Get to know the neighbors

Village of Niles wants to help residents throw block parties. Page 4

Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo unveils the village's new block party tents during a Village Board meeting in June. The tents are available for use by residents who wish to throw their own block parties this summer.

FOOD

Summer grilling: Just add bourbon

Kentucky bourbon spikes a sweet and smoky sauce destined for ribs on a grill powered with hickory wood. Page 26

Monster music

A 54-member orchestra will perform the sounds of some of Japan's biggest monster movies at the Pickwick Theatre. Page 29

Encompass Championship preview

Each of the last two years the Champions Tour event has featured a dramatic finish. Craig Stadler, above, won the tournament in 2013 and returns this year. Page 44
SHOUT OUT

Amanda Kaplan and Kristian Perez

The chilly summer weather has left the pool at Lincolnwood's Proesel Park all but empty this season, which means plenty of downtime for texting and catching up on Instagram for employees Amanda Kaplan of Skokie and Kristian Perez of Chicago.

Without any pool-goers to check-in on a recent 65-degree weekday in July, Kaplan and Perez happily shared a little of their time with Pioneer Press.

Q: It's noon on a Wednesday. How many pool guests have you checked in so far today?
Perez: I've been here since 10 a.m. and I've had two adults and two kids come in so far.

Kaplan: No one wants to come to the pool in this "summer" weather. There is a group of middle school-aged guys who come in almost every day though, even when it's raining.

Q: What do you do for fun?
Perez: I'm usually studying all the time, but I used to play soccer and basketball when I had more free time.
Perez: I'm going to Cancun in August with my roommate from college.

Q: Any vacations planned this summer?
Kaplan: I'm planning to go to my family's lake house in Michigan and out to California to visit my brother.
Perez: I'm going to Cancun in August with my roommate from college.

Natalie Hayes, for Pioneer Press

Shout Out is a weekly feature where we get to know and introduce our readers to their fellow community members and local visitors throughout suburban Chicago.

CORRECTION

In a July 2 story about Park Ridge-Niles School District 64's board meeting, the board was incorrectly reported as voting unanimously to approve the superintendent's raise. Board members Mark Eggemann and Tom Sotos voted against the raise.
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Mayor: Program will strengthen community

BY LEE V. GAINES
Pioneer Press

Helping Niles residents throw block parties is part of a larger effort to build a stronger sense of community that aims to draw more people to the village and subsequently increase property values, Mayor Andrew Przybylo said during a Niles Village Board meeting on June 23.

Block parties have always been a part of village life, said Cathy Spadoni, Niles' deputy village clerk. But last year, she said, the village purchased grills and Tiki torches for use by residents interested in throwing a block party. This year, however, the village purchased eight tents, folding tables and chairs "on the cheap" to create even more of an incentive for residents to get to know one another at these events, Przybylo said.

In total, the village has enough equipment available to lend out so that two block parties could happen simultaneously, Spadoni said.

In addition to the free use of village-purchased equipment, residents can also schedule visits to their respective block parties by the mayor, Fire Department — which could include a fire truck if one is available — Police Department and Niles Public Library. The Niles Chamber of Commerce has also jumped on board the block party wagon by offering to provide local business promotions and special offers to residents who request them. Additionally, residents are welcome to request sports equipment from the Niles Park District for use at their block party.

Przybylo said he amped up this year's program because at his own neighborhood's block party last summer, he noticed that people would share the village-provided grills but would then return to their driveway where chairs and tables had been set up.

To get people to actually talk to one another, Przybylo instructed employees at White Eagle Banquets — the banquet hall owned by his family up until April of this year — to bring tables and chairs to the event.

"We did it and it worked," he said. "Because people, after they cooked their food, they sat around together and talked about their life."

But the banquet hall couldn't always be relied upon to provide tables and chairs to village block parties, so Przybylo instead had the village purchase the items.

"So with the tents to shade the people and the tables and the chairs, they will now truly build community," he said. "After they cook their food on the grill, they'll sit there and talk about the neighborhood and how to make it better."

Przybylo said he thought that if the village didn't provide the equipment, no one else would.

The block parties, like another initiative to name the village's neighborhoods, is something Przybylo believes will gradually contribute to "a good feeling out there about Niles."

He also hopes the program will remain in place long after he leaves office.

"I want to be in a position to say, 'Gosh, we have to buy four more tents,' " Przybylo said. "That would be lovely. That would just make my day, but we'll have to get there."

For more information about the village's block party program, go to www.vniles.com/702/Block-Party.

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The village of Niles is encouraging residents to host block parties with village-owned amenities to promote a sense of community, Mayor Andrew Przybylo said during a recent Village Board meeting.
Lempke named Niles Public Library director

Interim director got job over six other candidates

BY LEE V. GAINES
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Susan Lempke says her experience juggling the many activities involved in running the youth section of the Niles Public Library District for 11 years will serve her well as she continues to bring the entire library into the twenty-first century in her new role as its director.

The library's Board of Trustees voted in late May to make Lempke the library's permanent director. After former library director, Linda Weiss, retired in July of last year, Lempke, who had been working as one of Weiss' assistant directors for the prior two years, was named interim director and served in that role for the better part of a year.

As director, Lempke will receive a $122,000 annual salary and benefits in line with what other full-time library employees receive, said Greg Pritz, business manager for the Niles Public Library District. Pritz said Weiss received similar benefits and a yearly salary totaling $113,000 before leaving the position.

President of the library's Board of Trustees, Linda Ryan, said the board reviewed the qualifications of six “very high-quality candidates,” including Lempke, presented to the group by search firm Coleman Lew before making their decision. Ryan said Coleman Lew was hired by the board last year at a cost of $33,000.

What set Lempke apart from the other candidates considered by the board was her familiarity with Niles and the library's staff.

Ryan said, “We already knew she had excellent communication skills, was a collaborative manager and was empathetic to our staff,” she said. “She was firm, yet flexible and approachable, and we knew she had a lifelong love for libraries.”

Lempke, who began her career as a children's librarian in the Edgebrook branch of the Chicago Public Library system, first came to work part time in the youth services section of the Niles Library in 1997, she said.

Lempke said she was later promoted to head of youth services and then assistant director.

In her current role as the head staff member at the library, Lempke says she is tasked with managing a roughly $6 million annual budget and overseeing a staff of about 100 people. She said her job involves a consistent reassessment of staffing levels and whether or not necessary tasks are completed.

It’s an interesting and complicated time to be in the business of running a library, she said.

“We’re in a real transitional period right now where people are very much still reading print material,” but as a whole, library services are clearly moving in a digital direction, she said.

As part of a science, technology, engineering and math initiative, Lempke said the library plans to unveil a digital media lab and makers space replete with computers equipped with Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator software, a 3-D printer and laser cutter, a green screen and video recording equipment, among other features, in mid-September.

At the same time, Lempke said the library also plans to debut the “Wonder Ground,” a program that includes rotating science activities for children in kindergarten through fourth grade.

The entire project costs $70,000 and is funded through a state grant, she said.

Both Lempke and Ryan said library staff and elected officials will also embark on a new strategic planning process this fall. The library's last strategic plan was approved in 2011, prior to a major renovation of the facility, Ryan said. The renovation project, which Lempke helped plan and oversee, was completed in January of last year.

Ryan said the board plans to get feedback from residents about what they need from their library.

“The residents really should be our driver, because it’s their tax dollars and we want to make sure their tax dollars work for them,” she said.

The residents are also one of the primary reasons Lempke said she applied for the director position.

“I love the community of Niles,” she said. “It’s so diverse and people are down to earth, and they really appreciate their library a lot.”

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Holocaust Museum honors French rescuers

BY ALICIA RAMIREZ
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During World War II, Fernand and Emille Deves provided a safe haven for Jewish families at their home in southeastern Illinois in the 1940s, according to information provided by the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie June 28 with special guest Vincent Floreani, consul general of France, a release from the Niles Holocaust Museum said.

"It's extraordinarily meaningful for the museum to have this as a point of reference for our visitors," said Lillian Polus Gerstner, director of special projects at the museum. "It's part of putting a human face on history. So much of World War II and the Holocaust can become a discussion of contemporaneous events, so we try to take it out of the realm of statistics and put it back in the realm of humanity."

The ceremony was held to unveil a plaque at the museum's Ferro Fountain of the Righteous, a space that pays tribute to the those who risked their own safety to stand up for those who were persecuted. The plaque recognizes the deeds of the Deves family, who were recently recognized as "Righteous Among the Nations" by Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem.

During the war, the release explained, the Deves housed the Sapir family - Joseph and his wife Szayne along with children Estelle and Jehuda - and the Margolis sisters, Edith and Rose. The sisters arrived at the home in Bollene in 1940, with the help of a Polish soldier.

"The popular culture was that it was best not to draw attention to yourself and it was best not to get involved and to turn the other way and run away from any trouble," Gerstner said. "It's hard to assess how dangerous it was, except to know that others who were found to be giving aid to Jews were themselves arrested and sent away to concentration camps."

During the next year, the sisters registered as Jewish, at the proclamation of the mayor of Bollene, and went to Marseille a number of times in an attempt to get a visa to leave France, never successfully.

In 1942, the Deves home was raided by the French gendarmes, who arrested everyone except Edith, who are all taken to the hospital with various ailments. Still hoping to flee France, the release said, the sisters found a smuggler to get them to the United States, but were instead given to the gendarmes who took the girls to Rivesaltes camp in October 1942 until 1943 when they were allowed to return to the Deves home.

In February of 1942, the Germans arrived in Bollene and the sisters left on foot to hide from the Waffen SS, but just six months later, the first American tanks arrived in Bollene and Edith, who speaks perfect English, was employed as a translator, according to information from the museum.

Eventually both were hired by the United States Consulate as civilian employees. Rose got engaged to an American GI from Chicago and married him at the Consulate Aug. 22, 1945. That next year, Edith arrived in Chicago followed by Rose and her new husband. Edith married in 1952.

The two sisters, Edith, 97, and Rose, 94, are both longtime Skokie residents, museum officials said.

"Even though this is a population, like Edith and Rose, that's aging, our speaker's bureau has been growing recently, which allows us to uncover new stories as more survivors share their stories of what happened to them and how they survived," Gerstner said. "It leads us to some of these revelations about those who have played pivotal roles in their survival."

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Niles newsman recalls time of gambling, corruption at historical society event

ALICIA RAMIREZ
Pioneer Press

At the age of 32, David "Bud" Besser started the Niles Bugle. Besser said he sold advertising in the morning, wrote the copy in the evening and set the type for each page himself in the beginning.

Besser recalled his career as a newsman to an audience gathered at the Niles Historical and Cultural Center by the Niles Historical Society, on June 28, as part of its program of rotating guest speakers.

Long retired from the newspaper industry, Besser, now 90, reminisced about his time at the helm of a paper that covered racism, illegal gambling and bribery in a town that he said was allowed to do anything because nobody ever criticized its actions.

"It's just the way things were," he said. "They were nice people, but because nobody was watching them, they did whatever they wanted." The paper was started in 1957. It was then that Besser started going to the Village Board meetings to report on actions taken by the board, including some that Besser thought should not have been taking place.

"One of the things that happened at the meetings was that the village trustees received bids [for a project]," he said. "One day, they all got the bids and they opened them up and dis- counted what the bids were, but suddenly one of the trustees said he forgot to turn in a bid and the bid price he turned in was lower than the one they had already opened."

According to Besser, this was a common occurrence in Niles, but Besser's pet issue was the gambling going on in the village at that time. Besser covered the issue extensively before helping to get it banned entirely, but not without the occasional run-in with the police, board and even the mob, he said.

"I went to go into a meeting, after I had been writing about gambling for about four years, and a man was standing out there and asked if my name was Bud, and I said 'no,'" Besser recalled. "I went into the Village Hall and I went to [the captain of the police department] to go outside and see who he was and he told me, but I won't say his name here. About a year later, that man was in a federal prison for killing somebody. This was his job to kill people, he was a hit man."

For Besser, the value of the Bugle was the relationship between the paper and the community, a relationship that was evident in the room as dozens of people came up after the presentation to share their memories of the paper.

"There's something very personal about all of it and your reaction to something that goes on in the community is based on your relationship with the community," he said. "It's just like what happened today, people came up to me and were talking about how the paper was part of their lives in Niles.

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Police charge 2 teens with selling drugs

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Complaints by neighbors led to the discovery of a low-level drug-selling operation inside a Park Ridge home, police say.

While searching a house on the 600 block of North Ottawa Avenue on June 25, authorities reportedly seized approximately 180 grams of marijuana, 10 Adderall pills, two hydrocodone pills and $2,886 in cash. Also found were scales and bags commonly used to weigh and package marijuana for resale, police said.

Samuel Caplan, 18, a resident of the home, was arrested four days later and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, possession of a controlled substance and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. He has been released on $10,000 bond.

A 16-year-old Park Ridge boy was also charged with two counts of delivery of marijuana, possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, police said. He has been charged as a juvenile.

Park Ridge police Cmdr. Jason Leavitt said complaints from citizens about possible drug activity at the house, which is located near the Niles border, led to an investigation by police that lasted "several months" and culminated in the search warrant and arrests.

"There were a ton of complaints from the neighborhood," Leavitt said, adding that these complaints prompted community meetings between residents, police and current and former aldermen.

"The assistance of the neighborhood and the community really furthered and helped out our investigation," Leavitt said.

Leavitt described the alleged drug sales as "not a big operation by any means. It was a neighborhood home being used for minor drug sales....It was relatively small amounts, yet burdensome to the community and the neighborhood for sure."

Resident Timothy Rickter, who had attended a community meeting regarding problems with the house's occupants, said he saw what he believed to be drug sales occurring in the street.

"A car would drive up, someone would come out of the house, sit in the car for 15 seconds and then jump out," he said.

Rickter acknowledged that the number of police patrols in the neighborhood has increased and that police and residents have been keeping an eye on the house.

"I would hope this marks the end of it," he said of the arrests.

Besides Caplan, there are no plans at this time to charge other adults living in the home, Leavitt said.

"They do not appear to be involved and we can't prove they had knowledge of what was going on," he said.

Increased police presence on Ottawa Avenue did lead to the arrest of three 16-year-olds on local marijuana charges on June 22, though they have not been connected to the house where drugs were allegedly being sold, Leavitt said. The arrests occurred after police reportedly conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that appeared to have more occupants inside than seat belts.

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THEFT

- Andrea Zavakos, 42, of the 1200 block of East Touhy Avenue, Des Plaines, was charged with theft on June 26 after she allegedly failed to pay a $40 cab fare. The cab driver told police that Zavakos said she had only $10 after he drove her from a location in Des Plaines to the 9600 block of Touhy Avenue. She has a July 24 court date.

DOMESTIC BATTERY

- Joel Gonzalez-Montesinos, 40, of the 8800 block of Cumberland Avenue, Niles, was charged with domestic battery on June 29. He has a July 14 court date.

DISPUTE

- Police on the afternoon of June 30 were called to a bowling alley on the 7300 block of Milwaukee Avenue after a woman reported her bowling partner grabbed her by the arm and saying, “You messed up my game.” No charges were filed.
- Police were called to the 7000 block of Greenleaf Street on June 26 after a woman claimed a family member had accused her of poisoning his soup. The woman denied putting poison in the soup and the two agreed to leave each other alone for the evening, police said.

DUI

- Shawn Kim, 43, of the 1200 block of Boxwood Drive, Mount Prospect, was charged with driving under the influence, failure to reduce speed to avoid a crash, no proof of insurance and failure to have a driver’s license present on June 25. Police said Kim was involved in an accident at the intersection of Greenwood and Milwaukee Avenues just before 4:20 a.m. He was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and later assigned a July 24 court date.
- Yashvanthai Gandhi, 47, of the 9600 block of Golf Terrace, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with driving under the influence and failure to reduce speed to avoid a crash on June 28 after he was reportedly involved in an accident near the intersection of Golf and Milwaukee Avenues. He has a July 24 court date.

RETAIL THEFT

- Christopher Samaniego, 39, of the 5100 block of Foster Avenue, Chicago, was charged with felony retail theft on June 27 after he allegedly stole a smart watch valued at $250 and a charging cable valued at $15 from a store on the 6100 block of Touhy Avenue. He has a July 24 court date.
- Darnida Briggs, 24, of the 5900 block of South Emerald, Chicago, and Ashley Briggs, 27, of the 5000 block of South Marshfield, Chicago, were each charged with retail theft on June 25 after they allegedly stole shoes and clothing from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. Police said felony charges were filed against Briggs because the amount of merchandise stolen totaled $622. Darnida Briggs was assigned an Aug. 5 court date. Ashley Briggs was assigned a July 24 court date.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

- On the afternoon of June 27, all four tires were slashed on a vehicle while it was parked outside a condominium on the 9700 block of Dee Road.

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

- A radio, iPhone and $80 in cash were stolen June 25 from a vehicle parked on the 8800 block of Prospect Avenue. Windows were reportedly smashed to gain entry.

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Mosquito district sprays area after West Nile found

BY DANIEL L. DORFMAN
Pioneer Press

The first 2015 cases of mosquitoes with West Nile Virus were found in Winnetka, leading to widespread spraying throughout the area, the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District said.

On July 6, the village of Skokie announced in an email that one mosquito pool tested positive for West Nile Virus. No human cases have been reported in Skokie.

To combat the infiltration of the mosquitoes containing the virus, portions of Evanston, Golf, Kenilworth, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Skokie, Wilmette and Winnetka were sprayed June 30, according to the NSMAD.

To minimize the growth of mosquitoes, the NSMAD recommends using insect repellent on exposed skin, wear light-colored, loose clothing and avoiding being outside at dawn and dusk.

In addition, the NSMAD advised homeowners and residents to remove any items that hold water outside.

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Interfaith Iftar brings communities together

By Bravetta Hassell
Pioneer Press

The Muslim Education Center (MEC) in Morton Grove held its Interfaith Iftar on June 30, hosting members of various faith groups in the local community and adjoining villages and engaging religious leaders in a discussion about stamping out poverty.

Iftar is the meal served at sunset to break the daily fasting that takes place during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

Akhter Sadiq, chair of the Center’s Interfaith and Outreach Committee said the purpose of the Iftar program was to build harmony and create a better understanding of Morton Grove’s colorful religious community.

At the MEC that evening, more than 200 community members from Morton Grove, Skokie, Lincolnwood and Northbrook learned about Ramadan and Islam.

Mayor of Skokie George Van Dusen who was in attendance in addition to several other local dignitaries said the dinner program and others like it were valuable to communities as diverse as his, Morton Grove and others.

“I think one of the things we all learned this evening is that while we might come from different religious traditions, the one thing we all have in common is our desire to help those who are the most needy among us — regardless of their background,” Van Dusen said.

Panelists included Rabbi Sam Gordon of Sukkat Shalom, the Rev. David Van Brakle, pastor of the Community Church of Wilmette, Camille Khodadad, of the Baha’i faith, Jagindar Singh Ramdev, a professor and prominent member of the Sikh community, and Omer M. Mozaffar, who teaches at Loyola University and also serves as the campus’ Muslim chaplain.

During the panel segment, what resounded across the faiths represented — Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Sikhism and Baha’i — was a concern for meeting the needs of the poor, with teachings about the topic that could be heard in some of the religious texts shared.

“I have individual and collective obligations to those who are in need,” Mozaffar said, opening up some basic tenants of Islam’s Sharia law. “According to the wealth I’ve given or have been given, I give of that. It’s my collective responsibility in society to make sure there is no one in society without a home. It is my collective responsibility to make sure everyone has access to healthy sustenance.”

Gordon read a passage from the Book of Deuteronomy in the Torah: “There shall be no needy among you — since the Lord your God will bless you in the land. So the Lord your God is giving you as a hereditary portion — if only you heed the Lord your God and take care to keep all this Instruction that I enjoin upon you this day.”

Van Brakle focused on how different theological movements within Christianity’s history viewed the poor and the cause of poverty.

Van Brakle said the bottom line was that helping those in need meant opening doors to people no different in socio-economic status than Jesus Christ himself.

“We are opening the doors because people who are in need are very much still part of the community,” Van Brakle said.

Khodadad, an attorney and active member of the Baha’i community said the human condition is characterized by need.

“We as human beings are needy in so many different ways,” Khodadad said.

“With poverty comes a host of deprivations of rights such as the right to earn a livelihood, the right to education, the right to be free from violence, the right to be heard and the right to recourse in the courts.”

Among the teachings of Baha’i is the instruction to treasure the poor, Khodadad shared as she read to the audience an excerpt from Baha’i scripture.

Prior to the event, Sadiq said it has been programs held in houses of worship across the community that have prompted local support of religious diversity.

Last month, the Village Board of Lincolnwood approved the opening of a mosque and education center in the village. It was a process comparatively smoother than what Sadiq said supporters of MEC experienced in the early 2000s at the prospect of the center’s existence, now nestled on tree-lined Menard Street in Morton Grove.

“Now the environment is much more friendly than it was used to be 10-15 years ago.”

Sadiq said interfaith events such as this offer community members unfamiliar with different faith groups an opportunity to understand them.

“By coming and visiting — and we’ve seen this time and again — all those misconceptions and fears that people have are very much eliminated and then you get to appreciate that,” Sadiq said.

After the panel discussion that included a vivid story about generosity by Ramdev, a call to prayer signaled the sun was setting and that Muslim attendees and all other guests who attended the dinner program could break fast and eat.

Save for a few children here and there, the cups of juice and water and offering of dates — a traditional staple with which the daily fast is broken — went untouched until that moment.

A buffet, catered by Chicago-based Afghan Kabob, awaited as well.

As families prayed upstairs, Safaya Fawzi of Northbrook said having events such as the Interfaith Iftar program has been a positive experience.

“In terms of increasing mutual understanding — especially after 9/11 — but now just kind of acknowledging the diversity of our communities and really being able to value where everyone’s coming from,” Fawzi said.

“Especially at the holiest time of our year, it’s a really special time to be celebrating that diversity.”

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NEWS

Iannelli Studios highlighted on state list of saved historic sites

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

Park Ridge's Iannelli Studios Heritage Center has been selected as one of 20 historic sites once considered among the most endangered in the state.

"20 Years, 20 Stories" is an online feature created by Landmarks Illinois that, according to the organization's website, marks the 20th anniversary of its Most Endangered Historic Places program and highlights 20 previously endangered buildings that have since been saved from neglect or the wrecking ball.

Iannelli Studios, at 255 N. Northwest Highway and owned by the Kalo Foundation of Park Ridge, is featured among buildings like the Adams Memorial Library in Wheaton (built in 1891 and now a museum operated by the Wheaton Park District), the 136-year-old Arcade Building in Riverside (purchased by a local contractor in 2010 and restored), and the North Shore Train Station in Skokie (built in 1925 and restored for retail use).

Judy Barclay, co-chairwoman of the Kalo Foundation's board of directors, said she is gratified by Iannelli Studios' inclusion in the "20 Years, 20 Stories" feature.

"I think they know how much we have done over there and how far we've come in such a short time," Barclay said of Landmarks Illinois.

Iannelli Studios, once the long-time home and workshop of sculptor Alfonso Iannelli, was placed on Landmarks' endangered list in 2011 following threats of demolition, the organization said. That year, the building, which was previously used as a retail shop, was up for sale and a developer had appeared before the Park Ridge Planning and Zoning Commission seeking to construct town houses on the site. The commission rejected the developer's request to rezone the property.

Through donations, the Kalo Foundation was able to purchase Iannelli Studios in August 2011. It has since undergone repairs and hosts a collection of items designed by Iannelli in addition to silver items crafted by Kalo Shop silversmiths, who were members of Park Ridge's 20th century art colony.

"Inclusion on Landmarks Illinois' endangered list helped bring needed exposure to the short time available to raise those funds and gain additional local support," Landmarks Illinois wrote of Iannelli Studios in its "20 Years, 20 Stories" feature.

"Today, the Kalo Foundation continues to grow its programming and management capacity using the home and studio as a place to educate the public about Iannelli's legacy and the legacy of the arts in Park Ridge," it stated.

Iannelli, who lived and worked in the studio for more than 40 years until his death in 1965, designed sculptures for the 1933 Chicago World's Fair, the Rock of Gibraltar relief on the Prudential building in downtown Chicago and the Art Deco elements of Park Ridge's Pickwick Theatre, according to the Kalo Foundation.

Barclay said it was motivating to see members of the community step up and make donations to help save the building early on.

She called the studio a "success story" in terms of historic preservation and is optimistic about its future, adding that financial donations continue to come in from supporters.

"We're making so many improvements," she said. "We've had plumbing issues, we've replaced the windows on the house and we're doing all kinds of things to maintain the building so it doesn't become endangered again."

The full list of historic sites included on "20 Years, 20 Stories" can be found at 2020.landmarksiIl.org.

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RANDY BLASER

Last week I found myself going back in time, thinking about a lot more than my friend David Frusti.
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Society hinges on the dependability of strangers

If it's not helping it's not helping.
That's pretty much my wife's attitude toward my helping her grocery shop. She says she feels so pressured to hurry up when I am along that she forgets to buy some things and doesn't take the time to look for others.
And because an injury prevents me from shopping on my own, we developed this two-pronged system:
1. She shops.
2. I wait in the car.
I'm there for an hour to an hour-and-a-half, so I have plenty of time to read, to drowse, to people-watch.

The other day I was hunkered down in the River Forest Jewel parking lot. I noticed two young men wearing hiking outfits and each shouldering an enormous backpack. An older man walked over to them and handed them what looked like a full grocery bag.
As the young men walked away he shouted after them, "Are you hungry?"
"Yes," they replied.
"Hang on a minute," the man said. "I'll get some chicken and bring it out to you." Which he did.
The young men sat down and ate. The older man got in his car and drove away.

What's the story here? I don't know. But what I seemed to witness was a spontaneous act of kindness from a stranger. And it made me think about how much all of us depend on people we don't know at all.
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In favor of food trucks, random acts of flowers

It's July, nothing but a continued docket of swimming, sunning, playing and sleeping in for the next few weeks. That's why today we'll take the lazy approach, keeping it simple by discussing a few Loose Ends.

First up is a story that caught my eye last winter. It was an entirely unfamiliar but heartwarming story that became widely discovered in the aftermath of that article I clipped. There is a group called Random Acts of Flowers that is making so many people smile, I couldn't stop smiling while reading about it.

It was begun by a Tennessee man who, as a patient recuperating from an accidental fall, noticed that while his room was overflowing with flowers, there were many others totally devoid of the cheerful bouquets. He decided to take several of his flowers and deliver them to the rooms of fellow patients. So simple, and yet such a touching gesture. Currently, the group has offices in Tennessee, Florida and California, as well as here in Chicago. If you have an event coming up that includes flowers, please visit the website and see how you can recycle some happiness to someone in the hospital.

And speaking of hospitals, here's another interesting way to make the experience less stressful: redesigned patient gowns. As early as 2010, the Cleveland Clinic introduced new gowns in response to patient complaints, the end result being a Diane von Furstenberg-designed gown featuring full-gluten maximus coverage, reversible with front and back V-necks, softer fabrics, cheerful prints, and pockets.

Since then, other major hospitals have undertaken the same project, which can be more difficult and expensive than you might think. Maybe hospitals need their own nurse/fashion consultants, as well as several different options of gown, depending on the area that needs treatment. Changing the outlook, and perhaps the gowns, could really improve patient morale.

And finally, with summer in full swing, I loved a recent article about the village of Lincolnshire's endorsement of food trucks to visit a local office complex parking lot every other Friday throughout the summer. While some communities, including Libertyville, are not enthusiastic about the food truck prototype, as a consumer I love the idea. With the right regulation, it adds a fun element to the summer vibe and I hope other communities follow suit.

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GABBIN IN THE GROVE

Topgolf should be a top destination

A few weeks back, I was at an extremely fun party for a friend at a venue I had never been to before. I kept thinking, "Wow, this would be a great place to come for family gatherings with kids and adults of various ages!" And "This would be a really cool place for a girls' night out!" And, "This would be an awesome place for guys to hang out!" And, "This would be an incredible place for couples or even a mixed group of couples and singles!" And, "This would be a great work outing!" And "This would be a perfect place to come when there are some people who like sports and some who don't and/or someone who is a great athlete and some (like me) who have no athletic ability whatsoever."

After thinking up countless more variations of types of people who would enjoy the venue, I realized I needed to write a column about it — because how often do you find a place where people of all ages and athletic ability and interest can enjoy the same activity?

The fabulous venue is called Topgolf and it's located in Wood Dale. I know, Wood Dale sounds like it's really far away. In fact, I had no idea where Wood Dale even was. But when I Googled it on my cellphone, I saw it was only about 25 minutes from my house and a just little past Woodfield Mall, off of 53.

By now, you're probably wondering what makes Topgolf so incredible and what, exactly, people do there. According to the Topgolf website, "Topgolf is the premier golf entertainment complex where the competition of sport meets your favorite local hangout. You can challenge your friends and family to addictive point-scoring golf games that anyone from the hopeful pro golfer to your neighbor's 7-year-old kid can play year-round."

I picture a 240-yard outfield with dartboard-like targets in the ground. The closer to the center or 'bull's-eye' you get and the farther out you hit your microchipped balls, the more points you receive. Score even bigger with Topgolf's extensive food and beverage menu that is sure to impress even the pickiest foodies.

The main golfing area is set up similar to bowling, where each group gets their own "Bay." You can hang out at your table and then, when it's your turn, you go up to the front of your bay and hit the golf ball into a huge open area of targets and green field. Your turn consists of pushing one of your assigned computer chip golf balls through a machine, which then figures out what the player is. Then, the computer screen shows how many points you have — or don't have — and exactly how far your ball went.

The cool thing is that the bays are completely covered and heated or fanned, depending on the weather. The end of the bay is open but even if it's raining, you can still play since you're completely covered. When I went, it rained the whole time and it had no impact, whatsoever on our game or enjoyment. Besides miniature golf, I had never hit a golf ball in my life — plus, I'm slightly athletically challenged — and I had just as much of a blast as the other guests, some of whom were avid golfers and some who were pretty athletic.

To find out more, I spoke with Anthony Norini of Topgolf's marketing department.

"We want guests to have the best time of their life," says Norini. "We are family friendly and accommodate events such as weddings, mitzvahs, birthday parties for all ages, anniversaries and more. We love working with people to accommodate all occasions. We also host themed parties which benefit the troops and have tournaments, camps, golf lessons and leagues."

Additionally, Topgolf has an 18-hole miniature golf course and late-evening DJ's Thursday through Saturdays, for the older crowd. They also give discounts for seniors, military and emergency workers. Also, Topgolf is a first-come-first-serve facility but if you have 10 or more in your party, you can make a reservation through the sales department.

"We are really a sports-entertainment complex," Norini says. "Sporting events are on when there are games on and there is something for everyone here. If they're old enough to swing a club, they are welcome! We are also opening another in Topgolf in Naperville later this year."

I am definitely putting Topgolf in my rotation of fun places I like to attend! For more information about Topgolf, visit www.topgolf.com/us/chicago or call 630-595-4653.

To contact me about future columns or to be on my email list when I take a poll or do a survey, email gabbin@susandubin.com.

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FLYING UNDER THE RADAR

Is Trump's sign high-level arrogance or towering symbol of hate?

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The Confederate flag debate does not diminish the unthinkable tragedy that rekindled the conversation over what amounts to a symbol of hate. If anything, it's raising public consciousness over other displays and actions rooted in bigotry. Whether it's World War II-era symbolism being dragged out for anti-Semitic displays in Europe, or former Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling delivering a secretly recorded racist rant that sparked a national media wildfire, the mind. "Take for example the latest verbal shot over the political bow by a new candidate for president. In what seems like the 467th presidential campaign kickoff speech this year, I really want to be don't be."

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HIGHLAND PARK

Address: 943 Central Ave.
Price: $549,000
Schools: Highland Park High School
Taxes: $12,376.36
Agent: Janice Goldblatt/@Properties

MUNDENEIN
Luxury three-story end unit townhouse with beautifully detailed interior including 42-inch kitchen cabinets, granite countertops, stainless appliances, high ceilings and hand scraped hardwood floors. Close to parks, beaches and Diamond Lake.

Address: 1502 Lakeridge Court
Price: $349,900
Schools: Mundelein High School
Taxes: $7,536.64
Agent: Gregg Bernadette/RE/MAX

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
Townhouse is in Arlington Grove subdivision. With 2,321 square feet of living space, the three-bedroom and 2.5-bathroom - plus two-car garage - feels like a single family home. Newer hardwood floors throughout most of the main level and all of second level. Kitchen updated with newer stainless appliances, granite counters and tile backsplash. Two-story family room. Master suite with spacious bathroom and walk-in closet. Basement with rough-in and storage.

Address: 2125 N. Juniper Lane
Price: $349,900
Schools: John Hersey High School
Taxes: $7,536.64
Agent: Gregg Bernadette/RE/MAX

EVANSTON
Townhome in move-in condition with four levels. Eat-in kitchen with pantry. Living/dining room combo with custom cabinets and gas fireplace. Master bedroom has volume ceiling and private bath. Loft opens to master and can be closed for privacy. Hardwood floors. Attached garage plus one parking space. New heating and air. Close to trains and lake.

Address: 814 Hinman Ave., 4
Price: $415,000
Schools: Evanston Township High School
Taxes: $9,373
Agent: Lisa Gendel/Jameson Sotheby's International Realty

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Glenview moms offer marathon training at park
Reach Your Peak in second season

By Jackie Pilossoph
Pioneer Press

JoAnn Clemens compares the sport of running to brushing her teeth.
"It's something I have to do," said the marathon runner and Glenview mom of three. "It gives me extra patience, it refuels me, it sets a good example for my kids, it allows me to be competitive and it's a fun outlet."

It is this passion that led Clemens, along with her business partner, Betsy Noxon, to launch Reach Your Peak Training, their Glenview-based marathon and half marathon training company.

"Training for a marathon can be a scary feeling, and running with a group takes the guessing work out," said Noxon, also a Glenview mom and avid runner, who ran her first marathon, the Chicago Marathon, in 2008. "We offer a road map to how you can reach the finish line and achieve other goals."

"It can get lonely training by yourself, and we knew we had something to offer to help people stay motivated," said Clemens, a University of Iowa graduate who is also a spin instructor and triathlon coach.

Based at the Glenview Park District's Park Center, Reach Your Peak Training, which is in its second season, offers two off-site group practices per week when runners work on speed and strength.

The 16-week program, which is meant for intermediate to advanced runners who have had some type of racing experience, also consists of long runs on Saturday mornings.

"We offer individual, customized training plans where we look at our clients' foundation, ability and goals," said Noxon, a Miami of Ohio graduate, who is also an administrator at husband Bruce Noxon's Glenview-based Foot and Ankle Treatment Center.

Clemens, who, along with Clemens, is a certified running coach, said another aspect of Reach Your Peak Training is the social experience.

"Showing up at the track with music playing and a group of people waiting for you makes you accountable, competitive, and offers tremendous support among all the runners," she said. "You push yourself harder, you meet new friends, and when you hear people laughing, it adds fun and enjoyment to the whole experience."

Kathleen McIlnnis, health and fitness manager at the Park Center and an avid runner, said when she was approached last year by Noxon and Clemens, she knew the community could benefit from the program.

"Being a triathlete myself, this was one programming area we didn't have," said McIlnnis, who has worked at the Park Center for 12 years. "People had called and asked if there was anything like it, so when they brought the idea to me, I felt like it was a perfect fit."

"I never thought I could do it, and I attribute my success to the program," said Anne Vavloukis of Glenview, who signed up for Reach Your Peak last summer to train for her first marathon, which took place last fall. "My goal was to finish and then it became to get to four hours, and I ended up at three hours and fifty-one minutes, which enabled me to qualify for Boston next year."

The Reach Your Peak Training program runs from June through October, but new runners are accepted at any time. Drop-ins are also welcome.

"It's empowering and exhilarating and gives you the feeling of 'Wow! This is a huge accomplishment,'" Clemens said. "That carries over into every other aspect of your life."

"JoAnn and Betsy provide really good individualized coaching and their attention to detail is very, very good," Vavloukis said. "They really pay attention to your goals and craft a program for every single runner."

Jackie Pilossoph is a freelance reporter.
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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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

**Thursday, July 9**

**Save A Star's Drug Disposal Program:** Save A Star Drug Awareness Foundation's Drug Disposal Program boxes can be found in area police departments. Accepted are prescription medications (including controlled substances), all over-the-counter and pet medications, vitamins, liquids and creams. Call 847-579-1300 ext. 146. 9 a.m. daily, participating police departments include: Des Plaines, Evanston, Glencoe, Niles, Northbrook, Park Ridge, and Wilmette.

**Brendan James:** 8 p.m. Thursday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $15-$27, 847-492-8860

**Diabetes month by month:** Learn how to prevent, manage and take care of your diabetes in order to prevent complications. Class is bilingual (English and Spanish). 5 p.m. Thursday, Erie Family Health Center Evanston/Skokie, 1285 Hartrey Ave., Evanston, free, 847-666-2346

**It's Thursday, Let's Dance Stardust Big Band:** 7 p.m. Thursday, 1603 Orrington Ave. Plaza, 1603 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, free

**Found Launches Live Music Every Thursday:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Found Kitchen & Social House, 1631 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-866-8945

**Artifice: fiber, fashion, and embellishment:** This exhibition features works from students at Columbia College Chicago and others in the Chicagoland area that involve contemporary fiber arts, garments, and body decoration. 10 a.m.-dally, Evanston Art Center, 1717 Central Street, Evanston, free, 847-475-5300

**Native Haute Couture:** Features garments that showcase American Indian artistry and expertise in tanning, weaving, embroidery, beadwork and tailoring. 10 a.m.-dally, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-1030

**All My Relations: A Seneca History:** In collaboration with visual artist and dancer Rosy Simas (Seneca), this exhibit introduces the history of the Seneca culture through milestones in the lives of Simas and her relations. 11 a.m. daily, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, Free-$5; $10-$12 for talk, 847-475-1030

**Friday, July 10**

**Kermit Ruffins and the Barbecue Swingers:** 7 p.m. Friday, 10 p.m. Friday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $27-$47, 847-492-8860

**Nia: Holistic dance fitness:** 11 a.m. Friday, Raydiant Day, 1400 Greenleaf St., Evanston, $11 drop-in, $80 unlimited class pass, 847-869-6477

**Claire Aebersold and Ralph Neiweem, piano:** The program includes Claude Debussy's "La Mer." 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nichols Concert Hall, Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $10-$30, 847-905-1500

**Water Works: Real and Imagined:** This gallery opening features Photographers Ted Glaseo and Artist Betty Butler. 5 p.m. Friday, Frame Warehouse, 606 West Dempster St., Evanston, free, 847-869-5210

**50hythms Dance:** A movement meditation to music. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Foster Dance Studios, 915 Foster St., Evanston, $15-$50 for students and seniors, 847-869-0250

**Few Friday - Brunch After Dark:** The event features cocktails highlighting the new Breakfast Gin. Food is available, with live music. This is family friendly, with juice boxes for kids. 5 p.m. Friday, Few Spirits, 918 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-920-8628

**Concert in the Park:** The White Saddle Band performs a variety of country and other musical favorites. Penny Carnival games for the children. 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oak Park, 7700 Lee St., Niles, free, 847-967-6633

**Duplicate Bridge:** 9 a.m. Friday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-5277

**Symphonic Fury! The Music of Japanese Monsters:** Live symphonic orchestra concert featuring the American premieres of thrilling Japanese monster movie music. 8 p.m. Friday, Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, $30-$35, 847-825-5800

**Alabama:** 8 p.m. Friday, Ako Theatre at Rosmertown, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont, $47-$123, 847-671-5100

**G-Fest:** The largest regular gathering of Godzilla and Japanese monster fans in the world. 9 a.m. Friday-Sunday, Crown Plaza O'Hare International, 15440 N. River Road, Rosmertown, $20-$40, 630-551-0394

**Arizona:** 8 p.m. Friday, 10 p.m. Friday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $27-$47, 847-492-8860

**Saturday, July 11**

**Downtown Evanston Farmers Market:** 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Oak Avenue and University Place, Evanston, free

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

**LOL Saturday:** Adult Comedy every Saturday night hosted by Comedy legends Tony Sculfield and Mark Simons. 9 p.m. Saturday, Chicago's Home of Chicken & Waffles, 2424 W. Dempster St., Evanston, $15 adult advance; $20 at the door, 847-521-6834

**Farmers market: Glenview:** 9 a.m. Saturday, Saturday, Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, Free, 847-657-1506

**Family Golf Night:** Grab your clubs and your family and play a round of golf. 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Glenview Prairie Club, 2800 West Lake Ave., Glenview, $30, 847-657-1537

**Android Basics:** Come learn the basics of Google Android for an Android phone or tablet. 10 a.m. Saturday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-877-5277

**Voracious Reading:** Author Elise Parsley will read "If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School, Don't!" 10 a.m. Saturday, Meathreads, 6734 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-852-4048

**Silver Screen Series: "Grease":** 7 p.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Crafting for Charity:** Come for this summer charity project - making lap blankets for the sick and infirmed. 10 a.m. Saturday, Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Morton Grove Farmers Market:** 8 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Park Ridge Farmers Market:** 7 a.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Farmers Market, 15 S. Prairie Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-318-5217
CALENDAR

Sunday, July 12

Music Institute's Faculty Recital: The program features music from Disney's "Fantasia." 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nichols Concert Hall, Music Institute of Chicago, 1400 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-905-1500.

Ride for AIDS Finale Festival: Proceeds benefit Test Positive Aware Network (TPAN)'s programs. 3 p.m. Sunday, Ingraham Park, 2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, free, 773-989-9400.

Do Not Submit: A Storytelling Open Mic: Sign-Up 6 p.m. A pressure-free night for storytellers to connect, share stories, and hone their craft. 5:30 p.m. Sunday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679.

Chess Wizards: 4-week session for grades 3-9. Registration required. 3 p.m. Sunday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277.

The Life & Times of the Chicago Tribune's Colonel McCormick: 2 p.m. Sunday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220.

Brush with Nature: Visitors are invited to watch over 50 professional artists paint along the walking paths of the Nature Center. 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Burnell St., Skokie, free, 847-674-1500.

Skokie Farmers Market: 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-673-0500.

Architecture Tour - Symbolic by Design: Explore how the Museum's architecture and interior design help to tell a story and enhance understanding. 11 a.m. Sunday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4835.

"The Lilliput Troupe: A Play In Seven Dwarfs": Jewish traveling actors, most of them dwarfs, survive Auschwitz and Mengele's laboratory during World War II. 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4835.

Monthly Survivor Speakers: Doris Fogel, Shanghai Ghetto Survivor, tells her incredible story. 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4835.

Monday, July 13


Book Babes: Story time and free play for babies ages 2 and younger with a caregiver. 10:15 a.m. Monday, Evanston Public Library - North Branch, 2026 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600.

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

Chicago Bears Youth Football Camps in Evanston: Safe, non-contact football instruction for kids ages 6-14 years old. Five-day camps are led by professional, USA Football certified coaches with supplemental instruction from a Chicago Bear. 8:30 a.m. Monday-Wednesday, St. Joan of Arc School, 9245 Lawndale Ave., Evanston, $259. 312-226-5553.

Community Service Club: Grades 6-8. From making placemats for Meals on Wheels to creating coloring books for children in need, come complete compassionate and engaged projects for the community while earning community service hours. 4 p.m. Monday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Avenue, Lincolnwood, free.

Storytime at the Park: Drake Park: Ages birth-5 years with caregiver. Bring a Blanket and enjoy 30-minutes of stories and finger plays geared to birth-5 year olds. No registration required. 10 a.m. Monday, Drake Park, 6750 Drake Avenue, Lincolnwood, free.

Knitting Roundtable: 2 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220.

Yarn Gang: Kids in grades one and up are invited to try their hand at knitting, crocheting or other yarn crafts. 4 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220.

MGPL Kids: Monday Morning Playgroup: Drop-in play time for preschoolers with a parent or caregiver to introduce young children to the library in a low-key, unstructured session. Call 847-929-5102 or visit mgpl.org for more information. 10:30 a.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220.
Tuesday, July 14

SRhythms Dance: A movement meditation to music. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Raydiant Day, 1400 Greenleaf Street, Evanston, $15; $10 for students and seniors, 847-869-0250

Faculty Extravaganza: Music Institute of Chicago piano faculty team up to perform works for two pianos and four hands. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nichols Concert Hall, Music Institute of Chicago, 1400 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $30 adults; $20 Seniors; $10 Students, 847-905-1500

LYFE Kitchen's Storytelling Series: Florence Ann Romano reads from her book "Nanny and Me." 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, LYFE Kitchen, 1603 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free

Rotary Club of Evanston Light-house: 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, Hilton Garden Inn Chicago North Shore/Evanston, 1818 Maple Ave., Evanston, free

Irish music session: 7 p.m. Tuesday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free

Food Truck Festival featuring R-Ganti: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Brumme! Park, 800 Brummel St., Evanston, free

Storytime at the Pool: Enjoy a brief, poolside story with a librarian. 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, Proesel Park, 7055 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Movies, Munchies, & More: Film: "Maleficent": 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library; 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

MGPL Kids: Listen Up: Drop-in story and play time for preschoolers with a parent or caregiver. 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Country Music In the Park: 7 p.m. Tuesday, MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5008.

Jewish Short Stories: Materials provided in advance of each class. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-4141

Great Books Discussion Group: For more information on joining, call 847-673-1814. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie, free

Wednesday, July 15

History Center to examine book about WWII Navajo code talkers: Copies of the World War II memoir "Code Talker" by Chester Nez are now available at the readers services desk at the Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St. After the discussion, guests are welcome to view the exhibit, "World War II: Des Plaines and the War against Fascism." 6 p.m. Wednesday, Des Plaines History Center, 781 Pearson St., Des Plaines, free, 847-391-5399

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

Preschool Story Time: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8610

Crafts for Kids: Grades K-2 at 2 p.m., grades 3-5 at 3 p.m. Registration required. Craft based on our summer reading theme "Read to the Rhythm." Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Converting Your VHS Home Movies: Have old home movies on VHS that you want to convert to a DVD or digital format? We can show you how in our new Digital Media Lab. Registration limited to four. Morton Grove residents have priority. 2 p.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Beginning Bridge Lessons: Class is taught by a bridge master. Register in advance. 1 p.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Park District- Centennial Activity Center, 100 South Western Ave., Park Ridge, $75 member, $83 guest, 847-692-3597

Patti Vasquez: The Chicago comedian and regular guest on OWN-TV's "My Life is a Joke" performs stand-up. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Pl., Rosemont, $22 plus a two-item food/drink minimum, 847-673-1814

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Rita Hayworth Gala raises more than $1.3M to fight Alzheimer’s

28th Annual Rita Hayworth Gala

Hosted by: Alzheimer’s Association
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Location: Hilton Chicago
Attended: 865
Raised: Over $1.3 million
Date: May 9
Website: www.alz.org

Gala celebrates Childcare Network of Evanston

‘CNE Annual Gala 2015: Metamorphosis’

Benefiting: Childcare Network of Evanston
Location: Found, Evanston
Attended: 120
New Grant: United Way of Metropolitan Chicago has announced it will fund CNE for $140,000 ($70,000 each for the next two years). The funds will help expand CNE’s home visiting services for children in households at about poverty level, but not yet financially stable.
Website: www.childcarenetworkofevanston.org

TREND
Robbie Gould, sports stars tee off for Lurie Hospital

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

The rain stopped in time, so the Robbie Gould Celebrity Golf Invitational took place as planned at Lake Forest's Conway Farms Golf Club June 22. This invitational, an event of Chicago's Goulden Touch organization, has raised more than $450,000 over the years.

This year, funds raised will benefit the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital.

The invitational sold out at 150 golfers. Participants included Brian Urlacher, the 13-year All-Pro NFL Chicago Bears linebacker and the event's honoree, Jared Allen, Wendell Davis and Jim McMahon (formerly of Northbrook) all connected to the Chicago Bears.

Retired major league baseball pitcher Bret Saberhagen, a Cy Young award winner and 1985 World Series MVP, was also among the golfers.

“We're thrilled to partner with Robbie,” said Erin Coleman of Wilmette and of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital. “We serve 174,000 pediatric patients per year and there's always more that we need to do.”

Robbie Gould, kicker for the Chicago Bears and founder of The Goulden Touch

Cory Weaver of Deerfield (from left), former Chicago Bears Wide Receiver Wendell Davis and Lisa Gurevitz of Deerfield

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Bret Saberhagen, a Cy Young award winner and 1985 World Series MVP, retired major league pitcher

Robbie Gould, Lisa Gurevitz and Cory Weaver

Jim McNeill of Downers Grove (from left), Jared Allen of the Chicago Bears, Jeff Jones of downstate Sibley and Ken Ronnfeldt of Lemont
How to talk and text for free

CATHY CUNNINGHAM

Help Squad

Help Squad recently had a worthwhile consumer experience of its own (a free one, in fact) that we'd like to share with all of you.

Have you ever traveled overseas and been at a loss for the best, least expensive way to stay in touch via your cell phone? For that matter, are you strictly state-side with a mobile talk and text plan offering limited minutes and messages? If you answered yes to either of these questions, there are some really great free (and almost free) apps out there that can keep you in touch for practically nothing.

Help Squad's personal experience is with Viber and WhatsApp, both of which were first introduced to us by international friends who use them all the time. There are several others - and seemingly more available every day. A list of four of these apps, and what they offer, appear below.

Viber
- Using Wi-Fi, you can text, make phone calls (using Voice over Internet protocol, or VoIP), send photo messages and share your location with other Viber users for free.
- Free phone calls can also be made using your data network, but overseas roaming charges/service fees from your provider will likely apply.
- Viber also offers an option called Viber Out, that allows you to call landlines and non-Viber mobile phones for a minimal fee.
- You use your own phone number; no alias is required.
- The app instantly integrates with your existing contact list, identifying those already using Viber.
- The service is totally free and there are no advertisements.
- Viber says there never will be.
- Viber can also be loaded to your desktop/laptop.

WhatsApp
- Using Wi-Fi, you can text, send unlimited photo, video and audio messages, and share your location with other WhatsApp users.
- Same as Viber, you can use your own phone number, and the app instantly integrates with your existing contact list, identifying those already using WhatsApp.
- The service is free for the first year and $0.99 annually thereafter.
- It is advertising-free, and WhatsApp CEO Jan Koum says the service will not sell ads ever. This is why the service charges $0.99/year after the first year.
- WhatsApp was recently acquired by Facebook, which is in the process of adding voice service.
- It too can be used from your desktop or laptop.

Voxox
- With this app, you receive a free, U.S.-based phone number (or you can transfer your existing number to Voxox).
- Once you have your number, you can call, text (including photos and videos) and fax for free to other Voxox numbers, both domestically and internationally.
- All incoming non-Voxox communications are also free.
- Call forwarding (to up to five phone numbers), multi-party conferencing and voicemail transcription are additional free features.
- Language translation for text messages is another easily-enabled option.

Tango
- Tango offers free one-to-one messaging, as well as video and voice calls with other Tango users - both domestically and internationally.
- You use your own phone number, no alias is required.
- The app instantly integrates with your existing contact list, identifying those already using Tango.
- Tango describes itself as an all-in-one social networking app. In addition to talk and text, it provides social networking, game and music content, daily deals and the opportunity to follow favorite celebrities and brands via text posts.
- Photo and music sharing (via Spotify) are additional free features.
- Tango can be used on an iPad or iPod as well.
- As we mentioned, there are many free and inexpensive voice/texting apps on the market today. If you are interested in checking out others, here are some additional options: LINE, WeChat Skype Google Hangouts and even FaceTime.

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Gay marriage ruling brings divorce questions to mind

JACKIE PILOSSOPH

Love Essentially

Hearing about the Supreme Court's ruling last week to make same-sex marriage a right nationwide got me thinking.

While I loved seeing reaction photos in the news - the huge smiles, the excitement, the cheers, the expressions of hope - one very negative word is lurking in the back of my mind: Divorce.

I don't say that because I'm a pessimistic person or because I'm trying to ruin anyone's newfound joy, but rather because the reality is, more marriages almost certainly will lead to more divorces.

Meighan Harmon is a divorce attorney and senior partner at Chicago law firm Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP. I asked Harmon what the Supreme Court's decision meant for divorce from a legal standpoint.

"The complexity and lack of clarity on how same-sex marriages are treated state by state is now gone," said Harmon, who has been a divorce attorney for 19 years. "In other words, the recent Supreme Court ruling helps make divorce possible for same-sex couples who might move to a state that previously didn't acknowledge same-sex marriage.

Harmon said the likely outcome is that many of those states will have legislation going forward that either accepting the right for gay marriage or at a minimum acknowledging same-sex marriages that occur in other states.

"You are now going to have a situation where someone is in legal no-man's-land should they want to get divorced," she said.

I'm divorced, and what I can say to any couple, same-sex or not, is that divorce is an incredibly tragic, difficult and painful experience. Divorce not only hits you from a legal standpoint, but can devastate finances, impact children in a negative way, and tear at your gut emotionally, leaving incredibly deep scars that really never heal completely.

I'm saying that divorced people don't end up happy. Absolutely not. I can honestly say that I feel fulfilled, happy and at peace with my life. But, it took a long time to get there.

Nine years ago, when I was going through my divorce, here were some thoughts that were going through my head:
- "I am going broke."
- "How am I going to get a full-time job when I've been out of the workforce for 11 years?"
- "I can't believe I'm going to live happily ever after with my new girlfriend and I'm going to end up alone."
- "I feel lonely and isolated."
- "I'm old, flabby, and badly in need of Botox."

That was rock bottom. But I have to say, as bad as it got, it didn't take long to start feeling better.

In the first few months, things started getting easier.

I credit two things for that quick improvement: Making good, smart decisions to give myself and my children a better life, and implementing certain behaviors into my life that included a fitness regime, yoga, healthy eating, faith, new friendships and finding my passion: writing about relationships.

I'm not going to say going to the gym or making green smoothies are direct routes to getting over a divorce, but they are good behaviors that pave the way to a healthier mind, body and spirit, which can be a direct route to healing, moving on and finding a life you love.

There's no doubt same-sex couples have experienced intense emotional pain just like heterosexual couples when it comes to ending a long-term relationship.

What's increasingly novel for the demographic is the official big "D." In other words, the coming years could see more and more gay people checking the "divorced" box when it comes to marital status on personal information forms.

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That's Italian: From English dictionaries

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Quote-Acrostic

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2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
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All Together Now

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Life after lupus diagnosis

No cure for debilitating autoimmune disease, but researchers making strides on treatments

By Barbara Sadick
Tribune Newspapers

The problem facing lupus researchers is that their enemy poses an array of symptoms with no one certain cause, but, with a correct diagnosis, strides are being taken against the debilitating conditions that arise.

In general, lupus is a serious autoimmune disease for which there is no cure, but treatment can be effective enough to allow many suffers to return to the routines of normal life.

The problem lies in the immune system, whose job is to protect against infection. When working properly, it recognizes the difference between healthy and unhealthy cells. When it malfunctions, however, and attacks healthy cells even when there is no threat, the results are inflammation and autoimmune disease.

A person suffering from lupus may experience swelling and pain in the joints (arthritis), fatigue, pain and skin rashes from exposure to the sun. More severe symptoms include leg swelling that can be a sign of kidney involvement, and in some cases a person may experience a seizure or stroke.

Symptoms frequently affect the joints, skin, kidneys, heart, lungs, nervous system, blood vessels and brain. The key to proper diagnosis is the knowledge of the variable nature of lupus. Dr. Jill Buyon, director of rheumatology and the Lupus Center at the New York University School of Medicine, says lupus may represent many different diseases. Before it comes to the attention of a rheumatologist, the specialist most familiar with the disease, lupus can be mistaken for other problems and misdiagnosed.

Buyon recommends that anyone with such symptoms first see a primary care physician.

“A good primary care physician would think of lupus when a patient arrives with a certain grouping of symptoms such as a rash across the cheeks and swollen finger joints,” Buyon said, “but many (primary care physicians) aren't used to seeing the signs and symptoms that may change over time.” She said a thorough health history is vital to diagnosis.

A blood sample can detect antinuclear antibodies, which are proteins produced by a malfunctioning immune system. Up to 95 percent of lupus patients will have positive ANA tests, making this an outstanding way to screen for the disease. As Buyon points out, however, otherwise healthy individuals may test positive, so other symptoms must be present to make a lupus diagnosis.

Often, patients are referred to a rheumatologist. Including the ANA test, four out of 11 criteria cited by the American College of Rheumatology must be present to confirm a lupus diagnosis. They can be found at the Lupus Research Institute's site at www.lupusresearchinstitute.org.

About 10 times more women than men have lupus, according to the American College of Rheumatology. It tends to begin to appear when people are in their 20s or 30s and is more prevalent in African-Americans and Asians than in Caucasians.

The earlier a lupus diagnosis is made, the better the chance for the disease to be controlled with medication, said Dr. Theresa Lu, a pediatric rheumatologist who conducts lupus research at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York. Because lupus symptoms vary from person to person, medication is individualized, she added, and patients may be on medication for years.

Almost all lupus patients take antimalarial drugs, which often need to be used in combination with steroids and other medications to reduce the severity of the disease, said Dr. Rosalind Ramsey-Goldman, a rheumatologist and professor of medicine at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago.

“The goal of treatment is to reduce disease activity, to get it under control and to prevent flares or active manifestations of disease, and to figure out what amounts of medications with the least amount of toxicity are needed to do that,” she said.

Flares are what occur when symptoms of lupus are activated, sometimes by environmental factors, but often the trigger is unknown. They can happen at any time and can be set off by fatigue and stress. About 60 percent of lupus patients flare because of exposure to the sun, Ramsey-Goldman said. That sensitivity results in skin rashes and feelings of weakness and illness.

Not surprisingly, people in warmer climates show more signs of lupus. To guard against ultraviolet light from the sun, Ramsey-Goldman recommends staying out of the sun, scheduling outdoor activities before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m., using high-SPF sunscreen daily no matter what the weather and reapplying it every couple of hours. She also advises wearing hats, long sleeves and sunglasses.

Carole Hobbs, 65, a registered nurse in Carmel, NY, has lived with lupus for 15 years. Her symptoms appeared when she awoke one morning with swollen fingers. She thought she had had an allergic reaction. As a nurse, however, she knew enough to consult her doctor. A rheumatologist had her blood drawn, and a positive ANA test along with other symptoms confirmed a lupus diagnosis.

From the beginning, doctors warned her about the sun, which she realized caused pain to flare in her joints. They put her on an antimalarial drug, but that gave her severe headaches, so she began to take ibuprofen in the morning and evening instead. For years that controlled her symptoms. Recently, though, lupus has caused inflammation in her liver, and she has developed gallbladder problems.

Nevertheless, Hobbs has learned to live with the disease. When she has flare-ups, the joints in her hands hurt, and she has difficulty making a fist. When she's exhausted, run down or stressed, she also has flare-ups, but she continues to work. There are many days when she forgets she has lupus, she said.

“You have to learn to live with it, or you become an invalid,” she added.

She does take sensible precautions. She sees doctors who monitor her closely on a regular schedule. She takes extra care during the summer and has come to recognize the signs of an oncoming flare. She crochets to keep her hands moving and walks as much as possible. When she knows someone is sick, she won't visit, and she takes her trips to the supermarket early in the morning when fewer people are out. Mostly, she works with hospice patients and takes every step possible to avoid infections.

Buyon suggests that the best way to live with lupus is to have a solid, open and honest rapport with your doctor. Knowing a patient well enables a physician to see even the small changes that serve as a guide for treatment. She urges patients to be vigilant and informed and to get out and live their lives.

Barbara Sadick is a freelance reporter.
Grilled ribs get boost with bourbon sauce

 Throughout the year I turn to other cuisines to spice up my everyday cooking. Korean gojuchang chili paste enlivens fish fillets, Provencal olive tapenade augments Italian pasta, Spanish smoked paprika and Middle Eastern za’atar spice spark boring chicken. In the middle of summer, however, I pay homage to my favorite domestic ingredients, employing Kentucky bourbon and tomato ketchup in a sweet and smoky sauce destined for ribs on a grill powered with hickory wood. Sorghum molasses adds sweetness, while imported chipotle chilies and Dijon mustard imbue the smoky tangy layers of flavor we crave. I love this American melting pot-style of cooking, tried-and-true standards acquire new life.

 As for the pork ribs, the young Americans in our crowd prefer baby back ribs, mostly for the pleasure of gnawing on the bones. Back ribs originate from the blade and center section of the pork loin, and are smaller and less fatty than spare ribs. A rack weighs about 1/4 pounds and serves two to three people. I’m partial to country-style pork ribs, cut from the sirloin or rib end of the pork loin, with generous meatiness and rich flavor. You’ll need a knife and fork to enjoy them.

 Baby back ribs cost considerably more than country ribs and take twice the time to cook, so plan accordingly. My husband says he enjoys either one when slathered with this dump-and-stir no-cook bourbon basting sauce.

 Whichever ribs you choose to cook, be sure to set the grill up for indirect cooking — that is, no heat source directly under the meat. This allows you to use the grill somewhat like an oven, with heat swirling all around but with little chance of charring.

 Always heed the pro griller’s advice: The better the coals, the better the flavor of the meat. Natural hardwood charcoal costs a bit more but delivers on two fronts: lots of heat and good, clean wood flavor. I nestle chunks of hickory wood (soaked in water so they smoke and smolder) among the charcoal for added flavor.

 Slow-grilled ribs are coated near the finish with a sweet and smoky sauce spiked with bourbon.

 Bourbon grilled ribs

 Prep: 20 minutes  Cook: 40 minutes to 1 hour, 15 minutes  Makes: 6 servings

 2 large slabs baby back pork ribs (3 pounds total) or 3 pounds bone-in country-style pork ribs
 Salt, freshly ground pepper
 Hickory or mesquite wood chunks
 2 cups bourbon barbecue sauce, or as needed, see recipe

 Pat ribs dry. Season generously on all sides with salt and pepper. Refrigerate uncovered for up to 2 days. Remove from refrigerator while you prepare the grill, so the ribs start to come to room temperature. Soak wood chips in water to cover for at least 30 minutes.

 Prepare a charcoal grill or heat a gas grill to high. When the coals are covered with a gray ash, arrange them on two sides of the grill, leaving the center empty. Place a drip pan on the bottom of the grill and place the cooking grate on top. If using a gas grill, turn off the burners in the center of the grill and turn the other burners to medium.

 Just before you put the meat on the grill, nestle a few wood chunks among the hot coals. Put ribs on grill over the drip pan (not directly over the heat). Cover grill and cook, turning once, until fork-tender and juices run clear, about 40 minutes for the country-style ribs or 1 1/4 hours for the baby back ribs.

 Generously baste all sides of the ribs with the barbecue sauce. Grill covered until meat is nicely glazed, 10 to 15 minutes more. Remove from grill; let rest 5 minutes before serving.

 Nutrition Information per serving: 438 calories, 33 g fat, 10 g saturated fat, 113 mg cholesterol, 12 g carbohydrates, 23 g protein, 375 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

 Bourbon barbecue sauce

 Prep: 5 minutes  Makes: about 2 cups

 No need to cook this sauce: The heat of the grill finishes the flavor of the sauce as it’s slathered onto the ribs or other meats or poultry. Double the recipe so you can have a jarful in the fridge. It lasts several weeks.

 1 cup tomato ketchup, preferably organic
 1/4 cup bourbon
 1/4 cup sorghum or light molasses
 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard or your favorite mustard
 1 to 2 tablespoons pureed chipotle in adobo

 Mix all ingredients in a jar with a tight-fitting lid. Shake well. Refrigerate up to several weeks.

 Nutrition Information per serving: 18 calories, 0 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 5 g carbohydrates, 0 g protein, 104 mg sodium, 0 g fiber
A vineyard in the ruins of Pompeii. In Campania, which grows more ancient, indigenous grapes than any region in Italy.

A farmer in Abruzzo, Italy, picks red grapes to be made into montepulciano d'Abruzzo wine.

The root of the English word "felicitous" is the Latin felix, signifying that something is fit or proper, especially in the sense of being "fortunate."

The ancient Romans named the region around Naples and Mount Vesuvius Campania Felix (Campania the Fortunate) for its bounty of farmland, pastures, rich volcanic soil and hills, the latter two very fit and proper for growing wine grapes.

The most treasured wine of Roman antiquity, Falernum (sometimes also called Falernian and the present-day Falerno), came from Campania. And prior to the Roman Empire, when the Greeks held sway over southern Italy, Grecian winemakers also recognized the privilege of the area and planted wine grapes widely.

Their grapevines are the forebears of present-day Campania's famed red wine grape, aglianico (a possible corruption of Hellas, the Greek name for Greece, and hellenica, the Latin word for things Greek). Two well-respected white grapes join aglianico as a sort of triumvirate of Campanian wine: greco di tufo (the Greek grape grown in tufo, a type of soil), and falanghina, derived from the Greek word phalanx or "stake," perhaps indicating how the vines were trained.

Until the late 20th century, however, the wine-makers of Campania eschewed this illustrious history and turned out some of the most mediocre wine in all of Italy. But when the 1960s brought its renaissance to Italian winemaking, those in Campania thoroughly revamped and modernized both their vineyards and wineries, even when hewing to tradition by retaining their prized ancient grape varieties. Campania raises more ancient, indigenous grapes than any other winemaking region of Italy, save for Friuli in the far northeast.

Campania presently can boast of 19 DOC and DOCG designations, the legal classifications that signal rigor in grape growing and winemaking in Italian wines. Aglianico makes both Taurasi DOCG and the reprise of Falernum, Falerno del Massico DOC.

Taurasi can age for many years and morphs from its youthful exuberance of red fruit flavors and substantial tannin to a maturity of subtle mahogany color and great nuance of flavor (leather, wet leaves, earth).
In the days before talkies, pit orchestras often provided the soundtrack for silent movies playing in large theaters. In an unusual but exceedingly popular initiative today, modern movies are being shown with the film score played by a live orchestra. Sound remains for dialogue and special effects, but the score is dropped out for what is officially called live-to-projection.

The Ravinia Festival is presenting four such evenings this summer with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra playing all the scores. The films will be shown on a giant screen in the center of the pavilion above the on-stage orchestra, as well as on a 50-by-38-foot, high-definition lawn screen. The first night is July 12 when excerpts from the animated films "Fantasia," released in 1940, and "Fantasia 2000" will be conducted by Ted Sperling. Sperling will also conduct the orchestra on July 14 in a program featuring Danny Elfman's music from the movies of Tim Burton.

The Tony Award-winning Sperling has conducted at the Ravinia Festival in the past, but always for theater music. "Live to projection is something fairly new for me," he said. Sperling's familiarity with film scores, however, includes recording Paul Cantelon's score for the 2005 film "Everything is Illuminated," and Rachel Portman's score for the 2004 film "The Manchurian Candidate."

His Ravinia live-to-projection program, incorporating clips from both "Fantasia" and "Fantasia 2000," includes the first movement of Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 and three movements from the composer's Symphony No. 6 "Pastoral," plus the 1919 version of the suite from Stravinsky's "The Firebird." The only excerpt from the original "Fantasia" will be Mickey Mouse's popular tour-de-force in "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" by Dukas.

Debussy's "Clair de lune" will be played in an orchestration by Leopold Stokowski, who conducted the Philadelphia Orchestra in the 1940 film "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" by Disney. "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" was the inspiration for the famous "Pines of Rome" movement from Respighi's "Pines of Rome." Peter Schickele's adaptation of Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" and Respighi's "Pines of Rome" both from "Fantasia 2000" will also be played. Most of the soundtrack for the 2000 film was recorded by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, all under the baton of James Levine, who was the music director of Ravinia Festival from 1973 to 1993.

"I attended the 'Fantasia 2000' premiere when it was performed at Carnegie Hall in 1999," Sperling said. "For me conducting any one of those pieces is very exciting. I have been an accompanist for much of my career, so I have learned to listen. In this concert I aim to be sensitive to the original interpretation of the music by the original conductors."


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Keeping score

Chicago Symphony Orchestra to provide soundtracks to popular films at Ravinia Festival in July, August

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Sometimes, it takes a major fan to pull off a major fan event.

That certainly seems to be true in the case of “Symphonic Fury! The Music of Japanese Monsters” romping and stomping in an orchestral concert setting July 10 at the Pickwick Theater in Park Ridge. Though in this case it’s taken three major fans — executive producer Chris Oglio, conductor John DeSentis and host Erik Homenick — to make the mega-monster musical magic happen.

That’s the same team responsible for last year’s “Ifukube 100” concert at the Pickwick, celebrating the centenary of Akira Ifukube — best-known here for scoring numerous classic kaiju (monster) movies (including the original “Godzilla”) but also one of Japan’s most respected composers of classical music. A labor of love that came to pass only because DeSentis, a film composer himself couldn’t convince any American orchestra to present Ifukube’s classical compositions — never mind his monster-movie oeuvre.

“This is something we would have wanted somebody else to do,” said DeSentis, who recalls falling in love with Ifukube’s music the first time he saw “Godzilla” as a kid. “But nobody’s doing it, so it’s up to us.”

Oglio and DeSentis raised $37,000 with a Kickstarter campaign, accounting for roughly half the cost of renting the Pickwick and hiring the 54-member orchestra and 10-person choir. And there’s little worry about covering the remainder with ticket sales, considering that the event has been timed (as it was last year) to coincide with Chicago’s annual G-Fest Godzilla convention at Crowne Plaza.

Especially since “Symphonic Fury” is doubling down on Godzilla composers by including the music of film, anime and video game composer Kow Otani — who will make a personal appearance at the concert. Part one of the concert will consist of the world premiere of an orchestral suite of Otani’s scores for three 1990s films featuring the flying turtle Gamera, plus the 2001 Godzilla movie “All Out Monsters Attack.”

“That’s going to be a lot of fun,” DeSentis said. “His music is really dynamic and energetic and it will be especially exciting because this will be the first time his monster movie music is performed in a concert setting anywhere in the world.”

Of course the music of the grand maestro, Ifukube, will be closing the show. DeSentis will lead the orchestra in a performance of the composer’s “Three Symphonic Fantasias.” Films represented in the suites include “Godzilla,” of course, as well as its plentiful sequels, plus “Mothra,” “Rodan,” “Frankenstein Conquers the World,” “War of the Gargantuas” and “King Kong Escapes.”

Homenick and DeSentis both say one of the things they admire most about Ifukube is the respect with which he always approached his monster-movie scores.

“Even as the Godzilla movies became increasingly silly as the series wore on, he never thought, ‘This is a silly movie so I’ll write silly, throwaway music,’” Homenick said. “He always approached the material with the utmost artistic integrity and respect.”
The creativity started flowing when Leigh Anna Reichenbach of Wilmette and Lauren Taslitz of Winnetka were writing parodies for the Woman's Club of Evanston's annual benefit show. That eventually led to "Join the Club!" an original musical by the pair, which opens July 11 at the Skokie Theatre.

The musical has a cast of five women, each based on people the two authors met at the Woman's Club of Evanston, although some are composites. These include an aspiring lawyer who is required to do community service, an emptiness, a divorced mother of two, a stay-at-home mother of four who volunteers incessantly and the supervisor of the building that the club members are converting into a women's shelter.

Reichenbach and Taslitz collaborated on the book and lyrics. The music is primarily by Will Buck, with one song each by Mike O'Mara, Beckie Menzie and Jonathan Wagner. Reichenbach also composed a few numbers.

"We both had been working on their annual benefit show for several years," Reichenbach related, noting that it is comprised of three-minute-long song parodies. At the end of one show, Reichenbach asked her, "Would you like to try and write something that's a little more than three-minutes-long?"

"I was impressed with what a great writer she was," Taslitz explained.

Taslitz added that she had been wanting to produce a show for awhile. "I thought that if I did produce something, I would want to produce something that had broad general appeal," Taslitz said. She is confident that "Join the Club!" fits in that category. "It's a lighthearted show. It's got meaningful undertones but it's meant to be a fun night out," Reichenbach said.

The pair initially created a piece that linked together a number of the parodies that they had created. A workshop production in 2011 was so well received that they decided to reset the lyrics to original music.

Reichenbach is a graduate of Yale University, Northwestern Law School and the London School of Economics. Although she majored in English rather than music at Yale, Reichenbach took many music classes there and performed in an a cappella choir. She was musical director for Northlight Theatre's summer children's program for three years.

Taslitz is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School, and will attend the Graduate Program in Musical Theatre Writing at Tisch School of the Arts at New York University in the fall.

"Taslitz is a Chicago Dramatist Network Playwright. They both credit Cheri Coons' classes at Chicago Dramatist with helping them fine-tune their show. The two writing partners also praised each other.

"I think she's smarter than I am," Taslitz said. "She's a better editor. She is a riot. She's funnier than I am," Reichenbach.

"What I love about Lauren is it's all right there on the surface — no game-playing at all. I like the honesty that she brings to everything."
Nature and nourishment are on the agenda for the Pancake Breakfast in the Woods, July 12 at Emily Oaks Nature Center in Skokie.

Pancakes and painting star at outdoor breakfast

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Nothing beats eating breakfast outdoors. Your family can enjoy nature while having a nourishing meal at Pancake Breakfast in the Woods, 8:30 a.m.-noon July 12 at Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie.

“We're doing all-you-can-eat pancakes (only), turkey sausage, strawberries, syrup, coffee and orange juice in the great outdoors,” said facilities manager Lee Hansen, noting, “It's an entirely volunteer-run event.” While strolling the grounds before or after breakfast, visitors can watch artists create nature studies as part of a Brush with Nature event.

Every dog has its day

And at the Morton Grove Park District, Hot Dog Day is 6-8:30 p.m. July 14 at Harrer Park, 6250 Dempster St. For $4, you'll get a hot dog, chips and a drink; if you want just a hotdog, it's $2. Stick around for a performance of '50s and '60s rock 'n' roll music by Bopology starting at 7 p.m.

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

Inland island

There will be live music, nearly a dozen food vendors and a carnival — but no body of water in sight — at the 10th annual Island in the City Festival at Norridge Park District, 4631 N. Overhill Ave. Hours are 5-10 p.m. Thursday, 5-11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and 1-10 p.m. Sunday, July 9-12.

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Lyonnaise salad: A taste of France close to home

Considering I have friends who have sent their kids as far off as Nicaragua and Rwanda in the past several weeks, I probably shouldn't be fretting that, as I write this, my own daughter, Emma, is just moments away from boarding a plane for her first solo international trip. Our gutsy girl is more than ready to take France by storm, but it is never easy to catapult your kid across an ocean in a metal tube.

No doubt I’ll be nervously biting my nails for eight hours and 20 minutes as Emma soars over open waters, but once she lands and finds her way into the arms of our French friends my mood is destined to change. My motherly nervousness will swiftly fade away revealing an undeniable layer of jealousy.

And who wouldn't be envious of anyone spending three weeks traipsing all over France? From Paris to Brest to Nantes our girl is going to see it all! She'll shuffle down the Champs Elysees, dance in the light at Sainte Chapelle and finally see the Eiffel Tower. I am thrilled she'll have the change to taste a fresh baguette, nibble on a wedge of Brie and slurp down a bowl of authentic moules frites on the coast.

I have such a deep love for Paris I've been compelled to bring some classic French dishes to life in my kitchen so I can, at the very least, live vicariously through my favorite world traveler. Summer is well suited to serving the classic and comforting Lyonnaise Salad and this deceptively complex dish proved to be the perfect first taste of France in my kitchen this week.

Aside for picking out the best looking lettuces at the market, this salad comes together with nothing more than a few pantry staples. Gently poached eggs, rich bacon and a piquant dressing accent the warm entree salad in style and my personal additions of a wee-bit cheese, a dash of chilies and a smattering of fresh basil put a personal spin on a French classic.

I sincerely hope Emma samples a genuine Lyonnaise Salad at a casual bouchon on her French adventure, but I am counting the bites until she returns!

Riffing on Lyonnaise Salad

(Serves 2)

- 4, 1/4-inch thick slices of fresh baguette
- 2 Tablespoons canola oil
- 1 garlic clove, halved
- 3 slices thick cut bacon, chopped
- 1/4 cup minced red onion
- 2-3 Tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1/2 Tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Salt and pepper
- 2 fresh eggs
- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 1 small head escarole, torn
- 1 small head green leaf lettuce, torn
- 1 tablespoon Parmigiano-Reggiano
- 4 fresh basil leaves, snipped
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes

- Heat canola oil over medium high heat until hot, but not smoking. Add slices of baguette and cook without disturbing on one side until deep golden brown (about 1 minute). Flip the bread and season with kosher salt. Allow the second side to cook until golden and crisp. Transfer to a plate and rub each slice with the cut side of the garlic clove. Set aside.
- Add bacon to the same skillet and season with coarse pepper. Allow bacon to cook stirring frequently until crisp. Transfer to a plate and rub each slice with the cut side of the garlic clove. Set aside.
- Add bacon to the same skillet and season with coarse pepper. Allow bacon to cook stirring frequently until crisp. Transfer bacon to a paper towel lined plate.
- Add minced onions to the bacon drippings in the skillet and allow to cook over medium-low heat until soft and translucent (about 5 minutes). Whisk in red wine vinegar, Dijon mustard and sugar to make a dressing. Add salt and pepper to taste. Keep the dressing warm over low heat while poaching the eggs.
- Fill a large high sided skillet 1/4 full of water and add the white vinegar. Bring the pan of water to a bare simmer. Crack the eggs into two small ramekins. Swirl the water clockwise in the pan to create a vortex. Slip one of the eggs into the center of the vortex and allow the current to take the egg. Use a wooden spoon to gently turn the whites over the yolk. Repeat with the second egg and allow both to poach in the simmering water for 3 minutes. Remove the poached eggs with a slotted spoon and allow any excess water to drain onto paper towels. Trim any ragged whites from the eggs.
- Distribute lettuces into two bowls and tuck garlic toast on the side. Drizzle warm dressing and top each salad with egg. Garnish with bacon, Parmesan and chili flakes.
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Listings are subject to change. Please call the venue in advance.

Friday, July 10

“Moon Over Buffalo”: Get an inside look at life backstage in the 50’s in this madcap comedy. 8 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday. Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, 111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights, $30-$38, 847-577-5982.

Uncork Barrington: Sample 50 wines from around the world along with food from local restaurants at the 10th annual event. 6 p.m. Friday, Spring and Station Streets, Barrington, $40-$50; or $75 combo ticket including admission to Barrington Brew Fest.

“Good People”: Margie is a woman with an agenda. An agenda that involves her now successful doctor ex along with his family. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Redtwist Theatre, 1044 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, $30-$35, 773-728-7529.

Brilliant Adventures”: Tucked away in his dingy apartment, Luke has invented a device that could change the world. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Steep Theatre, 1115 W. Berwyn Ave., Chicago, $10-$35, 866-811-4111.

“The Birds”: Watch the story that inspired Alfred Hitchcock’s film. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, $35, 773-777-9751.

“Whatever”: Two suburban teenagers (one facing an abortion, the other bucking his medications) try to navigate love, anger and the bewildering adults who orbit their world. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, The Side Project Theatre, 1439 W. Jarvis Ave., Chicago, $15-$20, 773-340-0140.

“Voyage”: Voyage is an original theatrical production exploring our innate human desire to heal ourselves, and the lengths we go in order to be cured. For mature audience. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St., Chicago, $20, 773-278-1500.

“Grand Concourse”: Extremely religious Shelley runs a soup kitchen with an iron fist. When Emma, a flighty college dropout, begins volunteering, Shelley’s world is turned upside down. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Steppenwolf Theatre Company, 1650 N. Halsted St., Chicago, $20-$89, 312-335-1650.

“Concert In the Park: Pirates of 40:” A metal band featuring music from the movie “Pirates of the Caribbean.” 6 p.m. Friday, Grant Park, 320 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, $4-$20, 847-834-0738.

“Chicago Summerrdance:” Come dance within the beauty of Grant Park. The Spirit of Music garden will be turned into a dance space with over 44 bands providing the music. 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, Grant Park, 337 E. Randolph St., Chicago, free, 312-742-7649.

Movies in the Parks: “Jurassic Park”: Visitors at a theme park where dinosaurs are brought back to life discover beauty and danger. Movies begin at dusk, weather permitting. Call for daily listings and weather-related cancellations. 8 p.m. Friday, Mayfair Park, 4550 W. Sunnyside Ave., Chicago, free, 312-742-1134.

“The Last Supper: 600 Plates Illustrating Final Meals of Death Row Inmates”: By contemporary artist Julie Green, features 600 white ceramic plates decorated with cobalt blue mineral paint to depict the last meal requests of U.S. death row inmates. Without naming the inmate or crime, the meals highlight the human dimension of capital punishment. 2 p.m. daily. Block Museum of Art, Fisk Hall, Room 217, Northwestern University, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000.

“G-Fest:” G-Fest is the largest regular gathering of Godzilla and Japanese monster fans in the world. Prices are for the entire weekend: $40 adult; $20 ages 15 and under; prices bought daily: $25 adult; $10 ages 15 and under; free children 5 and under. 9 a.m. Friday-Sunday, Crown Plaza O’Hare International, 5440 N. River Road, Rosemont, 630-551-0394.

“Join the Club! A new musical!” Packaged with upbeat songs that cover everything from love and marriage to Brazilian waxes and flying coach. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, $29-$35, 847-677-7761.

Free museum admission for military: Free admission is extended to all military personnel and their families through Labor Day in participation with Blue Star Museums. 10 a.m. daily, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4835.

Concerts in the Park: “The Music Man”: A rock band with a tropical twist enjoy favorites and much more. 7 p.m. Friday, Wright Field, 4th St. & Main St., West Dundee, free.

Saturday, July 11

Movies in the Parks: “The Lego Movie”: 8 p.m. Saturday, Loyola Park, 1230 W. Greenleaf Ave., free, 312-742-1134.
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“Bard Fiction”: Tarantino meets Shakespeare in this show, a Shakespearean retelling of Quentin Tarantino’s cult film classic Pulp Fiction. 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 5 p.m. Sunday, City Lit Theater Company, 1020 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, $30, 312-487-893.

“Jihad”: Take a powerful and unflinching look at the struggle between Israel and Hamas. 8:45 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday, Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, $15-$30, 773-975-8150

“All Our Tragedies”: Watch 32 surviving Greek tragedies. 11:30 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, The Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, free, 773-975-8150

Say You Love Me: Fleetwood Mac Turns 40! A Tribute: 8 p.m. Saturday and Monday, Davenport’s Piano Bar and Cabaret, 1383 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, $15 (2 drink minimum), 773-975-8150

“No Shame Theatre: Bring a less-than-five-minute piece of original work—monologue, stand-up, sketches, dance, poetry, original music, magic, mind-reading, performance art, storytelling—and sign up for the open mic. 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Lincoln Loft, 3036 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, $5 suggested donation, 773-680-4596

Movies in the Parks: “Casablanca”: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oz Park, 2021 N. Burling St., Chicago, free, 312-742-1134

Fireworks in Fox River Grove: The party kicks off with live music at 6 p.m. Fireworks round out the night 6 p.m. Saturday, Picnic Grove Park, Birch Lane, Fox River Grove, free, 847-639-3170

Areta Franklin: Performing The Great Diva Classics. 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Ravinia Festival, 418 Sherman Road, Highland Park, $38-$95, 847-266-5100

Navy Pier Summer Fireworks: 10:15 p.m. Saturday, Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave., Chicago, free, 312-595-7437

Cheryl Pope’s Just Yell: Leveling the Playing Field: As the artist in residence Cheryl Pope will transform the Garland Gallery. 2 p.m. Saturday, noon Tuesday-Wednesday, Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St., Chicago, free, 312-744-6630

Fiery and Beer: The group improvises based on an 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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Silver Screen Series: “Grease”: 2 p.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 640 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Saturday First Run Feature Film: Twice monthly film screening of pre-DVD release movies. 2 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

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Sunday, July 12

Meghan Trainor: With Life of Dillon, Charlie Puth. 7 p.m. Sunday, Aragon Ballroom, 1106 W. Lawrence Ave, Chicago, $35, 773-561-9500

Fred Eaglesmith and Tif Ginn: 8 p.m. Sunday, City Winery Chicago, 1200 W. Randolph St., Chicago, $18-$25, 312-733-9463

Movies In the Parks: “The Princess Bride”: 8 p.m. Sunday, Holstein Park, 2200 N. Oakley Ave, Chicago, free, 773-227-2937

Weekly Jazz Jam: 10:30 p.m. Sunday, Moe’s Tavern, 2937 N Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, free, 773-746-6100

Garfield Park Conservatory Farmers Market: 11 a.m. Sunday, Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave, Chicago, free, 312-745-0650

Mark Dvorak: noon Sunday, Schubas Tavern, 3159 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, free, 773-525-2508

Jay Brannan: 8 p.m. Sunday, Schubas Tavern, 3159 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, $20, 773-525-2508

Summer Vortex Market: Cruelty-free items. 11 a.m. Sunday, Vegan Vortex, 3619 West Fullerton Avenue, Chicago, free, 773-750-4201

Housebroken Loves Love: Tiberius. 8 p.m. Sunday, Public House, 400 N. State St., Chicago, $7, 312-265-1240

Wade Bowen: 11 p.m. Sunday, Joe’s Bar, 940 W. Weed St., Chicago, $8; Free with Windy City Smokeout ticket stub, 312-337-3486

Deerfield Historic Village: 2 p.m. Sunday, Deerfield Historic Village, 450 Kipling Place, Deerfield, free, 847-948-0680

Deerfield Park District Summer Sampler Concert Series: 5 p.m. Sunday, Mitchell Park, 951 Wilmot Road, Deerfield, free, 847-945-0650

Music Institute’s Free Faculty Recital: The program features music from Disney’s “Fantasia.” 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nichols Concert Hall, Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave, Evanston, free, 847-905-1500

“American Sniper”: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Chicago Symphony Orchestra: Performing Disney’s Fantasia and Fantasia 2000. 7 p.m. Sunday, Ravinia Festival, 418 Sheridan Rd., Highland Park, $25-$50, 847-266-5100

Capannari’s Concerts In the Park: Optical Distortion: Concerts last until 8 p.m. For information, call or visit the website. 6 p.m. Sunday, Capannari Ice Cream, 10 S. Pine St., Mt. Prospect, free, 847-392-2277

Sundae In the Park: The Northbrook Historical Society celebrates its 41st anniversary with sundaes in the park. 10 a.m. Sunday, Village Green Park, 1320 Sherman Road, Northbrook, free, 847-878-2134

Theatrical Reading “The Lilliput Troupe: A Play In Seven Dwarfs”: Story of Jewish traveling actors, most of them dwarfs, who survived Auschwitz and Mengele’s laboratory during World War II. 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4835

Monday, July 13

Downtown Sound: Matthew Sweet, In Tall Buildings: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St., Chicago, free, 312-742-5222

Vendors and crafters needed for holiday fair: Martin Luther Church holds its annual Holiday Fair. 10 a.m. Monday-Wednesday, Martin Luther Church, 6850 West Addison Street, Chicago, 773-777-8821

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

Tuesday, July 14

Band of Lovers and The Mudflapps: Band of Lovers is an indie/folk duo from Upstate NY with guitar, ukulele, and vocal harmonies. 8 p.m. Tuesday, Red Line Tap, 7006 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, $5 suggested, 773-274-5463

Faculty Extravaganza: Music Institute of Chicago piano faculty team up to perform works for two pianos and piano, four hands. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nichols Concert Hall, Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $30 adults; $20 Seniors; $10 Students, 847-905-1500

Irish music session: 7 p.m. Tuesday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Food Truck Festival featuring R-Gang: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Brummel Park, 800 Brummel St., Evanston, free

Wednesday, July 15

Eric Roberson: 8 p.m. Wednesday, City Winery Chicago, 1200 W. Randolph St., Chicago, $30-$40, 312-733-9463

“Fanatical: A Science Fiction Convention Musical”: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, The Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, $20

Movies, Munchies, & More: Film: "Maleficent": 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Country Music In the Park: 7 p.m. Tuesday, MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5008

Movies in the Parks: "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles": 8 p.m. Wednesday, Willve B. White Park (formerly Gale Park), 1610 W. Howard St., Chicago, free, 312-742-1134

Xyloir White: With Circuit des Yeux. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Schubas Tavern, 3159 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, $15, 773-725-2508

The Met: Live in HD / "La Fille du Regiment": 7 p.m. Wednesday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Xyloir White: With Circuit des Yeux. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Schubas Tavern, 3159 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, $15, 773-725-2508

Highwood Evening Farmers Market: 4 p.m. Wednesday, Everts Park, 130 Highwood Ave., Highwood, free, 847-433-2100

Capannari's Movie Night: "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2": Movies begin at dusk and will be shown on a large screen at the Village Green, in front of the Mount Prospect Village Hall. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Mount Prospect Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St., Mt. Prospect, free, 847-392-2277

Classics on Wednesday Film Series: Free weekly screening of classic films at the Northbrook Public Library. 1 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

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**MOVIES**

Now playing

"Inside Out" ★★★
PG, 1:35, animation. Home, and where the heart is, guides the thinking of "Inside Out" which follows a few months in the life of Riley (voiced by Kaitlyn Dias). She's the daughter of a loving Minnesota couple (Diane Lane and Kyle MacLachlan) whose lives are shaken up by a move to San Francisco. Suddenly Riley's sense of place is scrambled, and she's looking for a compass. Director Peter Docter's "Inside Out" springs from a single, terrific idea. What if a person's basic emotions were tiny humanoid sprites sharing a command center, a spacious variation on the one in the starship Enterprise but inside the human brain? While the idea isn't new, it is vastly adaptable. Saying "Inside Out" is the best Disney-Pixar picture since "Up" in 2009 says less than it should. — Michael Phillips

"Jurassic World" ★★★
PG-13, 2:10, action. Bailed out by a few good jolts, "Jurassic World" gets by, barely, as a marauding-dinosaurs narrative designed for a more jaded audience than the one "Jurassic Park" conquered back in 1993. Of course you know what you're getting in "Jurassic World," but I wasn't expecting the world, and I wouldn't have minded sharper jokes and grander action scenes. — M.P

"Max" ★★★
PG, 1:51, action. "Semper fidelis," the Romans used to purr into their dogs' ears, long before the Marine Corps adopted the Latin for "Always faithful" as their motto. Most faithful of all? Marine Corps war dogs. That's the message of "Max," a touching if somewhat clunky crowd-pleaser about one such dog who comes to live with the family of the soldier who died serving with him in Afghanistan. Director and co-writer Boaz Yakin ("Remember the Titans") shows weighty subplots that give Max a chance to battle the bad guys' dogs and perform almost supernatural feats of tracking. All the eye-rolling melodramatics may be crowd-pleasing, but it lengthens and clutters up the film. But the heart of "Max" is a boy growing up and learning to understand an always faithful dog. As sentimental and manipulative as their bonding moments are, they make "Max" work. You don't have to speak Latin to know a darned good dog, and a passable dog movie, when you see one. — Roger Moore

"Spy" ★★
R, 2:00, comedy. Melissa McCarthy's latest reunites her with "Bridesmaids" director Paul Feig for their third collaboration. Coming off "St. Vincent," McCarthy exhibits a newfound subtlety in the best scenes in "Spy," which is a strange thing to say about a film with a full quotient of R-rated trash talk, along with a barrage of violence played more or less straight, to mixed results. I prefer my comedies a little less bone-crunchy. But the cast, led by McCarthy as a behind-the-scenes C.I.A. analyst who finally gets a taste of the James Bond action, drives this vehicle with supreme confidence. The laughs are there, small bits and large. Feig has made three viable commercial comedies in a row, a minor miracle in itself. — M.P

"Ted 2" ★★★
R, 1:48, comedy. "Ted 2" reunites Mark Wahlberg's insecure wallflower character (it's called acting, folks) with the chubby little chubby all stuffed with fluff and racial, sexual, scatological and '80s-reference insults voiced, with movie-saving acumen, by co-writer and director Seth MacFarlane. "Saving" is relative. Madly uneven, more so than the mediocre 2012 hit that made half a billion worldwide, this one's an easy predictive call. If you got your laughs out of "Ted," you'll likely come crawling back for "Ted 2." It's not the same film, but it's same-adjacent. — M.P
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Aging baby boomers were supposed to bring a gray-haired danger to U.S. roads, with traffic safety experts predicting years ago that the number of deadly accidents involving older drivers would soar as boomers reached their golden years.

“I remember people talking about 2015 being way in the future?” said Jessica Cicchino, a senior research scientist at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. “It seems they’re changing what we thought of an ‘older driver.’ ”

The dire predictions made in the early 2000s were based on the assumption that fatal collisions involving older people would continue to rise, as they had since the 1970s, and then soar once the outsize post-World War II generation became increasingly frail and less likely to survive serious crashes.

Instead, boomers have remained healthier and stronger than anticipated. They’ve also benefited from unforeseen safety improvements — particularly side air bags and crash-avoidance systems such as automatic braking and lane-departure warnings — credited with reducing road fatalities for all ages.

But some traffic safety experts say it’s too soon to celebrate. Despite their overall better health and safer vehicles, older drivers remain disproportionately involved in fatal accidents. It’s not so much because their driving deteriorates, experts say. Rather, their brittle bones and chronic ailments, such as diabetes and heart disease, make them more likely to die from an accident that might leave a younger person with a few broken ribs.

While the number of vehicular fatalities for all age groups fell by 24 percent between 2004 and 2013, drivers 70 and older saw a less impressive 15 percent drop over that same period, Staplin said.

When the grim predictions of boomers doom didn’t play out, “I think a lot of people drew the conclusion that there wasn’t a problem after all,” said Staplin, managing partner of the traffic safety consulting firm Trans-Analytics. “But it’s not quite that rosy either.”

Boomers’ sheer numbers remain worrisome too. Over the next 35 years, the number of Americans 70 and older is expected to reach 64 million, or 16 percent of the population. That compares with 29 million people, or 9 percent of the population, in that age group three years ago, according to the insurance institute.

Moreover, some experts say the demographic bubble’s true impact won’t be felt on the road for another eight or so years. That’s when the oldest boomers will reach their late 70s, the age at which more recent studies have shown drivers’ odds of contributing to an accident increase significantly.

The chance of a driver at the traditional retirement age of 65 contributing to an accident was about the same as for motorists in their 30s, 40s and 50s, a federal study found. But by their 80s, drivers were as likely to contribute to a crash as teen drivers.

Kathy Sifrit, a research psychologist for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said the agency is doing more research into the relationship between driving, chronic health conditions and older people’s activity levels. That includes analyzing the best ways for state agencies to determine who should have their driver’s licenses renewed and whether more active lifestyles result in more physically fit and mentally sharp drivers.

“We want to understand what it is about some older drivers that undermines their ability to drive safely,” Sifrit said. “We don’t quite know how to identify these drivers yet. The goal is to help people stay mobile as long as they can, and to drive safely.”

Adding to the urgency, experts say, is that many boomers are among the first generation to spend much or all of their lives in the post-World War II auto-centric suburbs, where taking transit or walking is often inconvenient or difficult. They also expect to work and remain active longer than their parents did, increasing their need to drive longer or have other ways to get around.

“There are a lot of us who are going to outlive our ability to drive,” said Ann Delligser, transportation safety chief at the Centers for Disease Control’s Injury Prevention Center in Atlanta. “When that happens, what happens to our transportation options? I think we need some creative minds to look at those options.”

Andy Tydings, 63, of Olney, said he’s counting on the notion that autonomous vehicles will be widespread by the time he becomes unable to drive, a time he sees as “way in the future.”

“It won’t be an issue,” Tydings, who works in sales and marketing, said recently after updating his car registration at a Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration office in Gaithersburg. “You’ll just get in your Google car or Audi or Mercedes and say ‘Take me to Giant.’ ”

And how long does he plan to keep up his hobby of riding motorcycles? Tydings laughed. “I hope,” he said, “it’s forever.”
Cyclists challenged by hilly, 9.5-mile trail at Waterfall Glen

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Editor's note: This is the second in a series of stories about things for sports fans to do and see in and around the Pioneer Press coverage area.

For Oswaldo Rojas, biking through the Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve in Darien has become a part of his weekday routine.

The 38-year-old resident of Westmont arrives around 4 p.m. for his daily, Monday-through-Friday ride through Waterfall Glen, the longest — and one of the most popular — bicycle trails in the DuPage County Forest Preserve District.

He heads there after punching out as a cook at Dunkin' Donuts in Darien, where he reports at 7 a.m. He returns home to change and pick up his 26-inch Trek and pick up his 26-inch Trek.

Rojas parks at the trailhead and begins timing his ride through the 9.5-mile loop around the Argonne National Laboratory. On July 2, his stopwatch recorded 36 minutes, a bit longer than his personal-best of 33 minutes.

"It's my favorite [trail] and the longest," Rojas said. "The trail is good for everything. What I like first of all, is the hills. Sometimes you have to be careful about the horses."

At Waterfall Glen, bicyclists can bike clockwise or counterclockwise. The trail attracts riders from a wide area since it is just south of Interstate 55 between Lemont Road and Cass Avenue. An additional entrance off Lemont Road is south of the expressway exit.

Rojas said one of his favorite features is a long, steep climb up Vorta Hill between mile markers 4 and 5 while traveling clockwise. The hill comes halfway through the ride starting at the trailhead off Cass Avenue. Because of Vorta Hill and the changing grades of the trail, Rojas said he con-

Oswaldo Rojas

Sports writer George Wilcox tested out four area bike trails using his MongOOSE 29-inch mountain bike.

Wright Woods

Location: Mettawa
Surface: Limestone gravel and dirt
Distance: 2.7-mile loop (Yellow Trail)
Wildlife: Mosquitoes, deer

Did you know? Capt. Daniel Wright (1778-1873), who fought in the War of 1812, arrived from Rutland, Vermont, to become Lake County's first settler in 1833.

Summary: The Yellow Trail is the longest of six at the forest preserve, which is just a long stone's throw from the historic home of Adlai Stevenson near St. Mary's and Everett roads. The Yellow Trail is entirely wooded and much of it runs along the banks of the picturesque Des Plaines River. The trails at Wright Woods join with the Des Plaines River Bike Trail. Wright Woods also connects with the Half Day Forest Preserve trail in Lincolnshire.

North Branch (North Section)

Location: Glencoe
Surface: Asphalt
Distance: 4.4-mile loop (Black Trail)
Wildlife: Waterfowl

Did you know? Canoe and kayak rentals are available on Tower Road.

Summary: The paved path makes for a speedy trip around the Skokie Lagoons. Parking can be tight on Tower Road, so parking along Forest Way Drive near the picnic shelter is an option.

Biking Tips

- Only ride on designated trails, and travel in a controlled, consistent manner.
- Be especially careful around curves and in parking lots.
- Always ride single file on the right side of the trail. When passing alert visitors ahead with a polite call of "passing on your left."
- Be careful around horses, which may startle easily. Give them ample room. Do not pass horses on bridges.
Great success stories often start with a stroke of good luck.

Armando Barrón was a guest speaker in eighth grade. That was when he first learned about the Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund.

Growing up with relatively little money in Little Village, a predominantly Hispanic community on the southwest side of Chicago, private school seemed entirely out of reach. Barrón simply tried to avoid crime and stick to his studies in a neighborhood littered with danger and distraction.

“I stayed away from that and became a bookworm,” Barrón said.

When he learned about the Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund - which offers four-year high school scholarships, academic support and summer opportunities, including a residential caddie program at Lake Forest College - Barrón figured he had little chance of getting in. He had reason to be nervous. Of the approximately 1,000 Chicagoland eighth-grade applicants, 115 make it.

The average income for families of Daniel Murphy scholars is $33,000, according to executive director Andrew David. For many families, the fund provides opportunities that would otherwise be impossible.

“The Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund came in handy, allowing me to get a very good education for a low cost,” said Jordan Richardson, a rising senior at Mount Carmel who hails from the southwest side of Chicago. “I stayed away from that and became a bookworm.”

Barrón even gained his current desire to go into business on the advice of golfers he worked with.

“Perhaps the most amazing thing about the Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund caddie program is that none of the scholars enter with any golf expertise,” said Richardson. “At first, it’s very overwhelming, especially because you don’t know anything about the game of golf,” Barrón said. “Every summer, you get more experience and you know how to present yourself and you make good first impressions and you start meeting experienced golfers and you learn a lot from them.”

Richardson is hoping to earn an Evans scholarship to Indiana.

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“Many of those lives. The fund allowed him to attend De La Salle and its caddie program earned him an Evans scholarship to Marquette. Now, he’s working on a master’s degree in teaching at Loyola of Chicago.

“I had no knowledge of golf whatsoever,” said Richardson, currently in his third year of caddying.

The caddies attend a three-day training program in April, including two days of on-course instruction.

“I thought I was going to be very unprepared, but over the course of those three days, they taught me everything,” Richardson said. “I went in completely prepared.”

During their nine weeks of caddying, the caddies stay at a college - 30 boys stay at Lake Forest College and caddy on the North Shore during the summer.

They’re also meeting one another and their counselors, who tend to be successful program alumni; taking ACT prep courses; and listening to guest speakers. With their peers, some of whom are older, they discuss paths and how the younger caddies can improve their chances of getting an Evans scholarship.

The first time a caddie works with a golfer, the conversation might stick to the links. As caddies work with the same golfers time and time again, the conversations become more personal: Where are you going to college? What are you majoring in? This university would be a good fit for you.

Richardson even gained his current desire to go into business on the advice of golfers he worked with.

“They’re giving us hope,” Richardson said. “I come from the South Side of Chicago, where there aren’t any golf courses or anything for young people. It’s not too many successful adults. If it wasn’t for the caddie program, I wouldn’t have any aspirations. I wouldn’t have anyone to look up to if it wasn’t for this caddie program.”

“Those young men and women,” she said, “are the ones we look up to because what they someday hope to become.”

Jonah L. Rosenblum is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
**Jeff Sluman**

Age: 57  
Career PGA Tour wins/2nd-place finishes/3rd-place finishes: 6/15/10  
Best finish at a major: 1st (1988 PGA Championship)  
Career Champions Tour wins/2nd-place finishes/3rd-place finishes: 6/9/6  
Best finish on Champions Tour this year: fifth (Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge)  
Interesting fact: Four of Sluman's six PGA Tour wins came after his 40th birthday.  

Despite not winning a lot on the PGA Tour, the Hinsdale resident was one of the tour's most consistent money earners. He finished in the top 10 105 times in 700 tournaments to amass more than $18 million. Sluman has won one Champions Tour tournament in each of the last two seasons.

**Fred Couples**

Age: 55  
Career PGA Tour wins/2nd-place finishes/3rd-place finishes: 15/17/23  
Best finish at a major: first (1992 Masters)  
Career Champions Tour wins/2nd-place finishes/3rd-place finishes: 11/10/3  
Best finish on Champions Tour this year: third (Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai)  
Interesting fact: One of Couples' college roommates at Houston was Jim Nantz, the CBS sports broadcaster.  

A member of the World Golf Hall of Fame, Couples has been one of the most popular players during his four decades as a professional. In addition to his Masters victory, Couples won the Players Championship twice (1984 and 1996). He played on five Ryder Cup teams, helping the U.S. team to wins in 1991 and 1993. Couples joined the Champions Tour in 2010 and has won two senior majors. The Encompass Championship, where he finished second in 2013, is only his fourth Champions Tour event this season.

**Lee Janzen**

Age: 50  
Career PGA Tour wins/2nd-place finishes/3rd-place finishes: 8/7/8  
Career Champions Tour wins/2nd-place finishes/3rd-place finishes: 1/0/0  
Best finish on Champions Tour this year: first (ACE Group Classic)  
Interesting fact: For the first time since 2008, Janzen was in the field at the U.S. Open this year by earning medalist honors at a sectional qualifying site. He missed the cut at Chambers Bay.  

In his first full season on the Champions Tour, Janzen already has one win and tied for fifth at the U.S. Senior Open on June 28. He sits seventh in the Schwab Cup standings. As an amateur, Janzen led his college, Florida Southern, to Division II national titles in 1985 and 1986. He was the medalist in 1986.

**Bernhard Langer**

Age: 57  
Career PGA Tour wins/2nd-place finishes/3rd-place finishes: 3/9/8  
Best finish at a major: first (1985, 1993 Masters)  
Career Champions Tour wins/2nd-place finishes/3rd-place finishes: 24/17/15  
Best finish on Champions Tour this year: third (Constellation Senior Players Championship)  
Interesting fact: When the Official World Golf Rankings were introduced in 1986, Langer opened as the No. 1-ranked player.  

The German native is a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame, having won 42 times on the European Tour, which is the second most all-time. He played on 10 Ryder Cup teams and is one of only four golfers to have won at least one official tournament on all six continents that golf is played. The others are Gary Player, David Graham and Hale Irwin. Langer took the Schwab Cup title last year and sits in third place this season with 1,874 points.
Kenny Perry
Age: 54
Career PGA Tour wins/2nd-place finishes/3rd-place finishes: 14/10/12
Best finish at a major: 2nd (1996 PGA Championship, 2009 Masters)
Career Champions Tour wins/2nd-place finishes/3rd-place finishes: 7/7/5
Best finish on Champions Tour this year: 2nd (Insperity Invitational)
Interesting fact: Perry is No. 17 on the PGA Tour's all-time money winners list with more than $32 million in earnings.

Both of his runner-up finishes at major championships came in playoffs. At 48, Perry was leading the 2009 Masters by two strokes with two holes to play, but he made bogeys on Nos. 17 and 18 to force a playoff with eventual winner Angel Cabrera and Chad Campbell. Perry played in the 2008 Ryder Cup, helping the U.S. beat Europe at Valhalla Golf Club in his native Kentucky. It was the Americans' first victory since 1999, and they haven't won since then. Perry was the Champions Tour's Schwab Cup winner in 2013.

Colin Montgomerie
Age: 52
Career PGA Tour wins/2nd-place finishes/3rd-place finishes: 0/6/4
Career Champions Tour wins/2nd-place finishes/3rd-place finishes: 3/3/3
Best finish on Champions Tour this year: 1st (Senior PGA Championship presented by KitchenAid)
Interesting fact: Montgomerie was involved in eight playoffs during his career on the European and PGA Tours and never won one outright. (However, he tied for first at the European Tour's Volvo Masters Andalucia in 2002 when the playoff was scrapped because of darkness.)

Montgomerie won 31 times on the European Tour and is known for his play at the Ryder Cup. He owns a 20-9-7 record. All three of his victories on the senior circuit have been majors. Montgomerie enters the Encompass Championship leading the Schwab Cup.

Peter Jacobsen
Age: 61
Career PGA Tour wins/2nd-place finishes/3rd-place finishes: 7/15/8
Best finish at a major: 3rd (1983, 1986 PGA Championship)
Career Champions Tour wins/2nd-place finishes/3rd-place finishes: 2/2/4
Best finish on Champions Tour this year: 22nd (Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge)
Interesting fact: He provided video and audio commentary for various versions of the Golden Tee Golf arcade game.

A PGA Tour player since 1976, Jacobsen competed on two Ryder Cup teams (1985 and 1995) during his 30-plus seasons. His seventh and final PGA Tour win came in 2003 at the Greater Hartford Open at the age of 49. In his rookie year on the Champions Tour, Jacobsen won the 2004 U.S. Senior Open. He added his second major title the following year by winning the Senior Players Championship. Jacobsen also works as an analyst and tower announcer for Golf Channel and NBC.

Jeff Maggert
Age: 51
Career PGA Tour wins/2nd-place finishes/3rd-place finishes: 3/16/12
Career Champions Tour wins/2nd-place finishes/3rd-place finishes: 3/0/1
Best finish on Champions Tour this year: 1st (Regions Tradition; U.S. Senior Open)
Interesting fact: Maggert is the only golfer to have made more than one double eagle (3-under par on one hole) in major championships. He did it once during the 1994 Masters and again in the 2001 British Open.

An All-American at Texas A&M, Maggert turned pro in 1986 and was named player of the year on the Ben Hogan Tour (now Web.com Tour) in 1990. He joined the PGA Tour in 1999, competed in three Ryder Cups and rose as high as No. 13 in the world rankings. Maggert is second in the Schwab Cup standings this season with 2,248 points.

— Matt Harness, Pioneer Press
The fan's guide to North Shore Country Club

North Shore Country Club will host the Encompass Championship from July 10-12.

Tickets
- Children under 18 years old will receive free admission into the Encompass Championship. Children's tickets will be available at the entrance regardless of a sellout.
- A one-day grounds pass for adults is $20 and is valid any one day July 8-12. Champions Club passes are $250 per day, and include tournament admission, lunch, afternoon hors d'oeuvres, full bar service and access to the air conditioned tent along the 18th fairway.
- All military — both active and retired — receive free admission (plus a guest) to the Encompass Championship with military ID.

The Format
The Encompass Championship Pro-Am format will pair all Champions Tour professionals with celebrities and amateurs for the first two rounds of competition. The stars and amateurs depart for Sunday's final round, when the Champions Tour professionals will compete for the individual title and the $1.8 million purse.

Schedule
**July 10**
- 7:15 a.m.-1:35 p.m.: First round Encompass Championship Pro-Am starting times (1st and 10th tee start)
- 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Live television coverage on Golf Channel

**July 11**
- 7:15 a.m.-1:35 p.m.: Second round Encompass Championship Pro-Am starting times (1st and 10th tee start)
- 2 p.m.-5 p.m.: Live television coverage on Golf Channel

Trophy presentation on No. 18 green at conclusion of play

Parking
- VIP Parking is located at Niles North on the southwest corner of Old Orchard Road and Lawler Ave. VIP parking passes are required to park in this area. Complimentary shuttle service will be provided to North Shore Country Club.
- General spectator parking is complimentary and located at Old Orchard Mall at the corner of Golf Road and Lavergne Ave. No parking pass is required for this parking, and complimentary shuttle service will be provided to North Shore Country Club.
- Handicap parking is located in the VIP parking lot at Niles North on the southwest corner of Old Orchard Road and Lawler Ave. Display your handicap parking pass for access to the lot. ADA shuttle buses will operate daily from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Shuttles drop off and pick up at the clubhouse.

Vantage Points
- Once spectators pass through the main gate, they'll have a short walk to a point where two tee boxes (Nos. 1 and 10), two greens (Nos. 9 and 18) and North Shore's clubhouse are within 100 yards of one another.
- During past tournaments, the heaviest crowds have gathered in the loose triangle outlined by Nos. 10 and 11. That doesn't figure to change this year as the Encompass Fan Zone will again be stationed adjacent to the 18th fairway. The area will be open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. during tournament week and will feature booths from several of the tournament's high-profile sponsors as well as the main concession stand and bar. The Encompass Insurance area will include a putting green and the opportunity to win a visit to the World Golf Hall of Fame, and other sponsors will offer giveaways and chances to meet Champions Tour players.
- Ambitious patrons will leave the safety of the clubhouse and venture onto the holes in North Shore's northeast corner. It's a bit of a hike, but the reward might be an uncompromised view from the ropes.
- Fans who are lucky enough to snag a spot behind the green at No. 12 can watch two par 3s — a tricky shot over water at 12 and the difficult 231-yard 17th.

Celebrity Players
Some of the celebrities competing in the pro-am event (as of July 6) include former Chicago Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher, former Bears long snapper Patrick Mannelly, former Chicago White Sox outfielder Jermaine Dye, Bears kicker Robbie Gould and former Chicago Blackhawks center Jeremy Roenick. The celebrity portion of the competition is held on July 10-11.
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