won't be on PBS's documentary. The clue is that the program is being shown on the series American Masters.

American Masters. Just how the Boomers want to be seen.

Not that I'm unsympathetic. At age 50 to 68, the Boomers have a lot of problems they probably never thought they would.

For instance, they can't read small print any more. They could read large-type books, then. But will the generation that made cosmetic surgery into a recreational pastime take to books with larger type?

Will Baby Boomers tote to their health club big-type books that announce their age group?

Well, they could listen to books.

But then they probably don't hear as well as they used to, either.

These are the kinds of problems the Boomers face today.

These are the problems I'd like to hear confronted by the Boomers. I could use their advice and help. Let me know when that show comes on.
Lovesick: Impact of cancer on commitment, romance, sex and true love

LOVE ESSENTIALLY
BY
JACKIE PILOSSOPH

I feel like every week, I get a call from someone who asks, “Did you hear about so and so? He (or she) has cancer.” Learning that kind of news is upsetting and scary, as I can’t even imagine how devastating a cancer diagnosis must feel.

But what about the person’s significant other? Isn’t that person getting the diagnosis, too? That leads to the question, “How does having cancer affect a couple’s relationship, specifically when it comes to commitment, romance, sex and true love?”

Dr. Stacy Sanford is a Clinical Health Psychologist at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center at Northwestern, and said that no two couples have the same experience, and that the effect of cancer on the relationship depends on so many factors, which can include the individual, the strength of the relationship, and the severity of the illness.

“Cancer completely derails people, and they go through a whole range of emotions including anxiety, fear, anger, sadness and hopelessness,” said Sanford, who holds a Ph.D in clinical psychology, and who is also an assistant professor in the departments of Psychiatric and Behavioral Medicine and Medical Social Sciences at Northwestern.

Sanford said oftentimes, roles and responsibilities change in the relationship, which can cause conflict. For example, the person with cancer might have always been the primary caretaker, and is now dependent on his or her spouse.

“A lot of people worry about being a burden on their loved ones,” she said. “I hear that almost every day, and I remind people that their spouse feels helpless, and desperately wants to help. If you give them something to do, you are helping them help you.”

As far as the caregiver, Sanford explained that it’s important that he or she not neglect taking care of themselves.

“Before you know it, three days have gone by and the person hasn’t showered,” she said.

Romance and Sex

According to the website Cancer.net, emotional and physical effects of cancer can cause low sex drive. On the other hand, the crisis can bring couples closer together, and they might end up having sex more often than usual.

Having watched a dear friend endure chemotherapy and radiation a few years ago, I can attest to the way the drugs affected her. My friend was nauseous and tired most of the time, and because her immune system was so compromised, she got sick very often. She also had no hair and lost a lot of muscle mass, so she wasn’t feeling very physically attractive.

But, I watched the way her husband adored her throughout the whole ordeal, from day one until now. The way he was constantly touching her, putting his hand on her leg or his arm around her, holding her hand and kissing her was absolutely beautiful to see. I truly believed his love and affection played a huge role in her healing and recovery.

I’ve also seen couples go the other direc-

Cancer really does test relationships. Then again, there are countless other life changes that do the same thing. But I have to believe that one silver lining of cancer is knowing the one you love most in the world was there for you when you needed him or her the most.

Isn’t that the definition of true love?

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**Niles**
7900 N Caldwell Ave: Bari LLC-Niles to 7900 N Caldwell LLC for $4,500,000 on Aug. 14

600 W Wood River Drive, #101: Peter A Statland and Heidi S Hollay to Jennifer L Veller for $122,000 on Aug. 15

8615 W Golf Road, #12c: Jashika Dias to Yunus E Lightwala and Nafisa Y Lightwala for $115,000 on Aug. 13

**Morton Grove**
8630 Waukegan Road, #114: Allison Greene Trust, Rachel Stern Trust, Shirley L Levy Trust and L Levy Shirley Trust to Elena Grajdeanu for $116,000 on Aug. 14

6330 Lincoln Ave, #5: Michael H Kruse and Linda V Kruse to Levon Poladian for $71,000 on Aug. 14

8611 Ferris Ave: Daniel Latzke and Amy G Latzke to Russell V Dequilla and Lora M Dequilla for $444,000 on Aug. 15

**Park Ridge**
758 N Washington Ave: Helen Elliott to Brian Jacobs and Nicole Jacobs for $280,000 on Aug. 13

1109 Courtland Ave: Nicholas R Engler and Kathleen B Engler for $290,000 on Aug. 14

**Glenview**
19 Elm St: Bruce Smaha and Barbara Smaha to Brian Smaha and Amanda Smaha for $300,000 on Aug. 13

1107 Elm St: Michael M Dillon and Marcia E Dillon to Paul A Mariani and Kristi Mariani for $25,000 on Aug. 11

**Lincolnwood**
6557 N Keating Ave: Mark Magnuson and David L Magnuson to Patrick J Kaniff and Amy L Kaniff for $275,000 on Aug. 15

6557 N Kilpatrick Ave: Leslie W MacDonald Trust, Leslie W MacDonald Trust, W MacDonald Leslie Trust and J Fred MacDonald to Joseph Vitacco and Roxa Vitacco for $282,000 on Aug. 14

**Skokie**
8541 Lotus Ave, #902: Abraham Paskik to Neelofar Mukhtar and Bram Paskik for $94,000 on Aug. 12

9518 Le Claire Ave: Mohammad D Sakander and Zohra Pirzad to Sunday Adebiyi for $330,000 on Aug. 12

9111 N Crawford Ave: Epifanio Estrada and Leonarda Estrada to Michael A Metzer and Meaghan E Bullock for $338,500 on Aug. 11

4160 Cove Lane, #4160: Sin-Kiat Lee and Shin-Shiang Chen to Theodore Y Golota for $125,000 on Aug. 15

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5113 N Oneida Ave: Wesley Glenn Gebhardt and Karen Ann Gebhardt to Dragan Petkovic and Daniela Petkovic for $230,000 on Aug. 15

7839 W Winoia St: Bryan F Thalhammer and Carol A Torselli to Jerzy Dziedzic and Monika Luczar for $274,500 on Aug. 15

4919 Clifton Ave: Ihor Hedesh to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc for $265,000 on Aug. 13

**Des Plaines**
8846 Dee Road: Mark Two Enterprises LLC to Oleg Regirer for $116,500 on Aug. 14

8916 Briar Court, #8916: Vijaykant N Kohari to Anellya Frys for $52,000 on Aug. 13

4919 Clifton Ave: Ihor Hedesh to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc for $286,200 on Aug. 13

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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. Call 847-663-1234.

Rosetta Stone Demo
7 p.m.: Learn how to set up an account and use Rosetta Stone to learn a new language. The program is available for free from the library. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

TUESDAY, OCT. 7
Preschool Story Time
10 a.m.: Stories, songs, and action rhymes for children ages 3-5. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

CJE SeniorLife Resource Counseling
12:30 p.m.: Make an appointment for a private session with a Resource Specialist from CJE SeniorLife. Trained to counsel adults 60 and older, their families and caregivers. Sixty-minute sessions are available. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 773-508-1054.

Family Story Time
7 p.m.: Stories, songs and activities for families with children ages 2-6. Attendees are welcome to wear pajamas. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. For more information, call 847-663-1234.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8
Library Volunteer Information Session
10 a.m.: Learn more about volunteering at the library in this one-hour session, followed by a library tour and an informal individual chat. Duties may include helping staff or helping with special events and programs a few hours a week. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

SATURDAY, OCT. 11
Niles Public Library Blood Drive
10 a.m.: Blood donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh 110 pounds, be in general good health and being identification. Donors should have breakfast or lunch prior to donating. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.
Manga/Anime Appreciation Club
7 p.m.: Teens meet to talk and discuss manga and anime. Japanese refreshments will be served.
Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-673-7774.

**Fun with Science: The Wonders of Science**
3 p.m.: Learn about science through games and experiments for kids in second to fifth grade.
Registration required. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-324-3149.

**Princess Ball**
5 p.m.: Join Disney princesses Cinderella, Jasmine and Elsa for a night of dancing and dining.
Participants can wear their best ballroom attire. Exploratorium, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-674-1500, $30-$36 per couple.

**Harmonica 101**
11 a.m.: Joe Filisko from the Old Town School of Folk Music returns for a second class on learning how to properly hold the harmonica, breath control and playing blues and folk tunes. Participants should bring a harmonica in the key of C or purchase one from Joe for $5. For more information or to register, go to www.calendar.mgpl.org or call 847-929-5101. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

**Park Ridge Pauhellenic Club Meeting**

**Fear City Haunted House Behind the Scenes Tour**
Noon: Learn how professional haunted houses are made to look so real. Participants meet off site at 8240 Austin Ave. in Morton Grove. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-673-7774.

**Park Ridge Farmers Market**
7:30 a.m.: The Skokie Farmers Market brings vendors in from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin that sell fresh produce, cheeses, spices, flowers and other sundry items. Select days offer entertainment such as live music. Dogs and pets are not allowed in the market. The Skokie Farmers Market open since 1975 is sponsored by the Consumer Affairs Commission. Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-673-0500.

**Story Time for All Ages**
1:30 p.m.: Stories, songs and finger plays for the whole family. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

**Lego Mania**
4 p.m.: Lego building for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8.1 OF ARTICLE I OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION

SECTION 8.1. CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS

(a) Crime victims, as defined by law, shall have the following rights as provided by law:

1. The right to be treated with fairness and respect for their dignity and privacy and to be free from harassment, intimidation, and abuse throughout the criminal justice process.
2. The right to notice and to a hearing before a court ruling on a request for access to any of the victim's records, information, or communications which are privileged or confidential by law.
3. The right to timely notification of all court proceedings.
4. The right to communicate with the prosecution.
5. The right to be heard at any post-arraignment court proceeding in which a right of the victim is at issue and any court proceeding involving a post-arraignment release decision, plea, or sentencing, make a statement to the court at sentencing.
6. The right to be notified of information about the conviction, the sentence, the imprisonment, and the release of the accused.
7. The right to timely disposition of the case following the arrest of the accused.
8. The right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process.
9. The right to have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in denying or fixing the amount of bail, determining whether to release the defendant, and setting conditions of release after arrest and conviction.
10. The right to be present at the trial and all other court proceedings on the same basis as the accused, unless the victim is to testify and the court determines that the victim's testimony would be materially affected if the victim hears other testimony at the trial.
11. The right to have present at all court proceedings, subject to the rules of evidence, an advocate and other support person of the victim's choice.
12. The right to restitution.

(b) The victim has standing to assert the rights enumerated in subsection (a) in any court exercising jurisdiction over the case. The victim does not have party status. The court shall promptly rule on a victim's request. The victim may not have statutory representation. The court shall promptly rule on a victim's request. The victim does not have standing to assert the rights of a victim. The court may not appoint an attorney for the victim under this Section. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to alter the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the prosecuting attorney.

(c) The General Assembly may provide for an assessment against convicted defendants to pay for crime victims' rights.

(d) Nothing in this Section or any law enacted under this Section creates a cause of action in equity or at law for compensation, attorney's fees, or damages against the State, a political subdivision of the State, an officer, employee, or agent of the State or of any political subdivision of the State, or an officer or employee of the court, or in any law enacted under.

(c) Nothing in this Section or any law enacted under this Section shall be construed as creating (1) a basis for vacating a conviction or (2) a ground for any relief requested by the defendant appellate relief.

EXPLANATION

The Constitution sets forth substantial rights for crime victims. The proposed amendment expands certain current rights:

1) Victims are currently entitled to fairness and respect throughout the criminal justice process. The amendment would also provide that they shall be protected from harassment, intimidation and abuse.
2) Victims currently may make a statement to the court when a criminal defendant is sentenced to punishment. The amendment would allow a victim to be heard at any proceeding that involves the victim's rights, and any proceeding involving a plea agreement, release of the defendant or convicted individual, or sentencing.
3) Victims may obtain information about conviction, sentencing, imprisonment or release. The amendment would require prosecutors and the court to notify victims of those events before they happen.

The amendment would also grant additional rights to crime victims:

1) A victim would have a right to formal notice and a hearing before the court rules on any request for access to the victim's information which is privileged or confidential information.
2) A victim would have the right to have the judge consider the victim's safety and the safety of his or her family before deciding whether to release a criminal defendant, setting the amount of bail to be paid before release, or setting conditions of release after arrest or conviction.
3) The victim would have the right to assert his or her rights in any court with jurisdiction over the criminal case, but would not have the same rights as the prosecutor or the criminal defendant and the court could not appoint an attorney for the victim at taxpayer expense.

The proposed amendment would not alter the powers, duties or responsibilities of the prosecutor. Further, a criminal defendant would not be able to challenge his or her conviction on the basis of a failure to follow these provisions.

FORM OF BALLOT

Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution

Explanation of Amendment

The proposed amendment makes changes to Section 8.1 of Article I of the Illinois Constitution, the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights. The proposed amendment would expand certain rights already granted to
crime victims in Illinois, and give crime victims the ability to enforce their rights in a court of law. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

YES   For the proposed amendment of Section 8.1 of Article I of the Illinois Constitution

NO

To the Electors of the State of Illinois:

The purpose of a state constitution is to establish a structure for government and laws. There are three ways to initiate change to the Illinois Constitution: (1) a constitutional convention may propose changes to any part; (2) the General Assembly may propose changes to any part; or (3) a petition initiative may propose amendments limited to structural and procedural subjects contained in the Legislative Article. The people of Illinois must approve any changes to the Constitution before they become effective.

The proposed amendment adds a new section to the Suffrage and Elections Article of the Illinois Constitution. The section would ensure no person could be denied the right to register to vote or cast a ballot based on his or her race, color, ethnicity, status as a member of a language minority, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or income. At the general election to be held on November 4, 2014, you will be called upon to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ADD SECTION 8 TO ARTICLE III OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE III – SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 8. VOTER DISCRIMINATION

No person shall be denied the right to register to vote or to cast a ballot in an election based on race, color, ethnicity, status as a member of a language minority, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or income.

EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment would prohibit any law or procedure that intentionally discriminates or has an unequal effect upon the right of a person to register to vote or cast a ballot based on the voter's race, color, ethnicity, status as a member of a language minority, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or income. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

FORM OF BALLOT

Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution

Explanation of Amendment

The proposed amendment adds a new section to the Suffrage and Elections Article of the Illinois Constitution. The proposed amendment would prohibit any law that disproportionately affects the rights of eligible Illinois citizens to register to vote or cast a ballot based on the voter's race, color, ethnicity, status as a member of a language minority, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or income. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

YES   For the proposed addition of Section 8 to Article III of the Illinois Constitution

NO

CAPITOL BUILDING SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Jesse White, Secretary of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Proposed Amendments, the Explanation of the Proposed Amendments, Arguments in Favor of the Amendments and Arguments Against the Amendments and a true copy of the Form of Ballot for this call as the regularly scheduled general election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, as set forth in compliance with the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Illinois. Done in the City of Springfield, this 27th day of June, 2014.

Jesse White
Secretary of State

These voter information materials are available in written format in English, Chinese, Polish, Hindi and Spanish, and Braille and in audio format in English. For more information visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com or write the Secretary of State's office at 111 East Monroe Street, Springfield, IL 62756.

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Niniejsze wyborcze materiały informacyjne dostępne są w formie pisemnej w języku angielskim, chińskim, polskim, hindi i hiszpańskim, a także walfabcie Braille'a oraz w formacie dźwiękowym w języku angielskim. Więcej informacji można uzyskać na stronie www.cyberdriveillinois.com lub listownie w biurze Sekretarza Stanu pod adresem 111 East Monroe Street, Springfield, IL 62756.

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Blockbuster or flop?
The Movie Review section has the scoop.

Get up and go

Your guide to the weekend and beyond

Every Thursday
Dear Help Squad,

The Village of Skokie did construction on our street this summer. On July 10, they accidentally hit a gas pipe. Nicor was called; they came out and told us a tree had to be removed to fix the pipe. While doing the repair, Nicor severed a line from our sprinkler system and then removed only part of the tree. The tree is now dying. We were given a number to call, but when we called, we were put in a continuous loop. There was no way to speak to a real person unless we were reporting an emergency. We then contacted the Village of Skokie, who responded immediately that they'd be in touch with Nicor. The Village of Skokie's Manager's Office has reported this problem several times to Nicor. Ten weeks have now passed and it is getting colder. We have a big hole in our lawn, a large pile of dirt that is growing weeds and a dying pine tree. Our kids have not been able to play in our yard for a long time and we need to have maintenance done on our sprinkler system before it freezes. Even if everything gets fixed immediately, the grass will never be the same. We really need Nicor to come out and make these repairs.

Please help us, Help Squad!

Sincerely,

Renee,

Skokie

In the interest of obtaining results for her as quickly as possible, Help Squad tackled Renee's issue from two different angles. First, because Renee's letter would be running in an upcoming Help Squad column, we wanted to provide Nicor the courtesy of letting its media relations department know in advance in case Nicor wished to respond.

We then proceeded to dial the Nicor number Renee provided. There was some unintended comical confusion upon dialing this number due to the fact that it was one digit off the actual Nicor toll-free line. The automated greeting at this number went something like this: "Are you over 65? ... Would you like to receive a restaurant.com gift card and hundreds of dollars in coupons each week? ... Press star to receive a call from one of our operators."

Hmmm, Nicor seemed very friendly, but something was not quite right.

Once we figured out we were NOT calling Nicor, Help Squad tracked down the correct number and made the call. Renee was right. Comic in its own way, Nicor's phone tree would prove a challenge for all but the most dedicated button-pusher. In providing Renee the general Nicor toll-free number, she was given no instruction as to which option she should select in order to speak with a real live person.

None of the five phone tree choices were applicable and none offered the option to be connected to a representative.

Help Squad later figured out that if you push an "invalid entry" four times — i.e., any number that is not an actual choice — you will be transferred to a representative.

Then, prior to tackling the Nicor phone tree a second time, Help Squad received the following email from Nicor Gas Spokesperson Janille Miller:

"We are aware of [Renee's] issue, and we are making arrangements ... to resolve the matter quickly. Addressing the needs of our customers and providing excellent service are important to us. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. We hope to have this matter resolved by the end of the week."

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EDITORS NOTE: Content appears as it is provided in public records. To see all Niles building permits, visit niles.suntimes.com.

1 Service walk
Address: 7013 W. Dobson St., Niles
Issue date: June 16
Permit cost: $40
Construction cost: $2,500

2 Sewer repair/clean out
Address: 7705 N. Harlem Ave., Niles
Issue date: June 16
Permit cost: $80
Construction cost: $1,950

3 Sign - electrical/non-electric
Address: 7625 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles
Issue date: June 19
Permit cost: $110
Construction cost: $800

4 Parking lot
Address: 7601 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles
Issue date: June 20
Permit cost: $95
Construction cost: $600

5 Water heater
Address: 7577 N. Osceola Ave., Niles
Issue date: June 20
Permit cost: $160
Construction cost: $10,849

6 Roof (commercial and residential)
Address: 7049 W. Keeney St., Niles
Issue date: June 19
Permit cost: $65
Construction cost: $1,975

7 Single family - remodel
Address: 7120 W. Keeney St., Niles
Issue date: June 19
Permit cost: $642
Construction cost: $31,800

8 Fence
Address: 8140 N. Octavia Ave., Niles
Issue date: June 20
Permit cost: $25
Construction cost: $1,000

9 Sign - electrical/non-electric
Address: 7530 W. Oakton St., Niles
Issue date: June 19
Permit cost: $25
Construction cost: $3,680

10 Driveway
Address: 7350 N. Croname Road, Niles
Issue date: June 16
Permit cost: $20
Construction cost: $680

11 Fence
Address: 6573 W. Ebinger Drive, Niles
Issue date: June 20
Permit cost: $25
Construction cost: $1,000

BIZ NOTES

- Dr. Jorge Saucedo, division head of cardiology at NorthShore University HealthSystem, has been appointed to the board of directors of the American Heart Association, Midwest Affiliate for a two-year term. In this role, the Winnetka resident will help lead the achievement of the association's mission to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke, through oversight of local revenue generation and health impact activities.

- The board of directors of the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council is pleased to announce the selection of Daniel T. Yunker as the new president and CEO. Yunker will succeed Kevin Scanlan, who is retiring and will serve in an advisory role as president emeritus during the transition.

- Seven new hospitalist physicians have joined the staff of Lake Forest Hospital, doubling the number of hospitalists on staff who are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to hospitalized patients and their families. Hospitalists are board-certified in internal medicine but do not have an outside private practice, instead choosing to manage the care of hospital patients, including those in the intensive care unit. Lake Forest Hospital's new hospitalists include: Anub Abraham, MD; Ratika Gupta, MD; Diana A. Guse, MD; Alice Jacob, MD; Amith Kumar R. Patel, MD, MBA, FACP, SFHM; Jehanzeb A. Sheikhi, MD, and Dale Adam VanderWaal, MD.

- Beth Gaucher has joined the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau in DuPage County, as their new partner relations manager.

Do you or your company have news about grand openings, hires, promotions, awards or recognitions? Email your items to biznotes@pioneerlocal.
Dog lovers, cat fanciers and elected officials came to Morton Grove Saturday morning to celebrate the grand opening of Wright-Way Animal Rescue's new location at 5915 Lincoln Avenue.

The debut marked almost a full calendar year from last Oct. 2, when a runaway school bus crashed into Wright Way's building on Touhy Avenue in Niles in a freak accident.

No people or animals were hurt in that accident, but it forced the shelter to operate temporarily out of a small Des Plaines facility and cut back the number of animals Wright-Way could save, said Christy Anderson, the executive director. She founded the rescue while she was a student at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

"We're so thankful we had the Des Plaines space to continue to operate," Anderson said Saturday, minutes after Morton Grove Mayor Dan DiMaria, village trustees and Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce officials posed for a ribbon-cutting photo.

"And we're glad we're here to save the number of animals we're accustomed to saving," she added, saying the rescue was saving 5,000 animals per year before the ill-fated bus crash. It hopes to exceed those numbers.

Before the ribbon cutting, DiMaria welcomed the shelter as a boost to Lincoln Avenue, and said it would attract new customers to local businesses. China Chef restaurant is almost directly across the street.

"Never in our wildest dreams did we imagine it [Wright Way's facility] was going to be so beautiful," he said.

Many families with children and people who have previously adopted an animal from Wright-Way came out for the event.

"One of our two dogs is a Wright-Way dog we adopted in 2008," said David Friend of Chicago, who was taking photos of 9-week old puppies at the grand opening. "Christy found him on the side of the road. So we have a special fondness for these nice people."

Gloria Ilagan of Lincolnwood, brought her dog Susie, who she adopted from Wright-Way.

"They make sure the pets that are getting adopted are going to good families," Ilagan said. "That's what I like. And they're responsive to all your questions."

The Morton Grove facility has 13,000 square feet of space, and is almost three times larger than the old facility. Wright-Way's board of directors plans to put the extra room in the building, which they are calling the North Shore Humane Center for Adoption, Wellness and Community Education, to use by offering an expanded retail store as well as obedience classes, family service nights, children's birthday parties, private tours, junior volunteer opportunities and corporate team-building.

Shelby Waichuk, Wright-Way's Director of Operations, said the North Shore Humane Center will have the adoption wing and an educational wing and will also have a veterinary clinic next year.

Wright-Way has grown steadily since Anderson and her college roommate visited an animal control facility near Southern Illinois University, back when she was a pre-law student there.

"They told us everything on the left was going to be euthanized later that afternoon," she said, adding that they took home one dog and smuggled it into their dorm room.

"I felt helpless," she said. "I wanted to be able to do something — so I did. That was what started it."

She at first interested a few friends and family members into adopting animals, then listed Wright-Way on petfinder.com and adopted animals out of her parents' driveway.

"So the connection was made between people who wanted to adopt in the Chicago area as opposed to those who wanted to surrender animals in rural areas," she said.

That led to adopting out of a local Petco, and then the move to the Niles facility, where they stayed for several years before the bus crash.

"I've been doing this since 2002," she said, smiling. "It doesn't feel like that long."
Trend

2,000 volunteers help Misericordia fest raise $1.5 million

34TH ANNUAL MISERICORDIA FAMILY FEST
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Location: Misericordia Home, Chicago

Date: Sept. 7
Attended: 13,000+
Raised: $1.5 million

Sister Rosemary Connelly of Chicago, executive director of Misericordia (left) and her brother Joe Connelly of Westchester (all photos Lee A. Ittisa/for Sun-Times Media)

Nancy Turry of Lincolnwood runs the Heartstrings Gift Shop for Misericordia Heart of Mercy in Chicago

Joy Bowen of Winnetka

Tim and Wendy Grano of Lincolnwood (from left) wheel their sons, Cooper and Bennett

Jeff (from left), Carol and Ed Lisowski of Glenview
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Send us your holiday bazaar information
Pioneer Press will publish its annual holiday bazaar roundup in the issue of Nov. 6. To have your bazaar, craft fair or boutique in the listing, please send information about the event, including time, date, venue address and short description, to Debbie Hoppe at dhoppe@pioneerlocal.com. Deadline for submissions is Oct. 24.

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Remain calm after mammogram callback

Additional tests are likely for clarification

Going for a mammogram can induce anxiety and raise questions before, during and after the procedure. Receiving a callback for further views or testing can put women even more on edge. But very often, these procedures are nothing to worry about.

When a doctor requests additional mammogram views or even a biopsy, this doesn’t necessarily mean he or she has found cancer. It just means the doctor needs further clarification of an abnormality seen on the mammogram. Breast tissue is dense, and sometimes mammograms do not provide adequate views of all areas of the breast. An anomaly on a mammogram might be a benign calcification in the breast, a shadow or a noncancerous lump.

Getting called back for another look is quite common. The American Cancer Society says about 10 percent of women who have had a mammogram will be called back for more tests. Only about 1 percent of those women will require a biopsy. And among those who do, 80 percent of the biopsies turn out to be benign.

In general, most doctors will receive results of follow-up mammograms and biopsies within one to two weeks.

What to expect at a follow-up exam

There are different steps doctors can take to further clarify an anomaly in breast tissue. One of the first procedures is another mammogram, typically called a diagnostic mammogram. The breasts will be imaged, but this time it may take longer because more images may be ordered of particular areas of the breast or breasts. The breast tissue needs to be thinned out considerably in a mammogram, and this can be uncomfortable for women, particularly those with large breasts. Some doctors recommend scheduling a mammogram after your menstrual period has ended, and you can take a painkiller to minimize pain.

A doctor may order an ultrasound as well. A technician will apply a clear gel to your skin and ask you to lie back on a table. The technician will then pass a transducer on the breast. This device sends out high-frequency sound waves and maps the echoes it receives to form a picture. This ultrasound is the same type of procedure used to check a fetus during pregnancy. An ultrasound may diagnose an abnormality that a doctor cannot see well on a mammogram.

A doctor might resort to an MRI if ultrasound or a traditional mammogram prove inconclusive. MRI scans use magnets and radio waves to produce detailed images. There are now open MRI machines that minimize feelings of claustrophobia for those who have an aversion to the closed tubes of traditional machines.

If you need a biopsy, a needle may be pushed into the breast to capture fluid or tissue from the suspicious area. Some doctors make a small surgical incision to remove abnormal tissue. The sample will be examined under a microscope to determine the types of cells.

Learning about tests that are conducted for breast health can put women’s minds at ease while waiting for follow-up appointments and results. Discuss any questions you may have with your doctor and rest assured that a follow-up test is not indicative of a cancer diagnosis.

Metro Creative Connections

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Vitamin D and breast cancer link

Try as they may, the thousands upon thousands of medical researchers, scientists and doctors around the world have not yet figured out a way to eradicate cancer. Ongoing studies examining the disease as well as its risk factors may not have yielded a cure, but they certainly have helped shape a number of different methods of reducing risk and improving treatments.

Breast cancer is a prolific disease affecting a quarter of all women in the United States each year, annually claiming the lives of roughly 40,000 women. The Canadian Cancer Society says breast cancer accounted for 13.9 percent of the 36,100 female cancer deaths in 2013. Breast cancer remains the second

DID YOU KNOW?

When a person is diagnosed with breast cancer, tests are then conducted to study the cancer cells. According to the National Cancer Institute, such tests are used to determine how quickly the cancer may grow and the likelihood that the cancer will spread throughout the body. These tests also may help doctors determine a course of treatment and if a patient is likely to experience a recurrence of the cancer down the road.

One such test is the estrogen and progesterone receptor test, which measures the amount of estrogen and progesterone receptors in cancer tissue. The cancer may grow more quickly in patients who have more of these receptors than normal. In addition to measuring the amount of these hormones in the cancer tissue, an estrogen and progesterone test can determine if a treatment aimed at blocking estrogen and progesterone may prevent the cancer from growing.

Metro Creative Connections

SEE VITAMIN D, PAGE 4
Survivors and supporters stand up and speak out

BY WENDY ALTSCHULER  For Sun-Times Media

Six years ago, Jami Brenner was diagnosed with breast cancer — she tested positive for the BRCA gene mutation.

Taking a proactive approach, Jami had a double mastectomy. She didn’t stop there.

Jami insisted that her sisters go through the testing process. “As it turns out, both of my sisters ended up having breast cancer as well,” said Jami. “Together, we are all survivors.”

After going through such a taxing tribulation, Jami and her sisters wanted to help others.

They decided to participate in a televised interview for the Lynn Sage Foundation to share their stories, and as Jami said, to put very real faces to the epidemic.

The Lynn Sage Foundation, in partnership with the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University, has raised more than one million dollars to back the Lynn Sage Scholars program, which aids research efforts.

“Everyone handles their diagnosis and recovery differently,” said Jami. “It was a touching interview that hit home for many. Some people like to be very public about their fight, survival and support for research and fundraising. I have never been comfortable broadcasting my struggle to the masses, however, I chose to act as a resource for my doctors and surgeons; they have patients that wish to connect with a survivor.”

Jami, with honesty and straightforwardness, has spent hours on the phone talking with other women, explaining everything that she went through — blow-by-blow.

“By sharing my real life experiences with these women, they become more comfortable about the process, what options are available to them and they learn what to realistically expect,” said Jami.

“I find it tremendously rewarding and meaningful to give back in my own way.”

Jami’s friend, Eddie Ohanian — a color specialist and educator — is on the board of Pink Hair for Hope.

He works with salons and stylists to support their fundraisers to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research.

The foundation provides color hair extensions as well as financial support to cancer patients.

By bringing together salons and stylists that donate their time and skills to support the cause, this thoughtful organization has raised more than 2.5 million dollars.

“High end, human hair extensions are donated generously by SHE by SASCUSA and participating salons and stylists donate their time and skills to put in the pink extensions to anyone who donates at least $10,” said Jami. “It’s an easy, fun and hip way for anyone to broadcast, or subtly demonstrate, their support of breast cancer awareness and research for a cure.”

For more information, visit pinkhairforhope.org.

Knowing and recognizing the signs of breast cancer may save your life

As with many types of cancer, breast cancer is most successfully treated when it is detected early. Over the previous quarter century, death rates for breast cancer have been on the decline, a positive development that Breastcancer.org, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing reliable, complete and up-to-date information about breast cancer, suggests is a byproduct of heightened awareness of breast cancer, over the last 25 years and the increasing emphasis placed on breast cancer screening.

Understanding the symptoms of breast cancer also can help women battle and defeat this potentially deadly disease. While the presence of any of the following symptoms does not necessarily mean breast cancer is present, the appearance of the following should be enough to inspire women and even men to visit their physicians for thorough examinations and screenings.

• Changes in the feeling of the breast or nipple: A change in how the breast or nipple feels could be indicative of a larger problem. If the nipple is especially tender and this persists for an extended period of time, exercise caution and discuss this change with your physician. Similarly, if a lump or thickening develops on or near the breast or underarm, speak with your physician.

• Changes in appearance of the breast: A lump or thickening in the breast may affect the appearance of the breast. Another visible symptom of breast cancer is a change in the skin texture or an enlargement of pores in the skin of the breast, which may appear similar to dimpling, not unlike an orange peel. Swelling or shrinking of the breast, especially when such symptoms appear on just one breast, may also indicate breast cancer. In addition, some women with breast cancer notice a sudden asymmetry with their breasts despite their breasts previously being symmetrical, and such a development should immediately be brought to the attention of a physician.

• Changes in the appearance of the nipple: A nipple that appears different also may be a sign of breast cancer. Some women with breast cancer have noticed a nipple turned slightly inward or inverted prior to their breast cancer diagnosis. Skin of the nipple, as well as that of the breast and areola, which is the dark circle of skin around the nipple, may also become red, scaly or swollen when breast cancer is present.

• Clear or bloody discharge from the nipple: Women who are breastfeeding often notice a milky discharge from their nipple after breastfeeding. Such discharges are normal. However, when a woman who is not breastfeeding notices the presence of a clear or bloody discharge from her nipple, such a development should be brought to the attention of a physician.

• Any of the aforementioned signs and symptoms may be a sign of infection or the presence of a cyst, both of which are less severe than the presence of breast cancer. But the success rates of treating cancers that are detected early is such that any potential symptom of breast cancer warrants an immediate discussion with a physician.
Reconstruction after mastectomy

Apart from certain skin cancers, breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among women, particularly American women. It does not segregate based on race and ethnicity or even gender, as men can be diagnosed with breast cancer as well.

Depending on the location of the cancer, its pervasiveness and the patient's family history, various breast cancer treatments are available. A combination of radiation and chemotherapy may be necessary, but surgery may ultimately be the best option. Cancer removal surgery involves the surgical removal of breast tissue. Sometimes the nipple and the skin can be spared, but other times the entire breast and even the lymph nodes under the arm must be removed. Many women who undergo mastectomy procedures choose to have some sort of post-surgery breast reconstruction.

Breast reconstruction employs plastic surgery to restore a breast to near-normal shape and appearance following a mastectomy. A few different procedures may be needed to reconstruct the breast, and surgery on the other breast may be done to improve symmetry. According to Cancer Treatment Centers of America, many women are eligible to begin reconstruction at the time of mastectomy, which can reduce the number of surgical procedures women must endure and can eliminate time spent without a breast.

Types of surgery
Reconstructive surgery generally falls into two different groups: Implant-based and autologous flap reconstructions.

With implant-based reconstruction, a permanent implant is inserted to reform the breast. Some women may need to use a tissue expander for several weeks prior to the insertion of an implant. The tissue expander is gradually filled with fluid and helps stretch the skin to create a space for the implant. Others may not need the tissue expander and can have the implant inserted immediately. This is called a single-stage reconstruction. The majority of breast implants used today are filled with sterile saline, but silicone gel implants also are available.

Autologous flap reconstructions use tissue from the stomach, back, thighs, or buttocks to rebuild the breast. Fat, muscle and skin may be taken from the donation area of the body and used to rebuild the breast. A combination of body tissue and implant is sometimes necessary to perform the reconstruction.

Nipple and areola reconstruction
After the breast has been reconstructed, patients may want to have a nipple and areola added for a more natural look, particularly if these parts of the breast were removed in the original mastectomy. Skin grafting, in which skin is taken from elsewhere on the body to best match the color and texture of the breast, is often used to reconstruct the nipple and areola. Sometimes a nipple sharing reconstructive technique is used if the healthy breast has a large nipple and areolar complex. Tattoos to create the appearance of an areola and nipple may be designed to forgo the need for skin grafting.

What to expect
In the early stages of treatment, patients will meet with plastic surgeons to develop the best plan of action. Together they will discuss goals for reconstruction and how many procedures may be necessary. The potential risks and a prognosis will be discussed.

Women should realize that, while breast reconstruction has advanced and can successfully rebuild the breast, there are some side effects. Visible incision lines will likely be present on the breast and any area of the body that provided donor tissue. The reconstructed breast may not be exactly symmetrical to the other breast, provided no work was done on the healthy breast. The reconstructed breast will not have the same feel and sensation as it once did, and healing may take several weeks, during which the breast shape and position will improve.

A breast cancer diagnosis and subsequent surgery for treatment can be life-altering. Thanks to advancements in plastic surgery, many women can opt for reconstruction and restore their figures to resemble what they were prior to being diagnosed. More information about breast reconstruction is available at http://breastreconstruction.org and www.cancer.org.

Vitamin D

Most common cause of cancer deaths in women, and females are continually on the lookout for ways to reduce their risk of developing this potentially deadly disease.

Vitamin D may help reduce breast cancer risk, and it may even help women already diagnosed in their fight against the disease. According to a meta-analysis of five studies published in the March 2014 issue of Anticancer Research, patients diagnosed with breast cancer who had high vitamin D levels were twice as likely to survive when compared with those who had low levels of vitamin D. This analysis studied more than 4,800 breast cancer patients over a nine-year period.

The study's authors also found that a vitamin D level of 50 ng/ml is associated with a 50 percent lower risk for breast cancer. In addition, a study published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine in 2007 found that a higher level of vitamin D is associated with a 50 percent lower risk of colorectal cancer.

Vitamin D is most often credited with helping the body maintain its balance of calcium and phosphorous by controlling how much of these nutrients are absorbed from foods and added to bones. Although not fully understood, vitamin D also plays a role in other areas of the body, including the nervous system, muscles and immune system. Vitamin D also affects inflammation as well as cell growth and death, which may help prevent cancer growth.

Women who are born with the BRCA1 gene mutation are at an increased risk for developing breast and ovarian cancers. BRCA1 genes are tumor suppressor genes that, when formed properly, work to prevent cells from growing into cancerous cells. When people have mutated or altered versions of these genes, cancer cells can grow unchecked. Vitamin D may play a role in turning off the pathway by which cancerous tumors grow.

Vitamin D receptors are found on the surface of cells where they receive chemical signals. By attaching themselves to a receptor, says the Vitamin D Council, these chemical signals direct a cell to divide or die. Vitamin D receptors in breast tissue can cause cells to die or stop growing and may prevent cancer cells from spreading to other parts of the body. In turn, vitamin D may be protecting the breast against cancer. However, this is a complex area of study that is not fully understood. Right now it cannot be said with certainty that vitamin D can fully prevent cancer growth.

Observational research has indicated that women with low levels of vitamin D have a greater risk for breast cancer, particularly women who are post-menopausal. Vitamin D3 is naturally produced in the body through exposure to ultraviolet sunlight, and, like vitamin D3, can be absorbed from food. Vitamin D can be found in fish oils, liver, cheese, egg yolks and supplemented dairy products.

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Sprinkles cookies
What a sweet surprise: The cupcake connoisseurs have branched out into cookies, debuting delicious flavors like chocolate chip, salted oatmeal cornflake, snickerdoodle and peanut butter pretzel crisp this month. $3 each, $33 per dozen, 50 E. Walton, Sprinkles.com

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At this brand-new food fest, enjoy underground dinners and panel discussions with food experts like Jessica Murmane of One Part Plant and Jeni Britton Bauer of Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams. Wrap up the weekend with the All-Star Chef BBQ, where chefs like Rick Bayless and Paul Kahan will set up grilling stations in Palmer Square. Oct. 3-5. tickets start at $100, various venues, Taste-talks.com

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October 1

**SWAN LAKE**

Lunchen

Jalani, who will star as Odette and Odile in the Joffrey's upcoming production of "Swan Lake," sits down with the organization's Artistic Director Ashley Wheater and Chicago Sun-Times culture writer Hedy Weiss to discuss ballet, family and more at this event, co-chaired by Kathleen Henson and Ellie Forman. Enjoy lunch and the chance to win luxe experiences — plus, walk away with a special Burberry gift.

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.
**Place:** RPM Steak, 66 W. Kinzie
**Cost:** $200. For tickets, visit Joffrey.org/luncheon.

October 2

**THINK PINK**

Join hosts Sarah Baker of The Healthful Guide and Balanced Babe, Janet Lee Mandel of Fashionaholic and Mia Bossi, Eva Pawlis of Lending at a Guaranteed Rate and Leah Chavie of Leah Chavie Skincare Boutique for the Lynn Sage Foundation's third annual fundraiser, at which the city's top bloggers walk the runway in Nicole Miller's Fall/Winter 2014 collection, styled by Mandel. Proceeds help the Lynn Sage Foundation's mission to fund researchers searching for a cure for breast cancer.

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.
**Place:** Allium at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 E. Delaware
**Cost:** $20 suggested donation at the door. For more information, visit Lynnsagefoundation.org.

**ROBERT R. Mccormick Foundation Dinner**

The Robert R. McCormick Foundation, which provides scholarships to the children of those injured or killed in the line of duty, will give more than $6.5 million to over 200 students in Illinois and nearby states. Help support their mission at this event, which features dinner and an address by General James Mattis.

**Time:** 6 p.m.
**Place:** Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 E. Delaware
**Cost:** $1,000. For tickets, visit Mcsf.org.

October 6

**MARINE CORPS SCHOLARSHIP FUND DINNER**

For 150 years, the MCSF has honored members of the Marines by providing scholarships to the children of those injured or killed in the line of duty. This year, the organization will give more than $6.5 million to over 200 students in Illinois and nearby states. Help support their mission at this event, which features dinner and an address by General James Mattis.

**Time:** 6 p.m.
**Place:** Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 E. Delaware
**Cost:** $85. For tickets, visit Avcsf.org.

October 7

**RUSH NEUROBEHAVIORAL CENTER AWARDS DINNER**

The RNBC's 18th annual event kicks off with an education hour, featuring a talk by Dr. Georgia Bozday on the use of research in educational neuroscience, followed by cocktails, dinner, and a presentation honoring Pamela Adelman, executive director emeritus of the Hyde Park Day School; the Big Shoulders Fund; and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation. The evening benefits the RNBC, which provides services, research and education innovation meant to empower young people with social, emotional and learning challenges.

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. education hour, 5:45 p.m. dinner
**Place:** Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 E. Delaware
**Cost:** $150. For tickets, contact Susan Miranda at 312-926-2116 or smiranda@rush.edu.

October 9

**CARNIVAL TO END HOMELESSNESS**

Mark World Homelessness Day on Oct. 10 by joining Renaissance Social Services as it raises funds for its mission of ending homelessness in Chicago through prevention, housing and support. Join attendees such as NBC 5's Rob Stafford for cocktails, carnival-style food, carnival games and a silent auction full of items such as autographed sports memorabilia.

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.
**Place:** Prairie Production, 1314 W. Randolph
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Though it was AAHH! Fest’s inaugural year, talent was in no short supply at the Sept. 21 show. Thousands of music-lovers turned out to Union Park (1501 W Randolph) for the fest—organized by rapper/actor Common—to see a star-studded lineup that included Lupe Fiasco, Jennifer Hudson, De La Soul, MC Lyte, Jay Electronica and host Dave Chappelle. The crowd erupted when Chicago native Kanye West closed out the night with a surprise set of his best hits. Proceeds from the festival will benefit the Common Ground Foundation, dedicated to helping youth in underserved communities become outstanding community leaders; Donda’s House, Inc., which provides youth access to premium arts instruction; arts education in Chicago public schools; and year-round youth jobs initiatives. —Chiara Milouidis
Splash was the media sponsor of this event.

Bravo, Chicago

Real-estate developer and former star of Bravo’s “100 Days of Summer” Jay Michael bid farewell to warm temperatures, swimwear and seasonal barbecues at the End of Summer Bash Sept. 23. Michael joined guests at Sub 51 (51 W Hubbard) for the Splash-sponsored event, which included passed appetizers, a build-your-own taco bar and Brewery Ommegang beers. Fifty percent of all ticket sales will benefit Common Threads, a nonprofit organization that helps children in need learn about health, nutrition and wellness through cooking. —Kristin Callahan
Stay ahead of the curve with this season's deliciously deceptive — and ultra form-flattering — illusion bodycon dresses. Pioneered by Stella McCartney and made popular by celebs like Kate Winslet, the dresses use contrasting side and front panels to create the appearance of a perfectly curvaceous form. Ready to master the art of illusion? Pick up dresses by Hervé Léger, Adrianna Papell and Topshop, or swing by local style mecca Akira to do some sartorial shapeshifting of your own.
The annual Harvest Ball was in full bloom Sept. 20 as more than 500 of the city's civic leaders gathered at the Chicago Botanic Garden (1000 Lake Cook, Glencoe) for the black-tie garden party. Thrown by the Guild of the Chicago Botanic Garden, the ball featured a cocktail reception, dinner, dancing and a silent auction curated by Toni Canada and Abby Dunn, as well as a beautiful display of the garden's fall grounds. Proceeds raised will benefit the development of a new educational display garden. — Chiara Milius

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CHICAGO FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN'S ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Tennis legend Billie Jean King took the spotlight — with her racquet in tow — at the Chicago Foundation for Women's 29th annual luncheon Sept. 18. King had the attention of nearly 2,000 women at the Hyatt Regency Chicago (151 E. Wacker) as she delivered the keynote speech, and was joined by Susan Morrison, who spoke about her battle to survive domestic violence. The luncheon ended with an interview between King and WBEZ reporter Cheryl Raye-Stout. Over the past 29 years, the CFW has raised more than $22 million dollars for its mission to advance economic security, ensure freedom from violence and maintain equal access to health services for women and girls around the city. — Jack Nuelle

Above: Cheryl Raye-Stout interviews Billie Jean King (right), who then served tennis balls into the audience (inset).

Barbara Flynn Currie, Lisa Madigan and Sunny Fischer

Splash was the media sponsor of this event. The Sun-Times Foundation and the Chicago Community Trust will match every dollar donated to the Chicago Foundation for Women, up to a total of $25,000. Up to $1,000 can be matched per individual donation.
CHEERS!

- Chicago native Laura Schwartz (at right) took Capitol Hill by storm Sept. 17 when she spoke alongside Majority Leader Harry Reid and Sen. Dean Heller to build recognition for Clean the World, a nonprofit that partners with hotels and resorts across North America to distribute recycled soap and hygiene products to children and families in nearly 100 countries.

- The students of Lawndale Elementary Community Academy (3500 W. Douglas) had an exciting day at school when former Chicago Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood and his wife, Sarah, stopped in to share the excitement of the school's latest mentoring program. Set to launch Oct. 7, the Wood Family Foundation-sponsored program will give students access to a new classroom stocked with school supplies, iPads, bean bags and more.

- The Trump International Hotel and Tower Chicago (401 N. Wabash) feels more hospitable with the arrival of new Director of Food and Beverage Morgan Eagles and new Chief Concierge Steven Grillo. The duo brings more than 15 years of combined luxury hospitality experience.

- We're smiling from ear-to-ear for the Happiness Club and its members — all Chicago kids — who banded together to promote positive social change with food, music, a special appearance by Chicago Fire star Charlie Barnett — and, of course, laughter — at the annual summer benefit last month.

- Thirty young female competitors spent six weeks putting their science, technology and engineering skills to the test by transforming old refrigerators into electric race cars for ComEd's inaugural Icebox Derby competition. Each contestant went home with a $1,000 scholarship and the winners, team Sonic Doom, also received a six-day stay on the National Flight Academy campus and entry into the Ambition Program.

Gold rush

Amp up your fall look with Chicago-based Vo Jewelry's pop-up shop at Lakeview's Heritage Bicycle Oct. 4. Shoppers can browse designer Amy Vorel's latest collection, featuring her trademark bulletproof gold-filled necklaces and bracelets. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 2959 N. Lincoln; Voyourself.com

Strike a pose

Yoga-inspired athletic company Lululemon Athletica is stretching its Chicago presence with the addition of a new storefront at the The Shops at Roosevelt Collection in the South Loop. Guests can shop the new location for the best in athletic gear, and shape up with complimentary yoga classes, running clubs and more. 150 W. Roosevelt; Lululemon.com

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The Boarding House's Alpana Singh takes the small screen with a new food-centric competition by Zak Stemer

Run, Alpana, run

"I run, or whatever passes for running," laughs Singh. "I'm training for the Chicago Marathon. I gave myself four months to train for it. Going from nothing to a marathon was probably a very lofty goal but sort of par for the course for me."

Like the wines she voraciously studies, Alpana Singh continues to evolve with age. The 37-year-old former host of "Check, Please!" opened luxe restaurant The Boarding House two years ago and is already gearing up to open a second eatery, Seven Lions, late this year. On Oct. 2, she'll share her food-industry acumen as a judge on Food Network's new reality competition "Food Truck Face Off."

The series, which Singh describes as part cooking show, part "Shark Tank," puts aspiring food truck owners through the wringer: Each contestant cooks dishes for and pitches a business plan to a panel of judges, made up of Singh, Ariana TV personality Steak Shapiro and a rotating third judge. Each competitor vies for the grand prize — landing his or her own food truck for a year.

Though Singh has never owned a meals-on-wheels restaurant, she lends her considerable business smarts to the show. "Because [the contestants] are amateurs, we're there to give insight and guide them a little bit," she explains. "Have they done their food costs? Are they going to be able to put [dishes] out quickly enough? It's about being profitable as well [as delicious]."

Singh has proven her mettle as a restaurant owner and foodie, but wine was (and remains) her first love. After a high-end restaurant rejected 18-year-old Singh for a serving job, citing a "lack of wine knowledge," she began to study up. She'd soon mastered the craft and became one of the best in the world: By 23, she was sommelier at Everest in Chicago; at 26, she was the youngest woman to pass the Master Sommelier exam (a test with a 4 percent pass rate); when she hit 28, she was appointed director of wine and spirits for the massive Chicago-based restaurant company Lettuce Entertain You; and in 2013, Food & Wine magazine finally named her Sommelier of the Year.

So when she encountered the fresh-faced novices on "Food Truck Face Off," Singh instantly formed a connection. "The premise of this show is that you don't need to have any restaurant experience as long as you have a dream, the drive and the motivation," she says. "You see a husband-and-wife team who are doing everything they can to provide for their family, or just hearing people's stories — you get emotionally wrapped up. I'm not going to lie, I got a little verklempt a couple times."

Singh will put her expertise to the ultimate test later this year when she opens Seven Lions, named in honor of her grandmother's seven children and her family's name (Singh translates to "lion"). "My grandmother had such a profound influence on my love of food," she says. "Now it's like she's with me all over again."

True to Singh's sommelier roots, the American clubhouse-style restaurant at 130 S. Michigan will boast an impressive wine list — this time featuring only American labels. "It's a wine list that I could not have done seven, eight or nine years ago, but because of the leaps and bounds that were made, there's such a diversity in what's available," she says.

With so much on the immediate horizon, it's hard for Singh to think long-term. "I don't plan out more than next week," she jokes. "I let life come to me. If it seems interesting and seems like fun, then I do it."

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Chicago-based actress CARRIE COON breaks out in HBO's 'The Leftovers' and the fall blockbuster 'Gone Girl'

COMING UP

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Earlier this summer, Splash had the chance to chat with Carrie Coon, right before everything in her life changed. Her new HBO series, "The Leftovers," had just begun, and the highly anticipated "Gone Girl" — which premieres Oct. 3 and marks her film debut — was already in post-production. In other words, Coon was on the precipice of stardom.

"My work's all been shot, but no one's seen it yet. It's a totally weird thing," she said in between shots for our cover shoot. "A lot of people are going to see it, and I know a lot of people will think I'm really great and I know a lot of people will say really terrible things about me on Twitter. I'm prepared for that. So I don't know — maybe I'll have a lot of opportunities and maybe my career will be over. Either way, I'll deal with it."

All bets are on the former prediction: Coon earned rave reviews for her performance in "The Leftovers" first season — The New York Times called her "superb," saying she's "by a mile, the most layered, absorbing character on the show" — and the series has already been picked up for round two. And her Hollywood debut isn't just any second-rate movie. Already garnering Oscar buzz, "Gone Girl" boasts a heavyweight cast led by Ben Affleck, and cult favorite David Fincher in the director's seat. Its script is adapted from a novel by Chicagonian Gillian Flynn that spent 95 weeks on The New York Times' Best Sellers list, and the film scored the coveted opening-night screening slot at last week's New York Film Festival.

Coon, 33, plays Margo "Go" Dunne, the supportive sister of maybe-killer Nick Dunne (Affleck). "Go is really lost," Coon says, her speech slowing as she contemplates her character. "She's come back to Missouri to take care of her mother, and her relationship to her brother maybe is a little unhealthy; she's kind of co-dependent. [She has a] kind of giving up, defeatist mentality."

In fact, most of Coon's roles have fallen into this same bleak realm. On "The Leftovers," she plays Nora Durst, a grief-stricken woman looking for meaning after losing her family to a mysterious, rapture-like event. "The people I play have a very dark underbelly. I'm very energetic, easy-going. So to keep playing, like, psychopaths — my family is a little perplexed by all of this," she says, laughing. "I skew really dark for some reason."

By this point, though, her family should know not to be surprised — Coon has never done things the conventional way. Attending the University of Mount Union in Ohio, Coon changed her major "about 10 times — it should have been a sign that I was going to do something where I get to pretend to be everything," she says. At one point, thinking she might attempt an English major, she tried out for and landed the role of Titania in "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Still not convinced, Coon was gearing up to graduate with an English and Spanish major and psychology minor when a theater professor suggested she try out for acting graduate school. She traveled to Chicago for the first time — a visit to the city that would one day launch her career and become her home — for the University/Resident Theater Auditions at the Palmer House, and snagged a coveted spot in the University of Wisconsin-Madison's acting program. While slowly making the move to Chicago after graduation in 2006, Coon acted at the renowned American Players Theater in Wisconsin. >
The biggest change came when Coon landed the role of Honey in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" at Steppenwolf in 2010. "It changed my life utterly," she says, ticking the reasons off on her fingers. "It took me to Broadway" — the Steppenwolf production got picked up in 2012 — "I got a Tony nomination and I met Tracy." The last point refers to Coon's husband, Tracy Letts, the legendary Chicago actor and playwright — he wrote last year's "August: Osage County" and is a regular on Showtime's "Homeland" — whom Coon met on the Steppenwolf stage.

Their relationship marked the beginning of a whirlwind year for Coon:
"The Tonys were in June; I auditioned for 'The Leftovers' in July; we shot the pilot; I auditioned for 'Gone Girl' off a self-tape in my living room in Chicago and then flew to LA to meet David Fincher; we started shooting 'Gone Girl' in September. So that was my 2013. It was extraordinary."

Somewhere in the midst of that, Coon and Letts found a couple of minutes — literally — to get married. "When you register [for a marriage license] in Illinois, you have 60 days to get married," Coon says. "We were at day 59 and I was doing pre-production for 'Gone Girl' in L.A. I said 'Babe, we've got to go to the justice of the peace tomorrow,' so I [flew home] and he opens the door and says 'I'm not feeling very well.' So at 1 o'clock in the morning, we're in the Northwestern emergency room, he's having emergency gall bladder surgery that day, our wedding day. We find the chaplain — she's never done a wedding before, you know, she's got birth and death and things going on — and she improvises this little wedding ceremony, just the three of us, in our extra large shirts and grippy socks. It was really beautiful, though, because in the hospital everything's in perspective. It's like, 'Oh, this is what you're signing up for, anything good or bad that happens, I'll be right here by your hospital bed.'"

Happily married for a year now, Coon and Letts support each other's careers, practicing lines with each other or going through drafts of plays in the works. "I would love to do [one of] Tracy's plays because I think he writes really strong female characters. ... I look forward to growing into those roles," Coon says. Now, while Letts is in Africa shooting "Homeland" on location, Coon is holding down the fort back home, enjoying the fanfare surrounding "Gone Girl's" premiere before she joins her husband across the world soon.

Tetering on the edge of celebrity, though, she's ready for whatever comes her way — even if that doesn't mean a career in acting. "Success as an actor is just [getting] work. In some ways I feel extraordinarily successful because I've made my living as an actor," Coon says. "I can't take this for granted because I know how many actors would change places with me right now. I'm trying to be present and have a lot of fun and not take myself too seriously because it can go away as quickly as it has come to be."

In the unlikely case that happens, Coon has other plans. "If 'Gone Girl' and 'The Leftovers' were to come out and people said, 'That girl should quit acting, she's terrible,' I would certainly be able to find something else in the world that interests me, because I think the world is really extraordinary," she says. "I'm always going to find something to do that I find stimulating."

For example? "I want to have a family and go on that adventure with Tracy," she says. "We're looking forward to a time in our lives that does slow down a bit, so we can focus on those things that are important to both of us."
BY RACHEL HANDLER

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y now, you’ve undoubtedly seen or heard of Soho House, the six-story, members-only club for creatives that staked out a prime spot in a historic belting factory in the West Loop this summer. With only four other locations in North America, the London-launched club is generating some serious buzz around the city — especially among those who haven’t yet been inside. The good news? You don’t have to be a member to check out one of Soho’s standout features: its delicious food.

Three separate dining experiences make up the club’s public-facing mezzanine level: The Allis, an elegant midcentury lounge replete with tufted leather couches, vintage Parisian chandeliers, cocktails and light bites; Pizza East, a rustic, open kitchen that doles out Neapolitan-style pies; and Chicken Shop, which, as its name suggests, serves rotisserie-style birds in a 1950s, general-store-inspired space.

Executive Chef Andrea Cavaliere oversees the whole operation, while South African-born brothers Devon and Kyle Boyce head up Chicken Shop and Pizza East, respectively. The brothers Boyce relocated from London to Chicago to launch the restaurants, and are currently living together in the West Loop. “We cook at home, but we don’t talk about [our] food, because then we argue,” laughs Devon, the older of the two by six years. “We’re very competitive.”

Their across-the-pond experience — and high standards — come in handy: All three spaces use recipes that adhere closely to their London counterparts. “Soho House is a clear brand,” says Cavaliere. “From the design to the food, it’s all very casual — it’s a home away from home.” The Allis embodies this spirit most obviously: You can settle into the lounge in the morning with your laptop and a cup of coffee ($3); sip tea and snack on scones and mini sandwiches in the afternoon ($12, 3–5 p.m.); or grab cocktails and small plates with friends at night.

At the down-to-earth Chicken Shop, Devon keeps things similarly simple. After spending “weeks and weeks” sourcing the hormone-free chicken from Indiana’s Pine Manor Farm, he marinates the birds overnight in a house recipe, steams them twice, then cooks them over charcoal. The resulting crispy, tasty dish is available whole ($22), halved ($14) or quartered ($8), alongside a variety of sides, like mac ‘n’ cheese and corn on the cob (both $6). On weekends, the menu expands a bit to include fried chicken and waffles with egg gravy ($14) and corn hash and poached eggs ($8). “We’ve made [the food] more Chicago-y, but we haven’t messed with the [original] recipes,” says Devon.

Kyle and his crew go “back to the basics” at Pizza East, crafting a selection of wood-fired pizzas ranging from a buffalo mozzarella, tomato and basil pie ($13) to a veal meatball, prosciutto and cream-topped concoction ($16) — plus some seriously delectable antipasti (our favorite was the octopus, cucumber, caper and chili, $14). But don’t be fooled by the menu’s apparent simplicity. “What we do is actually very sophisticated,” says Cavaliere. “The ingredients are all fine-dining [quality] — we’re using 24-month aged Parmesan imported from Italy.”

As you’d expect, the drink selections at all three spots are just as low-key and well-curated as the food. Chicken Shop’s rosés, red and white wines come in a small or large jug and in “house,” “decant” or “good” varieties ($7–$35), while The Allis and Pizza East both offer six cocktails, including a Soho Negroni ($12), alongside a few draft and bottled beers and wines. All of it coheres to create, as Cavaliere puts it, “a vibe and an energy” designed to put people at ease. “It’s relaxed,” he says. “It’s home.”

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PIZZA EAST
From top: octopus; burrata pizza; the ovens at the pizza bar

THE ALLIS
From top: the pastry spread; the Soho House mezzanine; chef Andrea Cavaliere

CHICKEN SHOP
Clockwise from left: rotisserie chicken; Devon and Kyle Boyce; chicken and waffles
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What's on your Chicago Gourmet agenda?
I'll be doing some main stage demos, kicking it off with Rick Bayless at noon on Saturday, then I'm doing a whole fish demo with [Masaharu] Morimoto at 2 p.m., and at 3 p.m. I'm doing a comfort food demo with Carla Hall from "The Chew." Both professionally and recreationally, I always try to make my way around the festival, check in on what's going well, what's popular, what piques my curiosity. My wife and 6-year-old child will be joining me, and we're lucky enough to stay at the Peninsula [108 E. Superior], so I imagine many of my free moments will be spent with my kid [at the hotel pool]. He's like Aquaman; he could spend all day splashing around.

Favorite current food trend?
It's not that new, but I love the fact that vegetables are finally cool, and chefs are putting so much attention into making vegetables in creative and interesting and delicious ways. I love the notion that you can go somewhere and order four or five vegetable sides and a protein and that can make up a meal. It's no longer just meat and potatoes. Vegetables can be the star.

Go-to Chicago restaurant?
I'll be cruising around with Andrew Knowlton, our restaurant editor and critic, and at some point we'll head to Au Cheval [800 W. Randolph]. My strategy there is I try not to fill up on the naughty, terrible stuff that can just knock you out. I try to keep it simple and get the cheeseburger. Maybe grab a drink at the bar at Gene & Georgetti [500 N. Franklin], I love that place.
And I love having dinner at the kitchen bar at Avec. The focaccia is just crazy-tasty. You have just one bite and you can't stop eating it. You're like, "OK, screw it, I'll just go to the gym for an extra 20 minutes to work it off." It's worth it.
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What's on your Chicago Gourmet
agenda?
I'm participating in the Grand Cru event
with chef Jonathan Sawyer from The
Greenhouse Tavern in Cleveland. We'll be
creating a collaborative dish. Unfortunately,
I won't have much time to roam
around, as I'll have to get back to Black-
bird and Avec. However the big boss,
Donnie Madia, is participating on a panel
on Sunday. That's sure to be great.

Favorite current food trend?
While it's been going on for thousands
of years, fermentation has made a
resurgence and is something I'm excited
about. At Blackbird, we're making our
own vinegars and fermenting pumpkin
for an upcoming dish.

Go-to Chicago restaurant?
I don't get out that much, but when I do
we usually tend to stay in my neigh-
borhood [Albany Park]. I'm lucky to have
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What's on your Chicago Gourmet
agenda?
Serving a lot of people in a very short
amount of time. We're probably going
do some kind of Filipino barbecue.
It's a little tricky given that we have to
serve so many people at one time, so
we're going to try and keep it as simple
as possible. We're pretty excited that
they did a barbecue pavilion this year,
so we're definitely going to be check-
ing it out, especially whatever Barry
Sorkin from Smoque BBQ [3800 N.
Pulaski] is doing.

Favorite current food trend?
It's not necessarily a trend, but Dave
and Megan Miller, formerly of Bang
Bang Pie Shop [2051 N. California], [just
opened] Baked Miller around the corner
from my house [4610 N. Western].
They're going to be milling heritage
grains in-house, making flour and such,
and making bakery items with it. Their
flours are going to be available for
home cooks and restaurants to use.
We're pretty psyched about that.

Go-to Chicago restaurant?
Quite frankly, I haven't been out to eat
since I opened the restaurant, but Ada
Street is always awesome. The last
time I was there they had these lamb
ribs, which were absolutely phenome-
nal, and this dessert — it was a simple
chocolate ganache with bread, and it
was fantastic.
When a self-made New Yorker returns to Ohio, things are never the same  

BY THOMAS CONNORS

Homeward bound

Going home can be a joy for both the returning family member and the loved ones waiting with open arms. But often, things don't go so sweetly. The young man who left with high hopes returns a prodigal. Or the fatted calf never makes it to the table because Mom walked out weeks ago. Just as the house one grew up in seems so much smaller years later, the lives we imagine home can be a joy for making its Chicago premiere this week, courtesy of Step Up Productions.

The show — which starred Norbert Leo Butz and Katie Holmes in New York — rides on Jack O'Brien's return to Cincinnati after fashioning a seemingly successful life in Manhattan. At first, family and friends are wowed, but soon begin to wonder. "The choices he was making in his pursuit of happiness were actually his downfall," says the actor who plays O'Brien, Steve O'Connell. "He feels like he lost something from his youth and we watch him trying to regain that. I don't think he knows what that 'something' is and eventually, his New York life follows him home, and his idea of Cincinnati being a safe haven for change is compromised."

Like Jack, his sister Lorna — who cares for her ailing parents — is wrestling with a life she didn't see coming. "The events of the play do have a profound effect on her," says actress Emily Tate. "Whether they make her happy with where she is, or make her long to leave, I won't say. But trying to let go of the 'grass is greener' mentality, and being happy with what is right in front of you, are themes of the play."

That's a timeless topic. But as Jeff Award-winning director Jason Gerace notes, "Dead Accounts" is also quite timely in reflecting the current economic climate. "Many people in this country are still feeling the effects of the recession, making impossible financial choices at the same time the Dow Jones Industrial Average continues to set record highs after record highs. That disparity, and the lack of understanding between the Americans who live in each of those realities, is one of the central questions of this play."

Now, who wants dessert?

The company we keep

BY JENNY McCARTHY

Do you have people in your life that seem to shroud themselves in drama? It's almost as if they need to be in the middle of an unbearable catastrophe in order to function in their day-to-day lives. Take a moment to look at the company you keep and evaluate how many drama-lovers you find.

We are a reflection of the people we surround ourselves with — take a moment to look within and decide if you are a part of the crowd that creates and lives amongst the drama. If we're all being really honest, each and every one of us would be nodding our heads, knowing we fall victim to this. See if any of the below resonate with you:

• Someone is always out to get you: The coworker that dropped the ball on his portion of the project, the older man that cut you off, the server that forgot to leave the tomatoes off of your salad. Is your first reaction to get angry with these people? Many of us feel like their intent was to offend or upset us. When we really think about it, or maybe even ask them, we discover it wasn't about us at all — so why do we take it upon ourselves to be so bothered?

• Reading into something that isn't there: Times have changed, and the way we communicate now is very different from the way our grandparents did. Texts and tweets and emails... These allow for a lot of lapses in emotion and judgement. Without eye contact and voice inflection, we are left with a big window to interpret how someone is communicating. If you find yourself upset by the wording of an email, first stop and ask yourself why you're bothered, and then reach out to the person and ask for clarity. There are so many times I find myself in this situation — then come to find out I was manifesting feelings and emotions that were never implied by the sender.

• The conversation inevitably turns to someone who is not present: Crazy Aunt Sally and her decision to adopt an 11th cat or the neighbor whose recycling bin is always full of wine bottles — the second you find the conversation turning into a judgement against someone who isn't around to share in the conversation, you're entering a terribly toxic zone. Remember, the person you are speaking negatively about is your mirror. Stop pointing the finger at them and look internally to understand why their life choices bother you.

Once we can let go of some of the entirely unnecessary drama and toxic behavior we hold on to tightly, our lives will feel a whole lot simpler — resulting in a whole lot of happy.
GILLIAN FLYNN
The Gone Girl author's big-screen adaptation hits theaters this week BY ELLE EICHINGER

On Oct. 3, after two years spent writing Gone Girl, one year promoting it on a book tour and another year and a half adapting it to film, Chicagoan Gillian Flynn can officially add "screenwriter" to her resume (an impressive wrap sheet that also includes Entertainment Weekly journalist and TV critic). The 2012 novel was Flynn's third — it followed the equally dark but impossibly intriguing tomes Dark Places and Sharp Objects — and, lucky for readers, it won't be her last. "I was just about to start the next book when David [Fincher] phoned with an offer I couldn't refuse," Flynn says, hinting at an upcoming HBO series she's currently working on with the "Gone Girl" director called "Utopia." "But I'm not someone who can write just anything but writing." "Gone Girl" set Flynn on the "world of novel writing." "I really hole up [to write]. I'm in the zone" — Martin Amis, Margaret Atwood. I've read pretty much every book they've written.

On set
"David kept me in the loop on casting but I was trying to not be the annoying writer looking over his shoulder — I wanted to let it be his film — but Ben Affleck was always first and foremost in my mind as to who should play [the main character] Nick. I would go on set, but purely as a tourist — it was like walking around a 3-D version of my brain."

In the zone
"I really hole up [to write]. I'm not someone who can write in a coffee house — I'm an incredibly distracted human being, so there's no music, no view. It's just me aimed at a wall. I try to keep a nine-to-five schedule though, which means six hours of actual writing and two hours wandering around, thinking about writing, playing video games, doing anything but writing."

Inspiration authors
"Joyce Carol Oates — she's just magnificent — Martin Amis, Margaret Atwood. I've read pretty much every book they've written."

Plot twist
"[The idea for Gone Girl] came from my [experience] with the media, being a journalist and a true crime addict. At the time I was a pretty recent newlywed and thinking about marriage and what it meant, what was a good marriage and what was a bad marriage. So the two interests came together very easily."

Writing the script
"It was incredibly fun. I wasn't sure if I'd feel any freshness toward the story after working on it [for so long], but it was a really fun balance — to dismantle it as a book and put it back together. They're two very different things: A screenplay is fueled by everything visual, but in a book you have the decadence of getting inside people's heads."
DuPage County has it all — which is why Cook County residents have been flocking to it

Despite the much-hyped era of urban revival, Cook County lost residents to collar suburbs during the recession. For the second straight year, Chicago's county landed on the losing end of the U.S. Census Bureau's County-to-County Migration Flows list, which tracks the nation's most popular between-county moves in five-year spans. The big winner? DuPage County, which gained 20,476 Cook County residents between 2008 and 2012, earning the move the ninth spot in the rankings.

Why DuPage? "My buyers coming from Cook County are moving from downtown Chicago, and they're generally looking for three things: more square footage, more of a yard and good schools," says Coldwell Banker broker Alice Chin (call 630-854-3725), who lives and works in Naperville — which consistently ranks among Chicago's top-selling suburbs. While buyers are looking for more space for the money, they aren't necessarily trying to avoid the hustle and bustle of the city. On the contrary: "Naperville has the amenities of larger cities, including a 30-minute express commuter train to downtown Chicago, stores and shops and a nationally-ranked hospital and library."

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1. North Shore Distillery: Distiller's Gin No. 6, $32, In Fine Spirits, 5418 N. Clark; infinespirits.com
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2. CH Distillery: CH Amaro, $35, 564 W. Randolph; chdistillery.com
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3. Compass Box: Delilah's 20th Anniversary whisky, $60, Binny's locations citywide; binys.com
   “[Delilah's] owner Mike Miller was decades ahead of the whisky boom and his back bar proves it. A legendary Chicago venue that I spent the formative years of my life sipping in.”

4. Crafthouse Cocktails: Moscow Mule, $19.99, Mariano's locations citywide; marianos.com
   “While I love all the cocktails I create for our brand, this one is my biggest surprise. I'm admittedly not a vodka drinker, but this cocktail is about crisp balance, truly spicy, made-from-scratch ginger beer and refreshment.”

5. Green City Market: 7 a.m.-1 p.m., 1790 N. Clark; greencitymarket.org
   “This amazing market will inspire your meals for the week as it [influences] restaurants around the city. Wednesdays are quieter and a bit easier to navigate.”

6. Three Dots and a Dash: Bunny's Banana daiquiri, $13, 435 N. Clark; threedotschicago.com
   “The daiquiri may be the perfect cocktail when properly balanced. Add banana, blend it, add a tiki garnish and be transported to paradise for a brief moment.”

7. Sportsman's Club: Amaro Machine, $4, 948 N. Western; drinkingandgathering.com
   “When you want to share a little ‘how do you do’ with friends, nothing fits the bill quite as well as their Amaro blend of the moment.”

8. Leghorn: fried chicken sandwich on a biscuit, $7, 959 N. Western; leghornchicken.com
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Employee Termination: How to Fire a Friend (Gracefully)

By: Ronald Shapiro, author of Perfecting your Pitch (Penguin Group, 2013)

Managers sometimes have unique relationships with different members of their teams. Most, if not all, hopefully will fall on the positive side of the ledger. Some may even lead to close friendships.

As a result, a manager may find himself in a bind if he shares a close bond with one of his charges who is underperforming and lacks the ability to improve.

How to Manage a Termination

It can become awkward if after trying to steer the employee to a better track the manager determines that his friend must be terminated for the good of the company. The uncomfortable task then requires communicating the termination with the hope of minimal damage to the personal relationship.

A manager’s explanations may not be sufficient to overcome the employee’s hurt feelings and preserve the friendship. But a script with a clear message may salvage a valued relationship.

The message should express a willingness to give advice as the terminated employee seeks other opportunities and – assuming the manager can candidly support it – offer to write the former employee a recommendation.

No matter what the manager says, the terminated employee may only hear “termination” and effectively shut down conversation.

You might then try to reopen a constructive dialogue with questions – “Do you understand why I’m saying this?” or “Do you have any questions?” Questions may help kick-start dialogue and open channels of communication.

Writing a Letter of Termination

As a teenager, I worked as a lifeguard at a pool in Philadelphia. One afternoon, I saw a seven-year-old boy and his younger sister sitting tearfully in the lobby of the swim club. I approached them and learned that they had just been informed of their dad’s sudden passing due to a heart attack. I took the boy, Ryan, under my wing that day and for the next five years was his “big brother” until I left for law school.

Years later, we were reconnected when my law firm’s hiring committee picked him to work in our corporate law department. After a decade of hard work, he rose to the top of the company’s legal department and then moved to its executive suite. On my desk now sits a plaque commemorating a donation in my name that he and his wife made some years later to support a scholarship for at-risk children.

As a result of my close bond with Ryan, I decided that I would communicate to him the firm’s decision. As I was jotting down some notes, I knew that I wanted to let him know that, despite the conclusion of his employment, my affection for him continued and to assure him that I would be there for him in the future.

Ryan,

Our lives have been intertwined for a number of years. I view our relationship as special and your coming to the firm was a happy occasion for me. So telling you that your work here will have to end soon is not easy for me. The economy and the scope of your practice capabilities dictate that your position will be eliminated. As of sixty days from now, you will no longer be associated with the firm. That is a difficult message for me to deliver to you.

But I also want you to know that during this remaining period, I and others here will support you as you look for other opportunities and we will also provide you with six months’ severance until you find a job in the event your search takes longer than the sixty days.

I suspect you are overwhelmed by the news. Do you have any questions? [Listen carefully and respond.] Please remember, I view you as family, and just as I would tell any of my sons I tell you—when the shock of the decision subsides some, come to me for advice, references, and whatever other support I can give you.

Is there anything else I can explain? Would you like to have lunch tomorrow after you have had some time to digest this?

Forty-five days following our meeting, Ryan left the firm. He took a job in the corporate law department of an entertainment company. After a decade of hard work, he rose to the top of the company’s legal department and then moved to its executive suite. On my desk now sits a plaque commemorating a donation in my name that he and his wife made some years later to support a scholarship for at-risk children.

When terminating an employee, especially one who is a friend, keep in mind:

- Use the two key elements of this situation – acknowledging the importance of your relationship and the finality of the decision – as a guide when scripting this message.
- Devote time practicing delivering the message to reduce discomfort.
- Be prepared for an emotional response and possibly a significant short-term change in your relationship with the former employee.
- Ask questions and express concern to restart the dialogue.
- Allow time for responding or venting.
- Make sure to follow up on that lunch.
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- Ability to meet tight deadlines

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- Knowledge of media sales and advertising
- Strong presentation and negotiation skills
- Experience in creating innovative sales strategies

Requirements:

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- A competitive attitude
- A willingness to learn
- A commitment to excellence

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Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE

Trustee(s) of the Adams Cery Division Housing and Urban Development, Plaintiff,

vs.

Champion Mortgage Corporation, Defendant.

October 24, 2014

NOTICE OF SALE

In an action to foreclose a mortgage, the following described real estate is up for sale:

1313326

2509 S. Laramie Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, 60077

The foreclosing party is: Pierce Associates, Plaintiff's Attorney, 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

The bestimmation of the property will be held in the same office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois 60602 on Thursday, October 24, 2014 at 10:00 AM

The minimum bid will be $1,000.00 or fraction thereof and will be paid in cash to the Trustee at the time of sale. The Commodity Corporation will have the right to bid on the property and will pay the minimum bid.

The sale will be in accordance with Section 15-701(6) of the Illinois Mortgage Foreclosure Law.

Upon payment in full of the sale price, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale, which entitles the purchaser to a Deed to the property. The successful bidder must pay the amount bid. The purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale, which entitles the purchaser to a Deed to the property.

The Illinois Classified Advertising Network (ICAN) provides Pioneer Press and the Dolans with advertising of a national appeal. To advertise in this section, please call ICAN directly at (217) 241-1700.
The property will NOT be open for viewing or inspection for 24 hours prior to the sale. The sale is further subject to a Motion for Confirmation of Sale and sale is subject to the order of the court. The purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to possession of the property. If the purchaser fails to pay the amount bid, the purchaser will lose the deposit and all sums paid as described in the terms of the sale. Any money deposited with the Judicial Sales Corporation at wacsq.com for a 7 day status report on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each unit which is part of a common interest community. The sale is further subject to a Motion for Confirmation of Sale and sale is subject to the order of the court. The purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to possession of the property. If the purchaser fails to pay the amount bid, the purchaser will lose the deposit and all sums paid as described in the terms of the sale. Any money deposited with the Judicial Sales Corporation at wacsq.com for a 7 day status report on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each unit which is part of a common interest community.

If Shannon Graves wishes to contest the adoption of the child, he must file a petition to establish his paternity in relation to the child not later than thirty days after service of the petition upon the other parent, or if after filing a petition naming the name of the other parent, shall pay the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to possession of the property. If the purchaser fails to pay the amount bid, the purchaser will lose the deposit and all sums paid as described in the terms of the sale. Any money deposited with the Judicial Sales Corporation at wacsq.com for a 7 day status report on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each unit which is part of a common interest community. The sale is further subject to a Motion for Confirmation of Sale and sale is subject to the order of the court. The purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to possession of the property. If the purchaser fails to pay the amount bid, the purchaser will lose the deposit and all sums paid as described in the terms of the sale. Any money deposited with the Judicial Sales Corporation at wacsq.com for a 7 day status report on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each unit which is part of a common interest community.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, Cook County, Illinois has caused to be prepared in tentative form a budget, and the Secretary of the Board has made the same conveniently available to the public for inspection at least thirty (30) days prior to the final action thereon; and WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such budget on the 18th day of September, 2014, and notice of said hearing was given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto as required by law; and all other legal requirements have been complied with. NOW THEREFORE, Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, Cook County, Illinois as follows: Section 1: That the fiscal year of this Public Library District is hereby fixed to begin on July 1, 2014 and end on June 30, 2015. Section 2: That the following budget containing an estimate of the amount available and expenditures, and the appropriations contained therein, and hereby adopted as the Budget and Appropriations for this Public Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, and the sum of $4,446,789 as much thereof as may be necessary to law, is hereby appropriated for the purpose of the LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, as specified in the attached schedule detailing the estimated revenue available and appropriations for the said fiscal year. Section 3: That transfers from one appropriation of any amount specified for any object and purpose, not affecting the total amount appropriated, may be made at any meeting of the Board by ordinance enacted by a two-thirds vote of the Board present and voting, and that by like vote, the Board may make appropriations in excess of those authorized by the budget in order to meet an immediate unforeseen emergency. Section 4: That the Board of Trustees of the LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, having established by ordinance a Special Reserve Fund—and having resolved to adopt a plan or plans as provided by law to replace or make significant repairs or improvements to major facility and ground systems, to fund space reutilization, renovation, and/or remodeling projects, to provide for the purchase of a library site, construction of a library building, purchase of a library building, purchase and furnishing of equipment for a library building, or for other purposes included in the plan—may transfer any unexpended balance of any item of any general appropriation of the Corporate Fund of this Ordinance to said Special Reserve Fund and, thereby accumulate funds for the Library District as provided by law. Section 5: That the invalidity of any item or section of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the whole or any part thereof. Section 6: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any provision of this Ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed. Section 7: That the Secretary of the LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT shall publicly post or keep available this Ordinance for inspection by any interested party in the main office of Library. ADOPTED this 18th day of September, 2014, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows: AYE: Beard, Berger, Fields, Gimbel, Martel, Poulson, Stavinoga (7) NAY: (0) ABSTAIN: (0) ABSENT: (0). SIGNED: Kendra L. Beard, President. ATTEN: Dany R. Fields, Secretary.

STATE OF ILLINOIS: SS: COUNTY OF COOK CERTIFICATION: I, Dany R. Fields, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I am the Secretary of the Board of Library Trustees of the LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance duly passed by the Board of Trustees of the LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on September 18, 2014, being titled “ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS OF THE LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2015” [Ordinance No. 2014-15/2], the original Ordinance being a part of the official record of said LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT. DATED: September 18, 2014. SIGNED: Dany R. Fields, Secretary, Board of Library Trustees, LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT.

PART I: ESTIMATED REVENUE AVAILABLE
1- Corporate Fund Balance on hand July 1, 2014 $1,841,966
2- Anticipated Receipts from sources other than property tax collections, such as fines, gifts, fees, grants, interest income, and rentals. 51,100
3- Anticipated Property Tax Collections 2,491,470
4- Special Reserve Fund Balance on hand July 1, 2014 1,683,027
5- Total of Special Tax Fund Balances on hand July 1, 2014 270,486

TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT AVAILABLE $6,338,049

PART II: CORPORATE FUND APPROPRIATION
A- Library Materials, Resources, Services & Programs $452,400
B- Supplies 39,910
C- Contractual & Other Outside Services 61,880
D- Miscellaneous Operating Expenses 233,090
E- Training, Development, and Recruitment 32,500
F- Community Information and Relations 37,960
G- Salaries and Benefits 1,783,600
H- Capital Equipment Lease & Purchase 81,380
I- Other Expenses 3,380

TOTAL CORPORATE FUND APPROPRIATION $2,862,406

The foregoing expenses are appropriated from the general property tax for corporate purposes.

PART III: BUILDING/MAINTENANCE FUND APPROPRIATION
Wages-Maintenance & Custodial Staff $27,950
Contractual (Day) Labor $130
Contractual Services-Custodial $32,500
Maintenance-Custodial Supplies $20,800
Building & Building Equipment Maintenance $11,830
Grounds Maintenance $52,000
Maintenance-Custodial Equipment Leases-Purchase $260
Major Repairs & Improvements $52,000
Contingencies $9,874

TOTAL BUILDING/MAINTENANCE FUND APPROPRIATION $207,344

The foregoing expenses for Building and Maintenance are appropriated from a SPECIAL TAX in addition to all other taxes appropriated by the District.

PART IV: SOCIAL SECURITY FUND APPROPRIATION
FICA Expense $124,800
Contingency $1,560

TOTAL SOCIAL SECURITY FUND APPROPRIATION $131,460

The foregoing expenses for Federal Insurance Contributions are appropriated from a SPECIAL TAX in addition to all other taxes appropriated by the District.

PART V: LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND APPROPRIATION
Insurance $31,200
Contingency $1,560

TOTAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND APPROPRIATION $32,760

The foregoing expenses for Liability Insurance are appropriated from a SPECIAL TAX in addition to all other taxes appropriated by the District.

PART VI: AUDIT FUND APPROPRIATION
Audit Fee $19,810
Contingency $631

TOTAL AUDIT FUND APPROPRIATION $20,441

The foregoing expenses for the Annual Audit are appropriated from a SPECIAL TAX in addition to all other taxes appropriated by the District.

PART VII: SPECIAL RESERVE FUND APPROPRIATION
Special Reserve Fund-Facility Projects $1,200,000
Contingency $631

TOTAL SPECIAL RESERVE FUND APPROPRIATION $1,200,000

Expense appropriated from sources other than a current tax levy. Said amount to be used in accordance with applicable law.

PART VIII: APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

TOTAL CORPORATE FUND APPROPRIATION $2,862,406
TOTAL BUILDING/MAINTENANCE FUND APPROPRIATION 207,344
TOTAL SOCIAL SECURITY FUND APPROPRIATION 131,460
TOTAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND APPROPRIATION 32,760
TOTAL AUDIT FUND APPROPRIATION 20,441
TOTAL SPECIAL RESERVE FUND APPROPRIATION 1,200,000

GRAND TOTAL $4,446,789

ESTIMATED CASH AVAILABLE AT END OF FISCAL YEAR
Estimated Cash Expected to Be on Hand at End of FY2014-2015 $1,891,260
## ORDINANCE 2014 - 3

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS OF EISENHOWER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT.**

**COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2015.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Eisenhower Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois, caused to be prepared in Tentative form a Budget and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently available for public inspection for at least 30 days prior to final action thereon, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget on the 18th day of SEPTEMBER, 2014, and notice of said hearing was given at least thirty days prior thereto as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Eisenhower Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1:** That the proposed Budget and Appropriations for this Public Library District for this fiscal year, 2014-2015, the sum of $7,489,880.00 (Seven Million, Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty Dollars) or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, is hereby adopted as the Budget and Appropriations for this Public Library District for this fiscal year, and the sum of $7,489,880.00 (Seven Million, Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty Dollars) or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, is hereby adopted as the Budget and Appropriations for this Public Library District for this fiscal year, and the sum of $7,489,880.00 (Seven Million, Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty Dollars) or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, is hereby adopted as the Budget and Appropriations for this Public Library District for this fiscal year.

**Section 2:** That the following Budget contains estimates of the amount available for the various appropriations and the appropriations contained therein be and the same is hereby adopted as the Budget and Appropriations for this Public Library District for this fiscal year, and the sum of $7,489,880.00 (Seven Million, Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty Dollars) or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, is hereby adopted as the Budget and Appropriations for this Public Library District for this fiscal year, and the sum of $7,489,880.00 (Seven Million, Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty Dollars) or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, is hereby adopted as the Budget and Appropriations for this Public Library District for this fiscal year, and the sum of $7,489,880.00 (Seven Million, Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty Dollars) or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, is hereby adopted as the Budget and Appropriations for this Public Library District for this fiscal year.

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**RELATION TO PREVIOUSLY APPOINTED ORDIENCES**

The following appropriations are intended to be adjusted and restated, and for the same general purpose of any like appropriation made by this Ordinance.

## Section 1

That all unexpended balances of any Item or Items of any General Appropriation in the Ordinance be expended in making up any insufficiency in any Appropriation of the same general purpose and for the same general purpose of any like appropriation made by this Ordinance.

## Section 2

That the invalidity of any Section of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the whole or part thereof.

## Section 3

That all or any parts of Ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

## Section 4

That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED this 18th day of September, 2014, pursuant to a roll as follows:

AYES: Braun, Backart, Magnelli, Rehrhart, Sticha, Kurzatkowski

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Magnuson

### ATTACH

As / Mark F. Braun, P.R.E.SIDENT

### STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF COOK

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I, Tom Sticha, the duly qualified and acting Secretary Pro Tem of the Board of Trustees, do hereby certify that the attached record thereof, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of Ordinance 2014-3-1 entitled:

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS OF EISENHOWER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT.**

**COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2015.**

Adopted at a regular meeting of said Board of Trustees held on the 18th day of September, 2014, at 10:00 AM at Park Ridge City Hall, at which time all the members of the Board of Trustees were present.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of September, 2014.

As / Tom Sticha, Secretary Pro Tem Eisenhower Public Library District Board of Trustees

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The 2015 Honda Fit is a much different vehicle than it was a year ago. In the subcompact segment, you cannot go too big and stay competitive. The new Fit looks bigger from the outside, but that's due to the new styling. Subcompact competition can be fierce, so tough that few manufacturers are willing to take risks that make them much different from one another. That similarity puts the earnest on the buyer to figure out what they will purchase, making that decision based on styling alone is virtually impossible, but that's exactly how many consumers make their final decisions.

The exterior styling of the Honda Fit takes optimal advantage of the small dimensions, and it starts out with a swooping roofline that starts very low at the point of the nose, just above the Honda logo, and it climbs slowly to the B-pillar and starts its equally slow decent to the rear hatch lid.

As far as character, it's hard to create in such short space, but the Fit has two parallel lines chiseled into the side panels that start high at the rear and end diving low into the front wheel well. This does add some feeling of aerodynamics and I do like the way the rear taillights wrap around and meld right into the character lines.

My first impression of the Fit is that it would be especially valuable to those people living in crowded urban areas where parking space may be at a premium. In fact, during my week-long test drive, I had several opportunities to slip into tiny parking spots around downtown locales. This is the car size you must have to live a stress-free parking life in the city.

There are a lot of cars you could get into for the $21,580 sticker on this particular Fit EX-L, but my Fit tester was maxed out with options. Inside the Fit's cabin you will find the expected tight confines but a pleasing space that has plenty of light, zero blind spots and a spacious feeling that is possible in this segment. You will find a flexible seating/storage arrangement, and while surfaces are the expected hard plastic, they do have a textured surface treatment and come off a lot less cheap.

I found the seat cushioning and adjustments to be adequate, though a bit firm. The touchscreen infotainment and navigation system offers a big viewing space and easy operation. The new direct-injected 1.5-liter four-cylinder isn't going to land a following with the performance crowd, but it does provide more than adequate power for merging onto the freeway. Relatively speaking in comparison to the competition, the Fit was not underpowered, it felt just fine for a B-segment vehicle.

My tester featured the Continuously Variable Transmission, which is the configuration the Fit will likely sell in highest volume. The CVT is not typically responsive or enthusiastic, and this one is no different, but I do appreciate what it accomplishes for fuel economy: Environmental Protection Agency city/hwy/combined 32/38/35 miles per gallon. Direct and responsive steering is accompanied by a suspension that keeps the Fit feeling spritely around bends with some body roll. However, it doesn't feel quite as tied down as the outgoing Fit did. Brakes offer strong initial bite and slow the Fit fine, too. Overall, it's still an entertaining ride.

Overall, the Fit provides exactly what it is supposed to for this segment. It offers very good interior fit and finish, a nice dash flow and easy-to-use Nav system. This Fit is all about economy.
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- **Making Strides of Northwest Suburban**, Sunday, Oct. 19, at 8 a.m. at Cabela's, 5225 Prairie Stone Parkway, Hoffman Estates; 5K (3.1 mile event). For more information, contact Jacquelyn Koch at (630) 932-1151 or NorthwestSuburban@strides@cancer.org.
- **Making Strides of Park Ridge**, 5K (3.1 mile) event. For more information, contact Jainie Staab at (630) 932-1151 or NorthwestSuburban@strides@cancer.org.
- **Making Strides of North Shore**, 5K (3.1 mile) event. For more information, contact Hanah Tepe at (574) 257-9789, Ext. 3 or Valparaiso@strides@cancer.org.
- **Making Strides of Fox Valley**, Sunday, Oct. 19, at Pottawatomie Park, 8 North Ave., Saint Charles; 3 mile event. For more information, contact Abby Weaver at (815) 298-2830 or FoxValley@strides@cancer.org.
- **Making Strides of DuPage County**, Sunday, Oct. 13, at 9 a.m. at Centennial Park, 10401 W. 153rd St., Orland Park, 5K (3.1 mile event). Early T-shirt pick up is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to noon at Apple Chevrolet in Tinley Park and Wednesday, Oct. 8, at Marquette Bank Corporate Center from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Only registered participants will receive a T-shirt. For more information, contact Jacquelyn Koch at (708) 633-7771 or SouthSuburban@strides@cancer.org.

**Walking for awareness:** Walkers begin the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at Hodges Park in Park Ridge last year. **FILE PHOTO**
What is metastatic breast cancer?

A cancer diagnosis is never welcome news. Once such a diagnosis has been made, doctors will work to determine the stage of the cancer, which helps them develop a treatment plan and prognosis.

Cancer is most treatable when caught in its earliest stages, when tumors may be small and contained. When a person is diagnosed with metastatic cancer, commonly known as stage 4 cancer, treatments are typically much more intensive.

Metastatic cancer refers to cancer that has spread elsewhere from the point of origin. In terms of metastatic breast cancer, cancer cells may be detected beyond the breasts, most notably in the lymph nodes, brain, and/or liver. Although much more invasive, metastatic cancer is not a hopeless situation. It simply requires a different course of treatment to fight the disease.

How does cancer spread?

Almost all cancers can form metastatic tumors, or tumors that form in an area other than where the cancer started. The National Cancer Institute says cancer cells may initially invade nearby healthy tissue, replicating more unhealthy, abnormal cells. Intravasation, or the moving of cancer cells into the blood through their blood vessels, is also common. Once cancer cells are in this free-moving circulatory highway, they can reach other parts of the body. New cancer cells multiply and grow into small tumors in different locations. This proliferation of cancer tumors is called micrometastases.

The ability for metastasis to occur depends on a variety of properties, including the body’s immune system defenses. Just because cancer cells reach another area of the body does not mean they will successfully grow and form a tumor. Metastatic cancer cells can lie dormant and not grow for years, if they grow at all.

Why is it still called breast cancer?

If breast cancer spreads to the bones or lungs, it is not then referred to as bone or lung cancer. Metastatic cancer always takes the name of the first site where the cancer was discovered. When viewed microscopically, cancer cells that have spread generally look the same as the original cancer cells and have some of the same features in common.

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms will vary depending on where the cancer has spread. If a tumor is small or growing slowly, there may be no symptoms at all. Metastases in the bones can cause pain or fractures. Cancer in the brain can cause headaches, vomiting, pressure, and behavioral changes. Cancer that has moved to the liver can cause jaundice, which is a yellowing of the skin or eyes, and abnormally high enzymes in the liver. Any and all new symptoms should be discussed with a doctor.

What are the treatment options?

Metastatic cancer patients have many effective treatments at their disposal. According to BreastCancer.org, these treatments include systemic, or whole-body, treatment; localized treatment; and pain relief.

Whole-body treatments are usually advised when a cancer has a few metastases. Surgery or a targeted therapy may not be able to attack all of the cancer cells, including those that are not visible. Additional medications and therapies may be recommended to address specific symptoms. Radiation can target cancer cells in one location while steroids or surgeries to the bones, lymph nodes, or other areas may be necessary. Pain-relief medications are often prescribed to keep patients comfortable until the other treatments begin to take effect. Sleeping pills or medications to treat nausea may be prescribed if symptoms are bothersome.

Despite all the advancements in metastatic breast cancer treatments, it is still possible for the cancer to spread. Experimental trials and new drugs still being studied may be recommended in particularly stubborn cases.

A metastatic cancer diagnosis can be troubling, but men and women should not be hopeless. Educating oneself about metastatic cancer and learning about the various treatments can help people on their roads to recovery.

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cancer cells have not spread beyond a very limited area.

Stage 0 breast cancer is a noninvasive cancer where abnormal cells have been found in the lining of the breast milk duct but have not spread outside the duct into surrounding breast tissue. Stage 0 breast cancer is very treatable, but it is not caught, it can spread into surrounding breast tissue.

Stage 1 breast cancer is diagnosed when the tumor is very small and has not spread to the lymph nodes. In certain instances when a person is diagnosed with stage 1 breast cancer, no tumor is found in the breast.

Stage 2 breast cancers typically respond well to treatment, but those treatments may be more aggressive than treatments for stage 0 or 1 breast cancers.

Stage 3 breast cancer is an advanced cancer that has invaded tissues surrounding the breast but has not spread to distant organs. Advancements to treat stage 3 breast cancer have made treatment more effective, even if a doctor describes the cancer as “inoperable,” which may mean that surgery will not be enough to rid the breast of the cancer in its entirety.

Stage 4 breast cancer is divided into a three subgroups, which are determined by the size of the tumor and if the cancer has spread to the lymph nodes or surrounding tissue.

When a person is diagnosed with stage 3A, 3B or 3C breast cancer, his or her physician will likely discuss treatment plans that include a combination of treatment options.

Stage 4 breast cancer diagnosis means the cancer has spread to other areas of the body, which may include the brains, bones, lungs, or liver. Stage 4 breast cancer is considered incurable, though the NBBC notes that a growing number of women are living longer because their disease is being treated as a chronic condition. Treatment of stage 4 breast cancer may be determined by a patient’s access to specialists and sub-specialists, and some patients may be given the opportunity to participate in therapies that are still in the experimental phase. Unlike in years past, many stage 4 breast cancer patients can extend their lives for several years thanks in large part to advancements in research and medical technology.
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Men left behind: ‘No One Said It Would be Easy’

BY WENDY ALTSCHULER
For Sun-Times Media

Two years ago I lost my mother to breast cancer. I watched the life drain out of her as she got sick, lost her hair and shrunk into herself. I also watched my father change her bandages, feed her and push her ailing body in a wheelchair onto the sunlit front porch.

The kaleidoscope of emotions for me rolled beyond the pain I felt for my mom — it was harrowing to see my stoic dad go through the loss with a stern face, silent. "The sadness I felt for my father was in large part due to how isolated, abandoned and alone he appeared."

Ken Churilla's book, "No One Said It Would Be Easy: A Husband's Journey Through His Wife's Battle With Breast Cancer" captures the real and raw experience of a husband losing his wife — something that many men, my father included, can relate to. "I wrote this book because guys don't talk," said Churilla. "They'll talk about the Bears and the Blackhawks all day long but they don't talk." When the subject of this book (Tommy) went through this, I started to think about how many men are forced into this journey but have no clue what to do or how to handle things. It's like being plucked out of normal, everyday life and put right into the eye of a hurricane — you have no idea where to turn or what to do even though everyone is counting on you."

Death and dying is certainly not an easy topic to discuss. In his book, Churilla gives men a voice, without taking the spotlight off of the women fighting for their lives, because in reality, both men and women, in many cases, are fighting their battles side by side. "The reader and Tommy have the same opponent — breast cancer — and even though it will not attack them both the same way, there are a lot of similarities."

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"No One Said It Would Be Easy," by Ken Churilla

for women's lives together. Readers are able to learn from and empathize with a husband's mistakes and triumphs as his navigates uncharted territory.

"While all of the attention and support from friends, family and doctors is rightfully focused on the woman and the kids (if there are kids involved), few think about the guy in the equation," said Churilla. "Everyone is leaning on him to keep the ship righted and handle everything when he is hurting and confused as well. The question is: How does a guy say, 'Hey, what about me?' or 'What do I do?' when his wife is literally fighting for her life?"

Trauma affects everyone in the household — men are not exempt. "I look at this book kind of like a football player watches game tape," said Churilla. "The reader and Tommy have the same opponent — breast cancer — and even though it will not attack them both the same way, there are a lot of similarities."

This book gives the reader a chance to see how someone else handled those things and depending on where the reader is in their situation, it gives them a base understanding and allows them the opportunity to make whatever decision that works for them. For some it allows them a peek at things that are down the road and helps them prepare while others it gives them a chance to reflect on what they did and measure it up against Tommy's actions."

Sharing stories of loss and survival, bringing to light the agony and fear of breast cancer, is essential for women — as we all share that very real risk — but also, it's imperative that men speak up as well. The sobering reality of losing a loved one is arduous, especially when journeyed alone. Hopefully men — including men like my father — will gain valuable insight through Churilla's authentic account of resolution and hope.

Churilla, director of marketing at Balmoral Park Racetrack in Crete, is a Chicago-based writer with a rich journalism career history. His work has been featured in numerous publications including media kit artist biographies for musicians Kenny Chesney, George Strait, Martina McBride and others.

"No One Said It Would Be Easy" is Churilla's first book and portions of the proceeds are being donated to help fund the fight against breast cancer. The book reached No. 7 on the Amazon Bestseller Ranking in the Breast Cancer category. In August, is reached the No. 1 position in the same category at Canada's Amazon site. The book is published by Dunham Books and is available in paperback and e-book.
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**AROUND TOWN CHICAGO**
“BRILLIANT”
150 male voices unite for Niles concert

BY MELISSA WASSERMAN
For Sun-Times Media

The Musica Lumina series will fill St. John Brebeuf Church in Niles with 150 melodic male voices as The New Tradition Men's Barbershop Chorus and The Purdue Varsity Glee Club perform together on Oct. 11.

The Musica Lumina concerts began Sept. 14 and continue through March 29. Among the eight concert dates, various ensembles will perform vocally and instrumentally.

"I love to create opportunity for musicians to perform and to create opportunity for people in the community to come together and enjoy themselves," said Marek Rachelski, St. John Brebeuf Music Director, Niles Metropolitan Chorus Conductor and Musica Lumina Director. "I, of course, like to perform myself, so there's some opportunities for me as well. It's kind of an outreach for the church also. We like having people come in and visit, so that they can see and experience the nice place that we have."

Musica Lumina features three Rudcki Commemorative Concerts honoring the legacy of the late Rev. Stanley Rudcki, former chair of the Niles College Department of Fine Arts and founder of the Niles Concert Choir and Niles Symphony Orchestra.

"It's an honor for me to be able to perform in his memory and dedicate these concerts to the energy that he placed into making music in the community and bringing people together," Rachelski said. "It's something that I aspire to as well."

The Northbrook-based New Tradition Men's Barbershop Chorus, under the direction of Jay Giallombardo, has delivered a distinctive combination of musicianship and professional presentation since 1982. Entertaining audiences with musical harmony, dazzling choreography and eye-catching costumes, the all-volunteer group welcomes men of all ages and skill levels. The ensemble has won 19 medals in the Barbershop Harmony Society's International Chorus Contest.

The Purdue Varsity Glee Club, established in 1893, will perform solo and with the New Tradition Men's Barbershop Chorus, at St. Brebeuf Church in Niles Oct. 11.

Under the direction of William Griffel, the Purdue Varsity Glee Club's versatile repertoire includes one-of-a-kind arrangements of gospel, vocal jazz, swing, contemporary hits, romantic ballads, classical choral selections, barbershop, folk melodies, patriotic standards, opera, country and novelty tunes. Founded in 1893, this select ensemble entertains on behalf of Purdue University, averaging between 50-60 appearances every year.

The all-male entities will sing some pieces separately and some together, and the evening will feature a range of songs including barbershop chorus and pop tunes.

"Music that involves more than one person, brings life to our community," said Rachelski, a Park Ridge resident. "It brings us joy and a sense of peace. Experiencing that energy in a live concert—there's no substitute for that."
Under a shadow in sunny Florida

BY HEDY WEISS
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ISome might describe “The Commons of Pensacola” — the tremendously accomplished first play written by actress Amanda Peet, now receiving a deliciously fierce Midwest premiere at Northlight Theatre — as a tale of survival. Others might call it picture of the afterlife, or a study in collateral damage, guilt, denial and our uniquely 21st-century form of tabloid narcissism. A few might even call it an American tragedy.

In fact, it is all these things, and more.

Peet has managed to spin her story into an airtight 90 minutes full of memorable characters and painful truths. And director Robin Witt has gathered a cast of six that is pure perfection.

Peet has taken her inspiration from the Bernie Madoff scandal but spun her own version of the fallout for his family by imagining a story in which a mother and her two adult daughters (rather than Madoff’s two sons) try to find some way forward while living under the pitch-black cloud of an infamous crime.

Judith (Linda Kimbrough), who insists she knew nothing about her husband’s financial skullduggery, has lost almost everything. She is 71, on a serious regimen of medications, and lives more or less “in exile” in a generic condo in Pensacola, Fla., with no trace of her past, including her family.

“You are just living like the rest of the world,” one of Judith’s daughters reminds her (though in fact, she is living better than most). But as Judith quips, she is probably the only person in Florida who wishes she would get Alzheimer’s.

Arriving from New York is Becca (Lusia Strus), her 43-year-old daughter — a still struggling actress who babysits for her compassionate agent’s children. She has brought along her latest boyfriend, Gabe (a perfectly attractive-smarmy Erik Hellman), a freelance journalist 13 years her junior. Quite the transparent opportunist, Gabe hopes to devise some sort of “docu-series” that would gain him attention and, as he tries to sell it, serve as a platform for forgiveness for Judith. Also visiting is Judith’s sexy, foul-mouthed teenage granddaughter, Lizzy (Leah Karpel is ideal), whose mother, Ali (Lori Myers), has totally divorced herself from her own mother.

As mother and daughter, Kimbrough and Strus, veteran Chicago actresses who can flip from tragedy to comedy in a single breath, are a match made in heaven. Their blistering mother-daughter firefight is a stunner, and would have been the ideal place to end the play. Peet should have resisted the urge to put a slightly upbeat ending on a story that cannot possibly have one. But this is an otherwise taut and telling play, and a production that kicks off Northlight’s 40th anniversary season in superb style.
Lysander (Corey Mills) and Hermia (Olivia Douglas) hit on a happy plan to hide in the woods to wed, away from Athenian law.

**Shakespeare's 'Midsummer' ideal fit for age of Aquarius**

**BY MYRNA PETLICKI**
For Sun-Times Media

While our country was embroiled in the Vietnam War in the 1960s, hippies proselytized the philosophy, "Make love, not war." That's the setting director Manuel Ortiz has chosen for his take on Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" for James Downing Theatre.

"My family comes from a long line of military personnel so I wanted to add some of my roots," Ortiz explained. "We mention war in the text but we don't say which one: That's why I love Shakespeare. So much of his work can be related to so many different times."

The entire theater space will reflect the Vietnam War era. "The minute someone walks into the space, they have to feel the essence of what started out so little and became so big," the director said.

In Ortiz's version, Lysander and Demetrius, who both initially compete for Hermia's love, are high-ranking soldiers. That's not the chosen career path of Lysander, though, contested Corey Mills, who plays the character.

"Lysander is very lyrical and romantic," said Mills, who is performing in his fifth production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." "It's a lot of fun because Demetrius is kind of gruff whereas Lysander has a way with words."

His goal is to marry Hermia, the woman he loves, but her father is set on making a match between his daughter and Demetrius.

The Vietnam-era setting works for his character, Mills said, "because he is very laid back. He fits right into the hippie culture — peace not war."

Hermia has a mind of her own. "She's rebellious," actor Olivia Douglas said. "She's rebelling against her father and Athens's society where women are objects."

Douglas indicated that moving the story to the Vietnam War era, "allows for a little bit more of a casual take on the role. In the Vietnam Era, women were coming into their own — free love and experimenting with all kinds of stuff. Rebellion is one thing that transcends through any era. It's just a different kind of rebellion.

"Shakespeare lends itself to any time period because his themes are universal," Douglas continued. "True love is the main theme of my character."

In addition to playing a lead in the show, Mills is working on costuming and choreographing two dance numbers. "We're going to be using some '70s songs for the fairies — which are the hippies, as well," he said. "We're doing a little bit of transitional music to run the theme of the show together."

Of course, they are including the song, "Age of Aquarius."
Fall fun and celebrity characters
at Devonshire County Fair

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
For Sun-Times Media

You can take a hayride or try a circus troupe at Devonshire County Fair, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5 at Devonshire Cultural Center and Park, 4422 Greenwood St., Skokie.

"We are really excited," said Facility Manager Robin Horwitz. "Special guest stars will be appearing — Anna and Elsa from 'Frozen,' to do a sing-along. Spiderman and Batman will be on hand for the boys. They will do stunts and then all four characters will do a meet-and-greet."

There will also be a Puppies on Parade contest. "People can dress up their dogs of all ages. We'll parade them around the park and they can win ribbons," Horwitz said.

Other activities will include inflatables, relay races, face painting, ten stations of fall arts and crafts projects, pie eating contest and musical entertainment. Vendors will sell food.

The cost is $10 per person for a book of event tickets; $25 per family of four; $2 for individual tickets. Each activity requires one ticket.

For details, call (847) 674-1500 or go to www.prparks.org.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

Wake your kids early on Wednesday, Oct. 8 for an amazing experience at Eclipse and Eau Claire, 5-30 a.m. at Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview Ave., Park Ridge.

Your family will learn about the moon and astronomy and watch the eclipse through telescopes and binoculars. Coffee, cocoa and pastries will be served. Cost is $15 per family; $5 per individual.

For details, call (847) 692-3570 or go to www.prparks.org.

PICTURE THIS

Actually, it will take a lot of imagination to do that when you bring your child to "The Book with No Pictures" Storytime, 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7 at the Sherman Plaza Barnes & Noble, 1630 Sherman Ave., Evanston. Kids will love B. J. Novak's very funny, award-winning book.

For details, call (847) 424-0848 or go to www.barnesandnoble.com.

CAN'T BE BEAT

Northwestern University's student-produced premiere drum, dance and rhythm ensemble, Boomshaka, will use everything from sticks to poles, buckets, hands and feet, 2-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12 at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. Pick up tickets in KidSpace 30 minutes before the show.

For details, call (847) 663-1234 or go to www.nileslibrary.org.
Crafts afoot
Shoe makeovers on a shoestring

This season, kick it up a notch and do something good for your “sole” by giving your old shoes a much-needed makeover.

Chic Houndstooth Boots
When I think of fall, I think of Wellington boots: bright, colorful rubber boots perfect for splashing in puddles and walking through mud. Unfortunately, my Wellies have seen better days, so I love this fast and inexpensive update.

You need:
- Boots
- Duct tape (I recommend choosing a small, linear pattern such as houndstooth)
- Scissors

Directions:
Starting from the top, slowly wrap each boot with 6-8 inch strips of duct tape. Be sure to go slowly and smooth out any bumps as you move along. As you get closer to the heel and toe, you will need to trim the strips to fit the shape of your boot. Using a small linear pattern will help camouflage the seams and give the impression of a well-appointed boot.

Surprise Pumps
I love shoes that have a surprise element, which is exactly what you get with this makeover. I used feather hairclips to jazz up my shoes, but really any decorative clip or flower would work.

You need:
- Pumps
- 2 Feather hair clips (available at big box supermarkets and pharmacies)
- Glue gun

Directions:
Use scissors to gently remove feathers from clips. Use a hot glue gun to attach each feather to the “outside” of each shoe. Set aside to dry. Use scissors to trim feathers if desired.

Graffiti-Style Sneakers
Graffiti-covered sneakers are the rage this fall, whether you’re on the sidewalk, playing field or runway. Nike, Converse and even Louis Vuitton have their own version of this fashion staple and now your kids can too.

You need:
- White canvas shoes
- Fabric markers (Sharpies or permanent markers work equally as well)
- Rhinestones and hot glue gun (optional)

Directions:
Clean shoes to remove dirt and grime. Use markers to decorate the shoes as you please. Add rhinestone accents using glue gun.

To achieve a “watercolor effect,” rinse shoes in cold water and allow them to dry until moderately damp. Decorate damp shoes with markers, which will cause the ink to run and the colors to blend together.

Glitter Toes
Give tired flats a new life with this easy metallic makeover.

You need:
- Flats
- Permanent and washable fashion glitter (available at craft stores)
- Fashion glue or Mod Podge
- Paint brush
- Masking tape

Directions:
Make sure shoes are clean and dry. Use masking tape to cover the area of the shoes that you don’t want glittered, such as the soles. Decorate the toecaps with markers, which will cause the ink to run and the colors to blend together.

Glueter toes: shoes reclaimed by makeover

Boot ready for lots more walking after makeover

MAKEOVERS GONE WRONG!
Sometimes a good idea doesn’t necessarily yield a good result, which is precisely the case with this creation, the "buttoned up shoe." Now I know why buttons and shoes don’t mix.

Do you have a craft gone wrong? Upload a picture to Mommy on a Shoestring’s Facebook page: http://on.fb.me/1w4HfFJ.
Power of Pink Movie Premiere Breast Cancer Benefit
5:30 p.m.: The 2014 film “Christmas With the Karountzoses” is screened at this benefit. Ticket price includes the film, popcorn, drink and a goodie bag. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society and other Philanthropic endeavors of the Philoptochos Society, a philanthropic organization of the Greek Orthodox Church. Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-5800, $35.

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Film and Discussion: “Warsaw Rising”
6 p.m.: This documentary recounts the battle to liberate Warsaw from Nazi occupiers in 1944. Reservations required, email reservations@ihmec.org. Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Call 847-867-4800.

Power of Pink Gala
7 p.m.: This year’s gala features the Midwest movie premiere of Robert Krantz’s movie “Christmas With the Karountzoses.” Robert Krantz is on hand as well. A portion of the proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer program and go toward those affected in the Chicagoland area. The event is sponsored by The Philoptochos Societies of The Ascension of Our Lord, Saint John the Baptist and Saints Peter and Paul. Admission includes the movie, popcorn, a drink and a goody bag. Doors open 5:30 p.m. Attendees should send their name, phone number and number of tickets requested with a check payable to Ascension Philoptochos. These registration materials should be mailed to Ascension Philoptochos, 1207 Riverwoods Road, Lincolnshire, IL 60068. Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. $35.

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10 a.m.: Paul Klett guides attendees through the steps of creating a successful screenplay in this six-week course. Learn what makes a movie interesting and use the tools of the trade to turn a story into a script. Call to register. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7829.

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5 p.m.: Temple Beth Israel holds a Yom Kippur family service. Tickets are required. Following the Yom Kippur family service, children in grades pre-K to third are invited to participate in special programming with holiday activities and snacks until the conclusion of the Yom Kippur service. Evanston Township High School, 1500 Dodge Ave., Evanston. Call 847-675-0951.

Autumn Fest
11 a.m.: Autumn Fest features a corn maze, games, crafts, pony rides, a petting zoo, magician, inflatables and a DJ. A concession stand grills burgers and brats along with a special event menu. Gould Park, 2400 Scott St., Franklin Park. Call 708-943-5070.

Build Your Own Scaracrow
Noon: Learn how to build your own scarecrow, using some old clothes around the house, a pumpkin and straw. Charge of $5 for supplies. Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview. Call 847-657-1506.

Booze, Bars and Bootlegging
12:15 p.m.: The Chicago History Museum Pub Crawl features infamous speakeasies that were popular among Chicago’s notorious gangsters during prohibition. The three-hour tour features four taverns and a unique perspective on local history. Drinks and food are not included in fee. Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston. Call 847-446-8250, $48-$58.

2 p.m.: A World War II platoon has the job of rescuing art from Nazi thieves. Stars George Clooney, Matt Damon and Bill Murray. 118 minutes. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

Silver Screen Series: ‘Gigi’

Origami Workshop
2 p.m.: Students can learn about Japanese art and how it influenced Frank Lloyd Wright’s architecture, then learn origami folds and designs to make figures inspired by architecture. For students in grades two to six. Registration available. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

Princess Ball
5 p.m.: Join Disney princesses Cinderella, Jasmine and Elsa for a night of dancing and dining. Participants can wear their best ballroom attire. Exploratorium, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-674-1500, $30-$36 per couple.

World Film Night: “Tanta Agua”
7 p.m.: This movie features a blind son’s attempt to connect with her brother and the son of a woman who was stolen from their family the night of his birth. The film is in Spanish, with English subtitles. 102 minutes. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-673-7774.

Trivia Night
8 p.m.: Winners receive gift cards. Specials include $4 Budweiser products and 60-cent wings. Buffalo Wild Wings, 7020 Carpenter Road, Skokie. Call 847-329-9333.

Brush with Nature
6 p.m.: Brush with Nature is a plein air painting program presented by the arts organization Anatomically Correct. The public is invited to watch professional artists paint plein air style. The works created during this event will be on display in a juried art exhibition inside the Emily Oaks Nature Center Gallery Nov. 7-Jan. 2, 2015. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 6650 Brummel St., Skokie. Call 847-674-1500, ext. 2500.

Devonshire County Fair
I.p.m.: This Autumn fair features many indoor and outdoor activities, including hayrides, candy apples, pumpkin decorating, pie-eating contests, a costume photo booth, inflatables, games, vendors and circus acts. Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie. Call 847-674-1500.

Cavatina Duo and Guests in Concert
2 p.m.: The performance includes pieces by Bach, Handel, Takanetsu and others. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-492-8660, $35.

Young Steinway Concert
3 p.m.: Pianist Benjamin Kolot and violinist Chloe Lee perform. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-673-7774.

Maker Monday
4:30 p.m.: Kids can make crafts out of ordinary things. For students in grades three to eight. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-6625.

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Teens Snack Attack
4 p.m.: Students are invited for snacks and a screening of "Adventure Time." Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7828.

Documentary Film: 'Stories We Tell'
7 p.m.: The documentary peels away the fiction layers of the stories told by a family of storytellers, to discover the truth. 108 minutes. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-829-3223.

Hitchcock Classic Film Festival: 'The Lady Vanishes'
7 p.m.: The 1938 Hitchcock film about a rich, young playgirl who notices an elderly woman missing while she's traveling through Europe. Stars Margaret Lockwood, Michael Redgrave and Paul Lukas. 96 minutes. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

Wednesday, Oct. 8
The Duck Inn and Stallar Estate Winery
10:15 a.m.: Join seniors for a trip to Delavan, Wisconsin for lunch at the historic Duck Inn, followed by a tasting and tour at the Stallar Estate Winery. Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles. Call 847-588-8420.

Modern Times Film Series: 'Her'
6 p.m.: Join in for a movie night with "Her," a film about a man who develops a romance with his computer program. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7828.

Trivia Night
7 p.m.: Winners receive Bar Louie gift cards. Sporcle Live Trivia is the platform used. Bar Louie Skokie, 5300 Touhy Ave., Skokie. Call 847-763-3056.

Thursday, Oct. 9
Classic Film Series: 'The Killers'
1 p.m.: Two hit men get stuck in a sticky situation when they find that their victim didn't attempt to flee. Film historian Ralph Amelio leads a discussion after the film. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7828.

Hitchcock Classic Film Festival: 'Gaslight'
2 p.m.: The 1944 George Cukor movie about a man who is willing to drive his wife insane to hide his secret. Stars Charles Boyer, Ingrid Bergman and Joseph Cotten. 114 minutes. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

Saturday, Oct. 11
St. Eugene Craft Fair
9 a.m.: The parish craft show features Illinois crafters, a bake sale and a cafe that serves refreshments. St. Eugene School, 7930 W. Foster Ave., Chicago. Call 773-763-2236.

Green Halloween: Costume Swap
9 a.m.: Swap an old costume for another. Attendees must drop off a costume to trade at the Kids Desk in order to be registered. Costume drop-off ends Oct. 11. For ages 12 and younger. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7828.

Breakfast With Books
10:30 a.m.: Share favorite books while enjoying a light breakfast snack. For children ages 2 to 7. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-324-3149.

Costumed Pet Parade
11 a.m.: The annual pet parade marches around the library and is followed by a fall-themed craft for children. Costumes for pets and children are encouraged. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Sunday, Oct. 12
Cinema Slouths: 'Charlie Chan at Treasure Island'

Family Movie: 'Legends of Oz'
2 p.m.: An animated 2013 film loosely based on the original story of "Oz." 88 minutes. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277, ext. 222.

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Send us your holiday bazaar information

Pioneer Press will publish its annual holiday bazaar roundup in the issue of Nov. 6. To have your bazaar, craft fair or boutique in the listing, please send information about the event, including time, date, venue address and short description, to Debbie Hoppe at dhoppe@pioneerlocal.com. Deadline for submissions is Oct. 24.
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How much is too much?

Hilary Holder, director of admissions at Baker Demonstration School in Wilmette said that the amount of student involvement in the admissions process is in direct correlation to age: the younger the child, the less the involvement.

“More families with very young children, I recommend that parents tour and visit the school before involving their children in the process,” Holder said. “For older students, families may choose to involve them in the decision-making process from the very beginning right up through the decision of where to enroll.”

Call the admissions director before you come to learn whether children are welcome to attend, advises Holder. Parents are the best judges as to what level of participation is appropriate for their child.

“At Baker, our fall open house is specifically geared towards families— with student-led tours available for older children and fun activities for younger students—while parents tour the school,” Holder said. “The fall open house has the added benefit of being scheduled on a weekend, making it more accessible for prospective students to attend.”

What can you do at home?

Online searches are a great way to engage prospective students in the search process. Check out the school’s virtual tours and videos, ask for access to teacher blogs and join the school’s Facebook or Instagram pages to get a more candid look at school life.

What questions should you ask?

Parents, Holder cautioned, should consider several questions before including their child on a school visit. Will my child find it hard to resist engaging in classroom activities? Will my child be quiet and respectful when entering a class in session? Will my child have the stamina to participate in a tour that may last 45 minutes or more? Do I have specific concerns that I need to address with the admissions director without my child being present? Will my child be missing school elsewhere?

“Spend some time after the visit, regardless of the age of the child, asking open-ended questions to try to determine what your child liked and didn’t like about the school,” Holder said. “Direct follow-up questions to the admissions director or ask to speak with some families who are already enrolled at the school.”

Continue the conversation

Talia Anisfeld, M.Ed., Ed.S. and Elisa Rotman, LCSW, from Sager Solomon Schechter Day School in Northbrook, recommend being honest and straightforward with your children about what qualities you are looking for in a new school.

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Including children and discussing options is constructive and valuable for children but it is also critical that parents remain in charge of the decision-making process.

“While you want to partner with your child and encourage their feedback on the process, your child needs to know that parents are the final decision makers and the best judges of choosing an appropriate educational setting,” said Rotman, school social worker.

Dr. Lena Kushnir, principal of Sager Solomon Schechter Day School, said: “I suggest that any student considering a new school be involved in the decision. This can range from simply touring the new school to sitting in on a few classes to get a feel for the new environment. These situations are most successful when the prospective student is paired up with a buddy who can help them navigate their visit and feel comfortable.”

Can you picture it?

Students that tour prospective schools have a leg up on the experience; they are able to make comparisons and gauge whether or not the school feels like a match for their needs.

“You want your child to feel good about going to a new school and be able to picture him/herself in the new environment,” Anisfeld said.
Skills learned at camp prepare children for school

BY LANI GERSZONOVICZ AND NIKI PAPAK, BANNER DAY CAMP
Special Columnists

As summer winds down, families begin the process of adapting to another school year. Children reunite with classmates, meet teachers and explore classrooms as they wonder what lies ahead in the coming year. During this time of anticipation and preparation, parents should take a moment to pause and reflect on the growth and development that has occurred over the summer. For campers that have had the good fortune of attending a great camp, parents will notice a multitude of skills learned over the summer that prepare them for the school year. Camp becomes a bridge between school years that keeps children on the path of learning and paves the way for future success.

One of the ways a summer spent at camp prepares children for school is by supporting them to further develop their independence. For some younger children, a day at camp marks the first experience they have away from their parents. A safe, nurturing experience provided by a mature and well-trained staff guides these young campers as they learn to dress themselves, take care of their belongings and try new activities. Older campers experience greater independence as they choose activities based on their interests and learn to advocate for their needs. These experiences build self-confidence as campers learn that they can be self-reliant in many areas of their lives.

Camp also prepares children for the school year by teaching important social skills needed to make friends, work within a group and communicate with adults. All of these skills are needed to successfully navigate a school environment. At camp, children are regularly introduced to new campers and taught to develop connections and form long-lasting friendships. If conflicts arise, children learn how to communicate in a way that brings a healthy and meaningful resolution. By being part of a camp group, children learn to cooperate and support one another. They learn teamwork through spirited activities like color wars and sports leagues. Children also learn to communicate with adults outside of their family circles. This is extremely important to build a foundation where children feel comfortable speaking up for themselves and asking questions in the classroom.

In addition to independence and social skills, campers demonstrate a greater level of resiliency. Through encountering new experiences and taking safe risks, children learn to stretch out of their comfort zone. Campers experience concrete challenges like learning to dribble a ball, build a fire or climb a rock wall. Campers are also faced with more complex milestones such as learning to meet new friends and being able to handle the challenges of a new school year. Camp provides a safe and nurturing environment where children can learn these important skills.

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Private schools give back

Service, volunteering and community support

BY WENDY ALTSCULER
For Sun-Times Media

Teaching kids early on about the significance of helping others, giving back to their communities and supporting local charities will set them up for a lifetime of momentous experiences and happiness. Simply put: doing good deeds feels good.

The Cove School in Northbrook, which provides thoughtful education and life skills for children with learning disabilities, knows all too well about how benevolent support secures success. Teachers and specialists operate with such sensitivity, kindness and positive encouragement — tailored specifically to each child's needs — that helping students learn the importance of serving isn't a far stretch.

"Cove Kids Care was launched as a community outreach program and leadership opportunity for our students," said Alexandra Argentar, director of development at The Cove School. "It has enabled our students to choose organizations they have an interest in giving back to, develop a relationship with those organizations, coordinate an all school donation drive and promote the cause to their peers."

Students are able to learn a great deal about how to organize, direct and get involved in various charities. The added benefit is the bonding that happens among fellow students that are working toward the same goal: volunteering.

"Cove High School student council leaders choose local charities and run school-wide donation drives," said Argentar. "The full K-12 school participates by donating items and high school students deliver them. Past charities have included the Northfield Food Pantry, Orphans of the Storm and Evanston School Children's Clothing Association."

The Cove School executive director Sally Sover said: "Our community outreach has extended far beyond our walls and is providing meaningful opportunities for our students to reach out to others. How proud we are of our student council and of our entire student body for championing efforts to serve the underprivileged through Cove Kids Care."

Teaching students about service is part of St. Celestine School's ethos. All students are involved in charitable projects throughout the year — collections and donations for worthy causes: diapers for a women's shelter; hats, gloves and books for a poor inner city parish; donations for Misericordia, cancer and heart research and participation in Boosterthon, a fitness program that donates some of the proceeds to disadvantaged communities.

Another open-handed initiative at St. Celestine School involves making cards for the sick, the elderly and for veterans and soldiers.

"These cards are distributed through our Ministry of Care and also directly to veteran hospitals," said Jeanine Rocchi, principal at St. Celestine School in Elmwood Park. "Rocchi went on to say: "During the month of November the entire school collects over 2000 cans of food for our parish food pantry and since food is sold by weight, collecting canned goods is very helpful so other foodstuffs can be purchased."

Prayers for sick relatives or friends are spoken daily over the school's loudspeaker, which, according to Rocchi, is one of the biggest endeavors at St. Celestine School that doesn't cost a dime.

"It is amazing how many people let us know how much those prayers meant to them," said Rocchi. "We also have a moment of silence for peace daily. When the chimes ring for peace it is eerily quiet throughout the school for that moment."

Students also help with school and parish events — setting up or taking down chairs and tables, serving pasta dinners at school functions, assisting with the school lunch program, aiding the primary classrooms and patrolling the school entrances.

"Everyday, students are taught that service is expected from everyone, and we are hopeful that they will carry on this service-minded attitude throughout their adulthood," Rocchi said.
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BY WENDY ALTSCHULER
For Sun-Times Media

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Back-to-school night basics

BY MONICA CARTER
For Sun-Times Media

Back-to-school nights are a time of year when parents get to meet their child’s teacher. It allows parents to meet the person who will be with their child throughout the school year and for teachers to make connections with the parents.

We asked local educators Madonna Lee Edmunds, principle of Woodland Academy in Lake Forest — who has been involved in education for more than 46 years — and Aridh Shea of Holy Cross School in Deerfield for some advice for parents on how to make this night a successful one.

Make back-to-school night a priority

Back-to-school night is a good opportunity for parents to get to know teachers on a more personal level and observe what their child will be learning throughout the year. Teachers take the time to put together an experience that allows both parties to get to know each other.

“Scheduling is the biggest challenge in putting together an open house,” Shea said. “The goal is always to get 100 percent attendance; yet, other events often interfere with this magical evening. From my experience, teachers are thrilled to have the opportunity to share what they do every day with the parents of their students and parents are equally excited to discover just what is so great about their child’s teacher.”

Starting a school-home connection with your child’s teacher in the beginning of the year is key in keeping an open line of communication.

Ask questions

Teachers want parents to ask questions about what their children will be learning and how to make the school year an effective one.

“The purpose of our parent class visitation is for [parents and teachers] to put names together with faces,” Edmunds said. “The teachers explain their classes and allow the parents to ask any questions.”

Find out what is expected of your child.
Ask questions about classroom procedures. Discover what your child will be learning throughout the school year.

“I enjoy answering questions that will help the child be most successful,” Shea said. “I prefer to focus on the children. Much of the...
content we teach is determined by the Common Core, state goals [and] district policies so clarification is always appropriate.”

Edmunds also suggested that parents ask how their child has been adjusting since the beginning of the school year.

“Ask us for clarification. ‘What are your expectations of my [child]? How is her engagement in class?’ Communication is essential,” she said.

Stay involved in your child’s education

Parents may have less of a desire to attend a back-to-school night as their children get older. Don’t let familiar back to school routines deter you from attending. Edmunds suggested parents who are unable to attend an open house to schedule a time to meet with teachers or find out about other events hosted by the school such as parent-teacher conferences.

“Families want to be involved in their daughter’s education,” she said. “We have greater attendance with freshman parents than the older students. [However], if parents have any questions about anything, there are other opportunities and events and social time as well.”

Don’t be nervous

Some parents may feel discomfort with teachers from their past experience as students. Don’t let this be a deterrent from attending your child’s open house. Teachers want to see students succeed and help them overcome struggles.

“Remember that your child’s teacher shares a common goal; you both want the best for your child,” Shea said. “Focus on your child and their experiences. Help your child take responsibility for themselves, their belongings and their work. Let their successes and failures be their own, and yes, allow them to fail once in a while.”

Ask a teacher: “I enjoy answering questions that will help the child be most successful,” said Ardith Shea of Holy Cross School.

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### My 1990 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham

By Lynn Johansen of Franklin Park

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Running backs just aren't what they used to be – at least in the eyes of NFL owners paying their salaries. Used to be that RBs ranked second behind quarterbacks on the pay scale average for all position players. These days, cornerbacks, receivers, defensive ends and left tackles are considered more valuable. Entering the 2014 season, just one running back ranked among the top 59 highest-paid players in the league – Minnesota's Adrian Peterson.

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WILMETTE — Emmett Russell has proven himself to be a big-time football player this fall, but it's something the Loyola senior did in July that forever etched him in Ramblers lore.

During a youth summer camp at the school, he saved one of his teammates from drowning in the pool while working as a camp counselor.

Senior defensive lineman Andrews Beniana broke his nose and was knocked unconscious after doing a belly flop into the water. Beniana sunk to the bottom of the pool, where he stayed for several moments.

At first, Russell said many of the onlookers believed Beniana was playing a joke, but they later grew worried. On the word of a swimming instructor, Russell, who was in line for the diving board, jumped in, retrieved Beniana and pulled the 6-1, 210-pounder to the surface and helped him onto the deck.

The 6-1, 210-pound Russell said Beniana immediately was positioned on his side and soon woke up by coughing up water. CPR never was needed, according to Russell. Beniana was taken to the hospital and treated for his broken nose and concussion-like symptoms.

"I can't exactly remember what happened," said Beniana, a Chicago resident who also was serving as a camp counselor. "I was recovering from it even a few weeks later."

Russell, who received several congratulatory handshakes from firefighters when they arrived at the scene, said he didn't think about the seriousness of the situation at the time.

"I was too in the moment to realize what really was going on," he said. "Looking back on it, I know. When I dove in, though, I didn't think it was that big of a deal."

To this day, Russell undersells his role in the pool rescue, remarking that he's only an ordinary person put in an extraordinary position.

Senior defensive lineman Tom Dreher and senior receiver Owen Buscaglia both said they weren't surprised by Russell's actions.

"That speaks to Emmett, and the kind of kid he is," Dreher said.

Added Buscaglia, "He will stick his neck out for you, have your back, stand up for you."

As a junior, Russell played almost exclusively on special teams. But he worked his way into a starting position this season. In a 42-0 win over Fenwick on Sept. 20, the outside linebacker produced multiple clips for his highlight reel.

In the first quarter alone, Russell had two tackles for losses and returned an interception 24 yards for the team's third touchdown. On another series, he broke up a pass on third down to force a Fenwick punt. Later in the quarter, he made a tackle on a fourth-down reception that resulted in a turnover on downs.

"Emmett was a question mark going in, and he's answered it," Loyola coach John Holecek said of the Skokie resident. "As a junior, he was making the same mistakes over and over again, and we were really worried about his development. But he matured mentally and physically, and he put in the effort to change. He's done a great job for us, and it's been a pleasure to see, very gratifying."

Holecek said Russell "doesn't get rattled."

"He has a sense of calm about him, and he seems to be able to deal with certain situations with more patience than others," Holecek said. "Important things stand out to Emmett."

Some time passed before Beniana, Loyola's starting nose guard, asked Russell if he was the one who saved his life, according to Russell.

"We had a conversation about it, and he gave me a hug," said Russell, who's been teammates with Beniana since freshman year. "Everything is back to normal."

While playing a game like he did against Fenwick doesn't compare to his heroics over the summer, Russell is making sure he's known for football, too.

"We all knew Emmett was a great player last year," senior offensive lineman Mike Carlin said. "But juniors sometimes get stuck behind seniors, and it's hard to out-compete them for playing time. But he never got down about it. He just kept working hard and got his chance."

"But he's just a great guy, and we are all thankful for what he did for [Beniana]."
Notre Dame's Frank Pavlik (54) said he was satisfied with how the Dons' offensive line played Friday against St. Viator. Notre Dame (2-3, 1-2) travels Friday to Marian Central (3-2, 1-2) for a 7:30 p.m. East Suburban Catholic game.

**NOTRE DAME**

**Offensive line plays well in loss**

Dons tallied 189 rushing yards, 82 passing yards against St. Viator

**BY MEGAN HART**

*For Sun-Times Media, @HSCNewsNorth*

NILES — Despite a 21-14 loss, Notre Dame's offensive line had plenty to be proud of after the team's East Suburban Catholic game against St. Viator.

"We were solid up front and we did our job in the trenches," senior right guard Frank Pavlik said of the line's performance.

The unit played well enough Friday to give the Dons a number of offensive opportunities. Notre Dame had 189 yards rushing and 82 yards passing.

The Dons' two touchdowns both came in the second quarter. The first was on a 5-yard run by junior running back Quentin Grays, who had 85 rushing yards on the night. The second capped off a drive that took most of the quarter and ended with a 1-yard rush by senior running back Marco Orlandi.

Dons coach Mike Hennessy said he thought the offensive line did a good job of keeping Notre Dame in the game.

"I thought in three or four of our drives, we really dominated the line of scrimmage," he said.

Offensive line coach Joe Gale was proud of how his unit's performance improved over the course of the game.

"We definitely gave it 100 percent effort and that bodes well for our next game," Gale said. "We're gaining confidence."

Pavlik also said he was pleased with how the offensive line was able to "up the intensity after halftime," and get better throughout the game.

In addition to Pavlik, the Dons' offensive line has only one other returning starter, senior right tackle Brian Brand. The other three starters — junior left tackle Jackson Deloss, junior left guard Matt Bernal and junior center Tom Simon — are in their first year in their roles.

Gale said he was satisfied with how the offensive line was able to establish the line of scrimmage on Friday night, and he believes his junior linemen benefitted from the experience of playing in such a hard-fought game.

"[Brand and I] had to spend some time walking them through everything, but the new guys on the unit have been great," he said.

The linemen spend time together off the field and that is likely part of the reason why the line has learned to work together so well.

The offensive line gets together every Sunday to watch film from the previous week's game.

"It's all about preparation," Gale said. "We're constantly watching film and making sure that the new guys are ready to go."

Pavlik has been impressed with how the new starting linemen have played so far this season.

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Earlier in the year, Connecticut also nominated Mueller for the Wuerffel Trophy, awarded for outstanding academics, athletics and community service.

Mueller is a four-year starter for the Huskies. He was named to the 2011 and 2012 Big East All-Academic Teams, and to the 2013 American Athletic Conference All-Academic Team.

Ridgewood alumna Danielle Rzewnicki and her Ashford women's volleyball team (16-4) continued their strong start to the season with a 25-18, 25-22, 25-22 victory over St. Ambrose Sept. 23 in Clinton, Iowa. The junior setter recorded 15 assists in the match.

Rzewnicki played in each of the team's first 20 games. She ranks second on the team in assists (357) and first in service aces (20).

Have a suggestion for the College Roundup? Email Nick Bullock at bullockpioneerpress@gmail.com.
Barrington Wade, who is pictured running the ball on Sept. 19 against Glenbrook South, gained 338 all-purpose yards and scored five touchdowns Friday against Maine East. | TRACY ALLEN/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

## NILES NORTH

### Vikings back on track

Wade's return to health fuels Niles North's offensive outbreak

**BY STEVE SADIN**
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After lopsided losses to Glenbrook South and New Trier, the Niles North football team came into its contest against Maine West with something to prove.

The Vikings responded Friday with the biggest scoring output in Mark Egosfke's 11 years as a head coach — at Niles North the last three years and Niles West before that — as they routed Maine West 65-26 in a Central Suburban North game in Des Plaines.

"We haven't played well against the supposedly good teams, New Trier, Glenbrook South," Egosfke said. "There was some anger in the kids."

The players didn't want those back-to-back defeats to get in the way of the expectations they set after Niles North (9-2, 1-0) started the season with victories over Shepard and Niles West.

"After those two losses the team was down," Niles North quarterback Tony Granato said. "The captains said if we win conference, we don't have to worry about playoff points."

"Niles North has not been to the playoffs in [22] years," running back Barrington Wade added. "If we put out heart into it, we can make it happen."

Wade, who missed the first three games with a broken toe and was barely out of a boot for the Glenbrook South contest, was at full speed against Maine West with 338 all-purpose yards and five touchdowns. The junior carried the ball 25 times for 273 yards and scored on two runs of 56 yards.

"It was my second game of the season, and my toe healed perfectly," Wade said.

It was the best game of Wade's career, according to Egosfke. Wade practiced for the first time after the injury on Sept. 17, just a couple of days before the Glenbrook South game.

"He was pretty sore [against Glenbrook South]," Egosfke said. "He needed time to recover."

Granato credited a good week of practice to the team's prolific scoring. He completed 15 of 18 passes for 262 yards and three touchdowns.

"I watched a lot of film and felt comfortable with the game plan," Granato said. "My line gave me plenty of time to complete my passes."

The Vikings will try to sustain their momentum when they host Maine East at 7 p.m. Friday.

## NILES NORTH

### Aragon's work ethic gives Vikings boost

**BY MEGAN HART**
For Sun-Times Media, @megannahart

At 5-9, Mandy Aragon is nearly a foot shorter than Niles North's tallest volleyball player, Amanda Green. Aragon said opposing players sometimes underestimate her because of her height.

"She said she doesn't mind, though. It just makes getting digs against them that much sweeter."

"My goal personally is to get a touch on every ball," Aragon said. "I don't want any ball to drop if I could have gotten to it."

Vikings coach Michael Cott considers Aragon, a senior libero, one of the team's hardest workers in practice. This season, that work ethic has produced impressive results. Aragon had a career-best 20 digs in a loss to Maine East on Sept. 18.

"I was really happy when I heard about that, I didn't even realize it happened during the game," Aragon said. "It made me feel really good about myself."

According to Cott, Aragon's volleyball skills have improved dramatically over the two years in which she has been a part of the Niles North varsity team.

Although Aragon played libero last year on her club team, Energy Volleyball, this is her first season playing the position for the Vikings. She has become one of the team's defensive leaders. Through 18 games, she had 20 aces and 140 digs.

Aragon plans to continue her volleyball career after graduation by playing on either an intramural or club team in college. Aragon also wants to play varsity softball next year and is considering a number of universities in the Midwest.

After she graduates, the Vikings are still scheduled to have one Aragon on their team. Mandy Aragon's younger sister, Alyssa Aragon, is one of only two freshmen on the squad.

"She's a great athlete and I'm proud of her for working hard and getting playing time," Mandy Aragon said of her sister.

Cott said both Mandy and Alyssa Aragon are so composed that if he hadn't known they were sisters, he would never have guessed from their behavior.

"Both just come to practice and they work," he said. "Both of them are focused on what they have to do to get better."
NILES WEST

Johanson emerges as the Wolves’ go-to hitter

By Robert Downs
For Sun-Times Media, @HSCNewsNorth

For the young Niles West girls volleyball team, having an outside hitter nicknamed “Fearless Kaila” makes the upcoming postseason a lot less daunting.

On a varsity team with six seniors, sophomore hitter Kaila Johanson has emerged as a consistent force on the right side. Now, as the Wolves look forward to the postseason in their new sectional, coach Stacy Metoyer needs Johanson to continue playing beyond her years.

“When we need a kill we’ll go to Kaila,” Metoyer said. “Kaila has to continue playing in college, although it may not be tall enough. Nonetheless, she’s learning how to control her short game.”

Johanson plays volleyball year round with her club team, Energy Volleyball. It’s not enough for her to just be good, she wants her to be great, and wants to continue playing in college.

“I just want to be the best I can be in volleyball,” Johanson said. “I try my best and play my hardest. If you want to be the best you have to go out there and act like it.”

Her club volleyball coach, Mike Supocy, said he expects her to continue playing in college, although it remains to be seen at what level. Several universities have already expressed interest. Johanson said she’s aiming for a Division I school, but at 5-8 she fears she may not be tall enough. Nonetheless, Supocy said that besides her great mechanics and jumping ability, her fierce attitude is one of the things that sets her apart.

“She’s almost like a two-face when she gets on the court, because she’s smiling all the time, but when she goes and hits she can rail the ball around 60 miles an hour.”

Brackets for this year’s Class 4A Maine East Sectional will be released October 10, and with the revamped conglomeration of teams, Metoyer may have to do some research into the Wolves’ new opponents. Johanson said her team will have to play with courage, and when asked how she felt her team would fare in the postseason, she was blunt.

“We’re going to be unstoppable,” she said. “I think we have the potential for it.”

Niles West’s Kaila Johanson hits the ball during the Wolves’ match on Sept. 6 at the New Trier tournament in Winnetka. | Brian O’Machanek For Sun-Times Media

Le Vine stays in moment, posts low score for Wolves

Niles West junior shoots 6-under 66 at Geneva National

By Mike Chamernik
For Sun-Times Media, @MikeChamernik

NORTHBROOK — Skylar Le Vine is in control of both his golf game and his psyche. The Niles West junior had a career day on Sept. 22, shooting a 6-under 66 at the Mundelein Invite at Geneva National in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. The score was the lowest among competitors from eight schools and was a personal best for Le Vine.

Though some clutch shots were a factor, the key was keeping a clear head. Le Vine said he never thought about his score or what was ahead on the difficult course he was playing for the first time.

“I was focused the whole time and never got ahead of myself to think about the scores,” he said. “That helped a lot.”

Niles West coach Mitch Stern said that if Le Vine didn’t hit a green, he was not far away from it. He hit solid shots off the tee that regularly landed on fairways. His short game was superb.

“There wasn’t an aspect of his game that wasn’t on,” Stern said.

Le Vine usually doesn’t record many birdies. Instead, he plays his to his strengths and doesn’t have many birdies. He said that he keeps himself collected.

“She’s almost like a two-face when she gets on the court, because she’s smiling all the time, but when she goes and hits she can rail the ball around 60 miles an hour.”

Le Vine’s precision helped the Wolves win the Sept. 24 dual match against Maine West at Willow Hill Golf Course in Northbrook. | Brian O’Machanek For Sun-Times Media

Niles West’s Skylar Le Vine reacts on the putting green during the Sept. 24 scramble against Maine West at Willow Hill Golf Course in Northbrook. | Brian O’Machanek For Sun-Times Media

judging winds and distances and using a variety of shots (high lobs, punch shots and flops) to close out a hole.

"I'm just learning how to control the golf ball," Stern said. "That's what separates him from a lot of other high school golfers. When he hits the ball, he knows where it's going most of the time."

Le Vine’s precision helped the Wolves win the Sept. 24 dual match against Maine West 140-145 at Willow Hill Golf Course in Northbrook. The match had a scramble format, and he and partner Scott Pechter, a junior, combined to shoot a 32. It was the best score among the eight groups from both schools.

Pechter wasn’t at the Mundelein Invite, but when he heard the news about Le Vine afterward, he said he was excited but not surprised.

"It was kind of unbelievable because it was such a great score," Pechter said. "But coming from Skylar, I wouldn’t doubt it, because he’s so consistent and so good."
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**Down to the wire**

Wolves orchestrate game-winning drive late in fourth quarter

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EVANSTON — It came down to the last series. The Niles West football team marched 73 yards in 2 minutes, 48 seconds to earn a 47-42 Central Suburban South win over Evanston on the Wildkits' homecoming night.

The Wolves' eight-play drive ended with just 35 seconds remaining in the game when quarterback Tommy Galanopoulos scored on a 1-yard keeper.

Niles West senior running back Brandon Costantino carried the ball 14 times on the night for a hard-earned 65 yards. Just when the Wildkits' defense had seemingly shut down Galanopoulos, Costantino would come charging up the middle for a first down.

"He's a guy who just grinds it out," Niles West coach Scott Baum said. "He gets a lot of yards. He keeps the clock moving for us."

Galanopoulos, for his part, said he felt like he was making bad decisions most of the game. But his stats sure didn't reflect that. The senior quarterback threw the ball 33 times for 297 yards, and he picked up another 60 yards on the ground.

Niles West (4-1, 1-0) plays host to Waukegan (2-3, 0-1) at 7 p.m. Thursday.

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Niles West's Skylar Le Vine watches his shot during the Sept. 24 scramble against Maine West at Willow Hill Golf Course in Northbrook. BRIAN O'MAHONEY FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA
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