Classes back in session

Many Niles Township districts start 2017-18 school year. Page 10

Culver School Principal Peggie Maniscalo, of Niles School District 71, greets children with hugs and high-fives Aug. 23 during the first day of school. Maniscalo said she enjoys starting her day with greeting students as they arrive.

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In court, singer earns her role model status

Columnist Randy Blaser is going public as a proud Taylor Swift fan after the artist's legal victory against a man who groped her, offering "confidence and strength" to women in similar situations. Page 14

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You-pick apple season is starting at area orchards. Page 16
Janely Herrera, local police officer

The Skokie Police Department in recent years has welcomed more young police officers to the force as older personnel have retired. Janely Herrera is in her second year as a Skokie police officer, commuting from Westchester every day for her job, she says.

Q: Where did you grow up?
A: I grew up in the city of Chicago in Rogers Park.

Q: Pets?
A: I don't have pets now. I used to have a Teacup Yorkie named Mocha after my favorite coffee.

Q: What book are you currently reading and what book would you like to read next?
A: I'm not reading a specific book right now. I'm just catching up on (work). There's a lot of books I'd like to read.

Q: First job?
A: My first job was with a cellphone company. I was a sales rep for U.S. Cellular. I like this better. We all have to start somewhere.

Q: As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?
A: I always wanted to be a police officer for multiple reasons. I grew up in the city and in that area, police are not deemed as a friend and they're seen as the enemy. So people were not comfortable coming to police. It was quite the opposite. I wanted to change that.

Q: Favorite charity?
A: My niece wears prescription sunglasses and a lot of time they go to Sunglass Hut and they have some kind of charity there where spare change is rounded up and goes to helping people in need. (OneSight). I think it's a great charity program.

Q: Words of wisdom?
A: Set no limits, set no barriers for yourself.

Q: Favorite local restaurant?
A: It's between Dengeos and Grecian Kitchen, those are the top two.

Q: What is an interesting factoid about yourself?
A: I do Krav Maga martial arts. It's a more realistic reality-based training that helps you on the streets. If somebody comes and attacks you from the front, you're more prepared. It's very popular — especially among law enforcement officers because you actually get to practice a lot of take-down techniques.
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NU rower who died couldn't swim

That ability wasn't a team requirement, members told police

BY JOHN KEILMAN
Chicago Tribune

A Northwestern University rower who drowned in April after being ejected from his racing boat told a teammate a few days before his death that he couldn't swim, according to an Illinois State Police report.

The report into Mohammed Ramzan's death, released to the Tribune under a Freedom of Information Act request, also quotes several team members as saying they didn't have to pass a swim test before being allowed on the water — even though they, like most rowers, didn't wear flotation devices.

Ramzan, a 19-year-old freshman, had rowed with the team only a few times before reporting for practice on the North Shore Channel the morning of April 10, the report says. He was on an eight-rower boat with other novices, their coach traveling nearby in a motorized launch.

The team was finishing its final training set when the blade of Ramzan's oar entered the water incorrectly, causing the handle to snap back on him. The force of the blow apparently knocked him out of the boat, the report says; investigators later found an abrasion on the right side of his face.

Some teammates said they saw him briefly bob at the surface before disappearing. The coach and another rower leaped into the cold, murky water but were unable to find him. Rescue divers found his body about 12 hours later at the bottom of the 10-foot-deep channel.

Getting struck by an oar is known as "catching a crab," and it's not an unusual occurrence in the sport. One club member told police that just one week before Ramzan's death, a "female rower was ejected from a rig, hit her head and suffered a concussion."

Still, several rowers said the club did not require swimming ability. A Northwestern coxswain who was on the water that morning said Ramzan had told her two or three days earlier that he couldn't swim. "(The coxswain) stated it seemed like an off-hand comment," the report says. "(She) stated she did not think much about it because it is so rare for someone to fall in the water."

Team members gave varying answers about what was supposed to happen if a rower fell into the water, with some saying the coach was supposed to respond, and others that there was no established protocol.

"(A rower) stated ... it was assumed people would assist the person," an investigator wrote.

Rowing is a student-managed sport at Northwestern, but university spokesman Alan Cubbage said the department of athletics and recreation reviewed the club's safety practices after Ramzan's death.

"Following the review, Northwestern Crew implemented a series of actions to further enhance the safety of participants, including additional training for team members and coaches, requiring members wishing to practice on water or compete at regattas to view safety videos and requiring members to pass a safety exam," he said.

He declined to comment further. A member of Ramzan's family did not respond to messages seeking comment.

The report says neither Ramzan nor his teammates wore life vests, though the coach's boat carried several. Some of the rowers told police that wearing flotation devices would restrict their mobility.

USRowing did not immediately comment, but the organization has previously said its swim test provision is only a recommendation.

Marc Messing, an EMT in Ithaca, NY, who publishes a blog on rowing safety, said it's time for the guideline to become an iron-clad rule.

He said clubs should have to declare that they follow safety rules — including the administration of swimming tests — before being allowed to compete in USRowing-sanctioned events. Without that, he said, what he believes is a blase approach toward safety will continue.

The prevailing attitude has been that there hasn't been a (drowning) death in decades, the issue is overblown," he said. "That's what we hear over and over again ... without any deeper thought to the data that exist."

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POLICE BLOTTER

The following items were taken from the Niles Police Department reports. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS

Ryan Castillo, 30, of the 3700 block of West Giddings Street, Chicago, was charged with criminal trespass to a vehicle on Aug. 16 following the traffic stop of a vehicle that had been reported stolen, police said. According to police, Castillo was a passenger in the car, which was driven by Andrew T. Bautista, 49, of the 4500 block of Keystone Avenue, Chicago, who was charged with driving without a valid license. Another passenger, identified as Kelly J. Bussey, 41, of the 5400 block of North Christiana Avenue, Chicago, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, according to police.

Castillo and Bautista are each scheduled to appear in court Sept. 27. Bussey is scheduled to appear in court Sept. 11.

ORDER OF PROTECTION VIOLATION

Kenneth J. Pashelke, 52, of the 8000 block of Osceola Avenue, was charged with violating an order of protection on Aug. 12.

DUI

Toni Fisher, 52, of Miami Gardens, Fla., was charged with driving under the influence, speeding and illegal transportation of alcohol Aug. 12, following an incident in the 7300 block of Dempster Street. Fisher is scheduled to appear in court Sept. 11.

Susan M. Kierys, 58, of the 6100 block of Touhy Avenue, was charged with driving under the influence, driving without lights and driving without proof of insurance on the night of Aug. 15, following an incident in the 6100 block of Touhy Avenue.

Kierys is scheduled to appear in court Sept. 6.

Kamal R. Sharma, 40, of the 8200 block of Elizabeth Street, was charged with driving under the influence, no proof of insurance, improper lane usage and improper signaling on the night of Aug. 16, following an incident in the 7600 block of Dempster Street. Sharma is scheduled to appear in court Sept. 6.

ASSAULT

Police on Aug. 15 said an employee of an assisted living facility in the 6600 block of Milwaukee Avenue was fired for "violating other employees' personal space" and then made threats to return and harm workers.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

A 26-year-old man was ticketed Aug. 14 after police said he urinated in public in the 9200 block of Milwaukee Avenue.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION

A 41-year-old man was ticketed with public intoxication on Aug. 13 after police said he caused a disturbance at a restaurant in the 9000 block of Milwaukee Avenue.

THEFT

A $200 bicycle was reportedly stolen Aug. 15 from a playground in the 4900 block of Hamlin Avenue.

A customer of a business in the 7200 block of Dempster Street allegedly paid for $607 worth of car repairs using a credit card that turned out to be stolen.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

A window was reported broken at Gemini Junior High School, 8955 N. Greenwood Ave., between Aug. 11 and 14.
Police: Push for residents to 'say something' leads to arrest

Man suspected in multiple Morton Grove burglaries

BY BRIAN L. COX
Pioneer Press

Morton Grove police are crediting an alert resident with leading them to a man charged with breaking into numerous vehicles and garages in the suburb, authorities said Aug. 25.

Christopher Stachon-Groblowy, 23, of Niles, was charged Aug. 24 with multiple felonies including burglary, theft and possession of controlled substances, police said in a news release.

According to police, officers working the midnight shift were able to nab Stachon-Groblowy after a homeowner reportedly saw him acting suspiciously and entering a garage.

The homeowner confronted Stachon-Groblowy — who ran away, said police.

According to the release, officers responding to a 911 call searched the area and found Stachon-Groblowy "hiding behind Hynes School and in possession of numerous items that he could not account for."

He was arrested in the 9000 block of Belleforte Avenue, the release states.

Police identified numerous vehicles and garages that had allegedly been entered by Stachon-Groblowy and were also able to identify the owners of the recovered property, according to the release.

Morton Grove police praised the homeowner who noticed what was considered suspicious activity and then called 911. The actions, police said in the release, were in line with their call for residents to be engaged in crime prevention efforts:

"See Something. Say Something."

As of Aug. 28, Stachon-Groblowy was being held in Cook County Jail. He is scheduled to appear in court again Sept. 7, according to information from the Cook County Sheriff's Office.

Brian L. Cox is a freelancer.

Police arrest man who allegedly shot into air while driving

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

A 19-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly shooting a gun into the air multiple times in a residential neighborhood, Niles police announced in a news release.

Nico C. Campus, of the 10000 block of Linda Lane in unincorporated Maine Township near Des Plaines, was charged Aug. 23 with reckless discharge of a firearm and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon in connection with an incident reported the previous week, police said.

Bond was set at $50,000 for Campus during a hearing Aug. 24 at the Skokie courthouse.

According to the release, shortly before 9:30 p.m., Aug. 17, officers responded to the 7200 block of Greenleaf Avenue, where a man reported hearing three gunshots in the area.

The man provided police with surveillance video that authorities said showed the driver of a car discharging a handgun into the air as his passenger exited the vehicle on Greenleaf Avenue near Harlem Avenue and walked down the street.

As the car drove west on Greenleaf Avenue, the driver fired two more rounds from his gun, police said.

Using information gathered from the car's passenger and narrowing down a list of his "known associates," detectives identified Campus as a person of interest, said Niles police Cmdr. Robert Tornabene.

Police began conducting surveillance on Campus' home, where he was taken into custody, police said.

Campus was shooting into the air on the night of Aug. 17 and was not targeting anyone, Tornabene said.

"This is nothing the public was at risk for," he said.

"This was a very isolated incident."

At the time of Campus' arrest, police had not located the gun that was believed to have been used, Tornabene said.

Campus did not have a Firearm Owners Identification card, he added.

During their investigation, detectives did not find anything to suggest Campus has a gang affiliation, Tornabene said.

Campus is scheduled to appear in court again Sep. 19, according to information on the Cook County Sheriff's website.

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The Volo Auto Museum's latest acquisition is a 1988 Cadillac limousine, and its allure is not so much that the car has its own fax machine as who its owner was.

Donald Trump, nearly three decades from becoming president, planned to market the luxurious stretch limos with the Trump brand, but the deal fell through. One of the prototypes now has been acquired by the northwest suburban auto museum, which houses about 400 eclectic cars, many of which belonged to celebrities.

“We’re not making a political statement one way or the other,” museum director Brian Grams said in a news release.

The ride, with its golden “Cadillac Trump Series” hood ornament, is equipped with a television, VCR (remember, it was the ‘80s), three telephones (one in the front and two in the back), a paper shredder, an electric bar — and the fax machine. It also boasts “gold-plated and rosewood interior embellishments” and a roof that was raised for added headroom, according to the release.

According to Grams and published reports, the future president made a deal with Cadillac to produce the Trump-branded, limited-edition limousines and was going to purchase the first 50 but never followed through with the order after purchasing the first two, one for his father.

The Volo museum has paperwork as well as brochures featuring Trump that were developed for marketing the never-produced line, according to the museum release.

Grams said one of the two prototypes sold at auction in England for $72,000, leading Grams to wonder what happened to the second car.

He said it was found in private ownership. It was parked indoors with just 21,000 miles on it. He bought it from the daughter of its now-deceased second owner, according to the release, which did not include the price of the sale.

He plans to feature it within a week in the museum's Cars of the Rich and Famous exhibit.

“It’s definitely another historical find,” Grams said. “We’re sure visitors will be intrigued.”

This 1988 Cadillac limousine is now owned by the Volo Auto Museum. Donald Trump, nearly three decades from becoming president, planned to market the luxurious stretch limos with the Trump brand, but the deal fell through.
The fall semester started Aug. 21 at Oakton Community College - the first time in recent years with the state having a budget in place - and students will have to shell out more to take classes there.

Tuition is increasing again this year at the state-run, two-year college following the budget impasse that ended this past spring. But officials said state money for the 2017-18 school year has been received and stopgap measures should not be necessary to cover previously missed funding from Springfield.

Students will pay $136.25 per credit hour starting this fall semester, said Oakton College spokesman Paul Palian. That cost is up from the $123.25 per credit hour charged during the 2016-17 academic year.

The decision to increase tuition each of the next two years was made in March 2016 in the middle of what turned out to be a two-year state budget impasse. After a new state spending plan was passed in July, Palian said the only other change this year is to eliminate a child care lab on the Des Plaines campus that duplicated similar efforts in child research on the Skokie campus.

That cut was "the only funding-related thing we had happen" so far this year, Palian said.

Oakton Community College trustees previously approved a $119.7 million budget for the school's fiscal year 2018, which was more than $1.3 million less than the $121 million for FY17, according to college financial information.

Cost savings trustees budgeted, according to the financial information, included not funding nearly two dozen vacant positions at the college, with an anticipated savings of $1 million.

The college also plans to keep this school year's utility costs about the same as FY17, which could mean another $86,000 in savings.

While the state's public elementary and high school districts continue to wait on money from Springfield, Oakton and other colleges report having already received some - if not all - of their state funds.

That's good news for the Oakton Community College Educational Foundation, the college's fundraising arm, which earlier this year approved spending more than $1.3 million to cover scholarships and grants for 2017-18.

The foundation chipped in at least the last two academic years when the state announced that Monetary Award Program funds would not be disbursed for thousands of low-income Illinois students attending state colleges and universities.

The foundation money approved included $500,000 in, "endowed and restricted scholarships" and $375,000 to help cover about half of the MAP grants awarded to Oakton students in case the state halted that money again, according to a statement from the college released in May.

The money set aside for MAP grants this year was an increase over the $225,000 spent to cover the awards from the 2016-17 school year, which was during the budget impasse, according to the statement.

"It's an honor for us to continue to support Oakton's mission of student success," Mary Knight, executive director of development, said in the May statement. "Impacting student persistence by awarding scholarships and covering MAP grant funding is one of the highest priorities of the Oakton Educational Foundation."

Illinois got a budget in July after going 736 days without one.

Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner vetoed the Democrat-backed spending plan that included an income tax increase, but the Legislature voted successfully July 6 to override his veto.
Noted for coordinating Obama's 2014 visit to NU

By Genevieve Bookwalter
Pioneer Press

Northwestern University police Cmdr. Shaun Johnson, 57, died Aug. 9 after a battle with cancer, university police officials said.

A member of the Northwestern police force since 1989, Johnson, of Gurnee, rose from officer to sergeant, then became a lieutenant before being named commander of emergency preparedness, said Northwestern police Chief Bruce Lewis.

"Shaun's contributions had a significant impact on keeping Northwestern prepared for any type of natural, technological, terrorism or health crisis. Shaun worked closely with the campus community, as well as Evanston police and Evanston fire, to upgrade our emergency preparedness plans," Lewis said.

A high point of Johnson's career was when he served as the principal planner who coordinated police and other agencies as they prepared for former President Barack Obama's campus visit in 2014, Lewis said.

"The day went so well, Lewis said, that Johnson was commended by members of Obama's Secret Service detail."

Evanston police Cmdr. Joseph Dugan paid his regards to Johnson.

"His death is sad and untimely," Dugan said. "He served the Northwestern University community with dignity and was a consummate professional. We had an excellent working relationship with Cmdr. Johnson. It was an honor and privilege to work with him, he attended our weekly deployment meetings, coordinated many emergency preparedness drills. He was a true representative of not only the Northwestern University Police Department, but also law enforcement as a whole."

Outside of work, Lewis recalled Johnson's work as an adviser to ROTC students at Northwestern. The commander prided himself as a Renaissance man, Lewis said, "and found fulfillment in photography, scuba diving and spending time with his family."

"Shaun will be deeply missed and forever remembered as a kind and generous friend to the entire Northwestern community," Lewis said.

Services are scheduled for Sept. 9 at Gages Lake Bible Church, 18788 W. Gages Lake Road in Gages Lake. A visitation will precede the service.

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Local districts welcome students for start of 2017-18 school year

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

Several Niles Township elementary schools welcomed thousands of students for the first day of classes last week under clear skies and mild temperatures — as if the perfect back-to-school weather had been ordered up.

“This is the best part of my day,” said Culver School Principal Peggie Maniscalo of Niles School District 71, waiting Aug. 23 for the first buses to arrive for the school’s 7:55 a.m. start. “Truly, this is the best part of my day. I love it. It’s a great way to start your day, see the kids, and I get lots of hugs.”

As if on cue, minutes later children were filing off of buses and delivering high-fives and hugs to the principal, who said she has been with the district for 18 years.

Students were welcomed back Aug. 22 at Skokie-Fairview School District 72, Morton Grove School District 70, Lincolnwood’s East Prairie School District 73 and Lincolnwood School District 74, and Skokie/Morton Grove School District 69 all started the new school year Aug. 23.

Classes resumed Aug. 24 at Skokie School District 68. Aug. 23 marked the first day of school for many Niles Township schools.

“I love it. It’s a great way to start your day, see the kids, and I get lots of hugs.”

Maniscalo said she is not

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a big believer in that.

"I'm of the belief that let's just get into it, get them used to it, and we can ease them into the routine inside the school," she said.

Maniscalo was not the only one waiting for the buses in Niles Wednesday morning. So, too, were Culver seventh graders Yanna Grammas and Sofia Zlatkovic, but they were ready to board them and head to Niles West High School for an honors algebra class.

Grammas said she looks forward to seeing people again on the first day of school but not to summer ending. Still, she said, starting school as a full day makes more sense to her because the day is "pretty easy," she said.

Many Niles Township districts held social events prior to the opening of school so that children are eased back into school life, educators said.

Principal Peggie Maniscalo of Niles School District 71's Culver School and Superintendent John Kosirog talk to a bus driver Aug. 23 after kids were dropped off.

Typical of such events was a Popsicle Social held Aug. 21 at District 68's Highland School in Skokie. Families spread across the Highland playground where Popsicles were handed out. Some children met their teachers for the first time, others headed straight for the playground to continue their summer fun.

"It's much better than just showing up and not knowing anyone," said Raluca Brandusa, parent of second grader Luca Seraf. "It reduces the anxiety of the kids. He loves this. It's a sense of community."

Sponsored by the Highland School Parent Teacher Association, the event was made possible by volunteers who continued delivering icy treats to the children for its duration.

"This event has been going on for only three years," said Daniel Galvin, whose wife, Katie, was a volunteer, handing out the treats. "It's really nice because it gives children a chance to be at the school and see some of their friends and meet some of their teachers before the bell officially rings."

The Galvins said they especially appreciate easing kids into school this year since they have four of them — all of whom are attending Highland.
Summer 'play dates' find a following

BY KYRA SENESE
Pioneer Press

The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department turned several Thursdays into pop-up play dates with the community, hosting again this summer the program that last year garnered state recognition.

The Community Park Play Dates program ran June 22 through Aug. 10.

The program received an "Outstanding Program" award from the Illinois Park and Recreation Association last year, and organizers are actively planning ways to add to the event lineup next year.

"We're always trying to look for new and different ways to reach out to the community," said Lincolnwood Marketing and Community Outreach Coordinator Linda Vering.

The play dates were open to children of all ages and allowed them to do such activities as create pipe cleaner paintings and make sand art, as well as play games like Sharks and Minnows. There was also time allotted to allow the children to enjoy simply play with each other on the playground.

The play dates were held at different parks each time and were offered free of charge, organizers said.

Vering explained that though the program incurred costs, it was important to the organizers that the program be free, like the village's summer concert series and Halloween events.

"We wanted this to be (free) so we know people don't have to worry about even bringing a couple dollars with them," she said.

"They can just come as they are and show up and have fun."

Vering said the idea to bring the play dates program to Lincolnwood was appealing because the village has 13 parks. Having the event at a different one each time offered a variety of spaces for children of all ages to enjoy the outdoors and allowed parents to mingle and visit different parts of town.

"We thought, 'How fun would it be to just go out and meet people right in their neighborhood park?' That encourages people who don't live in that neighborhood to visit a different area they're not familiar with and bring people together from different walks, religions, races and gather in the park," Vering said.

"To be outside, running around, playing, talking to each other and actually engaging is something you can't take for granted anymore," she added. "Any opportunity to do that is well worth doing."

Lincolnwood day camp counselor Martin Melto, second from left, shows his Popsicle art to, from left, Axell, 10; Jackie, 16; and Raven, 12, on Aug. 10 at O'Brien Park as part of Lincolnwood's Community Park Play Date program.

Raven, 12, puts together Popsicle art Aug. 10 at O'Brien Park as part of the Community Park Play Date program.

Raven, 12, right, works with day camp counselor Jackie, 16, to assemble Popsicle art on Aug. 10 at O'Brien Park during the Community Park Play Date program.
$148M awarded to Vernon Hills woman in O'Hare bus shelter collapse

Dance student Tierney Darden paralyzed in 2015

By Stephen Schmadeke and Mary Wisniewski
Chicago Tribune

A Cook County jury on Aug. 23 awarded $148 million to a suburban woman who was partially paralyzed by a collapsing O'Hare International Airport bus shelter during an August storm two years ago.

Tierney Darden, 26, of Vernon Hills, the woman injured by the falling shelter, held her left hand up to her face and cried as Judge Clare McWilliams read the jury's decision in a downtown Chicago Daley Center courtroom. The trial lasted seven days and the jury deliberated four hours.

"Tierney was truly a victim of wrongful conduct by the city at O'Hare, resulting in the shelter causing a devastating injury to her," her attorney, Patrick Salvi, told reporters outside the courtroom. "We're very grateful that the jury recognized the severity of her injury and the long road that she has ahead of her."

The $148 million verdict is the largest against the city in a personal injury case, according to a spokeswoman for the Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard law firm.

On the afternoon of Aug. 2, 2015, Darden, then a dance student, was standing with her mother and 19-year-old sister outside the airport on a lower-level street that accesses Terminal 2, according to the law firm.

The three women had just returned to Chicago from Minneapolis, where they were shopping for bridesmaid dresses for an upcoming wedding, Darden's lawyers said. A storm rolled through the area as the women were waiting to be picked up, and a pedestrian shelter came loose and fell onto Darden.

Darden's spinal cord was severed, and she was left paralyzed from the waist down, her lawyers said.

Before the incident, Darden had lived independently in Chicago and was attending Truman College. She now lives in Vernon Hills with her father, according to the law firm.

It was determined the shelter that injured Tierney had missing bolts, Darden's lawyers said. An investigation later found other shelters at O'Hare were poorly maintained, with missing bolts, corroded parts or broken brackets, her lawyers said.

The city of Chicago admitted liability for the conduct that caused Darden's injuries, her lawyers said. The trial was to determine damages only.

The city did not have an immediate comment on the verdict.

Area police to step up traffic enforcement over weekend

By Kyra Senese
Pioneer Press

As people enjoy barbecues, splash in public pools and partake in other activities over the holiday weekend that marks the unofficial end of summer, police in area towns have announced they will be on the watch for impaired and distracted drivers and other scofflaws.

As Labor Day approaches, the Lincolnwood and Morton Grove police say they will increase traffic enforcement plans throughout the remaining days of August and during the holiday weekend.

Officials at both police departments say they will each collaborate with the Illinois Department of Transportation to enforce proper seat belt use and keeping intoxicated individuals off the roadways.

"Our goal is to advance public awareness regarding both motorists and passengers wearing seat belts and to refrain from operating motor vehicles while impaired," Lincolnwood police Sgt. Justin Lauria said in a news release.

Plans include several concentrated patrols to be carried out throughout the heightened enforcement period.

Morton Grove police call their plan "The Labor Day 2017 Impaired Driving and Occupant Protection Mobilization," and stressed in a news release that there will be "aggressive" DUI enforcement.

Kyra Senese is a freelancer.
Why I’m going public as a Taylor Swift fan

Through Swift’s example, perhaps girls and young women will have more confidence and strength to press for charges when something like that happens to them.

Singer-songwriter Taylor Swift performs in February 2016 during the 58th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

If you missed what happened in the wake of President Trump’s latest controversy, Russia, Charlottesville, Va., and the eclipse, let me fill you in.

After giving a concert in Denver in June 2013, Swift met backstage for pictures including one with a local radio station’s DJ. During the photo op, Swift claimed the DJ grabbed her on her rear end. Swift’s security team soon accused the DJ of groping the star, and he was subsequently fired from his job.

The DJ then sued Swift for damages, claiming her wrongful accusation led to his firing and loss of income. Swift then countersued, which resulted in the trial earlier this month.

The jury found in favor of the pop star and awarded her $1.

During testimony, the DJ claimed he was trying to reach around Swift and maybe touched her rib. I’ve seen the photo that was taken of the group and the DJ’s hand is nowhere near Swift’s rib. As a matter of fact, his hand is placed where no self-respecting gentleman would ever put his hand when posing with a young woman.

During her testimony, Swift was a star witness, clear and confident about what happened, and how she was not responsible for the consequences that befell the DJ from his bad behavior.

After the trial, she said she would soon be making donations to organizations that help sexual assault victims defend themselves.

That’s why I think what she’s doing is great. And that’s why I’ve gone public as a real fan.

I’m not going to start attending her concerts or breathlessly awaiting her new albums.

But she’s OK.

Randy Blaser is a freelance columnist.

New distracted walking law is a step in the right direction

A new Honolulu law, set to take effect Oct. 25, makes texting, using a digital camera and even playing a video game while walking all offenses subject to fines.

Paul Sassone

Is there a limit to sympathy?

Can (or should) we feel sympathy for everyone to whom something bad happens?

I find I run out of sympathy when it comes to people who injure themselves as a result of thoughtless, foolish or self-destructive behavior. You know, the daily news items about someone who is hurt while performing some dangerous stunt.

There is too much suffering of innocent people in the world for me to feel for the terminally stupid.

With an attitude like this you’d expect me to be overjoyed by a law passed in Honolulu. Dubbed the Distracted Walking Law, it becomes an offense on Oct. 25 to walk while texting.

Other means of distracted walking — using laptops, digital cameras and video games — also are covered by the law. Fines for the first offense will be $15 to $35; second offense $35 to $75; third offense in one year $75 to $99.

The problem with this law is it probably won’t work.

Laws are not observed because of police officers, lawyers or judges. Laws work because most people decide to obey them. Not that everyone gets together and decides to obey this or that law. There is some kind of osmotic subconscious process in which all of us decide this or that law is a Good Thing. This is why all — or most — drivers stop at a red light.

But there are laws that just won’t work because people refuse to obey them. Prohibition is the most famous example of such a law. Americans refused to stop drinking. And the authorities couldn’t — and sometimes just wouldn’t — enforce the law.

In our own time, talking or texting on the phone while driving is another law few people observe and for which there is little enforcement.

I also believe speed limits have become laws that few observe any more.

So, I hold out little hope for Honolulu’s Distracted Walking Law.

There are just too many distracted walkers out there. I see them every time I leave the house. You do, too. If these distracted walkers hurt themselves, well, they have no one to blame but themselves. And as far as I am concerned, they can feel sorry for themselves.

Despite all this, though, I applaud Honolulu’s law.

We should always try to do what is right and hope for the best.

Honolulu’s law isn’t a cure, but it is a help.

And it’s the right thing to do.

Paul Sassone is a freelance columnist.
Labor Day reminds us about importance of trade workers

PAT LENHOFF

I don't know about you, but for me this summer flew by. If asked how long ago Father's Day was, my personal atomic clock would probably say about four weeks.

Like it or not, almost all of summer has actually passed and we are now preparing to celebrate Labor Day while gearing up for school days, autumn’s arrival and a return to routine.

In past columns, we’ve discussed the contemporary meaning of Labor Day and labor itself. I have written about questions like how relevant labor unions and organizations are in today’s working world and even suggestions that labor unions might have become a detriment rather than benefit to members.

A recent article I saw in the Tribune spoke to the big picture of this issue, verbalizing a perspective I’d often contemplated and discussed here.

Our returning students, in high school especially, will be inundated with a college prep curriculum that has been the focus ever since my own kids were in high school more than 20 years ago. Gone or greatly diminished are the hands-on classes like shop and mechanics, which offered glimpses into alternate career choices to students whose skill set was more suited to those types of jobs.

If your student didn’t aspire to gain entry into the best college possible, something was wrong. A college degree was the ultimate, and expected, finish to the academic passage.

Now, according to this article, people with skills in areas like carpentry, plumbing and electrical are becoming increasingly hard to find.

Add in the retirement of one generation of skilled workers, accompanied by the reduced influx of young trade professionals to replace them, and you’ve got a troubling problem developing. Somewhere along the way, a majority of kids were convinced that college was the only acceptable way. We now see the repercussions of that a reduced field of skilled experts.

The article went on to call upon labor unions, which have often been called functionally obsolete by some, to increase their visibility to those young students. I agree wholeheartedly. What I think needs to go hand-in-hand with that is a general shift in public attitude to value more highly those skilled specialty careers.

If schools initiate that effort and reintroduce course offerings of some of those trades, not only would it expose kids to more career options, but it would validate the concept that all careers, not just college-related white-collar careers, are vital to society.

My household has survived many a remodeling and renovation project, and each time we get into the thick of one I am reminded of how amazing the technicalities involved in carpentry, plumbing and electrical work can be. I also remember that even though I am the Uber-preparer, there are innumerable important details I miss that could seriously harm the project.

The skills of those workers will always be necessary. We need to both value and encourage careers in those fields just as much as a college degree.

Pat Lenhoff is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

On eating rat pie and statues of Bobby Lee

SPRINGFIELD – When I was in high school, my Grandma Wanda fought a battle with the American Legion to have a veteran’s marker placed on the grave of her husband’s grandfather.

Eventually, the Legion post relented and put a veteran’s stone over John Beckerdite’s earthly remains.

What gave the veteran’s organization pause is that John hadn’t served in any branch of the United States armed forces. He fought for the Confederacy.

“Although he fought for the South, he fought for his country,” Grandma wrote in a family history.

When she wrote that, I was about 14 years old. I thought it was nonsense then. And I think it even more so today.

My forbearer didn’t fight for his country, he betrayed it. And, no, he didn’t battle for freedom, he fought for slavery.

Oh, you’ll hear some silly talk about the Civil War really being about states’ rights. But it’s just not true. All 11 Southern states said in their individual articles of secession that they were departing the Union over the issue of slavery.

One Southern friend conceded that the South may have left the Union over slavery. But he adds the North didn’t fight the war to end slavery.

Well, I guess you can ignore the Emancipation Proclamation or Abraham Lincoln’s moral opposition to slavery, but what about this line from the “Battle Hymn of the Republic” that Union soldiers sang marching into battle: “As He (Christ) died to make men holy, let us die to make men free?”

No one wants to believe their ancestors died and sacrificed for something as reprehensible as the right to own another human being. But they did.

Grandma, on the other hand, didn’t see things that way. She was proud of our ancestor’s service to the Confederacy and pointed out that he was just a teenager when he wore the gray uniform and that life was so rough that he was reduced to eating “rat pie.”

Well, I don’t doubt that John Beckerdite was a young man caught up in a maelstrom of violence far bigger than himself. But that can be said of most any soldier in most any war.

With the violence in Charlottesville, Va., it seems the whole nation once again is contemplating the Civil War. And, yes, just like when I was a kid, it’s about a monument.

Only now, the monument isn’t about an individual soldier’s grave. It’s about large public memorials to generals and other leaders.

In Charlottesville, Nazis, Klansmen and other white supremacists were hot under the collar because that city is going to remove a statue of Robert E. Lee. By the time the day was through, an innocent young woman was dead and 19 other people were injured.

I can’t help but wonder why more than 150 years after the War Between the States we are still arguing about it.

So, I called up Civil War historian Edward H. Bonekemper III, who wrote, “The Myth of the Lost Cause: Why the South Fought the Civil War and Why the North Won.”

His answer was straightforward, “This country has a race problem. You don’t see us this divided over the causes of the Revolutionary War or World War II. But the causes of the Civil War are all about slavery. And because this country has a race problem, it really hasn’t come to terms with why the Civil War was fought, yet.”

It’s hard to argue with that logic.

After all, if it wasn’t about race, why would neo-Nazis, Ku Klux Klan members and other white supremacists care about a statue of General Lee?

Scott Reeder, a veteran statehouse journalist, works as a freelance reporter in the Springfield area and produces the podcast Suspect Convictions.
You can thank the Pilgrims for planting the first apple tree in the United States. Before they hit Plymouth Rock, the only apple native to North America was the crabapple. Not exactly a best-selling Mott's flavor.

Here's a list of apple orchards in Northern Illinois and neighboring parts of Indiana and Wisconsin that are getting ready to open their gates for picking season. Bring your sunscreen, bug spray and old sneakers and be sure to check the website before you go. Orondo are in Illinois unless otherwise noted.

**All Seasons Orchard**
14510 Illinois Route 176, Woodstock; 815-338-5637; www.allseasonorchard.com
- Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends, Labor Day and Columbus Day Sept. 2 through Oct. 29. There are 14 varieties of apples, including the popular Honeycrisp. Take a wagon ride out to the orchard. Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards accepted. No pets.

**Apple Barn Orchard and Winery**
W6384 Sugar Creek Road, Elkhorn, Wis.; www.applebarnorchardandwinery.com
- Open for you-pick apples on weekends in late September. Check the website for exact picking dates. The winery is open noon–4 p.m. Friday to Sunday.

**Apple Holler**
5006 S. Sylvania Ave., Sturtevant, Wis.; www.appleholler.com
- The 74-acre orchard is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through October. Cost is $5 a person for a quarter-peck bag and $20 for a half-peck bag and also includes apple tasting and farm park admission. Farm park only admission is $8 a person.

**County Line Orchard**
200 S. County Line Road, Hobart, Ind.; 219-947-4477; www.countylineorchard.com
- Hours for you-pick are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. This popular orchard boasts more than 10,000 apple trees. Admission prices vary from $1 to $10.

**Harvest Time Orchards**
36116 128th St., Twin Lakes, Wis.; 262-877-4831; www.myharvesttime.com
- Open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays in September and October with 13 varieties of apples. Check the website for exact picking dates.

**Heinz Orchard**
1050 Crest Road, Green Oaks, 847-770-3449; www.heinzorchard.com
- This orchard suffered the loss of most of its crop in the spring and will only have small numbers for you-pick. Check the website or Facebook page for more information.

**Homestead Orchard**
11802 Charles Road, Woodstock; 815-338-7443; www.homesteadorchard.net
- Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through the last week of October. There are 23 varieties of apples; check the ripening chart on the website for exact dates. The cost for all apples is $18 for a 12-pound bag. Cash or check only. No dogs.

**Honey Hill Orchard**
11747 Waterman Road, Waterman; 815-264-3337; honeyhillorchard.com
- Full season begins after Labor Day with hours of 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. They have 14 varieties of apples for picking; check the website for exact ripening dates. No dogs. Cash, credit cards and local checks.

**Jonamac Orchard**
19412 Shabbona Road, Malta. 815-825-2158; www.jonamacorchard.com
- Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 daily Sept. 2 through mid-October or until supplies are gone. There are more than 40 apple varieties on the 20-acre orchard. Apple picking costs $15 for a half-peck and $30 for a peck. Cash, check, Visa and MasterCard accepted.

**Knutson's Country Harvest**
13550 Townhouse Road, Newark; 815-695-5905; www.knutsonscountryharvest.com
- Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday through late October. Check the website for the ripening dates. Apples cost $2 a pound; cash, check, debit cards, Visa/MasterCard accepted.

**Kuipers Family Farm**
1N318 Watson Road, Maple Park; 815-827-5200; www.kuipersfamilyfarm.com
- Hours for you-pick are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through October. No picking on Columbus Day or Labor Day. No wagons or backpacks allowed in the orchard. Admission costs $10.99 per person for you-pick and includes a hayride and a 1/4-peck bag of apples. Children 2 and under are free but don't receive a bag. Cash and credit cards accepted.

**Lang's Orchard**
17412 Secor Road, Woodstock; 815-568-7547; www.langsorchard.com
- Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday beginning Sept. 9. This orchard has a dozen varieties of apples. The cost is $16 per peck; Honeycrisp $12 for a half-peck. Cash and credit cards accepted.

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The large Orchard Shop at Kuipers Family Farm in Maple Park.

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**Prairie Sky Orchard**
4914 N. Union Road, Union; 815-923-4834; prairieskyorchard.com
- Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily Sept. 1 through Oct. They have several varieties including Zestar, Honeycrisp, Cortland, Gala, Macintosh and Fuji. No pets. Cash, check, Discover, Visa and MasterCard accepted.

**Royal Oak Farm Orchard**
15908 Hebron Road, Harvard; 815-648-3236; www.royalofarmorchard.com
- Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays beginning Oct. 15. Orchards close for you-pick at 4 p.m. through Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. through Oct. 31. Orchards close for you-pick at 4 p.m. weekdays beginning Oct. 15.

**Woodstock Country Orchard**
17015 Garden Valley Road, Woodstock; 815-923-4359; www.woodstockcountryorchard.com
- Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. through Oct. 31. Orchards close for you-pick at 4 p.m. weekdays beginning Oct. 15.

There are three orchards that cover more than 50 acres. The Amaze 'N Apple maze is a five-acre maze created out of apple trees and shaped like an apple. It costs $6 to go through. Apples cost $6 for a quarter-peck for children age 6-16 and seniors 65 and over, and $12 for a half-peck or $21 for a peck for adults. There's no admission but every person who is going to pick over the age of 5 must have a bag. Cash, check, Visa, MasterCard and Discover accepted.

**Ziegler's Apple Orchard**
32363 N. Bacon Road, Grayslake; 847-546-2335;
- Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends Sept. 16 to Oct. 15. Early varieties include Jonathan and some Macintosh; later varieties include Red and Cortland and the rare Winter Banana Apple. Cost is $1.60 per pound and there is a 5 pound minimum purchase per person age 3 and over. Call for updates.

Tom Krettler, left to right, Julie Mitre, Mark Myers, Brittany Rodda, Christine Podgorski and Mary Ellen Sanchez in James Downing Theatre's production of "Old Ringers."

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**When Social Security won't cut it, ladies become 'Old Ringers'**

**BY MYRNA PETLICKI**

Money is short for four women of a certain age in "Old Ringers." They use their gift of gab to make ends meet by opening a phone sex service in the Chicago premiere of Joe Simonelli's comedy at James Downing Theatre in Edison Park.

Director Rhys Read was attracted to this project because, "It's really funny and it's got some very meaty roles for older women. It's a warm show, too."

The "ring" leader Diane, who devised the scheme, is played by Mary Ellen Sanchez of Edison Park.

"Diane grew up in the Bronx, she's had some hard times, like a lot of women, and she's overcome a lot of them, trying to be strong and independent, and raising a daughter by herself," Sanchez said.

Diane is struggling financially because her Social Security has been cut. "She's 65 years old and kinda feeling her age," Sanchez said. "On the other hand, she's still having a relationship with a guy and sex is an important part of life and she can still enjoy that part of life."

Diane was inspired to create that phone sex service after answering a wrong number and discovering the caller was willing to pay $50 for a sexy five-minute conversation. The next step was convincing the other three women to join her in the enterprise. Diane's persuasive powers work on the trio of fellow seniors, played by Christine Podgorski of Park Ridge (Verna), Julie Mitre (Kathy Ann) and Arlene Armon (Rose).

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Retired teacher still pursues culinary arts

By Judy Buchenot
Naperville Sun

While working as a culinary arts teacher at Geneva High School, Naperville resident Kathy Jankovic took pride in being up to date on cooking trends.

Before retiring a few years ago, she taught all of the foods classes at the high school. She found that many students had an interest in cooking as a career due to the many culinary themed shows on television. “Food Network was my best friend,” she said.

Jankovic ran several programs to help students explore cooking careers. “Culinary Corner was like a fast food business. We made pizza, sandwiches, cookies and other things to sell,” she said.

The other program, Restaurant 304, was a class where students created a menu and took orders from faculty, students and others in the community. The meals could be carry-out or eaten in a makeshift restaurant at the school.

This class also did catering for local residents and community organizations, like the Geneva History Museum’s annual fundraiser. Jankovic coached students through cooking competitions, and several students won awards at the state level.

Jankovic won her own recognition in 2010 when she was named the Illinois Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher of the Year.

Many of Jankovic’s students have become culinary professionals and she enjoys hearing from them. “I have a former student who is a pastry chef in Colorado and she takes a ski lift to work every day because she works on top of a mountain.”

Jankovic truly practices what she teaches and loves spending time in her kitchen. She takes advantage of plentiful summer produce by canning tomatoes and making salsa and pie filling.

“I give the pie filling away as Christmas gifts,” she said. This year’s batch of filling is strawberry rhubarb made with rhubarb that Jankovic grows in her yard.

One secret she has learned for making canned pie filling is to use a product called Clear Jel, a modified food starch that can withstand the high temperature needed to process the jars. “There are two varieties—an instant and one that is cooked. For canning, you need the one that is cooked,” she said.

Jankovic used to be able to find the product at area stores but now can only find it online at sites including Amazon. “It really works better than any other thickener. I use it for blueberry filling, apple filling and now strawberry rhubarb.”

Canning tomatoes is another one of her summer tasks. “Canning isn’t hard,” said Jankovic, who teaches several canning classes for community groups. “It is just time-consuming.”

She has a neighbor with a prolific green thumb who supplies her with a bumper crop of her two favorite varieties, Roma and San Marzano. “They are both plum tomatoes which are meattier. Slicing tomatoes are juicier and can be used for sauce but aren’t as good.”

Jankovic begins her canning by peeling the tomatoes. “I get water to a boil and then on the blossom end of the tomato, not the stem end, I cut a small X. Then the tomatoes go into the hot water for about 30 to 60 seconds. Then I put them in ice water. The skins then just slide off.”

She cores the tomatoes and they are ready to be packed into jars. She prefers to can them whole but said they can also be cut up. “Tomato varieties grown today are less acidic so you need to add 1 tablespoon of lemon juice per pint. It has to be bottled lemon juice too because the acidity is controlled in bottled lemon juice.”

Jankovic recently read about someone who dries the tomato skins to make into tomato powder for cooking. “I am going to look into that more,” she said.

When processing the jars, she said a rolling boil means that the bubbles don’t break and can’t be stopped by stirring. “You don’t start timing until the rolling boil is there,” Jankovic said.

After processing the tomatoes in a water bath canner, she allows the jars to sit on the counter for 24 hours. “You can store the jars with or without the rings, but I take the rings off because they sometimes can rust.”

She uses the tomatoes to make a variety of things, including her favorite Salsa di Pomodoro, a rich marinara sauce. “It is so nice on a cold day in December to be able to take out a jar of these garden tomatoes and make something good to eat,” Jankovic said.

She shares her recipe for strawberry rhubarb filling for canning as well as her marinara sauce recipe. The marinara sauce can be canned if desired.

Judy Buchenot is a freelance writer for the Naperville Sun.

Kathy Jankovic checks on the progress of garden tomatoes in anticipation of making her favorite marinara sauce.

### Strawberry Rhubarb Filling

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1. Blanch rhubarb in boiling water for one minute and then drain. Keep warm in a bowl.
2. In a pot, mix together sugar, water and Clear Jel. Cook over medium heat until the mixture thickens and bubbles start to form. Add lemon juice and boil one minute, stirring constantly.
3. In another bowl, mix together the strawberries and rhubarb. Pour sugar, water and Clear Jel mixture over all and fold together gently.
4. Pour mixture into a clean quart jar, being sure to leave 1 1/2 inches head space. Process for 30 minutes at a full rolling boil. Cool, clean jars and store until ready to use. Fills one 9 inch pie.

*Purchase online or at specialty stores.

### Salsa di Pomodoro

(marinara sauce)

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1. Heat olive oil in a six-quart saucepan. Add onions and cook over medium heat until they are soft but not browned. Add remaining ingredients, stir and then partially cover the pan. Simmer over low heat for about 40 minutes, stirring occasionally.
2. Press the sauce through a sieve into a bowl and discard the pulp and skins in sieve. Serve hot. Add cooked meat if desired. Makes about three cups.
**Is your child’s fixation on electronics an addiction?**

Experts say it’s a growing problem but disagree on diagnostic label

By Andrea Guthmann

Chicago Tribune

In her quest to find out what makes people happy (and write a book on the matter), comedian Paula Poundstone discovered that the digital era surely complicates things.

Human interaction is what brings long-lasting happiness, she concludes in her book “The Totally Unscientific Study of the Search For Human Happiness,” and yet a Pew Research Center study showed that 89 percent of Americans used a cellphone during their most recent social gathering. Digital devices, it seems, are everywhere you look.

“I was in New York City for a couple days and couldn't get over how many people are walking around with headsets,” Poundstone says. “These people have chosen to live in a city packed with people, then they go through the trouble of avoiding people.”

For Poundstone, the pervasiveness of modern-day electronics has affected her personally. She talks in her book about her 19-year-old son's digital addiction.

“Thomas just wouldn't do anything other than play on his computer and phone. I'd lock digital devices up in my safe, but he'd outsmart me,” she says. An avid gamer, he reached the point in which she couldn't even get him out of bed in the morning to go to school. “Little did I know he'd been up all night playing video games on a laptop that he'd been able to take home from his private school.”

Is the digital era doomed younger generations, surrounded by devices practically from birth, to addiction?

Poundstone sought outside help. Thomas was sent to digital detox at Outback Therapeutic Expeditions, a wilderness therapy program for adolescents, then to a therapeutic high school, where no electronics are permitted and students live outdoors in tents.

Greg Burnham is clinical director at Outback, where teens come for eight to 10 weeks to live outdoors in a remote area of Utah in an electronics addiction treatment program called Unplugged.

“There's a clear change that happens in the brain when you're addicted to video games, which is what we mainly deal with,” Burnham says. How much is too much? “If a kid's gaming or using social media more than six hours a day, I'd say they've crossed the line into something unhealthy.”

Poundstone places the blame for this unhealthy behavior squarely on the shoulders of the gaming and social media corporations, which she sees as the modern-day equivalent of the tobacco industry. “They set out to make this addictive. The likes, the pace with which numbers come up on the screen makes it all more exciting and creates that reward.”

For Peter Bradley, a licensed counselor at the Illinois Institute for Addiction Recovery, the similarities to gambling are obvious.

“Excessive amount of time doing the behavior, continuing despite negative consequences, there are even withdrawal symptoms when they discontinue use,” Bradley says. “Kids will even say, "Plenty of parents say their kids are addicted. I'd say most just have some bad habits."”

—Devorah Heitner, author

similar to gambling addicts, that they could actually make a living doing this. Sure, there's money to be made, but very few people will be successful at this. The goal of the problem gambler is to be successful. That's exactly what the goal is for the gamer.”

Bradley shares the following advice with students in his Introduction to Addictions class at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. “From the treatment standpoint, be aware that you're asking them to give up their peer group and social connections. Their online persona is likely completely different from the one in the real world, where they may not be the best athlete or most popular kid. To deny them that, you really have to tread carefully. What are you going to replace it with?”

Despite growing parental fears of how technology is taking over kids' lives, mental health and child development experts debate whether electronics overuse should be labeled an addiction.

“I'm very cautious about the word 'addiction.' My concern is that you're asking them to give up their peer group and social connections. Their online persona is likely completely different from the one in the real world, where they may not be the best athlete or most popular kid. To deny them that, you really have to tread carefully. What are you going to replace it with?" says Chip Donohue, director of technology in the Early Childhood Center at Erikson Institute, a Chicago graduate school that focuses on child development.

"Parents are given two messages today. One says you're a lousy parent if you let your kids have too much screen time. The other says if you don't get your kids started on this, they're going to be behind when they go to school." A recent study by the center found that 85 percent of parents allow their children under age 6 to use technology in the home.

“We have to understand that this is the environment that young people are growing up in,” Donohue says. "I'd rather focus my energy on how technology can be used effectively instead of putting negative labels on it."

Evanston-based media historian Devorah Heitner, author of “Screenwise: Helping Kids Thrive (And Survive) in Their Digital World,” also sees the benefits of technology. “These kids are going to be designing the solutions to some of the world's biggest problems,” she says.

Yet Heitner often hears parents' complaints at her workshops about raising kids in the digital age. "Plenty of parents say their kids are addicted. I'd say most just have some bad habits. It's no surprise that kids would rather text friends or play video games than do homework.”

She encourages parents to focus on mentoring rather than monitoring their kids' electronics use, discussing the emotional hazards of social media and modeling good electronics habits to their children. In some extreme cases, though, families may need professional help, Heitner says.

"Every once in a while, I'll get a parent who tells me that if they try to take away their kid's device, (the child) might get violent," she says.

At this point, electronics addiction isn't listed as an official diagnosis in the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, which means it can be hard to get insurance coverage for treatment.

Regardless of the diagnostic label, Burnham hopes people will take the issue seriously.

"All I know is this behavior of electronics addiction is causing some parents pain and destroying their lives," he says. "The long-term affects of electronics is yet to be seen. I think we need to be talking about it more, and parents need to be taught more skills on how to manage it early on."

Andrea Guthmann is a freelancer.
How to handle approaching dogs on a walk

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency

Q: I have a 16-pound Havashu. We do not have a fenced yard, so she is walked several times a day. There are quite a few large dogs that we encounter on our walks through the neighborhood. Some are being walked and are leashed, and some are allowed loose. Sometimes, the people with the leashed dogs want our dogs to meet. If they are really large, I am reluctant because of the size difference. The loose dogs charge at us. I am afraid of large dogs (having been cornered by a pack as a child), so my fear transfers to my dog. What is the best course of action? Fortunately, at every encounter, the owner was nearby and came to our rescue, but I am afraid that one day we will meet a dog without its owner. Can you please advise me on what to do? —June P., Patchogue, N.Y.

A: I understand your fears. My dog and I were once cornered by two dogs without their owner. My dog fought them off trying to protect me and was injured. After that, we could not walk around the block without him feeling anxious about every passing dog.

Even if you haven't been cornered by a dog, it can be stressful to see a large, un-leashed dog approaching you. Your dog will feel your tension through the leash, so whatever you can do to ease your fears, like deep breathing, can be helpful to you both.

There are only a handful of things you can do. You carry an umbrella, which when opened can serve as a barrier between you and the approaching dog. You can shake a can of coins, toss the can onto the street (never at the dog), or use a Pet Corrector, which emits compressed air, to startle a dog and hopefully stop them from coming any closer.

Another technique is to put your leashed dog behind you in a sit position, and stand in front of him, letting your dog know “you got this.” Then, lean toward the approaching dog, yell “enough” as loudly as you can, and point outward over the dog indicating you want the dog to go away. Surprisingly, it works well in getting curious dogs (not aggressive dogs) to step back.

As for the people and pets who want to meet you, it’s OK to say, “No thanks.” You are allowed to set boundaries for you and your dogs.

Q: When you come across people and pets who want to meet you and your dogs during your walk, it’s OK to say, “No thanks.” You are allowed to set boundaries for you and your dog. Let me know how some of these strategies work for you.

Q: I have five inside cats, and feed three stray cats in my yard, which has woods behind it. I have been feeding these cats for five months. There have been others in the past that I have trapped, had neutered/spayed and rehomed.

The problem is, my family and I are moving to another town, and I am worried about these cats. I do not want to leave them, but I can’t bring them with me as we are moving to a condo community. One cat appears feral, but the other two are cats that have been left on our block. One lets me pet him and has a tipped ear. I cannot touch the other two, even though one rolls on the ground and shows me his or her belly. I would appreciate any suggestions. —Kathy M., Sayville, N.Y.

A: How kind of you to take care of these community cats. I am glad to hear you get them fixed and find homes for the ones who are friendly. You are certainly doing your part to help animals.

There are two things I would do. First, it’s always best to leave feral cats where they are, so call the local feral cat group and let them know you are moving to see if they have any volunteers in your area that can help feed these cats. Second, ask around your neighborhood to see if there is someone who might be willing to feed these cats after you move.

If you can’t find anyone to take care of them, then these cats will have to find another food source, which may make them a nuisance in neighborhood trash cans. But if a neighbor agrees to feed them, then these cats will hardly be noticed in the neighborhood. Use this argument as your “selling point” for convincing someone to help.

Sometimes, the people moving into a new home are willing to take over this care too, if you ask them.

Cathy M. Rosenthal is a longtime animal advocate, author, columnist and pet expert who has more than 25 years in the animal welfare field. Send your pet questions, stories and tips to cathyspetpundit.com. Please include your name, city, and state. You can follow her @cathymrosenthal.
Job posting scam? Here’s what to do

I am worried that I am a victim of a scam. I answered an ad for a quality manager on Indeed.com, which turned out to be a reshipping job where you work from your own home reshipping packages. I applied and was given several fast replies and requests for signatures to get me started working. After giving them all of my information on a W-4 form and signing a contract, I talked to someone at the company and didn't feel good about it. Something did not seem right, so I Googled them and got a lot of info regarding reshipping scams. I’m going to send them a letter stating that I’m no longer interested in employment with their company. What do I do about them having all of my personal information?

Priscilla, Chicago

I first contacted Indeed.com to ask what its policies and penalties are with regard to identifying scam job postings at its site. Company spokesperson Tara Lambropoulos sent this reply:

"Indeed has a team dedicated to the Search Quality effort that employs a variety of techniques to review job advertisements to determine their suitability. With millions of jobs appearing on Indeed every day, it is possible that a job may be posted which is improper in some way. Indeed reserves the right to remove any postings that do not meet our standards and we encourage job seekers to report any suspect job advertisements to us, if they feel it necessary, to make a report to the police."

For additional advice, I turned to Alison Doyle, job search expert at TheBalance.com. Her biggest piece of advice was this: "The most important thing for job seekers to remember is that if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Carefully check out jobs and employers before you apply, if you have any doubt the position is legitimate. An easy way to do that is to search Google with the company name and the word 'scam.' If there are reports of scams, they should show up in the search results."

In response to Priscilla’s question what to do next, Doyle offered the following advice:

- File a report with the Internet Crime Complaint Center (www.id3.gov). IC3 is a joint effort between the FBI, National White Collar Crime Center and Bureau of Justice Assistance that accepts online internet crime complaints. In addition to your name and contact information, and the name and contact information of the suspected fraudulent company, you will have to provide a detailed description of how, why and when you think you were defrauded.
- File a report with the Federal Trade Commission (www.ftc.com). The FTC collects complaints about companies, business practices and identity theft. In fact, specific to Priscilla’s concerns, there is an alert box at the top of the FTC Complaint Assistant page that states, "Concerned about how a company is handling your personal information? Click here to report privacy concerns. (Use the Identity Theft category to report identity theft.)"
- Report the company to the Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org). You can search the BBB site for complaints.

Doyle offered these proactive pointers:

- Do not pay money — for anything. Legitimate companies don't charge for software, work-at-home directories, advice on getting hired or anything else related to a job.
- Be wary if a company contacts you out of the blue. It would be highly unusual to be offered an actual job without first conducting one or more interviews with a company representative(s).
- Look for poorly written emails. Real companies hire pros who can write.
- Never deposit a check then return or transfer money to another account under the pretext a check was written in excess of the amount you were owed. Such checks are almost always fake.

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History always remains with us

We can’t change past, but our perception of it can and should change

By John Warner
Chicago Tribune

"You can’t rewrite history" is perhaps the cliche I loathe the most.

When it comes to the way we intersect with history, I prefer Faulkner’s take: "The past is not dead. It’s not even past."

No, you can’t change what’s already happened, but our assessment of events requires constant revision. The record of history is more of a process than a product, a quest to arrive at a more thorough understanding.

As we learn more about the natural world, we expect scientific knowledge to progress. So should history.

Because Faulkner’s observation shows, our history remains with us always, something brought home by the white supremacists marching in Charlottesville, Va., and chanting Nazi slogans.

Like many others, I was shaken by these events. These were not the John Brown neo-Nazis marching in Skokie when I was a teenager and later lampooned by The Blues Brothers as ineffectual idiots. These were hundreds, perhaps thousands of young men apparently attracted to an evil ideology. This shouldn’t be happening, and yet it is.

Thankfully, we have history books that shed light on the past that is not past.

Kelly J. Baker’s “Gospel According to the Klan: The KKK’s Appeal to Protestant America, 1915-1930" examines the second incarnation of the Klan, a period during which the Robert E. Lee statue the white supremacists used as a pretext for protest was erected.

Baker makes use of primary sources generated by the Klan itself that demonstrate a concerted effort to mainstream white nationalism as a kind of Protestant value and then extend its appeal beyond its white Christian base. It is a culture that remains obviously at work in today’s society, as recent events make clear.

Kevin M. Kruse, professor of history at Princeton, has become an increasingly prominent expert on the effects of the Civil War on 20th-century history. Much of his work explores how the war and subsequent reconciliation did little to address the original sin of slavery.

Kruse’s “White Flight: Atlanta and the Making of Modern Conservatism” takes a close look at Atlanta in the civil rights era, in some ways held up as a model of the times. But Kruse argues that white flight allowed for resegregation, which has been expressed through mainstream conservative causes, such as school vouchers and tax cuts.

Fair this book with Richard Rothstein’s “The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America" to see how what can look like economic political philosophies from the outside are inextricably entangled with issues of race.

And if you’re wondering how an unashamed hedonist, congenital liar and multimillionaire bankrupt television personality could’ve become president, I recommend Kruse’s “One Nation Under God: How Corporate America Invented Christian America.” Following FDR’s New Deal, corporations and religious leaders joined forces in the quest for more power and cultural influence, leading to, in Kruse’s argument, the religious right, which has been one of President Donald Trump’s strongest sources of support.

Because history is constantly being revised, I don’t suggest these books are infallible. I find them all interesting and persuasive, even offensive.

But history should provoke, not just inform, by challenging our perceptions. Engaging with argument does not require agreement, merely open-mindedness.

John Warner is the author of “Tough Day for the Army.”

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read next based on the last five books you’ve read.

1. “A Little Life” by Hanya Yanagihara
2. “Milk and Honey” by Rupi Kaur
3. “Americanah” Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
4. “The Sellout” by Paul Beatty
5. “100 Love Sonnets” by Pablo Neruda

There’s some love stories here, which brings to mind a different love story with an international flavor: “The Solitude of Prime Numbers” by Paolo Giordano.

1. “Commonwealth” by Ann Patchett
2. “Into the Water” by Paula Hawkins
3. “A Man Called Ove” by Fredrik Backman
4. “Big Little Lies” by Liane Moriarty
5. “My Name Is Lucy Barton” by Elizabeth Strout

Frank W., Westchester

Celeste Ng has a new one coming out soon (“Little Fires Everywhere”) that I’m looking forward to, but for now we only have her debut novel, “Everything I Never Told You,” which is my recommendation for Frank.

1. “Lincoln In the Bardo” by George Saunders
2. “Arthur and Sherlock: Conan Doyle and the Creation of Holmes” by Michael Sims
4. “The Art Forger” by B.A. Shapiro
5. “Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind” by Yuval Noah Harari

Christina S., Chicago

Mrs. Biblioracle is reading over my shoulder and wants to take this one: “The Red Tent” by Anita Diamant.

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Quote-Acrostic

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

Clues Words

A. Happy-go-lucky
B. What receivers often do:
  2 wds.
C. Heap of energy:
  2 wds.
D. Two-time Israel prime minister
E. Vanguard
F. Plain and simple
G. Unready king
H. Outstanding

I. Woody Hayes country
J. Result
K. Buckeye Newshawk award winner
L. Swordsman
M. Sign of warmth
N. Actual hyp.
O. Original Americans, perhaps
P. Sparsity
Q. Awful:
  3 wds.
R. Humongous
S. 1976 raid site
T. The Fighting Marine boxer
U. Allen, to the boys

Performance

Performances

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1 Walks through water
6 Fish
9 Trap
14 Irish town
15 Make: suffix entertainment
16 Ethical
17 Famous Civil War novel
20 Crude mineral
21 Drunkard
22 English river: abbr.
23 Diocese
24 Cozy place
26 Took heed
28 Soothsayer
29 Eastern name
31 Upright
33 Orderly
36 Of various qualities
40 Not suitable
41 Musical instrument
42 He wouldn't grow up
46 Account book
47 Female ruff
48 Poem
49 Automobiles
52 Abounds
54 Piquancy
58 Veneration
59 Blunder
60 Affirmation
62 Knot in wood
63 Extra-special
67 Muse
68 High priest
69 Habitate
70 Distinction in species
71 Worthless object
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 5  Whole alternative  46 Silent affirmation
 9  Religion that may  102 Absorb, as with 47 Montana's ___Falls
   involve a moon  toweling 48 Band performance
   goddess 107 Brief outline 49 ___-dreaming? 50 Forbidden
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   Pacific isle 114 1995 Cecil B. 57 "Make it quick!"
 22  Kosher 115 DeMille Award-winning 58 Industry VIP
 23  ___ in the Pod: 118 Marilyn's birth 59 Bermuda's ocean:
   maternity brand 119 name  Abbr.
 24  It won't fly on the 120 1956 "Brawny" 60 Successor to
   Sabbath 121 Sweat 64 Claudius
 25  Get rid of 122 Gp. that includes 66 High-tech worker
 26  Freetown currency 123 Venezuela 68 Emulated a street
 27  Like soup cans to 124 Golf shoe feature 69 Investment
   Andy Warhol? 125 Like some 70 acronym
 31  New York natives 126 Construction sight 71 Decline
 32  Traditional meal 127 Markers 72 [It disappeared!]
 33  Join 128 Act with passion 73 Require meds, maybe
 36  Position 129 Acorn, essentially 74 Military unit
 38  More extensive 130 Laryngitis docs
 40  Mid-sixth-century 80 Date
  date
 42  For two, in music 81 Taunt
 43  "The rules ___ the 82 Craving
   rules"
 45  The musical "1776" 84 Artwork
   reworked with 85 Ron in Harry 86 "For ___"
   arias?
 48  Courtesy to 87 Ron 88 Prepare to store, as
   parents of a child 89 Cuba 89 Under-the-hood
   flying alone 90 Slim swimmer
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 54  Carrier renamed in 92 - wins 93 Novelist Bellow
   1997 94 Church greeter's target
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   arias 98 Songlike 98 Submissive sort, it's
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 65  Salt peter 99 Attn. 100 Compassionate,
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   horse? 100 Compete,
 73  Traffic stopper, 100 Compete,
   perhaps 101 On a stage
 74  Capital SW of 102 Shorty, casually 103 Lazy
   Brussels 103 Cluster of stage
 75  Sculptors' degs. 104 Half of bowling's 105 Concern
 78  "Lou Grant" 104 Half of bowling's 106 Concern
   production co. 105 Concern
 81  Like some strays 106 Concern
 83  Why the kernel 107 Concern
   closed? 108 Concern
 87  Flew into — 109 Concern
 89  Mexican dirección 110 Concern
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 92  Vespa newbies? 112 Concern
 97  Verizon subsidiary 113 Concern
 98  Two-balled 114 Concern
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 99  Dangerous African 115 Concern
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   drinks 92 "Beso"
 2  Grl. who plays 93 "Beso"
   Ron in Harry 94 "Beso"
 3  Portugal's region 95 "Beso"
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   noise 97 "Beso"
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 6  Caber toss garb 100 "Beso"
 7  Shortly, casually 101 "Beso"
 8  Songlike 102 "Beso"
 9  Scrooge's opposite 103 "Beso"
 10  Craving 104 "Beso"
 11  Crux 105 "Beso"
 12  Show appreciation, 106 "Beso"
   in a way 107 "Beso"
 13  Boxer's brand? 108 "Beso"
 14  With 113-Down, 109 "Beso"
   precipitiously 110 "Beso"
 15  Draft providers 111 "Beso"
 16  Savvy shopper's 112 "Beso"
   cry 113 "Beso"
 17  Ruckus 114 "Beso"
 18  74-Across season 115 "Beso"
 19  Fire — 116 "Beso"
 20  Makeover 117 "Beso"
 21  Swabby's need 118 "Beso"
 22  Collector's item 119 "Beso"
 23  Compassion 120 "Beso"
 24  Part of Q.E.D. 121 "Beso"
 25  Ticket word 122 "Beso"
 26  Home furnishing 123 "Beso"
   purchase 124 "Beso"
 27  Alimony neighbor 125 "Beso"
 28  "Good one, 126 "Beso"
   matador!"
 29  "I won't eat 127 "Beso"
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Jumble
Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the
circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

Sudoku
Complete the grid so each row, column and
3-by-3 block in bold borders contains every digit
1 to 9.

Level: 1234

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Rugged cliff
5 Take a _ at; attempt
9 Dwelling
14 "The Yellow _ of Texas"
15 Beautician's need
16 Slanted edge
17 Indifferent
19 New York or portahouse
20 Jerry Stiller's son
21 Small bills
22 Two-by-fours
23 Fire _ stinging insect
24 Scorch
26 Get sidetracked when speaking
30 Worker
35 Second U.S. president
36 _ up; tallies
38 Commanded
39 Send payment
40 Enemy
41 Fishing spots
42 No longer wild
43 Listen
44 Lawful
45 Makes long cuts
47 Stores away
48 Keep annoying
49 Martial _ karate, judo, etc.
50 Part of a play
52 Detests
56 _ blue; loyal
58 Winning card
59 Common _
61 Steam bath
62 Pharmacy
63 Abnormal sac
65 Sworn promise
66 As strong as _
68 Abnormal sac
69 _ up; tired of confinement

DOWN
1 Cranky person
2 Lasso, for one
3 As wise _
4 Acquire
5 Perfumes
6 Carry
7 Haywire
8 UK network
9 Soak up
10 Alpha's follower
11 Win _ persuade
12 Lifeless
13 Forest animals
14 Straightforward
15 Orange, for example
16 ... in Nebraska.
17 Military forces
18 Instructed
19 Parents and grandparents
24 Scorch
25 Containers
26 Moves quickly
27 Perfect
28 Sorority letter
29 Least risky
30 Acquire
31 Woodwind player
32 Dressing type
33 Albert or Murphy
34 Takes a nap
37 _ one-eighty; change one's view radically
38 Command metal
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Solutions

Last week's crosswords
"GOLDEN GROUP"

Last week's Quote-Acrostic

Last week's Sudoku

This week's Jumble

To be an expert mechanic requires —

FINE MOTOR SKILLS
3 a crowd for married couple and his sister

Marriage isn't easy. Just ask a married person. Even the happiest of couples have their issues. But can you imagine trying to maintain a healthy marriage with your sister-in-law living in the next room? That's the situation of this reader:

Jackie, I've been with my husband for seven years, since the age of 20. I moved in with him three years ago while he and his sister lived together. I always expressed that I did not want to stay in the apartment with his sister for long, and hoped to move out together. I'm now 27 and we are still here. I'm fed up with this lifestyle. I want my own space and our own home. His sister often cooks and I feel obligated to be respectful. I don't bring friends over and I usually go out by myself. I have fallen out of love with my husband as I feel this has interfered with our intimacy. My husband is kind and he loves me, but he is antisocial. Lately I have pushed him away so much that he is angry, but I am as well. He wants a child, but there's no room for one. He just doesn't seem to understand that I want to experience life independently and free of family and in-laws! Any advice?

My gut reaction is that I feel sad for all of these roommates. Let's start with the sister. She sounds like she is in a comfort zone, and possibly socially dependent on her brother and sister-in-law. As for the couple, they seem like they have issues that go way beyond their living situation.

The husband is content with things as they are and likes staying in most of the time to enjoy his sister's home-cooked meals. He is feeling hurt that his wife is shutting him out, and is most likely angry and frustrated because she won't just accept living in his safety zone. I detect he might fear moving. Maybe it's fear of change or fear of the financials involved, or maybe he feels an obligation to his sister to stay. He also might be afraid that his wife is going to leave him, which could be the reason he wants a baby. As for the wife, she is feeling frustrated, unfulfilled in the marriage, and resentful for her husband's unwillingness to consider her unhappiness and make compromises.

The way I see it, this couple has two choices: make some changes or break up. This decision needs to start with some serious conversations that include brutal honesty - each one being completely transparent about what they really want.

There is a difference between bickering, harboring resentment, whining and making snide comments, and having a constructive discussion which includes listening to the other person. For example, the husband needs to be forthcoming about what is holding him back from moving out, and his wife needs to express her need to be more social as a couple. They might be wise to have these conversations in front of a therapist, who can help them communicate in a more productive way.

I will say that although I believe family to be of the utmost importance in life, and that we should take care of our loved ones and spend time with them, I also believe in boundaries, especially when it comes to marriage. A married couple need their own space, their own home.

Does that mean they should put the sister out on the street? Absolutely not, but the husband needs to make his marriage a top priority, and his sister should understand that. The three need to come up with some options for the sister. If she is incapable of being independent, they need to find a suitable plan for her.

As for the couple, if they do decide to try to make things work, and their living arrangement changes, it doesn't mean their issues are suddenly going to vanish. There are a lot of things that need repaired in this marriage. Here are some:

1. The wife's resentment will only fade if she expresses it to her husband.
2. The husband needs to apologize for his unwillingness to consider his wife's feelings for several years.
3. The wife must apologize for pushing her husband away and acknowledge that it was hurtful.
4. The couple must address that the husband is antisocial, and instead of the wife going out alone, they need to compromise on the number of nights they go out during the week.
5. This couple should not have a baby until both feel their relationship is on solid ground, and that they are happy together.

I also want to address this reader's comment that she has fallen out of love with her husband. Sometimes long-term resentment overshadows love, making it impossible to know if love is still there. This couple might well still have love, but sadly, it's hard to find it in their overcrowded apartment.

Jackie Pilossoph is a freelance columnist.
Parents not sure whether to let son play football

By Dr. Eve Glazier and Dr. Elizabeth Ko
Ask The Doctors

Dear Doctor: Our older sons both played football in high school, but that was before all the publicity about concussions. Our youngest son is now old enough to try out for the team. Is it really that dangerous?

Dear Reader: Sports offer kids a lot of benefits. There's the physical exercise, the social aspect of being part of a group with a common goal, the lessons about teamwork, leadership and work ethic, and how to win — and lose — with grace.

The tradeoff, of course, is the risk of injury.

In a competitive atmosphere, you're going full tilt, throwing yourself into the moment with everything you have. Even in a game as seemingly genteel as badminton, you can sprain an ankle, strain a muscle, break a bone or, if you run into another player or object, even sustain a concussion.

That said, football is in a category of its own. Collisions aren't accidental; they're an integral part of the game. Specialized equipment like helmets and braces and pads do offer a measure of protection. But, as you realize, there are variables at play that can have grave and lasting consequences.

We checked with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and it turns out that 2.6 million children and young people under the age of 20 seek treatment in the ER each year for sports injuries. In football, knees and ankles are the most frequent sites of the injuries. A common sports-related injury we see in our practices is a tear to the ACL, the anterior cruciate ligament. That's one of two ligaments that help to stabilize the knee joint. This happens when the lower leg is firmly planted and momentum of some kind sends the body moving in an opposing direction.

Additional injuries sustained by football players include bruises, sprains and strains, broken bones, bruised or damaged internal organs, back injuries, spinal cord injuries and, of course, concussion.

Concussion may not be the most common football injury, but it can be among the most serious. That's because instead of just a bump on the head, a concussion is actually a mild form of traumatic brain injury. In a concussion, the blow to the head is severe enough to cause the brain to literally move back and forth within the skull. This results in physical and chemical changes to the brain tissue that can leave lasting damage.

Some school football programs have successfully limited the amount of head impact among their players by instituting specific safety rules for both practice and play. Advances in protective helmets have also proved helpful. However, as we all know, in an actual game situation, young athletes don't hold back. Football is a contact sport. No matter the precautions taken, the risk of injury — including concussion — still exists.

We recommend that you check with the school and the coach and learn what protections are in place. Bring your family doctor into the discussion. The truth is, football offers both risk and reward. With adequate information, you'll know which decision is right for your family.

Dr. Eve Glazier, M.B.A., is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Dr. Elizabeth Ko, is an internist and primary care physician at UCLA Health.

Send your questions to askthedocters@mednet.ucla.edu or write: Ask the Doctors, c/o Media Relations, UCLA Health, 924 Westwood Blvd., Suite 350, Los Angeles, CA 90095. Owing to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.
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The property will be offered for sale subject to the following conditions:

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No fees shall be paid by the party bidding on the property at public auction to the highest bidder, subject to the conditions of the mortgage acquiring the real estate.

If you are the mortgagor/homewowner, you have the right to remain in possession for 30 days after entry of an Order of Possession in accordance with Section 2-1701(b) of the Illinois Mortgage Foreclosure Law.

You may also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The property will be sold subject to the following conditions:

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The property involved is commonly known as 3010 South County Line Road and it is legally described as:

LOT 5 OF HACKER'S ADDITION TO A VILLAGE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ROSE, IN CARROLL COUNTY, IOWA.

The petitioner, James L. Baker, requests a variation of the provisions of Section 98-104(b) and B-213(b)(6), of the Glenview Zoning Ordinance to permit the construction of a detached garage at a side yard setback of 0.5 feet instead of 10.0 feet, an entry gate with a maximum height of 9.0 feet instead of a maximum height of 0.0 feet, and a ground sign with a height of 2.0 feet instead of 5.0 feet, as allowed and required by said ordinance.

All persons interested should attend and will be given an opportunity to be heard. For additional information regarding this case, please contact Tony Repp, Planner, at 847-904-4304.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals to consider a petition requesting a variation of the Glenview Municipal Code. The hearing will be held on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM., in the Village Hall, 2500 East Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL in accordance with Chapter 65, Section 5/11.13-5 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.
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McNulty Irish Dancers will perform during Irish Days in Long Grove

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Dancers, dogs in the spotlight at Long Grove Irish Days

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Even pet dogs will be Irish during Irish Days, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sept. 2, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sept. 3 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 4 in Historic Downtown Long Grove. A panel of children judges will crown an Irish Dog King, Queen, Prince and Princess following a 3:45 p.m. Dog Beauty Contest each day. Families can register their canine contestant the same day.

There will also be a Wee Ones family area and performances by the Shannon Rovers Bagpipe Band and the McNulty Irish Dancers. For details, call 847-634-0888 or go to www.longgrove.org/festivals/irish-days.

Smart start

You'll discover that "Baby Loves Science" during a Smartypants Celebration with Ruth Spiro, 11 a.m. Sept. 9 at the Book Stall, 811 Elm St., Winnetka. It will be a release party for the two latest books in the Deerfield author's series, "Baby Loves Thermodynamics!" Earlier books in the series were "Baby Loves Quarks!" and "Baby Loves Aerospace Engineering!"

The author promises that babies, toddlers and preschoolers will "soar, sing and flap our wings."

For details, call 847-446-8880 or go to www.thebookstall.com.

Register to rock

Space is limited so register now for Posters that Rock! a family poster-making program with musician and artist Jay Ryan, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Ryan has created illustrations for thousands of artists, sketching his posters by hand.

The workshop, recommended for ages 8 and older, is free with museum admission.

For details, call 847-967-4800 or go to www.iholocaustmuseum.org.

Something for everyone

Local author Dennis DePcik will discuss his work with adults while a storyteller engages children at the free Midweek Break on the Lake, 6-9:30 p.m. Sept. 6 at Round Lake Beach Cultural and Civic Center, 2007 Civic Center Way. There will also be live jazz music and food for sale.

For details, call 847-201-9032 or go to www.rlb civiccenter.com.
Niles Chamber hosts 130 at annual golf outing and dinner

Event: Annual Golf Outing & Dinner Fundraiser
Hosted by: Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Location: Old Orchard Country Club, Mount Prospect
Date: July 18
Attended: 114 golfers, 130 for dinner
Website: www.nlieschamber.com

NORTHBROOK SYMPHONY HOSTS ANNUAL GALA

Casey Tormoen, from left, and NSO Board member Terese Wallen, both from Glenview, Jana Brinlee from Norridge, Louise Dooley and Randy Weber, both from Chicago, and Linda Lisen and Ricardo Pedemonte, both from Lake Villa, were among guests at the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra Gala, held May 5 at the Chicago North Shore Hotel, Northbrook. The Northbrook Symphony presents “Music is Magic,” a concert at 4 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Sheely Center for the Performing Arts, 2300 Shermer Road, Northbrook. Grandparents can bring their grandkids free to this child-friendly concert. See www.northbrooksymphony.org.

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Morton Grove...New Listing! Impeccable solid brick 3+ brs & 2 bath Ranch on quiet tree lined street! Huge living rm/dining rm. Beautiful kitchen with stainless steel appliances new in 2015, Viking stove, Bosch dishwasher & 3 door fridge & breakfast bar. Sunny main floor family rm has wood burning fireplace & sliding patio doors open to amazing 26' wrap around deck that was custom built in 2003. Full finished basement has rec rm with wet bar, 4th br/office, extra storage, laundry, overheads, sump pump + battery back up. Fenced yard. Garage. Only $349,000

**PARK VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT!!**

Morton Grove...Just Listed! Gorgeous large 10 room 2 Story in sought-after “East Morton Grove” Location steps from Mansfield Park! Spacious living rm & dining rm “L”. Updated Eat-in kitchen with updated appliances, Granite counters & hardwood floors. 5 brs & 3 full baths. Finished basement has large rec rm, laundry/storage rm, newer sump pump, battery back up system + overhead sewers. Main floor family rm. Huge walk-in closet. Numerous updates: windows, furnace, central air. Near Metra, forest preserve, bike trails, etc. 2 car garage $419,000

**FAIRVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT #72!**

Skokie...Priced to SELL! Rare Offer in Popular Fairview School District. Solid brick 4 Bedroom-2 Bath Charming Cape Cod. Quality construction-Oak floors throughout-Living Room with dramatic Bay front-Formal Dining Room-Bonus 10'x7' walk in closet on 2nd floor-Enclosed three season rear porch-Huge finished basement family room + laundry room + 26' storage/mechanical/workshop area. 2 car garage. Updates include: New Central A/C-1 yr old; New roof-4 yrs old. Convenient location, near schools, parks & shopping. Best Location!!! Ask Only $319,000
BUFFALO GROVE


Address: 711 Heatherdown Way
Price: $399,900
Schools: Stevenson High School
Taxes: $8,435
Agent: Susan Giambrone/Re/Max Destiny

NORTHBROOK

Four-bed, 2.5 bath home in Sunset Fields neighborhood. Private backyard with in-ground pool and patio. Open floor plan with hardwood throughout first level, staircase and second floor hall. Formal living room with barreled ceiling and sliding door to the yard. Eat-in Kitchen with granite counters, recessed lights and sliding doors to the yard. Family room with wood-burning fireplace. Master suite with two walk-ins, and updated bath.

Address: 2620 Farnsworth Lane
Price: $619,000
Schools: Glenbrook North High School
Taxes: $9,559
Agent: Debbie Glickman/Coldwell Banker Residential Storage

LIBERTYVILLE


Address: 315 Lake St.
Price: $575,000
Schools: Libertyville High School
Taxes: $9,754
Agent: Dan Timm/Century 21 Kreuser & Seiler

DESPLEINES

Cape Cod located a block away from elementary and middle schools and three blocks from Metra. Four bedrooms, two baths with additional first floor office/mudroom space. Windows replaced in 2011. Roof replaced in 2015. Paver patio area and large yard with shed and additional patio.

Address: 8 North 5th Ave.
Price: $239,000
Schools: Maine West High School
Taxes: $5,433
Agent: Julia Nicoll/Picket Fence Realty of Mount Prospect

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CALL THE VENUE IN ADVANCE.

Thursday, Aug. 31

Rock Music Month: The Shadows of Knight Live in Concert: Dubbed "the American Rolling Stones," the Shadows of Knight shot to the top of the music charts in 1966 with the rock anthem "Gloria." Don't miss out on this Rock Music Month finale concert. 7 p.m., Thursday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Rockin' in the Park 2017: MB Financial Park at Rosemont celebrates the summer season with the return of the "Rockin' in the Park" free weekly summer concert series. The event features the music of classic cover bands, food and beverage tents on the park's great lawn and musical fireworks display after every show. 7 p.m., Thursday, MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5008

Soul 2 Soul: Tim McGraw and Faith Hill: 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 7:30 p.m. Friday, Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, $69.50+, 847-635-6601

Friday, Sept. 1

Silver Screen Series: "Little Women": This 1933 film, "Little Women" is not rated and is a coming of age drama following the lives of four sisters during the American Civil War. It is based on the classic novel by Louisa May Alcott. The cast includes Katharine Hepburn and Joan Bennett. 2 p.m. Friday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Cruisin' Park Ridge: Come out for Cruisin' Park Ridge, the car shows in Park Ridge on the First Friday of the month. Hosted by the Park Ridge Chamber, held in the library lot. 6 p.m. Friday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3121

Free Jefferson Starship Concert at MB Financial Park: This is a free Jefferson Starship concert that takes place from 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Food and beverage tents from MB Financial Park's venues are available for guests to enjoy during the concerts. Outside food and coolers are prohibited. Parking is available at the MB Financial Park parking garage and is free with validation from any of the park's venues. 7 p.m. Friday, MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5008

Saturday, Sept. 2

Amy O. Woodbury's 17th Annual Front Yard Art Sale: Over 60 paintings, drawings and mixed media pieces are for sale, including abstracts, horizons, figures and murals. Our new Bargain Bin is where items are priced from $25-$200. 9 a.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday, Artist Studio – Amy O. Woodbury, 1310 Colfax St., Evanston, free

Morton Grove Farmers Market: 8 a.m., Saturdays, Morton Grove Farmers' Market, 6210 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-750-6436

Park Ridge Farmers Market: 7 a.m. Saturdays, Park Ridge Farmers Market, 15 S. Prairie Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-212-9994

Preserving Survivor Stories: Ask Holocaust Survivor Pinchas Gutter any question you would like, and "natural language" technology software will respond as if Pinchas were in the room. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4800

Sunday, Sept. 3

Sunday Slaps 45 Series: Join in the patio activities on Sunday with various DJs spinning vinyl. 5 p.m. Sunday, Peckish Pig, 623 Howard St., Evanston, free, 847-491-6778

Yiddish and Laughter - Rabbi Barry Schechter: Rabbi Schechter makes the audience laugh. All are welcome. 3 p.m. Sunday, Congregation Kol Emeth, 5130 W. Touhy Ave., Skokie, free, 847-477-3990

Tuesday, Sept. 5

Teen Library Council: Gain valuable volunteer experience while helping to make a difference in your library and community. Join TLC and participate in brainstorming and planning exciting events at MGPl. 6 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Movies, Munchies and More: "The Promise": The film "The Promise" is rated PG-13 and is set during the last days of the Ottoman Empire. A brilliant medical student sparks an attraction with a woman that explodes into a romantic rivalry. The cast includes Oscar Isaac, Charlotte Le Bon and Christian Bale. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Hebrew Reading Crash Course: This year, follow the prayers during the High Holidays. Learn to Hebrew with their new revolutionary method: Read It In Hebrew, which is a five week Hebrew reading crash course. The course fee includes all materials. 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Lubavitch Chabad of Northbrook, 2095 Landwehr Road, Northbrook, $69, 847-564-9770

Wednesday, Sept. 6

Knitting Club: If you want to learn to knit, or you are working on a knitting or crochet project, drop-in to share tips, show off your work and converse with fellow needle arts enthusiasts. Bring your own knitting supplies. 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

MGPL Writers Workshop: The MGPL Writers Workshop is for writers who want to share their works in progress and support other writers in drafting, revising and finishing manuscripts, essays, poems or any other type of writing. For questions, contact Chad at cocomello@mgpl.org. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

New Game Wednesday: "Mario Kart 8 Deluxe" - Switch: "Mario Kart" is back with all of the favorite characters as well as new karts, bikes and racing accessories to choose from. Race head to head with your friends or battle it out in the new Battle Mode version. Pizza is served. Come for the "Mario Kart" and pizza, but stay for the DIY School Craft Crawl that will also be going on in the Teen Space that day. All teens ages 13-18 are welcome. 4 p.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

ESL Conversation Group: Register is required to join this group to practice speaking English in an informal and friendly setting. Discussions focus on a variety of practical, everyday and general interest topics. All skill levels are welcome to attend. 10 a.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

DIY School Book Covers: This is for those in grades 5-12 to bring their school books to the library and the materials to cover them will be supplied. Don't get stuck with boring paper bags on your books, come to this program held in the Teen Space. 4 p.m. Wednesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Northbrook Farmers Market: 7 a.m. Wednesdays, Cherry Lane and Meadow Road, Northbrook, free

Pokemon Club Grades K-6: Play Pokemon at the Library! Bring your own cards and meet up with fellow Pokemon fans. 4 p.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

Twenty-first Star Chapter NSDAR September 2017 Meeting: The Twenty-first Star Chapter NSDAR holds their first meeting of 2017-18, Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 11:30 a.m. Luiane Bruckner, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Vice President General, gives a lecture: "So What Does a Vice President Generally Do?" after the luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, $22.50, 847-328-6946

Rosemont's Big Break Vocal Competition: Audience members who are ages 21 and older may vote to decide who wins the "Big Break" competition and the $10,000 grand prize. The 9-week competition includes weekly audience voting rounds at Joe's Live every Wednesday at 7 p.m. A special Big Break finale event takes place Wednes- day, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. on MB Financial Park's great lawn. 6 p.m. Wednesday, Joe's Live Rosemont, 5441 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-261-0392

Thursday, Sept. 7

Four Star History of Chicago: Learn about the history and controversy of the Chicago flag as well as the modifications that have been made to it since its inauguration in 1917. Understand how Chicago's geography and history lie behind the choices of color, pattern and symbols used. 1 p.m., Sept. 7, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member, $17 non-member, 847-784-6030

Africa's Migration Crisis: Causes, Consequences: One of the least discussed aspects of the phenomenon of immigration is the situation in Africa, where over 10 million people are currently fleeing poverty, war and environmental crises — with the intent, in many cases of migrating overseas (including to Europe and the U.S.). What impact is the migration of so many people from...
Friday, Sept. 8

Friday Film - "Split": This film is rated PG-13 and is about three girls who are kidnapped by a man with 23 different personalities. They then have to work out which of those personalities will help them escape, and which of those personalities might have to stay before a new 24th emerges. 1 p.m. Sept. 8, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member; $17 non-member, 847-784-6030

Woodpecker Walk: Learn about the different species of woodpeckers that call Lake County home, then head along the trail and see how many you can find. 11 a.m. Sept. 7, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member; $17 non-member, 847-784-6030

Quilt Lecture: Illinois Quilters Inc. meet at Beth Hillel Congregation with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m. for sign-ups and socializing; the meeting starts at 7 p.m. This month’s speaker is Cheryl Slepoda and her lecture is entitled “Working Weekly - Staying Inspired.” Guests are welcome; fee $5. Visit the website for more information. 7 p.m. Sept. 7, Beth Hillel Congregation B’nai Emunah, 3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette, $5, 847-480-7977

Children’s Urgent Care Opening Day - Skokie: Children’s Urgent Care, a pediatric-specific urgent care facility, open their first two locations in the greater Chicago area. Both locations, Skokie and River Forest, offer after-hours, pediatric urgent care in a convenient, kid-friendly facility. The medical care is given by pediatric-trained providers, and they send a visit report to each patient’s primary care pediatrician following each visit. 3 p.m. Sept. 8, Children's Urgent Care, 9735 Skokie Blvd. #301, Skokie, free, 773-729-9346

Saturday, Sept. 9

Records from a German Town of Origin: Finding your ancestor’s town of origin can be exciting. Once this piece of information is found, how do you get records from the other side of the ocean? Theresa Steinkamp McMillin explains how to get records for German towns. This is in partnership with the North Suburban Genealogical Society. A Glenview Library card is required to register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 1 p.m. Sept. 9, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Second Saturday Family Storytime & Craft: Enjoy stories and crafts for the whole family. 10 a.m. Sept. 9, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

Chinese Language and Cultural classes: The first day of school is Sept. 9. The student body consists of both heritage language learners and second language learners from 3 years old to adults. The school also offers cultural classes such as traditional Chinese dance, Chinese painting, arts and crafts, and Chinese music instrument class. 1 p.m. Sept. 9, St. Lambert Education Center, 1841 Kedvale Ave., Skokie, see website, 847-763-1640

STEAMagination Ages 6-12: We’ll provide the materials; you provide the curiosity in this self-guided exploration of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) concepts. 4 p.m. Sept. 8, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

Park Ridge Alumnae Panhellenic Club Meeting: This is the meeting of the Park Ridge Alumnae Panhellenic Club. Noon Sept. 8, Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 947-424-0600

Sunday, Sept. 10

Streets Alive and Evanston Green Living Festival: This festival takes place on Main Street from Robert Crown Park to Chicago Avenue. It features free activities including a green market, exercise classes, music and art, food, alternative energy exhibitions and more. This community event is featured as part of Streets Alive to encourage attendees to lead more sustainable lives. For more information, visit the Streets Alive or Evanston Green Fest websites. 1 p.m. Sept. 10, Chicago Avenue and Main Street, 900 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8256

Live at The Library: Once I Had An Old Banjo: Musician Mark Dvorak performs a concert packed with songs and stories about the origin and evolution of the unique American instrument, the banjo. Enjoy selections from the historic minstrel show era, songs and lore from old-time mountain traditions, and examples from the masters of the five-string banjo, including Earl Scruggs and Pete Seeger. 2 p.m. Sept. 10, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Concert: Windy City Harmonica Trio: Enjoy this trio of musicians creating a full orchestra sound using only three harmonicas. Add a touch of humor, and you have a unique, exciting and entertaining event. 2 p.m. Sept. 10, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-0262

Saint Martha Church Celtic Art Collection: Live at The Library: Once I Had An Old Banjo: Musician Mark Dvorak performs a concert packed with songs and stories about the origin and evolution of the unique American instrument, the banjo. Enjoy selections from the historic minstrel show era, songs and lore from old-time mountain traditions, and examples from the masters of the five-string banjo, including Earl Scruggs and Pete Seeger. 2 p.m. Sept. 10, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-0262

Second Sunday Community Breakfast: Everyone is invited to join us for food, conversation and fun. Eggs, casseroles, fruits and baked goods will be there. 9 a.m. Sept. 10, St. Giles Episcopal Church, 3025 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-262-6622

Blood Drive: This Blood Drive takes place from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. To schedule an appointment, visit www.lifesources.org and use group code NB05. All healthy adults over 17 who weigh at least 110 pounds may donate blood. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. 8 a.m. Sept. 10, Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-496-4100

North Northfield 180th Anniversary Celebration: The community may join in celebrating the church’s 180th anniversary at a special Sunday service starting at 10 a.m., followed by a picnic at Wood Oakes Park in Northbrook. This marks the anniversary of the church, located at the corner of Sanders and Dunbar in Northbrook. During the celebration, items of historical interest will be on display. 10 a.m. Sept. 10, North Northfield United Methodist Church, 797 Sanders Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-2250

Trash to Treasure: 11 a.m. Sept. 11, North Suburban Genealogical Society. A genealogy class where attendees will learn a variety of research strategies for their family history. For more information, call 847-675-0951 or visit http://www.tbsikolke.org. 9 a.m. Sept. 10, Temple Beth Israel, 3061 W. Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-0951

Monday, Sept. 11

Cake Decorating 101: Join us at Mariano's Des Plaines for a summer themed cake decorating class. Basic frosting and piping will be demonstrated. Take home your own cake to enjoy. Advance registration required. 6:30 p.m. Sept. 11, Mariano's Des Plaines, 10 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, $20

Adult Book Discussion: "All the Light We Cannot See": This book discussion features "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. This Pulitzer-Prize winning novel relates the intertwined stories of the blind Marie-Laure LeBlanc, the orphaned Werner Pfennig and others as they are brought into the globe-spanning conflict of World War II. Books for the next discussion are distributed to Lincolnwood residents at each meeting. 11 a.m. Sept. 11, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Knitting Roundtable for Adults: Ronnie Rund, an expert knitter, shows attendees how to knit or how to solve knitting challenges. Bring one's current project(s) and needles. 2 p.m. Sept. 11, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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Program on Hearing Loss and Communication Presenting Angela Roberts, Ph.D., professor at Northwestern University in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, presents a program for those with or those interested in hearing loss. This is offered by the Chicago North Shore Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America. The audience is in a custom room equipped with a hearing loop and live captioning. 10 a.m. Sept. 11, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield, free, 847-784-6030

Music of the American War Between the States: Nineteenth century America was a country trying to discover itself. George Walker traces the folk traditions, the music leading up to the “Brothers War,” the music of slavery and the hope for the future. Stephen Foster “Mass Appeal” is no way to approach your exercise or physical therapy routine. Instead, use new concepts to determine what to do when a flare-up happens and know when to go to a healthcare provider is recommended because of a painful condition. 1 p.m. Sept. 11, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member; $17 non-member, 847-784-6030

Movement and Pain: Know When to Stop and When to Push: “No pain, no gain” is no way to approach your exercise or physical therapy routine. Instead, use new concepts to determine whether or not it is safe to keep exercising or even just moving. Understand what to do when a flare-up happens and know when to go to a healthcare provider is recommended because of a painful condition. 1 p.m. Sept. 11, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member; $17 non-member, 847-784-6030

Boost Your Brain Power: Discover proactive ways to enhance cognitive functioning in this class that features mental exercises such as social reminiscence, trivia games, pictorial, scrambled sentence games, letter counting, entangled figure games, visual puzzles and even creative healthy snacks. Make practical changes that will keep your mind sharper longer. 10 a.m. Sept. 11, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $10 member; $15 non-member, 847-784-6030

Teddy Bear Time: Ages 12-24 months with adults: Stories, songs and fingerplays for children from 12 through 24 months with an adult. Siblings are welcome 9:30 a.m. Sept. 11, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

Skokie Concert Choir Open Rehearsal: Those who love to sing may join the Skokie Concert Choir at its first fall open rehearsal from 7-9 p.m. Interested singers are invited for all voice parts, though tenors and basses are especially welcome. There are no auditions to join, however, prior musical experience is a plus. For additional information contact: skokiechoir@gmail.com, 7 p.m. Sept. 11, Central United Methodist Church Education Building, 8237 Kenton Ave., Skokie, free, 847-308-8064

The Book Stall presents author Joyce Maynard: Joyce Maynard, discusses her powerful new memoir of love found and lost, “The Best of Us.” This event is presented by The Book Stall, an independent bookstore on Chicago’s north shore. This event is open to the public, but The Book Stall asks that you buy Ms. Maynard’s work from them 5:30 p.m. Sept. 11, The Book Stall at Chestnut Court, 811 Elm St., Winnetka, free, 847-446-8880

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Carrie Mae Weems: Ritual Revolution: Carrie Mae Weems often creates works that blur the lines between fiction and documentary to explore universal human experiences through the black subject. Composed of 18 diaphanous printed cloth banners with a poetic audio track, Ritual and Revolution (1998) explores the historic human struggle for equality and justice. 10 a.m. Sept. 12 and 10 a.m. Sept. 13, Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, 40 Arts Cir Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000

MashUp: The MashUp is uniquely Evanston: a starlit evening of conversation and connections with a wide range of characters — from entrepreneurs to executives, artists to accountants, and city leaders to CEOs. This celebration offers an evening in the big tent with amazing food, great music and the eclectic and electric essence of this community: $95 until Sept. 6, $125 thereafter; $50 each for Young Professionals (35 and under) and grab a friend for two tickets for $150. 5:30 p.m. Sept. 12, Norris University Center, East Lawn, Norris University Center, Evanston, $50-$125

Databases You Don’t Want to Miss: The Library’s online resources provide a wealth of information for investors, consumers, and small businesses, plus language learning, career development, and news sources. Learn how to access this information — in the Library or at home with your own Glenview Library card. Register at glenviewpl.org/register or 847-729-7500, 2 p.m. Sept. 12, Glenview Public Library, 1320 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

New — Homeschool Open House: Just drop in to meet other homeschooling families and learn about the many and varied library resources available to homeschoolers. 10 a.m. Sept. 12, Glenview Public Library, 1320 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

ISAC Financial Aid Presentation: All teens ages 13-18 are welcome! The Illinois Student Assistant Commission (ISAC) are experts on financial aid. Join us for a presentation that covers college costs, types of financial aid, how to apply for financial aid (including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA), financial aid award packages and other important information. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session. Bring your questions and take notes as we simplify the financial aid process. 7 p.m. Sept. 12, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Movies, Munchies and More: "World Trade Center": The film “World Trade Center” is rated PG-13 and the story is about two Port authority police officers who become trapped under the rubble of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. The cast includes: Nicholas Cage and Michael Pena. 11 a.m. Sept. 12, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

The Adoption Process From A to Z: Sally Wildman, a Chicago and Northbrook attorney with over 15 years adoption experience, presents adoption fundamentals. Ms. Wildman introduces you to the many types of adoption available, including agency, private, foreign and foster parent adoptions. Learn about home study, foster parent licensing and immigration steps that may be required. Discussed are key resources and common needs of adopted children including current trends to openness. 7 p.m. Sept. 12, New Trier Township High School, 7 Happ Road, Northfield, $18, 847-446-6600

Busy Bees Playgroup: Ages Birth to 4 with adult: This time includes a story, a song and lots of playtime. Siblings are welcome. 11 a.m. Sept. 12, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

Storytime for 2-Year-Olds with adult: Stories and songs specially chosen for 2-year-olds and an adult. Siblings are welcome. 10:30 a.m. Sept. 12 and 9:00 a.m. Sept. 13, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

Storytime for 3-Year-Olds with Adult: Stories, songs and fun for 3-year-olds and siblings are welcome. 10:15 a.m. Sept. 12 and 10:15 a.m. Sept. 13, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Presentation: Climate Modeling on Supercomputers: Computational Climate Scientist Rob Jacob from Argonne National laboratory discusses world’s most powerful supercomputers and the role of data in how we understand climate change. 7 p.m. Sept. 13, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

The Artful, Inventive Musicals That Inspired “La La Land”: In 1964, filmmaker Jacques Demy’s “The Umbrellas of Cherbourg” a pastel-colored, 100 percent-sung musical starred Catherine Deneuve. Demy and his composer, Michel Legrand, developed a companion piece, the film, “The Young Girls of Rochefort” in 1967. It was more glamorous or with bigger, more complex musical numbers interspersed within its story of sisters looking for love. 12:30 p.m. Sept. 13, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12 member; $17 non-member, 847-784-6030

Luncheon to Benefit the Park Ridge Community Fund: The Park Ridge Chamber hosts their Monthly Networking Luncheon to Benefit the Park Ridge Community Fund on Sept. 13, at the Park Ridge Country Club. Join Chamber members and the two-dozen agencies that PRCF funds. 11:30 a.m. Sept. 13, Park Ridge Country Club, 636 North Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Tickets: $30 if paid by 11:30 a.m., Sept. 8, or $35, 847-825-3121

Rosemont’s Big Break Vocal Competition: A special Big Break finale event takes place Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. on MB Financial Park’s great lawn. 7 p.m. Sept. 13, MB Financial Park, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-261-0392

Jason Reynolds at The Skokie Public Library: Award-winning YA author Jason Reynolds discusses and signs copies of his new novel for young people, “Patina,” at the Skokie Public Library. This event is presented in conjunction with The Book Stall, an independent bookstore on Chicago’s north shore. It is free and recommended for grades 4 and up, but registration is requested on the library’s website or call beginning on Sept. 1, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13, Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-963-7774

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**Andersen, Arnold (Lee)**

Arnold (Lee) Andersen died, peacefully, on August 11. He taught at Maine South High School for 26 years. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, sons Mark (Mary) and Steven (Maria) and granddaughters, Maggi and Kara. A memorial service will be held at the Park Ridge Community Church on September 16, at 11:00.

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**Burgess Jr., Willis Walter**

Willis Walter Burgess, Jr., died peacefully on July 27, 2017, in Park Ridge, IL at the age of 90. Willis is survived by his children, Jill Engmark, Jeanne Weisburg, Jeff Burgess and Jody Pearson, and their spouses (Bob, Charlie, Anne, and Al); siblings, Bruce Burgess and Diana Sheffer; ten nieces and nephews, nineteen grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife of almost fifty years, Dorothy Jean Burgess (nee Holm). (He regretted that they never quite made it to fifty).

Will was born on September 22, 1926 in Oak Park, IL to Dorothy Kirchhoff Burgess and Willis Walter Burgess, Sr. He graduated from Steinmetz High School in 1942, where he played on the baseball team, was senior-class president, and sports editor of the newspaper...
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With his dad on the sidelines, Hawks’ Inserra makes most of first varsity game

BY MIKE CLARK
Pioneer Press

Bobby Inserra and his coach both admit it.

The junior is treated differently than other Maine South football players.

But there’s a good reason for that.

Inserra’s dad, Dave, is the Hawks coach and one of the most successful football coaches in Illinois with a 176-26 record and four state titles in 16-plus seasons.

Handling the coach-parent dynamic can be tricky, but both Inserras say it’s been good so far.

“He treats me like a player, doesn’t treat me like his son on the field,” Bobby Inserra said after Saturday’s 62-34 romp past Glenbard West in Glen Ellyn. “If anything, he’s a little harder on me, making sure I’m doing all my stuff.”

“He makes me proud,” Dave Inserra said of his son. “We have a great relationship. I can look at him in the car after practice or after a game and say, ‘Coach’s kid or player?’

“If (he says), ‘Player’ I’m going to give him the ins and outs (of football). If it’s ‘Coach’s kid,’ were just having fun.”

Both Inserras had plenty of fun in Saturday’s season-opener as the Hawks had the biggest scoring output by a Glenbard West opponent since at least 1995.

Bobby Inserra — who’s listed as a wide receiver/cornerback/quarterback/punter on the roster — did a little bit of everything in his varsity debut.

On defense, he helped hold down one of the state’s high-flying offenses early as Maine South opened a 28-point lead midway through the second quarter.

He also opened some eyes on offense, catching three passes for 51 yards and throwing a 47-yard option pass to senior Cam Stacy for a touchdown.

“We went over it a bunch in practice,” Bobby Inserra said. “We knew they were an aggressive defense. We knew they would come up and hit our run game.”

That allowed Stacy to get free behind the Hilltoppers’ secondary, and the result was the touchdown that put the Hawks up 42-14 with 5:03 left before halftime.

“That was something we’ve been working on for a few weeks,” said Maine South senior quarterback John O’Sullivan, who accounted for three touchdowns of his own. “It was something we kept in our back pocket that coach knew he might use. It was the perfect situation.”

That also describes where Bobby Inserra finds himself.

“My whole life I’ve just wanted to be on varsity,” he said. “I’ve idolized (Maine South) players like Matt Alviti, Nick Leongas. The 2008, 2009, 2010 (state championship teams), every year I’d be in the stands watching those awesome players and then I’d come on the field and celebrate with my dad and the team.”

The Hawks did plenty of celebrating on Saturday after a win that suggests another deep playoff run is well within the realm of possibility.

“It’s been my dream my whole life,” Bobby Inserra said of playing for his father. “Now I get to do it.”

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Maine South’s Bobby Inserra caught three passes and threw a 47-yard option pass for a touchdown against Glenbard West on Saturday in Glen Ellyn.
O’Sullivan perfect in Maine South debut

BY MIKE CLARK
Pioneer Press

John O’Sullivan’s timing was perfect Saturday, both before and after the Maine South football team’s season-opener at Glenbard West.

O’Sullivan, a senior quarterback in his first season as a starter, was a perfect 13-of-13 passing for 168 yards and one touchdown as the Hawks rolled to a 62-34 victory.

Told of his completion percentage afterward, O’Sullivan’s deadpan reply was: “I need to throw the ball more.”

If he continues to show such accuracy that could happen as Maine South tries to keep opposing defenses from keying too heavily on senior running back Fotis Kokosioulis.

The Northern Illinois recruit had a big day himself, running 19 times for 167 yards and four touchdowns.

Throw in O’Sullivan’s two rushing touchdowns and a halfback option pass for a score by junior Bobby Inserra, and Maine South had the biggest scoring output by an opponent in Hilltoppers coach Chad Hetlet’s 10-plus seasons.

Did O’Sullivan expect something like this in a matchup of perennial powers?

“No,” he said. “But we do expect to come out and win and score a lot of points.”

Maine South coach Dave Inserra liked O’Sullivan’s ability to keep plays alive.

“(He'd get) out of the pocket, scrambling, maybe run it,” Inserra said. “He found the open receiver for some big first downs.

“The game shifts right there, if we’re punting early in the first quarter and even in the middle of the second quarter.”

Maine South scored on its first five possessions of the game and even had a defensive TD when senior Rory Hayes ran an interception back 88 yards.

Kokosioulis had a 1-yard touchdown run and O’Sullivan hit senior Cam Stacy (7 catches, 106 yards) with a 15-yard touchdown pass for a 14-0 Hawks lead.

Glenbard West got within 14-6 on Dre Thomas’ 10-yard touchdown run with 1:32 left in the first quarter, but Maine South put the game out of reach with four touchdowns in a stretch of 5:57 in the second quarter.

Kokosioulis had a 52-yard scoring dash down the right sideline, O’Sullivan scored from 2 yards out two plays after an interception by senior Jack Leach, Hayes had his pick-six and Bobby Inserra hit Stacy in stride for a 47-yard score.

That made it 42-14 and Maine South coasted home, getting two more rushing touchdowns from Kokosioulis and another from O’Sullivan after halftime.

“It was impressive,” Dave Inserra said of the offensive output. “Great execution by our young offensive line.”

Maine South’s John O’Sullivan looks to pass against Glenbard West on Saturday in Glen Ellyn.

WEEK 1 FOOTBALL RESULTS

Friday’s scores

Barrington 34, Warren 20
Buffalo Grove 40, Niles West 7
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Elmwood Park 22, St. Joseph 6
Evansville 56, Hubbard 28
Fenwick 1, Brown 0 (forfeit)
Glenbrook North 13, Wheeling 8
Glenbrook South 42, Urban Prep/Englewood 0
Hersey 43, Zion-Benton 0
Hinsdale South 20, Prospect 0
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Lake Forest 38, Glenbard East 23
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Lakes 14, Deerfield 8
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Naperville North 1, Dunbar 0 (forfeit)
New Trier 31, York 6
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Vernon Hills 28, Grayslake Central 12

Saturday’s scores

Maine South 62, Glenbard West 34
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Adams 6
Phillips 20, Loyola 14
St. Xavier (Ohio) 43, Hinsdale Central 14

Westinghouse 30, Guerin 0

Eight-man football

Lake Forest Academy 31, Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah (Wis.) 14
Bison running back Trieb enjoys breakout game

BY HUNTER TICKEL
Pioneer Press

After the way he played against Niles West, Tom Trieb isn't likely to remain a secret much longer.

A former offensive lineman, the 6-foot-2, 215-pound Trieb is still learning how to play running back. But the junior showcased his potential in the 40-7 season-opening victory over the Wolves on Friday in Buffalo Grove.

Trieb amassed 118 all-purpose yards, averaged 8.2 yards per carry and scored two touchdowns.

"People don't know him yet, but they are going to know him," Buffalo Grove coach Jeff Vik said. "He is a great kid and a hardworking kid. He is a well-kept secret now, but I don't think he will be in a few weeks."

The Bison return three starters on the offensive line, and Trieb credited the line for his success.

"Last year we weren't able to run the ball, this year the offensive line is opening up holes," Trieb said. "I just found them, and we dominated them on that."

Trieb also plays on the defensive line. Last year as a sophomore, he started every game and recorded 69 tackles, one sack, two tackles for loss and two interceptions, according to his Twitter bio.

With eight starters back on offense and seven returning on defense from last year's team, which went 3-6 in Vik's first year at the helm, the bar has been raised.

"I think everyone knows the expectation," Vik said. "After that first year, especially when you were an assistant coach before, there were guys that looked at you as the assistant coach in charge. Now, the expectation has been set for the coaching staff and for the kids. Everything is easier in Year 2, because we have already been through it."

The cohesion within the team also has improved since last year.

"We are a lot closer, junior quarterback Connor Adams said. "We have better chemistry. We are thinking what each other are thinking."

Wolves struggle at the start

BY HUNTER TICKEL
Pioneer Press

The Jesse Pierce era at Niles West got off to a rocky start.

The Wolves had four turnovers and suffered a 40-7 loss at Buffalo Grove in their season-opening game on Friday. Niles West trailed 27-0 at the half and had only one first down to that point.

"I think our kids played pretty hard, they were excited to get out there and play against another group," Pierce said. "I think (our coaching staff) needs to do more work to get the (players) prepped. We were a little lacking in some areas."

The silver lining for the first-year head coach was the stark contrast in the Wolves' performance in the second half. On its first drive after the break, Niles West had three first downs.

Plus, the Wolves defense allowed just seven points in the second half.

"I thought we saw better execution in all phases of the game (in the second half)," Pierce said. "I thought all night long we looked pretty good in special teams, which I was happy to see. Offensively, we fought hard in a lot of different positions."

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Niles West's Will Shemroske passes while under pressure on Friday in Buffalo Grove.

Niles West's Corbin Repique is tackled by Buffalo Grove's Matt Prawka (13) and TJ West (58) on Friday.
BIG TEN FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Locals help Northwestern rise to prominence

BY BOB NARANG
Pioneer Press

Northwestern football is on the rise.

The Wildcats are gunning for a return to their glory days, when running back Darnell Asbury and linebacker Pat Fitzgerald led the 1995 team to a Big Ten title and a Rose Bowl appearance.

Fitzgerald, now the winningest coach in program history, has built a solid foundation at his alma mater based on his ability to convince elite Chicago area players to play for the Wildcats.

One of the pieces of that foundation was former Maine South quarterback Matt Alviti, a four-star recruit who shocked many programs when he chose Northwestern in the spring of 2012.

Northwestern's other top recruit at quarterback that season was Mitchell Trubisky, who went on to play at North Carolina and was the Chicago Bears' first-round draft pick this spring.

Alviti, now a redshirt senior, has completed just four passes for 14 yards in 10 career games. But as he enters the final months of his football career, he takes pride in playing a small role in helping transform Northwestern into a top destination for local recruits.

“I have been here forever it seems. Five years,” Alviti said. “You take it for granted as a young guy, and now I’m at a point where I only have five or six months left in a game I’ve played my whole life.

“I think the seeds of what they were trying to build for awhile kind of really started with my class and the kids from the Chicago area and the class below me, with Justin (Jackson) and others. A lot of three- and four-star recruits from the area is huge, having local guys who know the program, been around the program and helping, hopefully, bring Northwestern to the top of the Big Ten.”

Former Stevenson wide receiver Cameron Green and Libertyville quarterback Riley Lees are both seeking to become vital contributors this season for the Wildcats. Lees, a redshirt freshman wide receiver, is expected to play regularly.

“I’m trying to figure out what my role on the team is and do whatever I can to help the team,” Lees said. “It’s exciting. It was tough to go from playing all the time to not playing at all last year, but it helped me learn, take time to learn the skills at wide receiver and get comfortable with the team.”

Green, a redshirt sophomore superback from Buffalo Grove native, caught four passes for 31 yards in 13 games last season.

“I’m just trying to do whatever I can to help the team,” Green said. “My body style has changed, as I’ve become a stronger and faster football player.

“It’s been unreal (at Northwestern). We’re trying to build an unreal program, and everybody has responded to it. Everybody is buying into the program. I’m blessed and excited to be part of the program.”

OPRF grad
Cobbs on the rise at Indiana

Former Oak Park-River Forest wide receiver Simeon Cobbs had little trouble adjusting to playing college football at the highest level. Cobbs played in all 12 games as a freshman at Indiana, then caught 60 passes for 1,035 yards and four touchdowns as a sophomore.

Cobbs, a redshirt junior after missing almost all of 2016 with an injury, credited numerous teammates for helping speed up his transition from high school to college.

“I watched the older guys like Shane Wynn and Nick Stoner, and the preparation they brought every day,” Cobbs said of his former Hoosier teammates. “I knew they were striving for greatness, and I knew at a young age I needed to take that next step and learn how to prepare. I put in a lot of film work and crafted my game.”

An All-Big Ten Honorable Mention selection in 2015, Cobbs suffered a season-ending ankle injury in a win against Ball State in the second game of last season. He sat out the opener against Florida International due to a suspension.

“For the first couple of weeks, it was definitely a downer,” Cobbs said of his injury. “After you go through that process of getting the surgery and healing, you start believing more. That play actually was good for me... Due to the injury I got bigger, faster, stronger, and I learned a lot about the game that I knew but I wasn’t 100 percent sure about. As a player, you want to be physically strong but just as strong mentally.”

The 6-foot-4, 220-pound Cobbs said his goals are to be a key contributor this season and return to his old, productive form.

His Week 1 availability was undetermined at press time. Cobbs was arrested on misdemeanor charges of refusal to identify and resisting law enforcement last month at a concert in Indiana. Last week, Indiana coach Tom Allen said he had not decided if Cobbs would play in the season-opener against Ohio State, though he had been a full participant in practice.

“Camp went great,” Cobbs said. “Due to the injury, I had a lot of extra weight on me. Through the whole process of camp, I lost 11 pounds of fat and then gained five percent muscle. That reshaped my entire body.”

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**MAC FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK**

**Fenwick’s Ryan Smith boosts Miami (Ohio)**

By Bob Narang

Ryan Smith has little reason to complain.

More than three years ago, the former Fenwick star committed to Miami (Ohio), a struggling Mid-American Conference program that didn’t seem to be headed anywhere. From 2011-14, the RedHawks won only 10 games, and they went 0-12 during the 2013 season.

But under the direction of Chuck Martin, the RedHawks have won nine games over the last two seasons, including six wins last season before a narrow loss to Mississipi State in the St. Petersburg Bowl.

Smith, a 6-foot-4, 265-pound tight end, caught 31 passes for 356 yards and five touchdowns last season. He had seven receptions for 72 yards and a touchdown in the bowl game.

With the RedHawks returning eight starters on offense and eight on defense, Smith said he’s excited for the next few months, team-wise and personally.

“A Miami football is up,” Smith said. “I think this season could be a really big season for Miami football. I’m trying to stay levelheaded and humble about it, but I know I also have a big opportunity ahead of me. I’m taking it one step at a time.

“After talking to a couple of agents (about playing professionally), it’s really exciting, but I have to keep a level head in that aspect. It really comes down to how good of a senior season I will have.”

One of 19 players on Miami’s roster from the Chicago area, Smith credits his grandfather, former Fenwick star and 1953 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Lattner, for molding him into a devoted family man.

Lattner passed away in February 2016 at age 83.

Smith isn’t the only Lattner grandson playing in the MAC. Fellow Fenwick alumus Robert Spillane is a standout linebacker for Western Michigan.

“Without him, I don’t think I would be the man I am today,” Smith said of Lattner.

Garoppolo played for coach Doug Milsaps.

“I never get it,” Milas said when asked if people at Ball State connect him with Garoppolo. “It’s kind of weird because I thought I would. Mishler has done a really good job of getting everybody ready. He keeps winning, changing his offense every year to mold it to the (quarterback).”

As Milas enters the final stage of his up-and-down college football career, he’s embracing the role of being a leader as a senior. He started six games as a redshirt freshman, three as a sophomore and played primarily as a backup last season. He enters this season as a backup and is on track to graduate with a degree in business administration.

“It’s weird to think about hitting the real road, graduating in December,” he said. “It’s surreal, all coming to an end, one heck of a ride. I’m taking it day by day because you never know when it’s going to end.

“Coming here was probably the best decision of my life. I love it here, so many good people and life lessons that I’ve learned.”

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**Locals on FBS rosters**

**Akron**: Jamal Baggett, Jr., S (OPRF)
**Arizona**: Josh Pollack, R-Jr., K/P (Highland Park)
**Army**: Jonathan Hamilton, Fr., ATH (St. Patrick, from Elmwood Park); Jack Haugh, Fr., DL (Choate Rosemary Hall (Conn.), from Wilmette); Mike Houghton, Sr., OL (Prospect); Mike Johnson, So., OL (Hinsdale Central); Sean McNulty, Fr., K (Maine South); Ryan O’Malley, Fr., OL (Libertyville); Mike Owens, So., OL (Nazarath)
**Auburn**: Sai Canella, So., TE (St. Viator)
**Ball State**: Pat Maloney, R, OL (Hinsdale South); Jack Milas, R-Sr., QB (Rolling Meadows); Jacob White, R-So., LB (Hinsdale Central)
**Bowling Green**: Scott Miller, Jr., WR (Barrington); Matt Naranjo, So., P (Niles North)
**Buffalo**: Charlie Jones, Fr., WR (Deerfield)
**California**: Chinedu Udogu, R-Fr., DE (Georgetown Prep (Md.), from Inverness)
**Colorado**: Jack Shutack, So., OL (Nazareth)
**Duke**: Jake Marwede, Fr., TE (Loyola)
**Florida**: Jack Russell, Fr., QB (Libertyville)
**Hawaii**: Hunter Hughes, Sr., QB (Lake Zurich)
**Illinois**: Christian Bobak, R-Fr., RB (Hinsdale Central); Doug Kramer, R-Fr., OL (Hinsdale Central); Conner Lillig, Fr., RB (Fenwick); Jimmy Marchese, So., LB (Stevenson); Michael Marchese, Fr., DB (Stevenson); Alex Palczewski, Fr., OL (Prospect); Charlie Reinkemeyer, Fr., QB (Lake Forest); Ethan Tabel, R-Fr., LS (Barrington); Bobby Walker, So., TE (Loyola)
**Indiana**: Simmie Cobbs Jr., R-Jr., WR (OPRF); Allen Stallings IV, So., OL (OPRF); Nile Sykes, R-Jr., DL (Montini, from Oak Park)
**Iowa**: Henry Marchese, Fr., WR (Stevenson); Austin Spiewak, Fr., LS-Fremd (Rolling Meadows); Barrington Wade, R-Fr., LB (Niles North)
**Iowa State**: Sean Foster, R-Fr., OL (Carmel)
**Kansas**: Kyle Pullia, Sr., OL (Fenwick)
**Louisville**: Brendan Lowery, Jr., LS (Barrington); Sean McCormack, So., QB (Hinsdale South)
**Miami (Ohio)**: Travin Banks, So., DB (Evanton); Brady Garber, R-Fr., K (Hinsdale Central); Ben Kinple, R-Fr., DL (Libertyville); Josh Maihe, Fr., DL (Deerfield); Myles McKinnon, R-Fr., WR (Benet, from Hinsdale);Leonard Ross, R-So., RB (Lyons); Ryan Smith, Sr., TE (Fenwick); Jack Sorenson, R-Fr., WR (Stevenson); Jacob Swartz, Fr., K/P (Highland Park)
**Michigan**: Ian Bunting, Sr., TE (Hinsdale Central); Michael Hirsch, GS, FB (Glennbrook South); Michael Sessa, So., QB (Hinsdale Central)
**Michigan State**: Brian Allen, Sr., OL (Hinsdale Central); Matt Allen, R-Fr., OL (Hinsdale Central); Kevin Jarvis, Fr., OL (Maine South); Naquan Jones, R-Fr., DL (Evaston); Mickey Macius, Jr., QB (St. Viator); Matt Morrissey, Jr., S (Stevenson); Max Rosenthal, Fr., FB (New Trier)
**Missouri**: Ryan Dalley, R-So., S (Carmel); Joe Hoy, R-So., LB (Carmel)
**Navy**: Jackson Perkins, Fr., DL (Barrington)
**North Carolina**: Noah Turner, R-Fr., TE (Carmel)
**North Texas**: Devin O’Hara, R-So., QB (Prospect)
**Northern Illinois**: Ryan Gibbons, R-Fr., WR (Maine South); Vinny Labus, Fr., LS (Oak Park); Ben Leyo, Sr., So., OL (Loyola); Josh Mailoux, R-Sr., OL (Hershey)
**Ohio**: Jordan Rowell, Fr., RB (IC Catholic); Maailk Todd, R-Jr., WR (Evaston)
**Northwestern**: Matt Alviti, Sr., QB (Maline South); Eric Eshoo, R-Fr., WR (Loyola); Cameron Green, So., WR (Stevenson); Daniel Kublik, Jr., P/H (Barrington); Riley Lees, R-Fr., WR (Libertyville); Adam Lemke-Bell, So., OL (OPRF); Joe Spivak, Fr., DL. (Montini, from Darlen); Lloy Yates, So., WR (OPRF)
**Notre Dame**: Jack Henige, Fr., TE (Fenwick); Cole Kmet, Fr., TE (St. Viator); Julian Love, So., CB (Nazarath); Robert Regan, Jr., LB (Hinsdale South); John Shannon, So., TE (Loyola); Jimmy Thompson, Jr., LB (Hinsdale Central)
**Penn State**: Joe Calcagno, Fr., LS (Fenwick); Colin Castagna, Jr., DL (Barrington); Frank Di Leo, R-Sr., LB (St. Ignatius, from Elmhurst); Daniel Joseph, R-Fr., DL (Lake Forest Academy)
**Purdue**: Danny Carollo, R-So., QB (Lake Forest); Aidan O’Connell, Fr., QB (Stevenson)
**SMU**: RC Cox, Sr., LB (Carmel)
**Stanford**: Thomas Schaffer, So., DE (Lake Forest Academy)
**Syracuse**: Zack Mahoney, Sr., QB (Lyon’s); Liam O’Sullivan, R-Fr., OL (Maine South); Andre Szmyt, Fr., K (Vernon Hills)
**Texas A&M**: John Clark, R-Fr., RB (Glenbrook North)
**Tulane**: Devonte Dunn, Fr., DL (Nazareth)
**Tulane**: Jeremy Allen, Fr., S (Highland Park)
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