Taking to the trail

Village opens first official bike route at annual Bike Niles event. Page 4

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Nicolette Roszak, gym enthusiast

Nicolette Roszak is a 24-year-old fitness guru and lifelong Niles resident. After her workout session at LA Fitness in Morton Grove, she agreed to answer a few questions.

Q: What do you love about Niles?
A: It's really family-oriented. Everywhere you look, there's always something going on, especially for the 4th of July. That's the one thing I remember when I was little: there was the parade that came right at you on my street. Every year we would have family over and have a big breakfast.

Q: What was your dream career when you were growing up?
A: It's funny because I actually wanted to be a chef, completely different than what I do now. I went to Kendall College for culinary arts when I started college, but I ended up leaving. I was there for only a semester. It was just a little bit too much for me, and I realized that I wanted to do more as a hobby than as a career.

Q: What is the best dish you ever made?
A: When I was at Kendall I made risotto and it was the only thing that came out really good without having to retry it a couple of times. My mom laughs because she calls it the "$8,000 risotto" — the only thing I learned how to make there.

Q: What is the one thing about you most people don't know?
A: Probably that I would love to be a personal trainer one day. I know it's totally opposite of being a chef, I bounce around with all this career stuff I started eating healthier and learning more stuff and now I'd really love to get my certification one day. I'm in here at LA Fitness for like 3 hours a day. Ask them (the trainers). I'm here all the time.

Q: What would be your advice to someone coming out of college or starting in the real world?
A: Do what makes you happy. I would rather wake up happy and be making less money than be making a million dollars and be miserable. You should just do what makes you happy. Just follow your dreams.

Q: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
A: Hopefully as a personal trainer, or following my dreams somewhere along the line. And just really happy, in a nice big house living the dream every day. (print)

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The third annual Bike Niles event also marked the official opening of the village's first bike route, named for Robert Amling, the original owner of Niles' first bike shop.

Held Saturday, June 6, at the Gemini Junior High School grounds, Bike Niles also featured booths from village departments, area businesses and local organizations as well as two shows by the Milwaukee-based Division BMX Stunt Team.

The village organized the first Bike Niles in the summer of 2013 as a way to encourage residents to bike. Since then, the village has adopted a Multi-Modal Transportation Plan, which called for several bike routes, along with other bicycling and pedestrian improvements.

One of those bike trails, the Robert W. Amling Memorial Route, was unveiled June 6. The 6-mile trail goes south on Cumberland Avenue, turns east onto Monroe Street, then north on Washington Street, east on Main Street and south on Harlem Avenue until it reaches the point where Monroe and Cleveland streets converge.

Amling was the founder and long-time owner of Amling's Cycle, opened in 1967 at 8140 N. Milwaukee Ave. The Amling family owned the shop until current owner Joe Reichert bought it in 1998. Reichert sat on the Niles Multi-Modal Plan Steering Committee, which helped develop the village's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and he sits on the committee that organizes Bike Niles.

When he found out the village was open to ideas for naming the trail, he suggested that the owner of the village's first bike shop was a natural choice.

Robert Amling's son, John, who attended Bike Niles, said he appreciated the gesture. "It's an honor," he said. "I'm looking forward to riding it this morning with my son and grandson. It's pretty exciting."

When it came time to unveil the trail, Mayor Andrew Przybylo described both Bike Niles and the trail as part of the village's ongoing efforts to make Niles more friendly to bicyclists and pedestrians.

"As a typical suburban area, we are accustomed to using our cars," he said. "We are rebuilding sidewalks and (building) bike trails to make it more comfortable for (non-drivers)."

He thanked village staff, as well as the Niles Park District and Gemini Junior High School, for making the trail and Bike Niles possible.

Once the ribbon was cut, groups of bikers took off through a gate made of balloons. They could test out the new trail or take one of two other courses. The two-mile Family Bike Ride, geared toward more casual bikers, largely followed the western section of the trail, stopping near the southeastern edge of Maryhill Catholic Cemetery & Mausoleum. The six-mile Experienced Ride followed a similar path to the trail, except it kept going east, stopping at Miami Woods forest preserve.

Participants could also visit booths from the Niles Department of Family Services, Niles Police Department, Advocate Children's Hospital, Niles Public Library and Niles Park District. The Family Fitness Center had a booth and held spin cycle competitions, while the Niles Fire Department allowed residents to get a closer look at its newest fire truck.

There were several activities for kids, including a bounce castle and Safety Town - a small model of a village block that kids could ride on tricycles and quadricycles. Safety Town was designed to teach younger kids how to follow rules of the road and respect pedestrian crossings.

Bike Fest also welcomed a number of businesses from Niles and the surrounding area. Amling's Cycle let residents ride recumbent bikes, which became the store's specialty under Reichert's ownership. Coca-Cola, which has a bottling facility in the village, provided free drinks, and Northbrook's Pinstripes restaurant sold lunch packs. Chicago-based Sproing Sport fitness studio advertised its training techniques. Working Bikes, a Chicago-based organization dedicated to providing free used bikes in the United States and abroad, set up exercise machine-like bikes to show how pedaling can be used to generate electricity.

Lee Ravenscroft, the organization's co-founder, said he was impressed with what he saw at Bike Niles. "I like it," he said. "I wish every town would have something like this."

Joe LoVerde, who serves as both a village trustee and Niles Park District director, also said he was happy with the event.

"This is what it's all about - getting our citizens together, sharing a beautiful morning together," he said.

"Look at this," he added, motioning at the bicyclists heading down the newly unveiled trail. "It's fantastic."

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Norwood Park church set to merge with St. John Lutheran Church of Niles

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Our Savior Lutheran Church, of Norwood Park, will be merging with Niles St. John Lutheran Church by next year.

According to Rev. Matthew Gunia, St. John's pastor, the merger came about because each church had something the other lacked. St John had a sizable congregation, while Our Savior has the money. Gunia and his counterpart at Our Savior, Rev. Eric Carlson, agreed that the merger would be the best for both congregations.

The new joint congregation will be housed in St. John's, which is located at 7429 N. Milwaukee Ave. It will have a new name that is currently being voted on. Gunia said that the merger is expected to be completed by June 2016.

Both churches have served their communities for many decades. According to Gunia, St. John was officially established in 1859 - though the group that became the church's first congregation worshiped together since 1850. Our Savior has served Chicago's Norwood Park neighborhood since 1920.

Gunia said that, since he became a pastor at St. John in 2012, he regularly met with Carlson for lunch and "talked shop." The pastors talked about issues facing their churches. Eventually, the two men started considering the merger.

The pastors also felt that their congregations operated in similar ways, so they expected the merger to work well - something Gunia said has worked out so far.

The joint congregation will get a new name. Gunia explained that this was done to emphasize the fact that it was a new, merged congregation.

He said members of both congregations were asked to submit suggestions. The 70 original suggestions were then whittled down to five - Ascension, Christ the Victor, Genesis, Holy Trinity and St. Nicodemus. The congregation members then cast their vote, ranking each option in terms of preference. Whichever option gets the highest total will become the new name.

The new name will be announced at a banquet that will be held for both congregations at Niles' White Eagle Banquet Hall on Sunday, June 14 at 11 a.m. Gunia said this is just one of the events and activities that the are being planned to allow the two congregations to get to know each other.

He told the Niles Herald-Spectator that the banquet has been organized by both congregations.

"Lois Downs, a long-time member of St. John, has been working tirelessly on the naming process and holding Sunday's banquet," said Gunia. "Sadly, she died suddenly on Wednesday, May 27th. I appreciate her efforts as well as those of her co-chair, Arlene Koprivnik of Our Savior."

The merger will lead to one change that, Gunia said, is causing concern among members of both congregations.

"The congregation, even when combined, isn't going to be large enough to support more than one pastor," he said. "One of us is going to have to find another parish."

However, he emphasized that it wasn't a competition, and that neither he nor Carlson are angling for the job.

"Neither I or pastor Carlson are going to be fighting over this," said Gunia. "Whoever gets the job offer [from another church] first is going to take it."

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Lottery winner plans to share riches

When Skokie resident Faouzi Ziane learned he won $250,000 in the Illinois State Lottery, his first thoughts were not about how his own life would improve.

"After I realized I won a quarter of a million dollars, I started planning how I would share it with my family and friends," he said. "I want to bring a smile to their faces!"

According to the Illinois Lottery, Ziane made his comments upon presenting his winning Lucky Day Lotto ticket at the Illinois Lottery Prize Center in Des Plaines.

Ziane hit the jackpot when his $1 Lucky Day Lotto Quick Pick ticket matched all five numbers - 01-14-16-39-35 - in the May 2 evening drawing.

Ziane bought his winning ticket at Skokie Marathon, 8001 N. Skokie Blvd. in Skokie. For selling the winning ticket, the retailer received a $2,500 bonus, equal to 1 percent of the prize amount.

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Maine East graduation celebrates class of ‘idea makers’

BY LINDSEY COMPTON
Pioneer Press

Maine East High School students adorned with royal blue robes and colorful cords marched through Rosemont Theatre’s doors to bid a final farewell June 7.

The school celebrated its 113th annual commencement at 6 p.m. inside the theatre’s auditorium.

Associate Principal Dr. Linda Rutschke found this class to be “unique.”

“It has been a really good class because they have made an impact on the school,” she said. “They have been leaders in the entire school community and they’re going to be missed.”

While many staff, friends and family alike will miss the Blue Demons, for Principal Dr. Michael Pressler, he looked forward to hearing of their future success.

“We want all of our students to be able to follow their dreams,” he said. “We want them to leverage the things they’re passionate about and figure out how they might leverage that talent to make a living.

“They’re going to be the people we hear about in the next few years.”

Waiting for the ceremony to begin, parent Carmen Pacheco emotionally reminisced of the letter her son, Lorenzo, wrote for her prior to the ceremony.

“He said I’m the best mom anyone could have,” Pacheco said. “He said, I was always there for him even when he made mistakes and that he loves me so much.”

Her son will attend Triton College, and is among the 84 percent reported by Pressler to attend a 2- to 4-year university in the fall.

Other statistics from the class included:
- 93 students chosen as Illinois State Scholars
- One National Merit Scholar
- $16.6 million in renewable scholarships from different universities

The scholarship money this year was “up from $6.4 million last year, $4.2 million the previous year and $400,000 four years ago,” Pressler said. “We’ve never had those kinds of numbers before.”

For graduate Stephanie Hamoy, the experience was “a wild ride” over the last four years.

“Hamoy will attend the University of Illinois-Chicago in the fall.

With the index and middle fingers from both hands, chosen Student Commencement Speaker Elisha Thomas raised her arms and made the symbol of a hashtag as she declared their class the “innovators” of the future.

“We are more than what they see at assemblies,” she said. “The summit of our education is dreaming and daring.”

Maine East graduate, Mary Ianchici shares a laugh with fellow graduates prior to the start of the Maine East Graduation Sunday, June 7 at The Rosemont Theater.

Maine East graduates take selfies prior to the start of the Maine East Graduation Sunday, June 7 at The Rosemont Theater.

Maine East Graduates Sunday, June 7 at The Rosemont Theater.
Chicago Police, BluePearl save dog’s life after shooting

By Mike Isaacs
Pioneer Press

Only days ago, a six-year-old shepherd mix named Sophie was rushed to BluePearl Veterinary Partners in Skokie after allegedly being shot in the head during a domestic dispute in Chicago.

Sophie not only survived the serious injury, but she appeared sweet and friendly June 5 when she was introduced to the media with bandages around her head and left front paw. Sophie tilted just a bit to the right as she walked, although doctors at BluePearl are hopeful that she will improve as she recovers.

Dr. Lauren Nazarian, a veterinarian who has worked on Sophie these last couple days, said the gunshot wound has impacted her balance and has caused some vertigo.

It could have been so much worse had the bullet been located differently, she said.

The cost for Sophie's care is estimated at $10,000, which has been raised through a fundraiser by Frankie's Friends, a charitable pet foundation. Nazarian believes care at BluePearl will be needed for another week or so and then Sophie can be adopted out.

"She was extremely disoriented and distressed when she was brought in," Nazarian said. "We didn't know at that point whether it hit her brain or what her outcome would be.

Veterinarians at BluePearl credit Chicago Police with helping to save her life. The incident occurred at about 4:30 p.m. June 3 on Chicago's North Side, according to Chicago Police.

Police officers Eugene Shields and Steven Omnundson responded to the shooting, found the dog and rushed her to BluePearl, where she received immediate emergency care and

was stabilized.

In fact, Sophie was delivered to BluePearl within 15 minutes of her being shot, Nazarian said.

"Under the circumstances, she is doing quite well," said Dr. David Wilson, a board-certified veterinary surgeon, in a released statement by BluePearl.

"We're mostly concerned about the trauma she sustained to her nervous system. We'll know more about the extent of her injuries in the coming days. But I'm really impressed with her resiliency."

In addition to the damage to her skull, Sophie also suffered injuries to her jaw, and bullet fragments are lodged in her neck and the area around her shoulder.

"We're all really impressed with how she looks right now," Nazarian said. "She's systemically stable. All her vital signs are stable."

Only about 36 hours after being shot, Sophie is already up and walking, eating and going to the bathroom outside. "Those are all really good signs," Nazarian said. "With neurological trauma, you just have to give them time."

The dog may not be 100 percent normal again, but the prognosis is good for her future quality of life, Nazarian said.

It's rare for BluePearl in Skokie to see animals severely injured in domestic disputes, she said.

"This is one of those cases where it's really rewarding to have this job and to be able to see a dog come in in such critical condition and then be able to hopefully send her home," Nazarian said. "This dog is very lucky. It doesn't look like the bullet hit her brain."

The Frankie's Friends fundraiser has reached its goal of $10,000 and excess funds will go to other pets in need.

"Sophie has a long road to recovery but the doctors are very encouraged by her resiliency," the web page states. "Despite her injuries, she's able to stand up on her own and even walk with a little assistance. Donate now and help save Sophie."
The following incidents were listed in the official bulletin of the Niles Police Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

RETAIL THEFT
- James Hinton, 43, of the 1000 block of South Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, was charged with felony retail theft on June 2 after he allegedly stole an undisclosed amount of merchandise from a store in the 900 block of Civic Center Drive by placing the items in her child's stroller. Police said the Department of Children and Family Services was contacted. She has a July 7 court date.

- Snezhana Bass, 35, of the 5200 block of North Oakview, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on June 4 after she allegedly stole $377 worth of clothing from a store in the 900 block of Civic Center Drive by placing the items on a flat-bed cart. He has a July 2 court date.

ANIMAL CRUELTY
- A man was issued a village ticket for animal cruelty on June 2 after he allegedly left two dogs inside a van with the windows up. Police said the temperature was 64 degrees outside, but the temperature inside the van was "very warm" when the man returned to open the vehicle and the dogs were panting. Police did not identify the man.

THEFT
- A man told police that he left his iPhone behind at a store in the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue on the night of May 28 and that when he called the phone, a woman answered, telling him, "I found the phone and if you want it back you will have to pay for it."
- A cashier at a store in the 8500 block of Golf Road lost $350 in a short-change scam on May 29, police said.
- A GPS device was stolen May 30 from an unlocked vehicle parked overnight between May 29 and 30 in the 9000 block of Cumberland Avenue.
- On May 30, between $40 and $60 worth of coins are believed to have been stolen from arcade games inside a restaurant in the 8200 block of Golf Road, police said.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
- A resident of the 9200 block of Ashland Avenue told police that someone placed a dead skunk inside a box and left it in his backyard on May 31.

BURGLARY
- A house in the 6900 block of Main Street was burglarized on June 1 between 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. No further details were provided by police.

Skokie man charged with DUI had loaded gun in car

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

A Skokie man arrested for drunken driving allegedly had a loaded gun and extra ammunition under his driver's seat last May, police said.

Steven Rabb, 42, of the 5200 block of Cleveland Street, Skokie, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and possession of a weapon after he was arrested by Morton Grove police on the 9200 block of Waukegan Road on May 15.

Police said Rabb had a valid Firearms Owners Identification (FOID) card, but did not have a valid Illinois concealed carry license when he was arrested with a loaded Glock 40 and an extra .40-caliber magazine with a capacity of nine rounds.

Rabb was pulled over at 12:56 a.m. for speeding and driving on the median, police said. The officer who pulled him over smelled alcohol on his breath and asked Rabb to perform field sobriety tests, which he refused, according to police.

Rabb allegedly admitted to having four beers at a wedding party earlier that night and repeatedly said to police, "Come on, I'm good bro," and "I just turned 42."

While he was being transported to the police station, Rabb allegedly became belligerent, police said.

While he was buckled into the back of the police car, he allegedly stomped the floor and banged his body against the inside of the back seat of the vehicle, while yelling profanities at the officer.

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Youth filmmakers get professional feedback

BY DAYNA FIELDS
Pioneer Press

Eighteen-year-old William-Douglas Reyes has a passion for making horror films, but his first shot at a love story proved to be just as rewarding.

Reyes’ film “Sign of Love” won second-place honors at the Northbrook Youth Commission’s 6th Annual Youth Film Festival on May 28 at Glenbrook North High School.

“We wanted like a twist on a love story, because it’s usually this guy trying to find a girl — that’s pretty common,” said Reyes, 18, of Des Plaines. “But we thought, what if we make this girl deaf? Make her kind of special, make her stand out a little bit?”

Reyes, a Maine East High School senior, said he worked on the film with a lot of help from his friends during his school’s 7-Day Challenge, in which students get seven days to write a short film, shoot and edit it.

In “Sign of Love,” a boy goes to great lengths to catch the eye of his high school crush.

“People who want to be a filmmaker ... we might not be saving people’s lives or creating things like scientists, but what we do is, in fact, helping people one step at a time and helping them enjoy life more,” said Reyes, who is considering a college major in cinematography.

The 20 or so young filmmakers at the fest on May 28 were treated to a question-and-answer session with award-winning producer/director Gary Donatelli, who graduated from GBN in 1969. Donatelli joined via Skype to answer questions about the entries, for which he served as a judge.

“Because of YouTube and all those videos, it’s getting harder and harder to push further and be new and creative in the movie business because it’s such an open forum, but I want to encourage you to keep going,” Donatelli said.

Donatelli, whose latest work was producing “23 Blast,” a 2014 film about a high school football star who is suddenly stricken with irreversible total blindness, also shared stories of his early days in film, recalling the process when graphics were made by filming colored cellophane.

“We know now that you can get any graphic, any type or style, any size, any color right on your laptop, and people are editing with Adobe and Final Cut Pro in the back seat of their car,” he said.

That led participants to ponder what kind of a film industry these young filmmakers will see someday.

The advancement of technology, special effects, computer-generated imagery, equipment and software will make it hard to know what’s real and not real, he said, but a filmmakers’ job is to always find the truth.

“If what’s going to happen in the next 20, 30 years is beyond my ability to conceive, but it’s going to be great,” he said.

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Guest speaker prompts grads to pursue nursing

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

Niles West High School grads Anela Arabelovic and Delanie Kwiecinski are headed to college this fall to become nurses—a career path they decided on after shadowing a neonatal nurse as part of School District 219’s Education to Careers program.

Arabelovic, 17, of Lincolnwood, and Kwiecinski, 18, of Skokie, discovered their passion for nursing during their last two years of high school after meeting a nurse who signed up to speak to their health careers class during Ask the Expert Day.

During their junior and senior years of high school, the girls spent two night shifts in the infant special care unit shadowing Jen Archilla, a registered nurse at Evanston Hospital who has worked with babies in the special care unit for 11 years, she said.

The Education to Careers program is offered to juniors and seniors at Niles North and Niles West as a way to help students figure out a career to pursue after high school.

Launched by former Skokie Chamber of Commerce director Lisa Edelson 15 years ago, more than 70 local businesses and companies have since partnered with the program to provide employees to speak to the classes and to mentor students who express interest in their line of business.

Arabelovic and Kwiecinski dove right into working with the infants when they arrived for the first night of shadowing—taking temperatures, changing diapers, and using the stethoscope to listen to the babies’ breathing, Archilla said.

“I love to be able to show something to someone who might not be able to get the full understanding of the topic through a text book,” Archilla said. “You have to love what you do to keep on doing it, because if you’re not happy every day is going to be a struggle.”

Arabelovic and Kwiecinski—who have been friends for several years—said they came out of the experience feeling more certain than ever that nursing was the right career for them.

Routine diaper changing and temperature-taking didn’t define the shadowing experience for the nurses-in-training, however.

The girls both recounted the difficulty in being exposed to the not-so-healthy babies being cared for in the critical care unit.

“Jen said that some people come in and find out that they’re not fit for this job,” Kwiecinski said. “You have to be strong because some of the babies don’t make it.”

Despite the emotional challenges of the job, both girls said the shadowing experience has made them feel 100 percent certain that they’re ready to study to become nurses.

Arabelovic has decided to major in psychology at DePaul University and eventually earn a graduate degree in nursing, and Kwiecinski is planning to attend the nursing program at North Park University this fall.

“It was an amazing experience, and I know this is what I want to do,” Kwiecinski said. “If I would have just jumped right into it in college without having hands-on experience, I wouldn’t have loved it as much as I do now.”

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Dance Marathon raises $88K for cancer drug

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

The cause supported by this year's annual Dance Marathon, run by students at Niles North and Niles West High Schools, honored the memory of a popular English teacher and cross country coach who passed away two years ago after a cancer diagnosis.

The six-hour, student-run Dance Marathon May 16 raised a total of $88,000—the most raised in a single year in the event's 10-plus year history.

Ninety percent of the money raised will go to the Dan Horyn Foundation, which supports research and drug development for esophageal cancer, the type of cancer that took the life of 34-year-old Dan Horyn in September 2013.

The other 10 percent of the total raised—$8,800—goes to the District 219 Foundation, a charity that helps low-income students in the school district.

"We raised about $73,000 last year, so this was a big jump," Raina Chinitz, a senior at Niles North who sits on the executive board of the Dance Marathon planning committee said. "The cause really motivated people to donate more this year."

Teachers raised about $5,000 toward the total, Chinitz said.

For the hundreds of students who participate in Dance Marathon each year, the event is particularly special because it's an all-student undertaking that's carried out without much adult oversight.

A planning board comprised of about 40 Niles North Students and 20 Niles West students spend a full year planning the Dance Marathon. They get involved by raising up to $150 each and pledging their time to the six-hour dance event at the end of the school year.

"What's really special is that students do all the work and planning," Chinitz said. "It's a huge event, and everyone has a lot of fun."

About 200 students joined teachers and other community members at this year's Dance Marathon in the gym at Niles North.

A DJ spun music for the teens' six-hour dance session, while the younger kids were entertained with an inflatable bounce house and other activities.

Only three weeks have passed since the event, but the board has already started planning for next year's event. The 2016 Dance Marathon will support the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, Chinitz said.

As soon as one [Dance Marathon] ends, we start raising money for next year and fixing things that could be improved," she said.

Students on the Dance Marathon's executive board hold up a sign showing the total raised for the Dan Horyn Foundation following the marathon May 16. Another $4,000 that had been raised was added to the total after the event, bringing the total raised to $88,000.

The Dan Horyn Foundation was started by his wife, Andre Horyn, shortly after his death. Last June, the Dan Horyn Skokie Swift 5K raised thousands of dollars for cancer research, and the second annual race was held June 7. More information about the race is available at danielmhorynfoundation.org.

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Friends, classmates reconnect at Niles West 10-year reunion

BY LINDSEY COMPTON
Pioneer Press

For Marty Gould, six words to describe Niles West's class of 2005 are: "Great memories, amazing friends, excellent education."

A personal injury attorney at Romanucci & Blandin, LLC, Gould was one of many alumni at the 10-year Niles West High School Reunion hosted at the Hubbard Inn in Chicago, June 6.

Through the help of Tenyearreunion.com — a company that Gould said organizes many Niles West reunions — and social media, he was able to reconnect with many familiar faces.

"Some of the closest bonds you make with people are in high school and even before that," he said, noting how his diverse class helped him become the person he is today.

"One thing that Niles West offers that a lot of other high schools don't is diversity. I think Niles is one of the most diverse schools in the state," he said. "Through that experience I got to interact with all different backgrounds."

Nearly 100 attended the event including nurses, doctors, cosmetologists, lawyers and actors, such as Ivan Djurovic. Not present was Rashard Mendenhall, who was drafted by the NFL and played for the Pittsburgh Steelers beginning in 2008.

"Our bond goes way beyond high school," Bacus said of friends Kimberleigh Schaldach, Janet Shiheiber, Diana Benoist and Tamara Zayed. "Tamara and I have known each other since the sixth grade."

Shiheiber offered some advice to those still in high school. "Enjoy every minute of your time in school. Stay positive and get involved. Don't take your time there for granted."

Lindsey Compton is a freelancer for Pioneer Press.
Park Ridge's St. Paul of the Cross held a Mass and a procession to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi and mark the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the parish's Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel.

The celebration took place on June 6, starting with an hour-long Mass that began at 4:30 p.m. After it concluded, attendees were invited to join the procession.

According to the Rev. Peter Gnoinski, the parish's associate pastor and the chapel's spiritual director, the chapel is open for worship 24/7, with different parishioners taking turns giving personal prayers and praying on other parishioners' behalf. St. Paul of the Cross is one of only 15 parishes throughout the Chicago Archdiocese to have such a chapel. That is why members of other nearby parishes are welcome to take part as well.

The procession served a dual purpose, Gnoinski said, to thank God and to share his love with the community.

To keep the Adoration going, parishioners, known as adorers, take turns praying for one hour. There are a total of 165 adorers committed to praying at St. Paul of the Cross' chapel, as well as 120 substitute adorers. Any parishioners can write down a personal prayer, and one of the adorers would pray in their behalf.

Gnoinski said he has long been an enthusiastic participant in Corpus Christi celebrations. He recalled growing up in Poland, marching in International Labor Day parades on May 1 and taking part in Corpus Christi processions a few weeks later. Gnoinski said he took great comfort in knowing that, whoever might be ruling his country, the procession reminded everyone who was ultimately in charge.

He served as an adorer even before becoming a priest, and even now, he continues doing his part, keeping hours from 11 p.m. to midnight.

Gnoinski has only been with St. Paul of the Cross for a year, and this marked the first time he lead Corpus Christi at the parish. He has experienced processions in other parishes over the past 10 years, saying every procession is unique.

"The program is the same, but people are the beauty of the program," Gnoinski said.

Robert Maza, who serves as the chapel's co-leader, said Gnoinski's experience growing up in Europe put the parishioners in touch with traditions that were lost in United States — and have only recently been "re-awakened."

The procession took place entirely on the parish territory, traveling between four "stations." At each station, Gnoinski paused to give a prayer. The final station was in front of St. Paul of the Cross' Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel.

After the prayers and hymns concluded, Gnoinski extended a welcoming hand.

"Everybody is invited to visit the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, especially those who are here for the first time."

Studenkov is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
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Summer concert series begins at Proesel Park

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

A concert lineup of seven bands is set to play through July at Proesel Park this summer.

The seven-week summer concert series kicked off June 4 at the park, 7055 N. Kostner Ave. Each year, the annual event treats concert-revelers to summer nights filled with kids' entertainment, bingo, and of course free live music performed by local bands.

The weekly concerts will start at 7 p.m. each Thursday through July 30 (except July 2 and 23) and will feature a wide range of music genres; including country, rock and reggae, dueling pianos, an ABBA tribute band and beyond offering the average inflatable "bounce house" however. The activities will vary each week, Vering said, and will include an inflatable cliffhanger slide, an inflatable 40-foot obstacle course, an inflatable T-ball game, and an inflatable bungee run.

While the adults enjoy live music, plenty of kids' activities are planned, including face painting and inflatable bounce toys. The Park and Recreation Department has gone above and beyond offering the average inflatable "bounce house," however. The activities will vary each week, Vering said, and will include an inflatable cliffhanger slide, an inflatable 40-foot obstacle course, an inflatable T-ball game, and an inflatable bungee run.

On June 18, to accompany tropical-themed rock band Johnny Russler & The Beach Bum Band, we’ll have a mechanical surfboard, which will be really fun for kids to try out," Vering said. "We hope everyone will mark their calendars for Thursday nights in June and July to come out and enjoy the free entertainment in Proesel Park."

Concert-revelers can head to the park early for free bingo games starting at 6 p.m. each week. Pre-concert bingo games will include prizes like a beach mat, a tote cooler, and a one-night stay in the North Shore Hampton Inn and Suites.

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
Another side to the Hastert story

I'm no fan of former House Speaker Dennis Hastert. I once chased him for weeks seeking an interview before Election Day and wound up setting up a phone interview with his spokesman.

Dodging an interview like that is enough to earn a black mark in my book. But the side was so well-informed on the issues, I wished I could've voted for him.

Nevertheless, the recent news that Hastert is being indicted by the U.S. Justice Department for basically taking money out of the bank raises a lot of issues that I find more troublesome than Hastert's politics and even how he accumulated millions after a career in Congress and as a high school teacher to boot. Not the typical road to wealth.

When I first started a business, I opened a bank account and deposited my earnings there. Sometime later I got a letter from my bank warning me that I was making too many transfers to my regular checking account and they would soon be informing the IRS. I can assure you we're not talking about big bucks here. I just wanted to keep the lights on and buy food.

But realizing there is nothing anyone can do to evade the ever-watchful eye of the federal government these days, I came up with a work-around. I hope it's legal.

I thought of that warning letter when reading how the feds tripped up Hastert.

Hastert's alleged victim has apparently blackmailed the former speaker to the tune of $1.7 million over time; essentially, Hastert was strong-armed to pay hush money to keep his dirty past a secret.

What tripped up Hastert with the feds is the law requiring banks to report to the federal government withdrawals of $10,000 or more. Hastert did that once.

He then came up with a scheme to withdraw less than $10,000 at a time to pay the hush money.

But guess what? That's illegal, too.

When the FBI questioned him about the withdrawals, he lied about it. That's another federal crime.

I have no idea if Hastert sexually abused someone years ago. If so, he's a perpetrator. But he is also the victim of a blackmail scheme.

Most sex abuse victims seek redress through the law, not strong-arming their abuser 40 years later.

My point is that an individual's private money in a private bank account should be private. But the government thinks you're a criminal if you start moving it around, and they strong-arm the banks to snitch on you.

Withdraw $10,000 to put down on a house and you're reported.

Buy a car and you're reported.

Redo your kitchen, you're reported.

Put a home theater in your basement, you're reported.

Hit it big like Elvis and decide to buy your neighbor a new Cadillac, and you could be looked at as a crook.

Don't think minimum wage doesn't affect you

There are lots of reasons to support a nation-wide increase in the minimum wage.

Certainly, one of the most compelling reasons is that employers who pay minimum-wage salaries are ripping us off - ripping me off, ripping you off.

The brute fact is that no one can live and support any kind of family on minimum-wage pay.

So, if workers can't live, buy food and clothing, pay rent, etc., on what they earn, they must pay for these necessities some other way.

And that other way is through government programs that assist the poor.

Minimum-wage workers live in poverty. For example, one in five fast-food workers lives below the poverty level.
Car trouble: It starts at the dealership

White, black, silver, black, white, white, silver, white. Can you guess what I'm talking about? It's the rainbow of car colors currently cruising the highways or parked at every grocery store at any given moment. I've been in the market for a new car for a while and I've been taking notes. Not to be all gender-stereotypical or anything, but I admit to caring as much about the color of my car as I do about all the other stuff, like drive-trains and transmissions and fuel economy. To the horror of my friend Chuck, a car aficionado, I also like comfort. I never want to feel the road, ever. My algorithm for automobiles is Color + Comfort = Happy.

My goals were straightforward. I wanted to buy within the zip code and I wanted the best price. Sounds simple. It wasn't. After test-driving locally, I walked away to do a little online shopping, promising to return to allow them to match whatever I could find. Five minutes on the Internet resulted in a better offer from a Naperville dealer, who promised a price $500 under my current quote, as long as I gave him my credit card immediately. I declined, saying I needed to give my local guys a chance to match. He immediately dropped his price another $200.

I took that price to my salesperson, who then visited a back room to talk with her manager, or the president, or God. She came back and agreed to that price, but said it didn't include the $900+ destination fee. Naperville's price included that. Back she went to chat with God, and sure enough that fee got included. I signed, feeling weary but triumphant until I called the internet-Naperville guy, who immediately lowered his offer by $600. Honoring my signature, I bought locally but resented the theatrics. That's when I realized how I could get what I needed with minimal hassle and decision-making for him: order online with store pickup. Oh, it's a great little convenience. Go into a website, click off your items, get an order confirmation and head to customer service, where your order is preselected and ready to go. Just as I was about to click "complete the transaction," I hesitated, wondering what the heck I was doing. As the red bull's-eye stared me in the face, waiting for me to consummate our trust, I finally decided to take the Boss up on his offer to stop on his way home and pick up some cough suppressant. Now, I wasn't sure he could exactly handle the selection process on his own — after all, this being the man that badgered me for hours to wash his grunt-work rags, only to finally decide to do it himself when I refused, and then stood in front of our stackables asking which was the washer and which the dryer. So you can see why I had hesitation to give him free reign in selecting a medication for me, especially since I'm of the homeostatic persuasion whenever possible.

That's when I realized how I could get what I needed with minimal hassle and decision-making for him: order online with store pickup. Oh, it's a great little convenience. Go into a website, click off your items, get an order confirmation and head to customer service, where your order is preselected and ready to go. Just as I was about to click "complete the transaction," I hesitated, wondering what the heck I was doing. As the red bull's-eye stared me in the face, waiting for me to consummate our trust, the remembrance of a vast data breach, millions of consumers' private details stolen, flashed in my mind. Ah yes, the yin to the yang: added convenience, but lower security once my credit card payment info was surrendered.

I finalized the purchase anyway. Why? Because at this point, do any of us believe in privacy of any measure anymore? Going back in my resource file, there were several clipped articles on the subject, most of which discussed how vague the law is in advocating for data-violated consumers, or how after so many keep coming to the forefront, we as a society are getting numb to the sheer volume of breaches. And that's probably why I clicked the "yes" button. I have no faith that any information of mine can be protected enough, no matter the way that information is stored, shared, or shielded.

And cash isn't the answer. Just ask Dennis Hastert about that one. So how can we function in today's technologically advanced society, with all the tempting options to supposedly make our life easier, until you examine the underbelly of those new advances? I wish I knew. Now, maybe people way smarter than me, with big-number IQs, have some thoughts on how to take advantage of those lucky conveniences without exposing ourselves to potential disaster every time. Or maybe it's just a question of plugging your nose, diving in and letting the ripples roll where they may. Ignorance is bliss, they say. That's going to be my new mantra. At least until the Boss does his first load of laundry, and chooses the correct appliance to use. Then I'll know the Apocalypse is coming, so there will be bigger things to worry about.

Pat Lenhoff is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

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The power of curb appeal

Felicia Dechter

It's easy to underestimate the power of curb appeal when selling a home. Before a buyer even walks into a place, many times they've already decided they like or don't like a house because of the way it looks outside.

All you sellers out there: How's your curb appeal? Hopefully it's good because, as I've stressed many times, with homes, first impressions mean everything. Every realtor out there knows that potential buyers start sizing up a house the minute they pull up, and that's why you have to make your house look inviting on the exterior.

Summer is the easiest time to do that because we all know how just adding some colorful flowers can spruce things up. Doesn't matter where you live, landscaping can make the difference between hearing that beautiful word that you long to hear - SOLD! - or not.

There are many different kinds of gardens, depending on soil, light, trees and other factors, such as whether you have a little townhouse garden or a big Victorian with a huge yard. Everyone has different conditions and you have to think about what you have and what would work for you. If you're like me, though, you are clueless as to what to plant and what works where.

So here are some tips from experts to help you get started planting a garden that will make your house pop.

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Address: 328 Basswood Drive
Price: $499,900
Schools: Wheeling High School
Taxes: $10,415
Agent: Roger Owen/Baird & Warner
Lake Forest

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
Completely rehabbed home with 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths. Custom shaker cabinets with granite counters, under-cabinet lighting & glass backsplash. Stainless steel appliances. Oak hardwood floors throughout. All bathrooms custom tile. Master bath with jacuzzi. Hall bath with rain shower head. Family room with sliders to deck and large yard for entertaining. 2.1-car garage.

Address: 900 E. Frederick St.
Price: $359,000
Schools: Mundelein Cons High School
Taxes: $6,949
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Address: 1070 Wrens Gate
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Taxes: $10,204
Agent: Larry Leibovitz/Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices

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Children at a Chicago hospital will soon be able to play with puppies and kittens at an animal shelter without leaving their rooms.

Wright-Way Rescue set up a camera system in a playroom at its new adoption center in Morton Grove so children can engage with pets virtually from their hospital beds, said Lisa Aiken, director of development at the no-kill shelter.

Since the beginning of the year, children at Lurie Children's Hospital have been able to watch the animals play throughout the day via a stream that can be seen on their rooms' television monitors, according to Susan Ruohonen, the hospital's director of children's services.

"It really was amazing how popular it became almost immediately," Ruohonen said. "It's sort of a day in the life of puppies, and to be able to experience that in real time is really a unique opportunity."

The interactive portion will be set up at the hospital as soon as coding issues can be worked out, Ruohonen and Aiken said. Until then, the interactive portion is available online to the public, Aiken said.

Anyone can watch the animals live on Wright-Way's site. Above the feed, a link labeled, "Come play with us!" leads to a site with an interactive feature that controls a camera in the room and activates one of three devices, a machine that shoots peanut butter-flavored bubbles, a tail that wags or a long rope hanging in the middle of the room that spins. The hospital will have a separate link once it is up and running.

Each visitor has two minutes to engage the devices in the room after clicking a button to queue on the site.

A hospital in Florida created a similar interactive playtime, but Wright-Way is hoping to expand to hospitals across the United States. The children at other hospitals would have a separate link, Aiken said, but they would wait for their turn to interact with the animals alongside children at Lurie.

"We kind of feel like we're rescuing both the children and the animals at the same time," Aiken said. "They both have challenges in their lives."

Discussions to launch the program and build the room came after a bus ran into the shelter's Niles facility in October 2013. The video camera system was set up through a grant by LinkedIn for Good shortly after the shelter opened its new facility in September 2014.

The shelter, which takes in an average of about 75 adoptable cats and dogs per week, hopes that as children and the public play with the dogs, they fall in love with them and adopt.

"We already had someone come in that saw the video from the hospital bed and adopted a dog from a facility," Aiken said.
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings are subject to change. Please call the venue in advance.

Thursday, June 11

Save A Star's Drug Disposal Program: Save a Star Drug Awareness Foundation's Drug Disposal Program boxes can be found in the lobby of many local police stations. Accepted are: prescription medications (including controlled substances), all over-the-counter and pet medications, vitamins, liquids and creams. Call 847-579-4300 Ext. 146.

9 a.m., participating departments include: Des Plaines; Evanston; Glenview; Niles; Northbrook; Park Ridge; and Wilmette.

Potawatomi photos on display at Des Plaines History Center: The public is invited to immerse themselves in Potawatomi art and culture at the Des Plaines History Center. Potawatomi artist Sharon Hoogstraten began taking formal pictures of various members of the Potawatomi tribe in 2010 and is thrilled that there is now a permanent photographic record of the Citizen Potawatomi. Each portrait at the History Center is accompanied by a handwritten personal story. For information, call or visit the website. 10 a.m. Thursday and Friday, 1 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Des Plaines History Center, 781 Pearson St., Des Plaines, free, 847-391-5399.

Everybody Move: 8-Week Session for ages birth-2 years with caregiver. Celeste Cifala Roy, from Evanston's early childhood movement and music program Everybody Move, has planned an hour of activities to get the children up moving, singing and dancing. 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, 847-677-5277.

Lincolnwood Summer Concert Series: Free kid's activities, including inflatables, bingo and face painting start at 6 p.m. and the live music follows at 7 p.m. Thursday, Proessel Park, 7055 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-9740.

The American Legion, Post 134: The American Legion, Post 134, is seeking volunteers to raise funds for Poppy Days to help veterans. Solicitor permits are available for Morton Grove and Niles on Dempster Street and Harlem Avenue. Work a few hours in a designated area or solicit donations. Call Ken Trumbull at 847-663-0539. 6 a.m. Daily. The American Legion Post 134, 6144 West Dempster St., Morton Grove.

Park Ridge Garden Club June Meeting: The club hosts speaker James Rowan at this meeting. The program, "Don't squash that Bug!" helps to educate members on how to distinguish the "good guys" from the "bad guys" and to learn about some of the 25,000 species of insects and spiders in Illinois. All are welcome. 7 p.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-3597.

Friday, June 12

36th Annual PEO Benefit Garage Sale: Des Plaines PEO Chapter HL hosts this fundraiser. P.E.O. is an international Philanthropic Educational Organization where women celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and stewardship of Cottey College. Event location is one block north and one block west of the Golf/Wolf traffic circle. 9 a.m. Friday and Saturday, PEO Benefit Garage Sale, 185 Stratford Road, Des Plaines, free, 847-827-4509.

Movie Under the Stars: "Paddington": Bring blankets and lawn chairs and help kick-off the Summer Reading Club with a special all-inclusive Rhythm Revolution drumming circle from 7:30-8 p.m. in the parking lot followed by the movie "Paddington" outside on the big screen. Additional parking is available at the school. If it is raining, the event will be held inside, with limited seating. 7 p.m. Friday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277.

Duplicate Bridge: The senior center offers a friendly bridge game every Friday morning. 9 a.m. Friday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-5127.

Salute to Star Trek Convention - Chicago: Three day celebration of the incredible legacy of Gene Roddenberry. See website for details on tickets and guests. Tickets as low as $20 a day. See website for packages and single day tickets. 9 a.m. Friday-Sunday, The Westin O'Hare, 6100 N. River Road, Rosemont, $20 a day and more; see website, 818-409-0960.

Ladies Sing the Blues: A Centennial Bilbie Holiday Celebration: In honor of Billie Holiday's 100th birthday, music from her catalog will be sung by an outstanding roster of Chicago jazz, blues and cabaret artists. Call or go to the website. 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, $32, 847-677-7761.

Saturday, June 13

Matt Forte Youth Football Camp: Learn from and interact with Matt Forte. Participants will experience various stations specializing in fundamental football skills and will participate in touch football games. Participants will be placed in small groups according to age to ensure that each child gets maximum instruction. 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Addison Trail High School, 213 North Lombard Road, Addison, $149, 513-793-2267.

FUSE: Studio: Drop in with friends to wire LEDs, compose a ringtone, build an amp, mix chemicals to make gel beads, navigate a robot obstacle course and more. For grades six to 12, midnight Saturday, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600.

Native Plant Garden Family Drop-in Activities: Explore the plants and animals in aquatic habitats and learn what kinds of animals depend on ponds and lakes. Splash in the water table, use scientific tools to examine macroinvertebrates, or find out how a tadpole turns into a frog. Activities will vary from week to week. 10 a.m. Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, free, 847-835-5440.

Howard Levy plays Jazz and Blues: Grammy winner Howard Levy, harmonica and keyboard virtuoso plays Jazz and Blues with a Jewish flair as part of weekend honoring Barbara and Marc Slutsky, founders of the Aitz Hayyim Center for Jewish Living. 8 p.m. Saturday, North Shore Congregation Israel, 1185 Sheridan Road, Glencoe, $100, 847-835-3232.

The Unforgettable Story of "Unbroken" with Byron Kinney: The story of the best-selling book "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand, about the life of WWII POW, survivor Louis Zamperini. Sharing his personal connection to this fascinating story is WWII Air Force B-29 pilot, Byron Kinney. Register at glenviewpl.org/register, 847-729-7500 x 7600, or the Reader Services Desk. 1 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500.

Glenview Squares Summer Dance: Designed to help newer dancers be ready for the Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention at the end of July. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Park Center, 2800 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, $6, 847-869-3409.

"Taste Memories: Recipes for Life and Breakfast": Meet the Breakfast Queen and former owner of the celebrated West Loop eatery, Ina's. Reading from her memoir and cookbook, Ina Pinkney shares stories from her life and kitchen - and samples of one of her most popular recipes. Copies of her book available for sale and signing. 10 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave, Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220.

Morton Grove Farmers Market: Browse a wide variety of vendors and enjoy live entertainment and kids activities at this weekly market. 8 a.m. Saturday, Dempster Street and Georgia Ave., 6210 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-750-6436.

Northbrook Public Library Grand Opening: Come celebrate the Library's completed renovation project! Enjoy refreshments, live performances and other entertainment on a tour of the newly renovated auditorium and meeting rooms. 10 a.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. Sunday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224.

St. Norbert Block Party: Enjoy a slew of activities for the whole family at this annual block party. Beginning at 7 a.m. with the 5k race and kids' fun run, other festivities include a beer garden and grill, kids corner with inflatables, games, a DJ, live music and more. 3 p.m. Saturday, St. Norbert, 1809 Walters Ave., Northbrook, $5-$10, 847-272-7090.

Northfield Farmers Market: Shop for fresh-picked fruits and vegetables, blooming plants, shrubs, cut flowers, cheeses, baked goods and specialty foods. 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Happ Road and New Trier Court, 6 Happ Road, Northfield, free, 847-446-4451.

Park Ridge Farmers Market: Market is open every Saturday until 1 p.m., through October. Shop for fresh produce, olive oils, flowers, pickles, pasta, baked goods and meat. Live music and kids' activities. 7 a.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Farmers Market, 15 S. Prairie Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-318-5217.

Twenty-first Star NSDAR Continental Breakfast: Contact Dorothy Wilson 847-328-6946 for details. Any woman 18 years or older who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership. 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Country Club, 636 North Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, $11, 847-424-0600.

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So, You Want To Be a DIVA? (think again...): Operatic soprano superstar Christine Steyer brings humorous, touching real life stories mixed with opera, art songs and modern cabaret. 8 p.m. Saturday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, $22, 847-677-7761

Preserving Survivor Stories Interact with “New Dimensions In Testimony” Technology: Illinois Holocaust Museum is the first world-wide testing site for New Dimensions in Testimony, an interactive educational tool that permits students far into the future to “talk” with Holocaust Survivors about their life experiences. Free with Museum admission. Ask Holocaust Survivor Pinchas Gutter any question, and “natural language” technology software retrieves an appropriate response, creating an interactive dialogue, as if Pinchas were in the room. Noon Saturday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4800

Breaking Into The Business: A Must for Every Actor: Carole Dibo (Founder and Director of Actors Training Center at the Wilmette Theatre) will share her advice during a one-day workshop that she is moderating called Breaking Into The Business. Dibo will share her years of experience in this workshop breaking down a very complicated industry. Guest speakers will include Deborah Dion, Zach Gray, Paula Muzik, Kirsten Fitzgerald and Alina Taber. 10 a.m. Saturday, Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Ave., Wilmette, $75/$125 parent and child, 847-251-7424

World Wide Knit In Public Day, WWKIP day: Crochet or spin yarn in front of the world. Bring a chair or blanket, water and snacks. Have fiber related questions, bring them too. No rain date. Questions, call Connie Uselman. 9 a.m. Saturday, Wilmette Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-859-6356

St. Joseph Cemetery Walking Tour: St. Joseph Cemetery. The tour covers the cemetery’s history and the changing design and language of the headstones and monuments, as well as selected stories about the lives of the early, German-speaking settlers. Meet at the cemetery entrance, on Ridge Road north of the corner of Lake Avenue and Ridge Road in Wilmette. 10 a.m. Saturday, St. Joseph Church, 1747 Lake Ave., Wilmette, $5 for nonmembers, free for Museum members, 847-853-7666

Wilmette Farmers Market: Shop for fruits, vegetables, flowers, cheeses, meats and breads from local and regional vendors. 8 a.m. Saturday, Wilmette Village Center, 12th Street and Wilmette, Central and Greenleaf Avenues, Wilmette, free

Sunday, June 14

Read to the Rhythm Summer Reading Kick-off Festival: Community residents may just drop in to register for a Summer Reading Club and enjoy the opening day excitement prizes, refreshments, and fun for kids, teens and adults. Terra Sounds School of Music and Arts hosts jazz in the lobby. 1 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Story Walk: Get outside and enjoy reading the children's book “Pete the Cat and the New Guy” while taking a journey along the train in Little Bear Garden. 8 a.m. Sunday-Wednesday, Gallery Park, 2001 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

Music Blz 101: Dave Rudolf will share basics like how to put a promo package together, writing tips, recording sources and how to publish as well as demonstrate crucial computer programs to make life as a musician, artist or writer easier. 2 p.m. Sunday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Classical Concert by the Gold Coast Trio: Enjoy an afternoon of light classical music of Tchaikovsky, Mozart, Strauss, Handel, Bach, Brahms and other composers. 2 p.m. Sunday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

North Suburban YMCA School of Dance Annual Recital: Young dancers perform wide-ranging programs in their annual recitals. 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Glenbrook North High School, 2300 Shermer Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250

Skokie JLI “Judaism Decoded:” The Origins and Evolution of Jewish Tradition: Jewish Learning Institute offers a course on the subject of Torah. Offered at four separate times with options including Sunday mornings or evenings, or Thursday mornings or evenings. Contact Rabbi Yochanan Posner, Ext. 2. 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie, 4059 Dempster St., Skokie, tuition, 847-677-1770

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Open Hockey Rat Time: Players 18 years and older wearing full equipment can partake in a pickup hockey game. 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Ice Center, 1851 Landwehr Road, Glenview, $10, 847-724-2800

Jurassic Crafts: Grades 5-8, registration required. Turn dinosaur toys of assorted sizes into everyday objects at this Jurassic Crafts program geared for grades 5 and up. 3 p.m. Tuesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Veteran Center Services: An informational table about readjustment services available to eligible veterans and their families in the form of counseling, benefits info, job referral and employment assistance. Noon Tuesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

MGPL Kids: Listen Up: Drop-in story and play time for preschoolers with a parent or caregiver. Call 847-929-5102 or visit www.mgpl.org/ldds for more information. 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Celtic Woman: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Akoo Theatre at Rosemont, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont, $32-$99, 847-671-5100

Wednesday, June 17

Jackman Park Summer Concert Series: Clear your calendar and head outside for musical entertainment at the Jackman Park Summer Concert Series. Bring your dinner, folding chairs and lawn blankets. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jackman Park, 1930 Prairie St, Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

Campaigns That Drive Action: Feedback Through Surveys, Polls and Reviews: Learn simple yet effective practices and considerations for small businesses seeking to gather information that allows them to gain valuable insights from their audiences and move their organization forward. Registration required. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

World War II Veterans’ Roundtable: Vets gather for lively conversation and coffee. Newcomers are welcome. 10 a.m. Wednesday, Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, free

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Think in color for summer style

When you think of summer fashion, you think color. After a long winter, we're all ready to pack away those heavy, dark clothes.

Leatrice Eiseman, Executive Director of the Pantone Color Institute, sees simpler colors on tap for the warming season. "Color choices follow the minimalistic theme, taking a cue from nature rather than being reinvented or mechanically manipulated," she noted. "Soft, cool hues blend with subtle warm tones to create a soothing escape from the everyday hustle and bustle."

Lucite green or mint is back in style for the season. You'll see this fresh hue in apparel, handbags and accessories. It's perfect to pair with neutral colors like white and khaki.

Schuppler is also seeing shades of luscious sorbets, especially orange. "Sorbet is such a delicious shade of orange that it will make you hungry for a little fro-yo! This pastel tone looks super cute in the form of skinny jeans or a pretty dress for the day time," she says.

Custard, glacier gray, aquamarine, tangerine and strawberry ice are other trendy hues right now.

Black and white — well, this combo never goes out of style. It's a classic pairing that looks good on everyone. Whether you pair a black top with white jeans or wear a black and white stripe dress, black and white are here to stay. Add an indulgent pop of rich color, or simply go for the great colors that catch the glow of the bright, warm season.
Writers' Theatre WordPlay gala looks to the future

BY LEE A. LITAS
Pioneer Press

The Event: More than 400 guests at the Writers' Theatre WordPlay gala proclaimed their support for Writers' Theatre at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel in Chicago on April 18. The annual event honored patron Mary Winton Green of Glencoe, and everyone was encouraged to "Make a Big Noise" to celebrate both the company's distinguished past and its exciting future in the new space coming in early 2016.

Cause Celebre: "I am thrilled about what Writers is going to bring to the Village of Glencoe and the world, frankly," said Phil Kiraly, Glencoe Village Manager. "And that we are able to celebrate with them not only tonight but into the future."

Designed by Jeanne Gang and Studio Gang Architects, Writers' new facility, including a 250-seat theater, was created to blend seamlessly into its neighboring Glencoe community.

"It's not going to be that much bigger, it's just going to be a whole lot better," said executive director Kathryn M. Lipuma of Elmhurst, noting that the company was founded on intimacy and inclusion. The new theater continues that tradition, said Lipuma. "(In) the first row your feet are on the stage and there is no balcony. It's about keeping everything close and tight."

Donna La Pietra and Bill Kurtis of Mettawa

That intimate setting will continue to present high-caliber entertainment for 35,000 patrons each season.

Alec Litowitz of Glencoe is a fan of Writers'. "It brings a world-class dialogue to the community," she said. "A chance to gather, talk and think through issues expressed through theater is a unique opportunity outside of a major metropolitan area."

Bottom Line: The benefit raised more than $700,000 for Writers' Theatre productions and educational programs. More at www.writerstheatre.org

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Dear Help Squad,

We run an adventure travel company in Wilmette. In July 2014, we contracted with a guide we'd worked with many times for a Mt. Kilimanjaro expedition. We received emails from the guide (or they appeared to be from the guide) requesting we make payment via Western Union. The money transfer was directed, with security words set up and a location chosen. Because we were told (by the hacker) that the guide's cell phone was not functioning, we emailed the details to him. Less than 24 hours later, money was picked up at a location nine hours from the original location, with incorrect security words provided by the recipient. This location was listed on WU's website as closed at the time of pick-up.

Western Union claims the funds were appropriately picked up by someone with photo ID, and that he provided the security questions and answers — though he answered some incorrectly and they still gave him the funds. We ended up paying the [real] guide again to prevent last-minute cancellation, but now are out $4,000.

We've had the assistance of the Wilmette, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania and Arusha police. Western Union has not been cooperative with either them or us. All are waiting on a report from Western Union. There apparently exists written as well as video documentation of the fraudulent pick-up, but WU has yet to provide these items to any of us. This trail has gone cold and WU remains silent. We appreciate any help you can give us.

Best regards,

Nancy, Wilmette

This has been a long slog for both The Northwest Passage and Help Squad, and we will say upfront that results were not what either had hoped for. However, TNWP's experience can serve as a cautionary tale for others.

Help Squad began working on this issue for Nancy in early March, and we have been back and forth with the Wilmette Police Department, a WU customer advocate, and WU's director of corporate communications on a consistent basis since that time. Nancy has additionally been in contact via phone, email and certified mail with her WU customer advocate and WU's custodian of records — another of the numerous entities to whom she has been redirected in response to her requests.

Here is what The Northwest Passage and Help Squad requested:

1. Explanation for why funds were considered paid correctly when recipient provided incorrect security question and misspelled answer on first form.
2. Copy of second form completed by individual receiving funds.
3. Copy of photo ID presented by person picking up funds.
4. Video surveillance of pick-up.
5. Explanation of how funds were picked up on Sunday when WU's website clearly showed location closed on Sundays.
6. Refund of TNWP's money.

Here is what The Northwest Passage and Help Squad received:

1. No response from WU's customer advocate following receipt of the actual guide's photo ID.
2. No response from WU's custodian of records.
3. A re-opening — and closing 24 hours later — of TNWP's complaint following a "thorough investigation." The customer advocate stated money was paid out properly.
4. The customer advocate said additional documentation must be requested via subpoena. (Wilmette police are unable to subpoena documentation as Tanzania is outside their jurisdiction.)

From WU's director of corporate communications:

1. We regularly work with law enforcement on a variety of matters and have procedures in place to provide [them] with information relevant to investigations.
2. Surveillance videos are not the property of Western Union. Any request for surveillance video must be made to the specific agent location.
3. The paying agent location has been confirmed in our Western Union systems and on westernunion.com as open ... Sundays 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
4. For more information on fraud awareness, please visit the dedicated section of our website: www.westernunion.com/staffraud

The moral of this unfortunate story is twofold. First, do not transmit passwords or other sensitive security/personal identification information through email. These details are always best shared via phone — even if the recipient says his/her phone is broken. Second, when transferring money, it is safest to wire funds directly to a known recipient's bank account, that way pick-up location is pre-determined and can not be changed, as is possible with a Western Union wire transfer.

Need help?

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Cathy Cunningham is a freelance columnist.
Dance therapy brings out the unspeakable

Public often misunderstands such treatment

BY NANCY MAES
Chicago Tribune

For eons, societies around the world have used dance to express feelings and to help people heal. Those concepts are embodied in contemporary dance/movement therapy, which was founded as a profession in the 1940s. Trained professionals in the field have a master's degree in the specialty based on the principle that the mind, the body and the emotions are interrelated.

"The therapy often is misunderstood by the general public. "People often think that we only work with dancers or that we are like physical therapists or that we teach dance," said dance/movement therapist Suzi Tortora, the author of "The Dancing Dialogue: Using the Communicative Power of Movement with Young Children" (Brooks Publishing, 2005).

"Everybody has a movement signature with idiosyncratic elements that tells the story of their experiences and the emotions that are stored in their body. Dance/movement therapy is a psychotherapy that helps people work through their psychological and emotional issues using dance and movement to allow them to express their feelings."

Susan Kleinman has been using dance/movement therapy as part of the treatment of women of all ages with anorexia, bulimia and binge eating for about 25 years at The Renfrew Center in Philadelphia.

"The women bury their feelings and the burial ground is their body," she said. "The eating disorder is a coping mechanism that gives them the illusion of control. They focus on food issues and body issues as a diversionary tactic so they don't have to experience the underlying painful feelings hidden deep inside them that might be caused by experiences such as the death of a loved one, a divorce, verbal, physical or sexual abuse or the failure to live up to high expectations of others."

The movements in individual or group therapy are not choreographed but are based on movements the therapist picks up from the details of the body language of patients, such as shallow breathing or fidgeting or a gesture suggested by them. The therapist then decodes or translates them into verbal language.

"Sometimes the breakthroughs are subtle, and sometimes they can be very dramatic when the patient gets in touch with their feelings and experiences them."

The Andrea Rizzo Foundation founded and funds Drea's Dream pediatric dance therapy program at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. Tortora was the first dance therapist to provide Drea's Dream in a pediatric hospital setting. The program was created to honor Rizzo, a survivor of pediatric cancer whose goal to become a dance therapist was cut short when she was killed by a drunk driver when she was 24. Other Drea's Dream dance/movement therapy programs are located throughout the U.S.

Dance/movement therapists at Sloan Kettering work with patients who are infants up to ones in their early 20s. "We're trained to observe and analyze what the movements and gestures of patients mean." Tortora said. Patients might feel anxious before a procedure or angry because they can't get up and play or are overwhelmed by sadness. "We create a dancing dialogue with patients as a way for our bodies to speak to each other, so their bodies can communicate their feelings," Tortora said.

For babies, a therapist guides a dance-therapy session, left.

"We can use the movement and the music to help the child stay engaged and focused without getting out of control or depleted," Tortora said. "When you see children dancing in a safe environment, it is so joyful that it is healing for the parents too."

Dance/movement therapy is extremely versatile. It can be used for people with special needs and in rehabilitation centers, nursing homes and hospice care because it is based on a universal language. As Kleinman said, "Body language is our native dialect that we used to express ourselves long before we learned words."

Maes is a freelance reporter.
Moby maps his road to veganism

BY ALENE DAWSON
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The DJ and musician Moby, a vegan for 27 years, plans to open a vegan restaurant this summer called Little Pine in Silver Lake, Calif. He recently appeared at the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles with the co-founder of the animal welfare organization Farm Sanctuary, Gene Baur. We asked him about veganism and creativity. This is an edited transcript of our talk.

Q: You’ve talked about your trajectory from meat-eating punk rocker who made fun of vegetarians in high school to vegan activist. What was the tipping point?
A: When I was 10 years old, walking by a dump in the town where I grew up in Connecticut, I heard a tiny little mew coming from a box in front of the dump. I opened the box and inside the box were three dead kittens and one barely alive kitten. And I took this kitten and brought it to the vet with my mom, and somehow the cat survived. About nine or 10 years later I was playing with this cat, and it suddenly dawned on me: I care about this cat and I want to protect it from suffering — it has two eyes and a central nervous system and feels pain clearly and can suffer. I just simply thought, “Why am I involved in any action that causes suffering to other creatures?”

Q: Many people are against cruelty to animals yet love to eat a hamburger and bacon. They’re willing to make small changes but can’t give up meat completely yet. Will you talk about the idea that sometimes meeting people where they are can be the best way to effect change?
A: I’m a vegan for all of those reasons: health reasons, environmental reasons, ethical reasons. First and foremost, it’s simply that I like animals and I don’t want to be involved in anything that contributes to their suffering. But I’m also an environmentalist, and the production of meat and dairy, it just decimates the environment. What’s nice is that whenever I talk with someone and I’m sort of espousing the virtues of veganism, I can almost tail my argument to that person. If someone loves animals, I will bring up the animal argument. If someone is an environmentalist, you bring up environmentalism. If someone is concerned for their health, you bring up health.

Q: So meat eaters shouldn’t be afraid of Baur’s new book (“Living the Farm Sanctuary Life?”)
A: Maybe if being afraid and being alarmed by the poison and the toxins we’re putting in our bodies leads people to change and live longer, happier, healthier lives, then maybe being a little bit afraid isn’t a bad thing. You know, eating whatever we want to eat, using whatever resources we want to use, and you don’t have to be a hippie to see that it’s not only unsustainable, but it creates so much misery along the way. It would be one thing if the way we’re living and the ways we’re eating created happiness. But the fact is it makes people fat, sick and sad.

Q: How do you think being a vegetarian and then a vegan has affected your creativity?
A: I’m constantly asked by people about where do I get my energy? I mean, I exercise, but I think a lot of it is just having a healthy diet and being a vegan. I might just be my constitution, but I have a sort of joy, enthusiasm and kind of endless reserves of energy for work.

Q: It’s contrary to the idea a lot of people have of the sickly vegan.

BRUCE BODEN

by Barbara Sadick
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The war on Alzheimer’s disease has yet to make giant strides, but there have been significant steps. One of the leaders in that quest is Mary Sano, a neuropsychologist and the director of the Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York. She has been studying Alzheimer’s since the mid-1980s.

She was the lead researcher on two large multicentered trials showing that high doses of vitamin E delay the loss of cognitive ability and thus nursing-home placement. More recently, she has discovered critical new biomarkers to predict the disease.

Now she is working on directing a study to learn if home-based assessments can be used to determine treatment for the prevention of cognitive loss and dementia.

Among the challenges of research, she said, is dealing with the sheer volume of patients. Sano works with thousands of patients in running cutting-edge clinical trials. To find 100 people who are right for a study, she explained, 60,000 people typically have to be considered. “That’s why the public needs to understand the importance of participating in research,” she said.

Participation is vital to finding treatments that can help at earlier stages of disease, according to Sano. When research starts with younger people, changes in cognition can be detected and tracked over time, and drugs and other treatments that maximize function can be developed.

People in families affected by Alzheimer’s are of particular interest to researchers, Sano said. A child or grandchild of an Alzheimer’s patient may be at greater risk for developing the disease, thus those people should consider getting involved in a study about delaying the onset of the disease.

Sano explained how to recognize the signs and symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease, pay attention to your cognition, and notice subtle changes, such as difficulty doing mastered tasks like balancing a checkbook and trouble learning new technology such as a new television remote or a smartphone.

If you or your doctor refers you to a specialist, it’s important to follow up with that expert. A test to assess cognitive function can identify important but subtle changes and can provide a baseline measure of function.

Important early signs of the disease are significant loss of memory or cognition. This may be exhibited by asking the same question repeatedly without realizing it or having difficulty understanding or participating in a discussion. Behavioral manifestations include apathy, withdrawal from usual activities or becoming irritable over minor things.

If you have signs and symptoms of cognitive loss, your doctor may order tests, including brain imaging. One type of brain scan now can detect amyloid or protein fragments that are hard, insoluble plaques, confirming the presence of Alzheimer’s disease.

The advantage to early diagnosis, Sano said, is that medical care can be more specifically geared to what is causing the deficit. For example, the absence of plaques would suggest there is another cause for the signs and symptoms, and efforts can be directed to those causes.

“I want to stress the importance of maintaining maximum cognition and a healthy lifestyle at every stage of life,” Sano said. In the presence of disease, high functioning individuals are better able to maintain independence and be less devastated than those who are starting with chronic problems.”

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Strawberry surprises

Tricks to surmount baking woes from the summer fruit

BY HEATHER LALLEY
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Is there a more beautiful harbinger of summer than the strawberry? Heart-shaped and crimson, these green-topped gems are one of our most beloved fruits.

Unless, of course, you're a baker.

"Strawberries are the bane of my existence," says Dave Miller, who co-owns Chicago's celebrated Baker Miller Bakery & Millhouse with his wife, Megan. "Every day, strawberries are different. That is the struggle of the day. They're the hardest berry to work with."

Some batches of strawberries have more moisture, some less. Some are candy-sweet, others border on bland. Professional bakers can't waste time and money on soggy muffins one day and dry ones the next. But Miller and others have discovered some tricks to tame the devilishly red berry.

First off, start thinking of a single strawberry as two different products — the fruit and the juice.

"That allows you to control the moisture," Miller says.

At Baker Miller, strawberries get put on a raised rack before being "cooked" strawberries with sugar. James Beard Award-winning cookbook author Rose Levy Beranbaum likes this method when working with both fresh and frozen strawberries. It's another way of separating the fruit from its juice.

"I'm big on concentrating things down," Beranbaum says. "I don't like to cook the fruit; I cook the juices and combine the two."

Similarly, turn the fresh strawberries into jam and use that jam in baked goods (or even stir it into whipped cream), she says.

Miller is at work on a strawberry muffin recipe that uses strawberry jam to control the recipe's moisture content. The shop also makes a popular strawberry chiffon pie that includes roasted strawberries and reduced strawberry syrup, as well as a strawberry pie with both roasted and uncooked strawberries.

Bakers should also be sure to clean strawberries properly before using them, he says. That means first picking off the leaves, then using a paring knife to cut out the center.

"That's the watery part," Miller says. "That's how my grandma did it."

Strawberry chiffon pie

Prep: 30 minutes  Cook: 10 minutes  Makes: 6 servings

Adapted from Baker Miller Bakery & Millhouse. You will have enough lemon cream to make two pies. Leftover lemon cream can be frozen or spread on toast. For the preserves, you can use the recipe provided here or your own favorite version. Or try the roasted strawberries tossed with their syrup (see method).

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1 For the lemon cream, heat lemon juice in a double boiler. When juice is hot but not boiling, whisk together the eggs, yolks, sugar and salt. Slowly pour the hot lemon juice into the egg mixture while whisking vigorously.

2 Return the mixture back to the double boiler, cook, whisking constantly, until it reaches 180 degrees. Cover the surface with plastic wrap and set aside.

3 Chop lemon zest with a pinch of sugar, smearing it against the cutting board with the side of your knife until it releases its oils and darkens.

4 Once the lemon cream has cooled to 140 degrees, whisk in the butter, 1 tablespoon at a time, using an egg beater or a stand mixer fitted with a whisk attachment. Beat until smooth and creamy. Strain the lemon cream-butter mixture. Stir in the zest. Cover and refrigerate.

5 Once the lemon cream has cooled completely, beat the heavy cream to stiff peaks. Gently fold 1/2 cups of lemon cream into the whipped cream.

6 To assemble the pie, spread the strawberry preserves into the bottom of the prepared pie crust. Top with the lemon chiffon filling. Chill for 2 hours or overnight before serving. Serve topped with fresh strawberries.

Nutrition information per serving: 645 calories, 42 g fat, 22 g saturated fat, 173 mg cholesterol, 66 g carbohydrates, 5 g protein, 313 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

Roasted strawberries: Place hulled strawberries (2 or 3 pints) on a rack placed inside a rimmed baking sheet. If the strawberries are large, you may want to cut them in half. Roast in the oven at 450 degrees, 20 minutes. The berries should emerge extra sweet and slightly charred; continue roasting for 10 to 20 minutes if they are not done. Pour off the juice and reserve to use separately for syrups, etc.
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Try homemade syrups
Bored with your cocktail?

Raspberry syrup

Next cocktail party, surprise your guests with an array of
colorful and tasty home-infused syrups. Personalizing cocktails is within reach with a bit of prep time. There are three main
in a cocktail: the base liquor; the modifier, which is
often a liqueur; and the sweetener or syrup. The latter distin-
guishes the drink the most.

The general proportion of a simple syrup is equal parts sugar
dissolved in equal parts water. Beyond that, the flavor infusions
are endless. The mixture serves another critical purpose: It bal-
ances out the acid, bitterness and booziness of a drink. Gather up
some seasonal fruits or herbs, and rock your home mixology
with creative syrups. Here are two to get you started. Add them
a tablespoon or so at a time to get the flavor you want. Try them in
your favorite drinks (gin and tonics, vodka and soda, margaritas,
anything summery) or drizzle into non-alcoholic sippers like raspberry lemonade.

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Syrup: 3 to 4 tablespoons sugar

Ginger syrup

Debbie Peek, director of mixology at Southern Wine & Spirits, pours this syrup over ice, then adds a
splash of soda for her own ginger beer. You can also use it in a Moscow mule or to turn a vodka martini into a ginger martini.

For the sauce, combine all the ingredients in a small bowl. Have it ready near the stove.

For the chicken, combine it in a separate bowl with the soy sauce, vinegar and sesame oil.

Add the peanut oil to a wok over high heat. When the oil is hot but not quite smoking, add the chicken mixture. Stir-fry until no pinkness remains, 1-2 minutes. As you cook the chicken, push it up the sides of the wok, spreading it around so all the chicken comes into maximum contact with the hot pan, and break it up as you go.

When cooked, push all the chicken up the side of the wok and out of the way. Add the red pepper, green onions, ginger and water chestnuts; toss for 1 minute. Add the reserved sauce ingredients; toss every 10-15 seconds with the chicken and vegetables until well blended and slightly thickened, about 1 minute.

Serve in the lettuce cups on a platter or on individual plates.
A smokin' good idea

BY NOELLE CARTER
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There's a primal wonder to smoked food — that such depth of flavor can come from so simple a technique. And then there's the fun of the process itself, whether you're working with a formal smoker setup or one you've "MacGyver-ed" out of odds and ends. Because, with a little creativity, you can smoke almost anything.

As for flavor, there's more to it than mere "smokiness." You'll find a great variety of character depending on the wood used and its intensity. Woods range from assertive hickory to delicate apple. Cherry is pronounced, and pecan lends a fragrant nuttiness. Mesquite can be delicately sweet or overwhelmingly assertive, depending on how (and how much) it's used. It's not hard to find alder (popular in the Northwest) or corn cob (possibly best known in the Northeast). Or try flavored hardwoods — wine casks, maybe, or bourbon-soaked oak.

You don't even need to smoke with wood at all. Try tea or seaweed, or rice, nut shells and aromatics, such as spices, herbs and citrus peel.

And where meat is probably the most traditional of smoked foods, flavoring options are almost endless, from nuts, fruit, yogurt and cheeses. Imagine having a cocktail with smoked ice.

Think smoking, and the first type of smoking that comes to mind is hot-smoking; using smoke over high heat to both cook and flavor foods, including brisket, ribs, chicken and sausages.

Cold smoking is similar to hot smoking but without the heat. This type of smoking is strictly about flavor.

When cold-smoking, smoke is typically transmitted from one chamber to another over a distance, so the food is flavored but not cooked. This is generally done for a couple of hours or a day or more. Because of this, cold-smoked food is previously cooked or preserved — whether fermented, pickled or cured — so it doesn't go bad as it smokes.

To create a cold smoker, attach a tube of some sort from your hot smoker to a separate chamber. An online search will reveal a lot of creative ideas, including using dryer vent tubes and pipes. You can also use a single-chamber smoker, provided the smoke source doesn't generate too much heat and the temperature stays cool.

If you're doing something simple, like cheese, a basic box smoker will work on a chilly morning, when the outdoor temperature will help keep the chamber cool.

Before smoking, refrigerate the cheese uncovered the night before.

Cheeses take well to cold smoking to impart flavor. Before smoking, the cheese must be refrigerated uncovered the night before.

The smoke will adhere. For smoked applewood Comte, place small wedges (no thicker than 2 inches) of cheese on a rack toward the top of the smoker, and place a tray of ice above and underneath it to keep it cool. Wood pellets work well here; a small tray of pellets can smolder for hours, generating lots of flavorful smoke.

Check the cheese occasionally to make sure it stays cool; if it starts to sweat, the heat is too high. After a couple of hours, the pale yellow cheese will have a rich amber color and that smoky perfume. Wrap it tightly and refrigerate it; the smokiness will mellow with time.

The cheese is perfect folded into omelets or other dishes, or simply sliced as part of a cheese tray.

Grilled cheese with marinated tomatoes

Prep: 10 minutes
Cook: 10 minutes

Makes: 2-4 servings

4 slices from a large country white loaf, sliced 1/4-inch thick
10 ounces sliced smoked cheese, preferably Comte, provolone or Gouda
4 to 6 slices marinated tomatoes, drained of any excess liquid
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature

1. Place two slices of bread on a cutting board. Divide half of the cheese evenly between the two slices; top with the sliced tomatoes. Top the tomatoes with the remaining cheese. Cover with remaining two slices of bread to form two sandwiches.

2. Heat a large cast-iron skillet over medium heat. Add 2 tablespoons butter; swirl in the pan until it is melted and starting to bubble. Grill sandwiches until the bread is a rich golden brown and the cheese has started to melt. Carefully flip the sandwiches over, add the remaining butter and grill until the other side is browned and toasted. Slice the sandwiches in half; serve immediately.

Marinated tomatoes

1/2 cup olive oil
1/4 cup sherry wine vinegar
3 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
3 tablespoons minced fresh thyme
Pinch red pepper flakes, more to taste
1 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1/2 cup red onion, very thinly sliced lengthwise
10 large basil leaves, very thinly sliced
2 teaspoons capers, drained, crushed
2 cloves garlic, very thinly sliced
2 pounds large tomatoes, cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices

In a bowl, whisk together the oil, vinegar, parsley, thyme, pepper flakes, salt and several grinds of black pepper. Stir in the onion, basil, capers and garlic. Spread a little of the marinade on the bottom of a large baking dish. Top with a layer of tomatoes. Spread with a little more marinade; then another layer of tomatoes. Top with the remaining marinade; cover and refrigerate at least 3 hours before serving. Keeps up to 2 days.
June 13 marks the return of a season's worth of music, movies and dance to Ravinia Festival in Highland Park. More than 100 shows dot the calendar, including the huge draw of the pairing of Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett, which sold out even before tickets went on sale to the public.

Lucky subscribers and donors including Karen and Mort May of Highland Park got their tickets. But they donated them to a fundraiser instead.

"For classical music lovers, the opera is the highlight of the Ravinia season," said Karen May, former 58th district state representative. "But for a lot of other people, Lady Gaga is the highlight of the season."

Either way, patrons can sit on the lawn with their own picnics or in the pavilion to hear a concert, admire the landscaped grounds and get something to eat at different upscale restaurants, including a new one called The Grove, which includes a bar and selection of prepared sausages.

"It's northwest of our regular dining pavilion. We refurbished it and turned it into a cohesive dining space, like a sidewalk restaurant," said Ravinia Festival Communications Director Nick Pullia. You can also bring your own food and libations to The Grove.

Getting out of Ravinia at the end of a show should be a little easier this year. In previous years, only one shuttle bus at a time was available to take Ravinia Festival patrons back to their cars in free, offsite parking lots after a concert. But this summer, four buses will be waiting in a new turnaround.

Pullia suggests Ravinia lawn patrons come early to get the best spots — typically between the gift shop and the pavilion — and to find places where they'll be able to see the screen well if it's a movie night.

The parking lot is open four hours before the concert, the gates open an hour later.

"Come as early as you can. It's better sitting on our lawn than sitting in traffic," Pullia said. Besides, people watching is also a treat at Ravinia — where patrons can observe the fancy picnics people bring, which include candles, fine wine, flower arrangements and gourmet food.

The 2015 season kicks off with a weekend of kids concerts — Dan Zanes on June 13 and the Mariachi Divas on June 14. Another especially exciting family-friendly event will be when the CSO plays the soundtrack to the classic Walt Disney film, "Fantasia," (July 12) while it's being shown on a big screen. Pullia said. "The soundtrack has been digitally removed so the CSO can play the music live. It's going to be an amazing experience."

This will be the last summer that James Conlon serves as music director of Ravinia where he has conducted the Chicago Symphony Orchestra since 2005. "For my last season, I have chosen every program to be representative of something important about my years at Ravinia," Conlon said.

For example, Conlon introduced opera selections to the festival during his tenure and said he is excited about conducting "The Flying Dutchman" (Aug. 15) in its entirety, the first time a full opera has been done at Ravinia.

He also will conduct Mozart, because the CSO performed all the Mozart concertos in past summers. "Mozart is always good for you. I always feel better when I'm conducting Mozart," Conlon said.

He's also conducting Alexandar von Zemlinsky's "The Mermaid," which represents many of the works he's programmed written by lesser-known composers "due to the suppression of their work by Nazi Germany. That's an important part of what I have done. We're doing that wonderful, beautiful piece."

Conlon said getting children into Ravinia "is very important so that classical music is not like a foreign country to them."

"Classical music doesn't sell as well as other shows," Pullia said. "But it's crucial to our mission. We want to make sure kids come and experience it. That's why it's admission free for kids when the CSO plays. And for adults, pavilion seats are $25."
Ravinia is back for another year with impressive lineup

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You can come see this great phenomenal orchestra for $25."

For the second summer, Ravinia will feature a family-friendly space on the north lawn known as KidsLawn at CSO concerts. KidsLawn includes interactive exhibits such as large-scale percussion instruments for making music, and also features stories, videos and an instrument petting zoo.

"It's fun," Pullia said, adding the giant instruments "attract as many dads as they do the kids."

Some of the season's big pop acts — Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett, Santana and Harry Connick Jr. — are sold out for both lawn and pavilion, but tickets remain in one or both seating areas for big names like Sheryl Crow (June 25), Blondie and Melissa Etheridge (July 2), Brian Wilson and Rodriguez (July 6) and Aretha Franklin (July 11). "She's a legend," Pullia said of Franklin. "She'll sing some big songs, some of her own and others like those by Barbra Streisand. You don't get a chance very often to see those legends."

Pullia is particularly excited about "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane, who will perform Frank Sinatra-style with the Ravinia Festival Orchestra on Aug. 21. "He has a love for pop culture that just oozes out of him," Pullia said.

Production manager Laura Skolnick coordinates artist schedules, equipment, sound system and other details.

During the summer, "we all have futons in our offices and we take naps," Skolnick said of her production crew.

"Whenever we have a CSO show back to back with a pop show, it's a four-hour process. A show might end at 11 p.m. We finish loading out by 1 a.m. and then at 3 a.m. we have to reset the stage for a rehearsal," she said. "The operas and the movies are always a little bit of a challenge, because of the sheer size of them and the technology."

Skolnick said she's looking forward to globally-influenced mini orchestra, Pink Martini (July 1), which "puts on a fabulous show. I love the audience because there are people of all ages at the concert. It's great music and a lot of fun."

Her favorite thing to do, however, is at the beginning of a concert. "You walk out into the park and see everybody enjoying themselves and they have no idea what you went through to make it happen. It's magic."

For other tips on enjoying Ravinia and to see which concerts have tickets available, visit www.ravinia.org.
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A guide to outdoor movies in the near north suburbs

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What better way to celebrate warmer weather than to do something that typically is done indoors - watching a movie - in the great outdoors? Check out our guide to free movies in park, screening everything from "The Goonies" and "Frozen" to "Ghostbusters" and "Big Hero 6."

Chicago

All movies begin at dusk, estimated 8:30 p.m. in June, 8:15 p.m. in July, 8 p.m. in August. ChicagoParkDistrict.com

"Jurassic Park" (June 11) Pottawatomie Park, 7340 N. Rogers Ave.

"Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" (June 24) Olympia Park, 6565 N. Avondale Ave.

"E.T." (June 25) Brooks Park, 7100 N. Harlem Ave.

"Dolphin Tale 2" (July 8) Oriole Park, 5430 N. Olcott Ave.

"The Sandlot" (July 17) Sauganash Park, 5861 N. Kostner Ave.

"The Goonies" (July 19) Hiawatha Park, 8029 W. Forest Preserve Drive

"Looney Toons Collection" (July 24) Indian Boundary Park, 2500 W. Lunt Ave.


"Frozen" (Aug. 3) Chipewa Park, 6748 N. Sacramento

"Big Hero 6" (Aug. 7) Norwood Park, 5801 N. Natoma Ave.

"Frozen" (Aug. 7) Touhy Park, 7348 N. Paulina Ave.


"Footloose" (Aug. 12) Merrimac Park, 6343 W. Irving Park Road

Disney's animated feature film "Frozen" will be screened as part of the movies in the park series.

"Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (Aug. 29) Hiawatha Park, 8029 W. Forest Preserve Drive

Norridge

Norridgepk.com

"Frozen" Sing-Along (8:30 p.m. July 17) Norridge Park District, 4631 N. Overhill Ave.

"Ghostbusters" (8:30 p.m. Aug. 8) Norridge Park District, 4631 N. Overhill Ave.

"Despicable Me 2" (8:30 p.m. June 25) roof of the Harlem Irving Plaza parking garage

Morton Grove

Harrer Park, 6250 W. Dempster; MortonGroveParks.com

"Frozen" (Aug. 7) Touhy Park, 7348 N. Paulina Ave.

"Maleficent" (7:30 p.m. Aug. 21)

"Big Hero 6" (7:30 p.m. Sept. 18)

Park Ridge

Maine Park, 2701 W. Sibley St.; ParkRidgeParkDistrict.com/events

Skyline

Lorel Park, 8135 Lorel Ave.; Skokieparks.org/special-events

"Frozen" (dusk June 11)

"Surf's Up" (dusk July 9)

"Wreck It Ralph" (dusk Aug. 13)
Jumpstart summer reading with show by Ralph Covert

BY MYRNA PETLLICKI
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The Niles Public Library will be rocking during the Summer Reading Club Kickoff with Ralph's World. Family favorite Ralph Covert will take kids and their parents into his high-energy rock 'n' roll world, 2-3 p.m. and 3:30-4:15 p.m. Sunday, June 14 at 6960 Oakton St.

Covert's solo show will include activity songs, dancing songs and story songs - all of which will have kids on their feet, burning energy to the music. He is a favorite of the young set because of his eight CDs and his "Say Hello" DVD, which was selected as Parenting magazine's Video of the Year in 2003. His silliness during concerts also endears Covert to youngsters.

Grownups love him, too, because he brings the same energy to his children's shows that he did to his original rock 'n' roll band for grownups, The Bad Examples, a Midwest favorite in the 1990s.

Free tickets will be available in KidSpace 30 minutes before the program.

For details, call 847-663-1234 or go to nileslibrary.org.

Sweet sounds

Your family can enjoy a free outdoor concert when The Student Body performs rock, pop and alternative hits during Tunes Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m. June 16 at Harrer Park Shelter, 6250 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. Pack a dinner and purchase dessert from Dairy Queen, which will be at the park starting at 6 p.m. Concert rain location is Park View School Gymnasium, 6200 Lake St.

For details, call 847-965-1200 or go to mortongroveparks.com.

Keep on rockin'

This time we mean the Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society's 4th Annual Rock Swap, 1-5 p.m. Saturday, June 13 at St. Peter's United Church of Christ Gymnasium 8013 Laramie Ave., Skokie. There will be great hunting for rockhounds of all ages plus activities for children. Admission is free.

For details, call 312-623-1554 or go to chicagorocks.org.

The beat goes on

Rhythmic choreography and technical drumming will be combined to thrill kids and adults at Collective Beat with Be the Groove, 3 p.m. Sunday, June 14 at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. There will also be beatboxing, spoken-word poetry and audience interaction.

For details, call 847-673-7774 or go to skokielibrary.info.

You auto check this out

As many as 400 cars will be on display from 6-8 p.m. Monday nights, through Sept. 7, at Westfield Old Orchard Shopping Center, Skokie Blvd. and Old Orchard Road, Skokie. There will be music, food for sale and special guests each week.

For details, call 847-673-6300 or go to westfield.com/oldorchard.
It's time for Ravinia, with the summer season kicking off June 13. If you've ever been guilty of sneaking an envious peek at a neighboring picnic spread, this story's for you. Here's what area chefs pack for a picnic on the lawn at Ravinia.

Chef Bradford Phillips with Guildhall in Northbrook can't wait for Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett (June 27). And when the crooners go cheek to cheek in Highland Park, Phillips will be munching on prosciutto and cheese. "Not forgetting, obviously, a couple of bottles of French or California Rosé," he said. Phillips might also picnic with a few of the new seasonal items on the menu at Guildhall, like summer squash pizzette or chicken paillard with summer pizzette salad.

"I think it's nice to have things to nibble on that are flavorful and easy to eat," said Chef Sarah Stegner with Prairie Grass Cafe in Northbrook.

She is looking forward to seeing Santana (Aug. 29). For the show, she'll probably pack up some rhubarb jam with a crusty baguette; vegetable Asian spring rolls with peanuts, cilantro and sweet and spicy dipping sauce; and some homemade paté, sliced beets and cornichons. Stegner also likes to pack citrus arugula salad. It's made with avocado, grapefruit, almonds, jicama and citrus vinaigrette. Her special homemade horseradish sauce spices up jumbo shrimp. This season, her picnic basket will likely include some sliced lamb sausage with mushroom and goat cheese.

"These items are easy to eat, light and refreshing," Stegner said.

"I have a pretty standard formula that I follow," said Chef Matt DuBois with Inovasi in Lake Bluff. "Lots of awesome charcuterie like spicy coppa, sopresetta, lomo, bresaola - and really good smoked jerky. I pack a basket that doesn't need to be kept cold and actually tastes better at room temp. Everything can be eaten easily with your hands; all you need is one knife for slicing cheese, and maybe fruit. The baguette you tear with your hands because that makes it taste way better that way."

For picnic cheese, DuBois recommends hard, aged varieties that can sit out for hours in the sun and not fall apart, "like an aged Manchego, or something else Spanish."

"He likes a chilled white or rosé wine. "Wines like Viña Verde are the perfect summer picnic wines," he said. "Crisp, slightly carbonated, very low alcohol so you can enjoy a lot of it and not be wasted. French or Spanish cider, especially something from the Basque region, would also be a great choice."

What would a Ravinia picnic be without wine?

"I always start with a good bottle from Diana at The Wine Goddess in Evanston," said Ellen King, head baker and co-owner of Hewn in Evanston. "My favorite right now is Klee, a Pinot Noir from Oregon."

Then, I'll stop over to Ehran at Homestead Meats (Evanston) for some charcuterie to pair with a Hewn baguette and some Alpha Morning Sun cheese.

When she can catch a break this summer from Hewn, where King hopes to enjoy a few Ravinia shows. She is looking forward to the Scottish Symphony (Aug. 5), Tchaikovsky's "1812" Overture (Aug. 1) and the Flying Dutchman (Aug. 15).

As a perfect accompaniment to the Latin sounds of Santana, Maria Concannon of Park Ridge will likely make her crowd favorite guacamole, the same item on the menu at her Don Juan Restaurante in Edison Park. The guacamole is made with Serrano chiles, fresh cilantro and tomatoes and plenty of fresh avocados. Concannon makes her guacamole for a long-running tradition she shares with fellow members of the local chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier. They meet on the porch of member Karen Levin, who lives across the street from Ravinia Festival.

This will be Karen Levin's 18th year of gathering with their homemade goodies on her porch, Levin looks forward to one of Park Ridge's "enviable Ravinia picnic baskets." Levin has developed recipes for Kraft and other companies, and she will test-drive a recipe for Red White and Blue Shortcake for a Ravinia picnic in early June. "It has raspberries, blueberries and sliced strawberries in a simple glaze with whipped cream," she said. She makes the shortcakes herself, of course - and tops the dessert off with a mint sprig.

Gazpacho is typically in Levin's Ravinia picnic basket in August. "When the heirloom tomatoes are at their peak," she said. "And every year, on that special night when her fellow Les Dames members gather with their homemade goodies on her porch, Levin looks forward to one special treat. "This has changed in 18 years. My favorite is always my margaritas and Maria's guacamole, salsa and chips."

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Spring Awakening Festival: This music festival features Zedd, hardwell, Tiësto, Erick Prydz, Diplo, Afrojack and more. Friday and Sunday, Soldier Field, 1410 S. Museum Campus Drive, Chicago, $189 for a three-day pass, 312-747-1285.

The Seven Secret Plays of Madame Capriccioso*: Silent Theatre Company presents a musical about five outcasts gathered to write seven plays with different genres and aesthetics. Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St., Chicago, $15-$30, 773-273-1500.

Melancholy Play: A Chamber Musical*: This is the story of Esteliana Capriccio. She invites five outcasts to her abode atop Gooseberry Hill to help find the tools necessary to navigate through life effortlessly. In this endeavor, they create seven plays varying in genre and aesthetic, underscored with live music and whimsy. Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St., Chicago, $20-$30, 773-273-1500.

Crime Scene: The Next Chapter*: Collaboration on a world premiere show raises questions about segregation, poverty, the news media and popular music. The exhibit runs Nov. 15 to Aug. 16 and is free with admission. 9:30 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, noon Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Wednesday, Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St., Chicago, free, 312-642-4600.

Beer Bottle Aristotle: The Fifth Dimension*: Witness the drudgery of a famed wedding planner, relive the event of infomercials and maybe even visit rural Missouri. Welcome to the Fifth Dimension, where anything can happen. 10:30 p.m. Friday, Donny's Skybox Theatre, 1608 N. Wells St., Chicago, $13, 312-337-3992.

Ithamar Has Nothing to Say*: Enjoy this silent one-man sketch show featuring an eclectic mix of music. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, The Second City, 1616 N. Wells St., Chicago, free, 312-337-3992.

Bible Bingo: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Royal George Theatre Center, 1641 N. Halsted St., Chicago, $30, 312-988-0000.

The Magic Parlor: See feats of magic and illusion performed by The House Theatre of Chicago company member and resident magician Dennis Watkins. 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Palmer House Hilton, 17 E. Monroe St., Chicago, $75, 773-769-3832.

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Camping: The Musical*: Witness a father reminiscing over time spent camping with his sons. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Gorilla Tang Theatre, 1919 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, $15, 773-598-4549.

Bloody Young and Backdated: A Who photo exhibit: This exhibit celebrates the Who's 50th anniversary through the personal photo collections of eleven photographers. Noon Friday, Saturday and Monday, Chess Records Studio/Willie Dixon's Blues Heaven Foundation, 2120 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, $10, 312-808-1286.

Picasso at the Lapin Agile: Comedian Steve Martin imagines what would happen if Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso were to meet in a bar one afternoon in 1904. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, The Greenhouse Theater Center, 2237 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, $16-$20, 773-404-7336.

Tartuffe*: Watch the scoundrel Orson deceive and throw a family into utter chaos in this comedy. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, The Greenhouse Theater Center, 2237 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, $8-$10, 773-404-7336.

Tiesto Erick Prydz, Diplo, Afrojack and more. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, $20, 773-293-3682.

After being orphaned by the Irish Famine who travel to Australia for a fresh start. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 6 p.m. Sunday, The Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, $25, 832-819-4336.

The Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, $10, 312-284-7735.

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“Other Hands”: Watch as someone living in today’s world of instant gratification and the high use of technology and quick fixes has to deal with one of life’s biggest mysteries: love. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St., Chicago, $15-$30, 773-273-1500.

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The Taste of Park Ridge is scheduled for July 9th, 10th, and 11th at the corner of Prospect and Summit avenues in Uptown Park Ridge. For further information, please visit the Taste website at www.tasteofparkridge.com.
Kohl Children’s Museum celebrates return of the popular Chagall for Children: Highly-interactive exhibit features hands-on activities and audio descriptions of each of Marc Chagall’s works specifically appropriate for children ages 2-12. 9:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon Sunday, Kohl Children’s Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, $11-$10, 847-832-6600

Movie Under the Stars: “Paddington”*: Bring blankets and lawn chairs and help kick-off the Summer Reading Club with a special all-inclusive Rhythm Revolution drumming circle in the parking lot followed by the movie. 7 p.m. Friday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277.

Charlotte’s Web*: The Kirk Players perform a children’s show which is based on the American classic written by E.B. White. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Charges: $17 adults; $15 seniors; $10, children 12 and under. 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Mundelein High School, 1350 W. Hawley St., Mundelein, $17-$10, 847-949-2200.

The Lego Movie*: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Mark Damisch In Concert: A 40th Anniversary Celebration: He will be playing the beautiful music of Gershwin, Copeland, Chopin and Debussy. 1 p.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd., Northfield, $10 member: $12 non-member, 847-784-6000

Salute to Star Trek Convention Chicago*: See website for packages and single day tickets. 9 a.m. Friday-Sunday, The Westin O’Hare, 6100 N. River Rd., Rosemont, $20 a day and more; see website, 818-409-0960.

Romeo Santos*: 8 p.m. Friday, Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Rd., Rosemont, $45-$125, 847-635-6601

Ladies Sing the Blues: A Centennial Billie Holiday Celebration: In honor of Billie Holiday's 100th birthday, music from her Columbia, Commodore, Verve and Decca catalog will be sung by an outstanding roster of Chicago artists. There are two shows. Call or go to the website. 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, $32, 847-677-7761

Shining Lives: A Musical*: After years of hand painting watch dials with radium, a job that brought joy ends in tragedy. Four women upset their lives to change the future. 8 p.m. Friday, 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd, Skokie, $15-$54, 847-673-6300

Saturday, June 13

Amazing Grace fundraiser concert: Musicians perform at a concert to benefit the victims of human trafficking. 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, 111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights, $20

King Gizzard and the Lizard Wizard*: 9 p.m. Saturday, Subterranean, 2047 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, $12, 773-278-6600

Jungle*: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Concord Music Hall, 2047 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, $25-$28

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Brew to Be Wild: Sample specialty brews from more than 35 local and regional breweries while enjoying music, food and a visit with the zoo animals. 6 p.m. Saturday, Lincoln Park Zoo, 2200 N. Cannon Drive, Chicago, $49-$89, 312-742-2000

El Bandolero & Souphonetics: 10 p.m. Saturday, Masada, 2206 N. California Ave., Chicago, free, 773-697-8397

Spinning Red: Along with Mount. Double CD release show. 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Moe’s Tavern, 2937 N Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, $5, 773-227-2937

Mike Gordon: 8 p.m. Saturday, Vic Theatre/Brew & View, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave., Chicago, $30, 773-472-0449

Wire: With Tim Hecker, Disappears and The Pinkflag Guitar Orchestra. 9 p.m. Saturday, Metro, 3730 N. Clark St., Chicago, $25, 773-549-0203

Fire and Beer: The Annoyance House Ensemble improvises based on audience suggestions. 8 p.m. Saturday, The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, $12, $8 for students, 773-697-9693

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**Yacht Rock Revue's Summer Kick-Off Party:** 9 p.m. Saturday, Joe's Bar, 940 W. Weed St., Chicago, $10, 312-337-3486

**Dan Zanes & Friends:** Family activities are on the North Lawn after the concert. 11 a.m. Saturday, Ravinia Festival, 418 Sheridan Rd., Highland Park, $5-$15, 847-266-5100

**Jammin' In Jens Jensen Park to Debut Summer Concert Series:** The concert series take place weekly, featuring an eclectic mix of world, folk and jazz musicians. For more information and schedules visit the Jammin' in Jens Jensen Facebook page at www.facebook.com/JammininJens. 11 a.m. Saturday, Jens Jensen Park, 486 Roger Williams Ave., Highland Park, free, 262-582-7111

**St. Norbert Block Party:** Enjoy a slew of activities for the whole family at this annual block party. Beginning at 7 a.m. with the 5k race and kids' fun run, other festivities include a beer garden and grill, kids corner with inflatables, games a DJ, live music and more. 3 p.m. Saturday, St. Norbert, 1809 Walters Ave., Northbrook, $5-$10, 947-272-7090

**Preserving Survivor Stories:** Ask Holocaust Survivor Pinchas Gutter any question you would like, and “natural language” technology software will respond as if Pinchas were in the room. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, Free with museum admission, $5-$12, 847-967-4800

**Sunday, June 14**

**Arlington Heights. Garden Walk & Unique Boutique:** All proceeds are used to fund scholarship and conservation programs. Admission to the Unique Boutique at the Arlington Heights Historical Museum is free. 10 a.m. Sunday, Arlington Heights Historical Museum, 110 W. Fremont St., Arlington Heights, see description, 847-514-0414

**EDR International Piano Concerto Competition Final:** Three international pianists ages 20 and under selected to perform and compete with a concerto of their choice with the New Millennium Symphony. The event will be hosted by WFMT’s David Polk. 2 p.m. Sunday, Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, $20, 312-294-3000

**Garfield Park Conservatory Farmers Market:** Plan a Sunday morning at the Conservatory, starting at the stands overlooking with the farmers market located just outside the gardens. More information on dates for this monthly market TBA. 11 a.m. Sunday, Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave., Chicago, free, 312-746-5100

**Deerfield Historic Village:** Explore five historic buildings including the oldest building in Lake County, the 178-year-old Caspar Ott log house. Children can visit a one-room schoolhouse and learn about life in early Deerfield. Free docent guided tours are available. The Deerfield Historical Society, a donor-supported, nonprofit organization, maintains in the Village. 2 p.m. Sunday, Deerfield Historic Village, 450 Kipling Place, Deerfield, free, 847-948-0680

**Read to the Rhythm Summer Reading Kick-off Festival:** Terra Sounds School of Music and Arts hosts jazz in the lobby. 1 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd., Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

**Classical Concert by the Gold Coast Trio:** Enjoy an afternoon of light classical music of Tchaikovsky, Mozart, Strauss, Handel, Bach, Brahms and other composers. 2 p.m. Sunday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Capannari's Concert in the Park:** Ken Dixon and the Soda Jerks: Capannari Ice Cream hosts a series of concerts in the Park this summer. Bring a picnic dinner, lawn chair and one’s dancing shoes for a great night of music with friends. Concerts are held until 8 p.m. at the historical Old General Store. 6 p.m. Sunday, Capannari Ice Cream, 10 S. Pine St., Mt. Prospect, free, 847-392-2277

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**Second Saturday Coffeehouse:**

Patrick Rninger and Val Leventhal: Following the 8 p.m. open mic (7:30 sign-up, all acoustic, all genres), the Second Saturday Coffeehouse welcomes harmonica player Patrick Rninger. Singer/songwriter Val Leventhal accompanies Rninger. 8 p.m. Sunday, Ethical Humanist Society of Chicago, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, $8, suggested donation includes refreshments, 847-677-3334

Survivor presentation: Every second Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m., a Holocaust survivor tells their personal story and answers questions. 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Free with museum admission, $6-$12, 847-967-4800

**Monday, June 15**

Live Bluegrass, Roots and Folk: Every Monday in the pub, The Mudflaps perform. 8 p.m. Monday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

**Tuesday, June 16**

“Napoleon Dynamite”: A bizarre loner in high school, Napoleon decides to help his friend Pedro run for class president. He also experiences love for the first time while facing his bizarre family problems. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St., Chicago, free, 312-742-5222

**Wednesday, June 17**

**Summer program to begin at Des Plaines History Center:** This program is for children who would like to make a dream catcher, paint and race a wooden car, and create a stained glass transparency and much more. The program is designed for children, ages 5-12, with an adult. For information call or visit the website. 1 p.m. Wednesday, Des Plaines History Center, 781 Pearson St., Des Plaines, $3, $2 with a member, 847-391-5399

**Jackman Park Summer Concert Series:** Clear your calendar and head outside for musical entertainment at the Jackman Park Summer Concert Series. Bring your dinner, folding chairs and lawn blankets. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jackman Park, 1930 Prairie St., Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

**Grayslake Farmers Market:** Shop for a variety of fresh, homemade and locally grown goods at the weekly market open until 2 p.m. on Saturdays. 3 p.m. Wednesday, Downtown Grayslake, 147 Center St., Grayslake, free, 847-289-7138

**Ramsey Lewis:** 2 p.m. Wednesday, Ravinia Festival, Bennett-Gordon Hall, 418 Sheridan Rd., Highland Park, free, 847-266-5100

**Highwood Evening Farmers Market:** This nighttime open air market — complete with entertainment, cocktails and live music — features a variety of gourmet foods and goods on sale. 4 p.m. Wednesday, Everts Park, 130 Highwood Ave., Highwood, free, 847-433-2100

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“Avengers: Age of Ultron” ★★★
PG-13, 2:22, fantasy. “Avengers: Age of Ultron” won’t disappoint a majority of its presold, culturally obligated fans. Action, relentless and assaultive. Wisecracks, numerous, pretty sharp and evenly parceled out among Robert Downey Jr. (Iron Man), Chris Hemsworth (Thor), Mark Ruffalo (Hulk), Chris Evans (Captain America), Scarlett Johansson (Black Widow), Jeremy Renner (Hawkeye) and so on. Three years ago, writer-director Joss Whedon’s “The Avengers” turned out to be a sprightly wallop of an all-star superhero blockbuster. So why does the new one seem, I don’t know ... a little small? Entertaining as much of “Avengers 2” is, Whedon’s picture meets expectations without exceeding them. — Michael Phillips

“Mad Max: Fury Road” ★★★
R, 2:00, action. You remember “Happy Feet”? This is George Miller’s “Happy Wheels.” The creator of the original “Mad Max” trilogy has whipped up a gargantuan grunge symphony of vehicular mayhem that makes “Furious 7” look like “Curious George.” The full title of Miller’s remake of “Mad Max” is “Mad Max: Fury Road.” It stars Tom Hardy, who says very little, in the old Mel Gibson role of the post-apocalyptic road warrior. Here the character’s bacon is saved, over and over, by the revolutionary-in-training known as Imperator Furiosa. Charlize Theron plays her, and “badass” doesn’t really capture it. Theron out-Hardys Hardy in the nonverbal seething department, and she’s right at home in the scorched-earth landscapes shot in Australia and the South African Namib Desert. — M.P.

“Pitch Perfect 2” ★★★
PG-13, 1:55, comedy. In the 2012 hit, which was equal parts PG-13 raunch and energetically paced underdog fantasy, screenwriter Kay Cannon (who wrote the sequel as well) let Anna Kendrick’s wary, guarded Beca run the show and negotiate the narrative complications with a light, dry touch. This time, by design, Kendrick fades into the ensemble woodwork, and her character’s main dilemma is how long she can keep her recording studio internship a secret from the all-female Barden Bellas a cappella group. It’s a dumb conflict; delayed secrets tend not to work when stretched across half a movie or more, even if you have Keegan-Michael Key aboard to play the music producer who becomes Beca’s mentor. — M.P.

“San Andreas” ★★
PG-13, 1:47, action. The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars. The fault is the star of “San Andreas” (Dwayne Johnson), a fairly entertaining weapon of mass destruction reminding us that life’s blessings come to those who receive preferential billing. We may as well call it “It’s a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Earthquake,” though the tremors in “San Andreas” aren’t so much mad as disappointed. So many Californians to wipe out in only 107 minutes of screen time! That’s 51 minutes shorter than Roland Emmerich’s schlocktastic “2012.” — M.P.

“Tomorrowland” ★★★
PG, 2:10, action. Walt Disney perfected the 20th century’s selling of utopia, and though it’s hard to pick just one flicker of inspiration that best summarizes Disney’s can-do philosophical insistence on a better, cleaner future where all the PeopleMovers run on time, Tomorrowland is a front-runner. Built for the Disneyland park in 1955, it was a gleaming vision of a future full of innovation and promise. And so, whatever its faults, the new Brad Bird movie is never less than on-message, a buoyant old-school, Disney-certified imagineering of hopefulness. — Christopher Borrelli
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The brand’s communication efforts include a series of television commercials in which actors exclaim “That’s not a Buick!” unable to believe that the stylish vehicles they encounter are actually Buicks. Another print ad aims to redefine what blue hair means for a Buick buyer. The ad reads “Yes, people with blue hair still drive Buick,” showing a 20-something girl with dyed blue hair behind the wheel of a Buick instead of an octogenarian.

“Buick has really good ads to say, ‘Hey, look at us a little bit differently,’ ” said Brinley.

While advertising can help, it has to be backed up by product to draw younger buyers. Adding new models and dropping old ones has helped Buick reduce its average buyer age. The Lucerne, a car that skewed older, has been dropped. Meanwhile Buick has added two small vehicles to its lineup. The Verano, a compact sedan, is drawing a buyer with an average age of 59, while the Encore, a subcompact crossover, is averaging a 58-year-old buyer.

According to data from Buick, the brand’s average buyer age has dropped from 60 to 59 years old in the past five years, while brand loyalty — buyers who come back for another Buick — has increased from 21 to 29 percent. That is certainly progress, but Buick’s average age is almost eight years greater than the industry median age, which is close to 52, according to IHSAutomotive.

Buick’s main problem is the brand’s reputation. “We know that people think of Buick as a brand for older people,” said Molly Peck, director of Buick marketing. “So our communications are designed to acknowledge that and say, ‘we know what you think of us and we’re OK with it but let me tell you what we really build. We build a lineup of cars and crossovers that are beautiful, modern, contemporary, youthful and award-winning.’”

Lexus’ buyer loyalty is among the strongest in the industry at 60 percent.

“That means that for all those current buyers who are continuing to trade in and as they get two or three years older, we are able to offset that with under 50-year-old people coming to the brand,” said Brian Smith, Lexus vice president of marketing.

Lexus’ efforts to reach out to a younger buyer are most obvious in its evolving model lineup. The product offensive includes new models, a bolder corporate design theme, a focus on in-car technology and the proliferation of aggressive F Sport variants for many models.

The biggest area of growth is at the bottom of the luxury market, according to Smith.

With that in mind, Lexus updated its compact IS sedan at the end of 2013, and released the NX, a new entry-level compact crossover, and the RC, a new compact coupe, last year. Smith says the IS regularly draws either the lowest or second lowest buyer age in the luxury market. The current age is 43 years old, down from 45 five years ago. The RC’s buyer age is 50 and the NX’s is 51.

All three of those vehicles feature the brand’s bold new design theme, which is most characterized by the large spindle grille and creased shapes. The look began with the redesigned midsize GS sedan in 2012 and has spread throughout the lineup.

The GS, IS and RC are the brand’s sportiest models, but Lexus is adding an aggressive F Sport variant to almost every model, even traditionally conservative models like the RX and LS.

The GS’s F Sport equipment includes sportier suspension settings, aero kit body panels and interior features like sport bucket seats. Smith says F Sport buyers are, on average, five to 12 years younger than non-F Sport buyers, depending on the model. Lexus is going even further with full F models that aim at performance. A RC-F debuted last year with a 467-horsepower V-8 engine and a GS-F is due late this year.

Lexus’ youth-oriented marketing efforts include runs during the Super Bowl in 2012 and 2015 and a five-year relationship with the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue. Those are the two largest marketing opportunities of the year, and the Swimsuit Issue has a median consumer age of 38. The brand’s ad campaigns have also targeted youth, with such cues as drifting, contemporary music and attractive young couples.

While neither brand has lowered its average age appreciably, buyer ages aren’t rising with the market and Brinley thinks both approaches are viable.

“Buick’s approach is to add products that fit with a younger demographic’s lifestyle without necessarily changing its personality. Lexus seems to want to change its personality,” said Brinley. “Over time, it will depend on execution. It’s not going to be one ad campaign in 2015 that’s going to make the difference, it’s going to be continually telling that story to the buyers they want.”

Bell is a freelancer.
2015 Mustang 5.0 is best yet

BY ROBERT DUFFER
Tribune Newspapers

I know this may sound odd, but the 2015 Ford Mustang GT 5.0 made my garage smell better.

Maybe it was psychosomatic, having such a muscular car beside my 2006 Subaru Forester. Or maybe it was the rubber flexing from the Firelli-Zero-Nero all-season tires or the cooling of the six-piston Brembo brakes and aluminum calipers or the sweet smell of fluids in the 5.0-liter V-8 engine or the leather on the Recaro race seats.

Maybe it's the smell of success emanating from the best mass-produced sports car ever made.

The 50th anniversary of America's pony car comes with three engines, including a fuel-friendly but capable turbocharged four-cylinder EcoBoost that performs similarly to the base model V-6.

Yet nothing says Mustang like the 5.0. The V-8 rumble stirs something deep within the seat of the driver's soul, making it nearly impossible not to smile as you dig into gear.

The sound turns heads, and the design makes eyes linger.

It's a little meatier than the outgoing fifth generation, with sharper lines and a beveled hood that makes its shoulders seem broader and its wide-mouthed split grille more menacing in your rearview mirror. Ford has redefined the Mustang with a completely contemporary take on a classic. Modern flourishes include sequential indicators on the tri-bar taillights.

The test car, a shade grayer than the original Bullitt Mustang, had been used during a rally at Road America, so it was nicely broken in before my five days tooling around.

The independent rear suspension, long overdue for the Mustang, played nicely on the track and around town. It instills confidence.

The gearbox might've been my favorite part of the driving experience. The short throws let you quickly kick in and out of gear. The clutch pedal is neither too resistant or too pliant, so it feels athletic without being a workout.

If I could've, I would've driven in third gear all the time, where the inputs were the most sensitive and the 400-pound-feet of torque felt the most ever present. The engine makes 435 horsepower. Official 0-60 mph time is 4.5 seconds. There are four drive modes, ranging from wet to track, and you'll definitely notice the jump from normal to sport.

The test model was loaded with nearly $9,000 in options, boosting the sticker by 25 percent. The GT performance package ($2,495), with Firelli Zeros on 19-inch black aluminum wheels (18 inch are standard), is worth it.

Also added to the test model were Recaro leather performance seats ($1,595) over the standard six-way power, leather-trimmed seats. Recaros are hit or miss for me, and the Mustang's were a big hit.

Other options I was less impressed with was the Shaker 12-speaker audio system ($1,795) and adaptive cruise control ($1,195).

Voice navigation ($795) and reverse park assist ($295), on the other hand, are musts for a hands-on gearhead such as this.

Ford's harmonious execution of the driving experience is remarkable. The 2015 5.0 is a complete sensory experience, by sight, sound, feel and, in my garage, by smell.
O’Hara earns top rookie honors with Tufts

BY NICK BULLOCK
Pioneer Press

After helping lead the Tufts baseball team to a 26-10 record, Glenbrook South product Tommy O’Hara was named first team All-New England Small College Athletic Conference and NESCAC rookie of the year.

The freshman infielder led the team with a .405 batting average, .518 on-base percentage and .603 slugging percentage. He tied for the team lead in with 42 RBI and was second with four home runs.

The Jumbos finished atop the NESCAC East with an 8-4 record.

Devlin named all-Atlantic Sun

The Northern Kentucky softball team’s Dani Devlin, a Regina graduate, earned first-team all-Atlantic Sun Conference honors.

The team struggled to a 6-42 record, but Devlin dominated. She led the Norse with a .347 batting average, .407 on-base percentage, .712 slugging percentage, 12 home runs and 30 RBI. Her 12 home runs doubled the total by her closest teammate. Earlier in the season, she became the first Northern Kentucky player to take home an Atlantic Sun player of the week award.

Wesleyan includes local teammates

A long list of Chicago area athletes contributed to the Illinois Wesleyan baseball team’s 27-16 season, which concluded with a loss in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin tournament championship game.

Freshmen Josh Kuntz, an outfielder from Lyons, and Gino Cavalieri, an infielder from Fenwick, played particularly well for the Titans. Kuntz appeared in 18 games and started 15. He hit .279 with a .392 on-base percentage. Cavalieri played in 40 games, starting 39. He hit .271 with 24 RBI.

Other local athletes on the team include: freshman infielder Danny Kelly, a Loyola graduate; freshman pitcher Mitch Goll from Stevenson; sophomore pitcher and outfielder Jared Rubin and sophomore pitcher and first baseman Xander Horwitz, both from Deerfield; and freshman infielders Joey Holtz and Braven Bacardi, both from Lake Zurich.

Eichmann caps Purdue career

Libertyville’s Joey Eichmann, a senior pitcher for the Purdue baseball team, struck out a career-high nine batters in a 7-3 victory over Penn State on May 16 in West Lafayette, Indiana, in his final college game. He pitched 5 1/3 scoreless relief innings, allowing three hits and walking one. The win was the Boilermakers’ fifth in a row.

Oak Park-River Forest’s Jack Picciohtti, a junior outfielder and catcher, went 1-for-2 in the game, driving in two runs for Purdue.

Also on the team is Hinsdale Central’s Adam Dressler, a sophomore pitcher, and Lake Zurich’s Mike Lutz, a junior pitcher.

Have a suggestion for the College Roundup? Email Nick Bullock at bullockpioneerpress@gmail.com.

Bullock is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
Wade has offer from Iowa but wants ‘more options’

BY BOB NARANG
Special to the Tribune

Niles North junior running back Barrington Wade discovered a couple weeks ago that he wasn’t the only football and track standout in his family.

While preparing for the Class 3A state track and field meet in Charleston, Wade met his cousin, William Fleming, for the first time. Fleming is a junior left tackle and defensive end for Urban Prep/Englewood and also competed in the 100-meter dash and 4x200-meter relay for the Lions at the Class 2A state meet.

“It was our first time meeting on [May 29],” Wade said. “I was surprised to find out that I had a cousin that actually run track and did sports because most of my family doesn’t play sports.”

Wade soon found out that he had some competition within his family, not only in football but in the sprints — and in physical stature. The 6-foot-1, 210-pound Wade was part of Nile North’s 4x100-meter relay that failed to advance past the preliminaries.

Meanwhile, his 6-2, 220-pound cousin helped Urban Prep/Englewood place sixth in the 4x200 relay and also finished seventh in the 100 dash finals (11:08).

Wade has more than family rivalry to motivate him. He already has offers from Iowa, Ball State, Bowling Green, Western Michigan, Central Michigan, Wyoming and, Connecticut and Northern Iowa.

“I want more options and would like to get my name out more in the SEC area,” Wade said. “I want a lot more different schools to look at me. I want to get good coaches to be able to get me to the pros.”

Wade indicated he might play linebacker in his senior season. He said he hasn’t played defense since he was a freshman.

“I’ve been told that I can play defensive back, safety, slot receiver, running back and linebacker by colleges,” he said. “I don’t mind where I play in college.”

Wade said he would like to bulk up to 220 pounds by the beginning of his senior season and remains unsure of his plans to attend camps or make unofficial visits.

Softball

Second-seeded Oak Park-River Forest’s loaded lineup rolled to a 12-3 win over third-seeded Niles North in the Class 4A Niles West softball sectional semifinal on June 3.

Led by junior right fielder Ellie Ziegler (3-for-4, double, two RBI), the Huskies (30-3) pounded out 12 hits and defeated Niles North (26-5) for the second straight year in the playoffs.

Last year, they topped the Vikings 2-0 in the regional finals.

An early look at Niles North starter Carolyn Dwyer didn’t indicate that the game was going to get out of hand. Following a 1-2-3 inning from OPRF’s Emily Richardson, Dwyer quietly retired the side in order in the bottom of the first.

Richardson was dominant throughout. The junior right-hander scattered four hits across seven strong innings and racked up nine strikeouts.

Of the four hits Richardson allowed, three were doubles — one coming from Niles North freshman center fielder Alyssa Aragon that capped a two-run fifth.

Stefan Modrich, a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press, contributed to this report.

Niles North’s Alyssa Aragon throws the ball into the Infield during the Class 4A Niles West Sectional semifinal against Oak Park-River Forest on June 3.
Dons work to get better after disappointing end

BY MATTHEW PARAS
Pioneer Press

Coach Nelson Gord takes pride in what Notre Dame accomplished this baseball season, but there also was disappointment at the end in watching two of the Dons' opponents in the sectional final.

"For the sectional championship, you have Oak Park playing against Evanston, and both of those teams we beat," Gord said. "Our schedule is really strong, and our non-conference games were really strong. There wasn't a moment or an inning all spring where we weren't in a ballgame or thought we shouldn't win a game.

"But it didn't happen."

Notre Dame heads into the summer after a tough 2-1, 11-inning loss to Loyola in the Class 4A Loyola Regional final on June 1. It was the fourth consecutive year the Dons fell in the regional final, and ended a strong 23-14 season.

It's apparent to Gord what his team needs to work on -- its hitting.

"We're in good shape in the sense that we're returning two through six in our batting order," Gord said. "We have a lot of key bats that underperformed a little bit, but they were only juniors. So they're coming back hungrier than ever."

Notre Dame's summer schedule involves having two teams play several games per week. Gord said he'll mix and match the teams to get a sense of what will work for next year's varsity. He said the Dons will be looking to fill three infield spots after the departures of shortstop Mike Ferri, second baseman Tom Norton and third baseman Joe Rimac.

But it's offense that Notre Dame is most trying to upgrade. Against Loyola, Notre Dame had eight hits and left nine runners on base, but scored only once.

"We just have to go back to the fundamentals and really try to get runners on and get them over," said center fielder and co-captain Tim Simon, who will be a senior this fall. "We need to do the basics of baseball, and that will spark some other aspects of our game."

In addition to playing for Notre Dame, Simon plans to play travel ball this summer with the Illinois Indians. Five of his Dons teammates also play for the Indians.

Paras is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
Rebuilt infield

Notre Dame will have to replace 2B, SS and 3B.
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All Mixed Up: Some well-shuffled anagrams

BY S.N. | EDITED BY STANLEY NEWMAN
(stanxwords.com)

Across
1. Later on
6. Old Testament kingdom
10. French sister
15. Fell gradually
19. Dwarf planet since 2006
20. Top-five baby girl name since 2002
21. Hot-dog topping
22. ...Sabe (Tonto's pal)
23. Orchestra section [anagram of 100 Across]
25. Panpipe cousins [anagram of 98 Across]
27. Aggressive comment
28. ... Khan (Kipling tiger)
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6. Monument Valley sights
7. Neglect to mention
8. I love: Lat.
9. Legendary wailer
10. Conning person
11. Middle air hub
12. Word on Irish euros
13. Einstein's birthplace
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Quote-Acrostic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues: Words

B. Obliging: 20, 46, 99, 133, 35, 111, 145
C. Worthless: 109, 129, 56, 167, 12, 153, 97, 75
D. Sunday Best: 154, 21, 58, 72, 66, 101, 2, 34
E. At fault: 164, 121, 67, 80, 156, 60
F. Mythical weaver: 73, 36, 110, 142, 148, 94, 26
G. Far out '40s fashion: 2 wds.: 17, 84, 70, 139, 107, 115, 130, 62, 41
H. Shut up: 146, 71, 151, 93, 42, 122, 166
I. Tension: 64, 135, 82, 112, 19, 53, 150, 40
J. Branched out: 116, 65, 85, 37, 162, 24, 13, 48

Clue Words

K. Most of New Granada: 83, 108, 125, 159, 1, 33, 140, 51
L. Individual organism's development: 137, 60, 44, 0, 128, 32, 88, 68, 96
M. Toronto's main drag: 2 wds.: 10, 143, 134, 39, 99, 78, 61, 47, 6
N. Fancy: 116, 28
O. Misgiving: 96, 106, 160, 14, 120, 78, 36, 168, 57, 136
P. Michael Connelly 2006 novel: 2 wds.: 155, 66, 29, 46, 163, 55, 102, 79
Q. Wiener, in English: 100, 117, 87, 127, 74, 7, 54, 22
R. Nation south of Narnia: 90, 170, 8, 132, 103, 141, 5, 49, 113, 25
S. Ally: 69, 11, 147, 114, 161, 92, 27
T. Doesn't get: 144, 156, 131, 89, 155, 23
U. Short distance: 30, 126, 15, 157, 63, 169, 91

Paper or Plastic?

BY CHARLES PRESTON

ACROSS

47 Letters for 42 Across
48 “...the season...”
49 Italian city
50 Guesses
52 Corn servings
53 Word after stone or flat
54 Scottish musicians
59 One who leers
60 Wings
61 Singer Burl
62 Poet Millay
63 1990 World Series champs
64 Following

DOWN

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2 Muckraker Tarbell
3 Two-wheeled carriage
4 Caused a traffic jam
5 Make holy
6 Long fish
7 Gal of song
8 Ancient Greek or Egyptian
9 Wife of 9 Across
10 Short melody
11 1994 NL MVP
12 Poker stakes
16 Son of Odin
18 Snatched
22 Carter's successor
23 Turf
24 Penguins' Lemieux
25 The Chalk Garden playwright
26 Clubs for 42 Across
29 Gear tooth
30 But L.
32 Danish king of England
34 Eagle's nest
35 Goes, to a poet
37 Puppeteer Baird
38 Parent
41 Defame
43 Rotation on a fastball
45 Expel a lawyer
46 Garment for 9 Down
47 Political housecleaning
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### Crossword

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<td>4. Culpa; guilty one's phrase</td>
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<td>17. &quot;tough job, but...&quot;</td>
<td>7. Simpleton</td>
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<td>18. Piece of silverware</td>
<td>8. Cary or Hugh</td>
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<td>19. Fido's foot</td>
<td>10. Has an _ on; affects</td>
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<td>22. Boys and men</td>
<td>12. Ice mass afloat</td>
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<td>23. Vote into office</td>
<td>13. Strong desires</td>
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<td>25. Late Bernie</td>
<td>14. Wee</td>
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<td>26. Threaded metal fasteners</td>
<td>15. Mr. Gingrich</td>
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<td>28. Sea bordering Helsinki</td>
<td>16. Mr. Gingrich</td>
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<td>31. Tree of flower</td>
<td>17. Mr. Gingrich</td>
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<td>32. Weak</td>
<td>18. Mr. Gingrich</td>
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<td>34. Capture</td>
<td>19. Mr. Gingrich</td>
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<td>36. Love &amp; Reiner</td>
<td>20. Mr. Gingrich</td>
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<td>37. _ on; trample</td>
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<td>38. Actress Lange</td>
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<td>39. Mr. Brynner</td>
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<td>40. Daytime serials</td>
<td>24. Mr. Gingrich</td>
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<td>41. _ firma; land</td>
<td>25. Mr. Gingrich</td>
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<td>42. Very small</td>
<td>26. Mr. Gingrich</td>
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<td>45. &quot;Miserables&quot;</td>
<td>27. Mr. Gingrich</td>
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<td>46. Capital of Vietnam</td>
<td>28. Mr. Gingrich</td>
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<td>47. Window cover</td>
<td>29. Mr. Gingrich</td>
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### Solutions

| 50. Tools with teeth | 24. Part of the eye |
| 51. Oct.'s follower | 25. Housekeeper |
| 54. With all one's might and main | 26. Lively |
| 57. Hawaiian island | 27. Power; influence |
| 58. "piece, well that ends well" | 28. Cries from the flock |
| 59. Courageous | 29. Excessive |
| 60. Ending for Barb or Ann | 30. Isle of _; Italian island |
| 61. Cozy home | 31. Mr. Gingrich |
| 62. Bury | 32. Mr. Gingrich |
| 63. Not as much | 33. Mr. Gingrich |

### Last week's crosswords

**"On the Cards"**

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SLOW RIPA NACHO ALLOW
BACH ALICE MAUR
FREE SPACE HOUR BORED
TEST PAGE LEE AUGE
AYE LEIS NINE
LAMAS BS CHARLIE SMITH
NITE ASH ART DENSITY MANIA
REUBEN AG HOMO
STORE GOREN MARDUC
NEW ALABAMA LION
BOXING MATCH PENTACLE
CREPE ALOE EATS ASAP
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**"All that Glitters"**

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SAMOA ALICIA GILLER
ALARM IGOR COTE
GOLDENELDICIUS
SELENE SATA KIT
RAES ED
LAM BRAGA VEA
ORIEL MARL AXLE
GOLDENPARACHUTE
OMEN ELSA ANDRES
NASA KEATON FER
SIT AMAS
OTRO ROAR ARGANE
GOLDENRETRIEVER
ROLE ILLIE ENERO
EDAM CODA SARDS
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### Last week's Quote-Acrostic

**"On the Cards"**

RITA RUDNER: YELLULAR PHONE:
Public conversations should be strictly between the people involved, but telephone conversations have reached new decibels. Why do some people want to say the most personal things at rock concert volume?

### Last week's Sudoku

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6 4 5 3 1 7 2 9 8
2 9 6 3 8 5 1 4
1 8 5 2 4 9 3 6 7
3 7 1 6 4 9 8 5 2
5 4 3 8 2 1 7 6 9
4 9 6 7 2 1 8 5 3
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### This week's Jumble

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Even though his character would be killed off quickly, the actor was --

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