Coffee and community

Niles police officers meet with residents to visit, answer questions. Page 4

Niles police officers set up Aug. 25 at Panera Bread restaurant in Niles for the department's first Coffee With a Cop gathering in years. Police said they are making themselves available at various sites in Niles in the coming months so they can visit with the community and provide information or answer questions.

LIVING

The early work of play

Researchers have documented that kindergarten is becoming the new first grade, and some parents believe a rigorously academic preschool is the best option for their children. Child development is built on play, though. Preschoolers have work to do, mainly running, building, imagining, climbing, storytelling, exploring, pretending and singing. Inside

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Here's where to celebrate Oktoberfest with German food, drink and plenty of oompah bands. Page 19

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Kindness, generosity in Little Free Pantries

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It's back

College notes, which provides updates on area athletes playing at the next level, returns for another academic year. Page 37
Bernie Alter, retired Skokie accountant

Bernie Alter, 74, has been a Skokie resident since 1985. A retired accountant and father of three, he said he enjoys family life and the village he has called home for more than 30 years.

Q: Where did you grow up?
A: I grew up in Chicago in Humboldt Park. I've always been in the Chicago area.

Q: Do you have pets?
A: Not anymore. We used to have a dog.

Q: What book are you currently reading and what book would you like to read next?
A: I'm not reading any books. I just read magazines. That's my form of reading.

Q: What was your first job?
A: An accountant. When I graduated school, I became an accountant and that's what I did for my career. I stayed in that field for my whole life.

Q: As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?
A: I wanted to be a cowboy. Seriously. That seemed very exciting. I watched all those TV Westerns when I was growing up, and that made me want to become one. There wasn't much of a chance that would happen, but that's what I wanted to be.

Q: Is there a movie you'd recommend?
A: There's a lot of movies I like, but recommending one is different. I like "Blazing Saddles." That's always been one of my favorites.

Q: What's your favorite charity?
A: JUF (Jewish United Fund). They have been around for a long time, and do very good things.

Q: Any words of wisdom?
A: No, I don't do words of wisdom. Well, maybe this. Keep your money. When you grow old, you'll need it. That's it.

Q: Favorite local restaurant?
A: I like them all but I go to Max and Benny's in Northbrook. I also like Graziano's in Niles. I like a lot of Skokie restaurants, too.

Q: What is an interesting factoid about yourself?
A: There's nothing so interesting about me. I'm boring. I like to travel a lot.

Madeline McGhee, 62
Diabetes Patient

Remodeling a home starts with careful planning. When Madeline was faced with the challenge of managing her diabetes, she used research skills learned as a remodeling enthusiast to find exactly the right care team for her. She found her family medicine physician at Loyola Medicine, who worked with her to get her diabetes under control and improve her overall health. Now Madeline is back to doing what she loves – without worrying about her diabetes.

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Niles police bring back ‘coffee’ program

Officials hope gatherings will improve relations with community

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

If it seems late that everywhere you go for a quick bite to eat, you run into a handful of Niles police officers, rest assured there’s nothing to fear.

That’s exactly the message Niles police officers want to send to the public with the department’s “Coffee with a Cop” program. The idea, said Cmdr. Robert Torabene, is to reach out to the community and forge a positive relationship.

An installment of the program was held Aug. 25 at Panera Bread in Niles.

“This is the first gathering of this kind we’ve had in four years,” said Torabene. “We did it briefly before, but it wasn’t as well organized.”

Torabene said this time, the police department has scheduled gatherings through November. In addition to Panera Bread, several officers were scheduled to be available for visits at McDonald’s, Starbucks, Dunkin’ Donuts and other frequently visited venues on other dates.

Coffee with a Cop comes out of Police Chief Luis Tigges’ Crime Prevention Action Plan, an initiative calling for a new crime prevention bureau and with greater outreach to the public, according to Torabene.

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The first gathering is always slower, the officers said, but the program will pick up as more people know about it.

Torabene said typical questions people have when they meet is about traffic tickets and whether this or that is a violation.

“The true spirit behind this or that is a violation.

The texting and cellphone thing in a vehicle is always a question,” he said. “People ask ‘when can I use my cellphone?’ ”

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“The true spirit behind...“
The following items were taken from area police department reports and press releases. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt.

Lincolnwood

DUI
- Jose Manuel Mena, 21, of the 1000 block of Kedvale Avenue, Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Sept. 1 in the 3900 block of Wallen Avenue.
- Yusuf Adem, 61, of the 4000 block of Enfield Avenue, Skokie, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Aug. 27 in the 4300 block of Touhy Avenue. Police said Adem was also cited with operating a vehicle that was not insured and improper use of a turn signal.

Theft
- Ritu Arya, 29, of the 2900 block of King Drive, Chicago, was charged with theft Aug. 26 at a retailer in the 3300 block of Touhy Avenue. Police said Arya tried to leave the store without paying for merchandise.
- Jose Rico, 22, of the 3400 block of Wilson Avenue, Chicago, was charged with retail theft stemming from an incident Aug. 27 in the 3300 block of Touhy Avenue. Police said Rico tried to leave the store without paying for merchandise valued at about $29.
- A package was reported stolen Aug. 26 from a home in the 6600 block of Cramford Avenue. Police said the package contained a laptop computer valued at about $350.
- Cash of about $800 was reportedly stolen from a wallet Aug. 25 that was inside a vehicle parked in the 3300 block of Touhy Avenue. Police said a man went to make a purchase and noticed he did not have his wallet. When he returned to his vehicle, police said, he found his wallet on the hood of the vehicle with no cash.

Niles

Obstruction
- Raul Hernandez, 25, of the 4700 block of North Avers, Chicago, was charged with obstruction, driving on a suspended license and improper lane usage on Aug. 20 following a traffic stop near the intersection of Milwaukee Avenue and Main Street. According to police, Hernandez initially gave an officer a fake name, and when his real identity was learned, it was discovered he had a warrant for failing to appear in court. He was given a Sept. 25 court date.

DUI
- Diana Warner, 54, of the 6700 block of North Womens, Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident on Aug. 21 in the 6600 block of Touhy Avenue. Police said the garage doors were closed and locked when the victim entered the garage.

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Block party signals end of summer in Niles

Aug. 26 festival a collaboration between Niles Family Fitness Center, Niles Library

BY GINA GRILLO
Pioneer Press

Organizers of the Niles Community Block Party said the event offered members of this diverse community an opportunity to connect in celebration.

The Aug. 26 festival was held in the parking lots of the Niles Senior Center and Culver Elementary School, and was a collaboration between the Niles Family Fitness Center and the Niles Public Library.

Also contributing to the communitywide day of fun were the Niles Fire and Police departments, and the village's Public Works and Human Services Departments, according to organizers.

Neighbors came together with food, games and entertainment, in what is billed as the village's annual family-friendly tribute to the end of summer.

Linda Mathis, who serves as the membership services coordinator for the Niles Family Fitness Center, said this event is a way to give back to the community, a way to thank residents.

"Just as the school year is starting, we offer this block party as a way of inviting folks out to see what Niles has to offer, it's a way of bringing people together," Mathis said.

This summer finale event included hot dogs and popcorn, inflatables for the children, carnival games, entertainment by Evanston's School of Rock, a seat on a Fire Department truck, a drone show and more.

"This celebration ties the community and the municipalities together so that when we come out for an emergency there is that instant connection," said Bob Greiner, district chief of the Niles Fire Department. "We want to be more approachable to the community, and having a more personal connection creates trust."

Lovely Vergura, of Niles, said the community block party is a great family outing, and makes them feel part of the area.

"The opportunity for the kids to touch the fire truck is like a dream come true," Vergura said.

Samira Sheikh went to the the block party with her sons, Aariz, 3; and Zavier, 11, who joined with other kids to create an artistic rendering of the Niles fire truck insignia in a grand scale on the pavement in colored chalk.

"The block party keeps the kids engaged in what community can do for us, and becomes a great sign for diversity and for coming together," said Sheikh, who traveled from her neighboring town of Morton Grove to attend.

The village of Niles celebrated the end of summer with its signature Community Block Party event on Aug. 26 in the parking lots of the Niles Senior Center and Culver Elementary School in Niles.

Chris Rohner, Jack Breton, Jack Matra, Sydney Kramer and Liam Fagen, students from the Evanston School of Rock, perform at the Niles Community Block Party Aug. 26.

Emerald Vergura, 3, center, with her mother Lovely Vergura, right, is greeted by Niles Fire Department mascot "Sparky the Dalmatian" at the block party Aug. 26.

Madeline Henrickson, 9, of Niles, from left; Aariz Sheikh, 3, of Morton Grove; Peter Makula, 12, of Wheeling; and Zavier Sheikh, 11, of Morton Grove, used colored chalk to create an artistic rendering of the Niles fire truck insignia on the pavement at the Niles Community Block Party on Aug. 26.
With an uptick in demand, Niles Township food pantry seeks money, volunteers

Officials anticipate busy fall, winter holiday seasons

BY GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER
Pioneer Press

Demand is up more than 50 percent at the Niles Township food pantry, and leaders are seeking additional money and volunteers to serve the growing need as they prepare for the upcoming holiday season.

"We certainly did not anticipate the increase we've been seeing," said Marilyn Glazer, Niles Township supervisor. "We're trying to meet the demand as much as we can."

Early in the year, the Niles Township food pantry served about 4,000 clients per month, said Tony Araque, food pantry manager. But in June and July, that number spiked to 6,592 and about 6,200, respectively.

Niles Township includes the towns of Niles, Morton Grove, Lincolnwood, Skokie, Glenview and Golf. Summer typically brings a greater demand at the food pantry as children are out of school. About 32 percent of students in the township receive free or reduced lunch, Araque said.

In addition, Araque said, a greater number of working-poor residents and a larger selection of offerings at the pantry could be reasons why lines are growing at what has become a Skokie institution.

As unemployment declines, Araque said, clients who once qualified for food stamps may no longer receive them because their income has grown. However, the amount of money they earn often is not enough to cover all of their expenses, bringing them to the food pantry.

"It's pretty cheap to eat poorly. It's expensive to eat well," Araque said.

And while the food pantry, 5255 Main St., Skokie, doesn't depend on the Illinois budget for money, the recent two-year impasse eliminated funding and prompted layoffs at other nonprofits and service providers. Those left unemployed as a result also might be driving up food pantry demand, Araque said.

On the federal level, proposed cuts to the food stamp budget, or Supple-

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Niles Township food pantry has seen an uptick in demand

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mental Nutrition Assistance Program as it is formally called, could push even more clients to the pantry searching for food this fall, Araque said.

Paul Morello, spokesman for the Greater Chicago Food Depository, said longer lines are not unique to Niles Township and are playing out around the greater Chicago area.

According to a study commissioned by the food depository this year, “60 percent of agencies said they have seen an increase in the number of clients they are serving,” Morello said.

Many might assume that the need for food has dropped since the recession ended, Morello said, but that’s not always the case. He said that, anecdotally, “low-income working families” who no longer qualify for food stamps make up a large part of food bank clientele.

A resident must earn less than 165 percent of the poverty level or less to qualify for SNAP, Morello said. That equals about $3,342 per month for a family of four, or $40,104 annually.

As a result, “the lines are still really long,” Morello said.

He estimated that 1 in 6 one Cook County residents prepare meals with ingredients from a food pantry.

Another factor contributing to the growing Niles Township food pantry clientele, Araque said, could be that it has expanded its offerings to include a greater selection of meat and produce.

The Niles Township pantry participates in a program called Food Rescue, which visits grocery stores around the Chicago area for about-to-expire meat, produce, and bakery items.

With a recently acquired walk-in freezer and refrigerator, food pantry staff can carry more off the delivery truck when it stops by three times per week.

“We used to not be able to take all the meat. We used to not be able to take all the produce,” Araque said.

Summer often is a slow time for donations and volunteers, but Araque said the increased demand in June and July makes fundraising and volunteer recruitment especially important in the fall as staff prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday baskets.

He’s especially concerned about volunteers, as many of those stocking shelves and performing other tasks have developmental disabilities and serve at the food bank as part of their job training classes — programs often paid for with state or federal funds at risk of being cut.

“It can be scary,” Araque said. “Anything that makes this place run, it’s expensive.”

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'Sweet' celebrations kick off new school year

Districts across Niles Township welcome students

BY MIKE ISAACS
AND GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER
Pioneer Press

Nothing says welcome to class like an ice cream social, schoolwide picnic or other back-to-school bashes, like those held at elementary school districts throughout Niles Township to celebrate the start of the new school year.

Students started school Aug. 22 at Skokie-Fairview School District 72.


Classes resumed Aug. 24 at Skokie School District 68.

Aug. 30 marked the first day for students at Skokie School District 73.5.

A number of the schools in those districts held social events.

Families spread across the Skokie School District 68's Highland School playground Aug. 21 where Popsicles were handed out. Some children met their teachers for the first time while others headed straight for the playground equipment 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 Serac. "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 in the district.

Students and parents mingled in the Oliver McCracken Middle School gym at the Dist. 73.5 Back to School Picnic on Aug. 28.

Festivities moved into the gym at Oliver McCracken Middle School in Skokie, where kids told jokes, chatted with teachers and ran around with their friends.

Just past the entryway, teachers' aides Tsengy Gomez and Annie Bhurya waited to introduce parents to the district's Family Connection program, which partners families who are new to the district or have a student just starting school in the district with those who have been here for some time and can help them get oriented.

"The purpose is to match families," Bhurya said.

"They then become a resource."

The program is important, the two women said, because students in the district come from families that speak more than 60 different languages, the most popular being Urdu, Syan and Spanish. Gujurati, Cantonese and Tagalog also are spoken by a number of students and their parents.

"Matching new families with others who speak the same language and have children around the same age, the women said, does wonders for getting the parents involved and comfortable with the district."

"The purpose is to keep everyone engaged," Bhurya said. She estimated about 50 parents volunteer to help the 110 new families to District 73.5.

Lincolnwood School District 74's PTA sponsored a back-to-school ice-cream social.

Hundreds of guests from the surrounding community attended, school officials said. Students and their parents, grandparents and siblings attended the annual event.

The PTA provided all guests with ice cream/frozen treats, live music, a photo booth, and raffle prizes.

Lincolnwood Mayor Barry Bass attended the social to welcome the Lincolnwood School District 74 students back to school. The Lincolnwood Public Library as well as many other vendors also had tables set up to share informational items, said school district officials.

"We are so excited for the 2017-18 school year and all of the achievements that lie ahead for the students of Lincolnwood School District 74," school district spokeswoman Christina Audisho said.

"The purpose is to match families," Bhurya said. 
Harlem Ave. detour begins for water main work

Harlem Avenue between Golf and Glenview roads in Glenview will be under construction for up to three weeks as crews complete water main work, village officials announced.

The northbound lane of Harlem will be closed as traffic is reduced to one lane, according to a village newsletter. Drivers heading north on Harlem will be detoured to Shermer Road to avoid construction, village officials said. Construction was scheduled to start Aug. 28, according to the newsletter.

The southbound traffic pattern will remain the same, according to the newsletter.

Drivers are advised to allow for extra travel time or consider alternate routes.

The construction is part of the Harlem Avenue reconstruction project, a revamp that includes the installation of more than 8,000 feet of new water main pipe to centralize three current, outdated water mains, according to the village website.

— Alexandra Kukulka, Pioneer Press

Six Flags boasts of ride’s ‘wicked hang-time’

Park announces new 100-foot loop coaster for 2018

Staff report

A 100-foot loop coaster dubbed a “world-record breaking attraction” in a Thursday announcement by officials at Six Flags Great America is scheduled to open for the 2018 season at the Gurnee theme park.

“Six Flags Great America, the Thrill Capital of the Midwest, has an announcement of epic proportions,” park officials said in a statement released at 3 a.m.

“Coming in 2018 is the world’s largest loop coaster. This world-record breaking attraction will take riders forward and backward on a gigantic loop before suspending them completely upside down for plenty of wicked hang-time.”

According to information in the statement, the ride — currently without a name — will be situated in the Mardi Gras section of the park, where a tumbling platform ride called King Chaos was removed from the Great America roster on Aug. 27. The new ride will be Great America’s 16th coaster.

The ride specifications tout it as the “world’s largest coaster of its kind,” with 360-degree revolutions with multiple inversions, 32 seats with guests seated back-to-back and face-to-face; and inverted hang-time for riders, suspending them upside down for extended periods of time.

“Six Flags continues to prove that innovation is in our DNA and we are thrilled to introduce yet another world-record breaking coaster to our impressive arsenal of thrill rides,” park President Hank Salemi said in a statement.

“Standing at 100 feet tall, this is an experience our guests cannot get anywhere else on the planet. With the multiple inversions and record hang-time, this new coaster packs a punch and is going to be one of our most intense attractions.”

The statement added that the ride “will be named soon” and is set to open in the spring.
New tax has consumers, grocers howling

Note that business is down as sweet drinks cost more

BY MIKE ISAACS AND GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER

Nearly a month after Cook County’s new Sweetened Beverage Tax Ordinance took effect, some area consumers continue to cry foul, and several business owners say they are struggling to adjust.

The ordinance, which went into effect Aug. 2, imposes a new one-cent-per-ounce tax on the retail sale of sweetened beverages in Cook County. Everything from regular and diet soda, to lemonades, ready-to-drink sweetened coffee and teas, sports and energy drinks, as well as juice that isn’t 100 percent fruit or vegetable — including beverages served from a fountain — are subject to the tax.

“It’s stupid and it’s hurt the business,” said Arun Sharma, owner of a 7-Eleven on Main Street in Skokie. “People are not buying as much, and I’m not ordering as much.”

A 20-ounce beverage affected by the tax at Sharma’s store now costs the consumer 20 cents more — up from around $2.40 to $2.60, he said.

“Every week, we used to order 90 bottles of two-liters, but now we’re ordering 35,” Sharma said. “Even with 35, we have stuff not moving.”

County officials have said that $74.6 million is expected to be generated from the tax. The money is supposed to help fund some county public health services. Additionally, county officials who support the tax say it could help address some health issues, including obesity.

Commissioners passed the tax Nov. 10, 2016 on a 9-8 vote, with one member absent.

It was initially supposed to go into effect July 1, but a lawsuit held up that date. Then a judge dismissed the suit, paving the way for the August implementation of the tax.

The Illinois Alliance to Prevent Obesity issued a statement supporting the tax as the law went into effect last month. Theodosios said soda prices have gone up because of the tax.

Dimitra Armiras, manager of the Charcoal Flame Grill in Morton Grove, said soda sales are definitely down since the Cook County sugary beverage tax went into effect last month. Armiras, seen here Aug. 29, said she will have to raise prices because of the tax.

A two-liter bottle at Aldi supermarket now costs 67 cents more than it used to, said Kris Stergiou, owner of a downtown Skokie grocery store. He said he orders less product than he used to, estimating his orders are down by as much as 80 percent over the last month.

“I used to order every week from four different vendors,” he said. “Now I just place an order to one of them. People feel they have to go somewhere else to get their soda — a different county.”

Aldi shopper Lydia Manifold said she was never a heavy soda consumer, but the tax has made her think twice about purchasing soda at all for her family.

“It isn’t something I bought all the time anyway,” she said. “I can do without it. But it seems ridiculous to me that only Cook County consumers have to pay more. That doesn’t seem right.”

Nick Theodosis, owner of Skokie’s popular Dengeos restaurant on Main Street, said customers complained a lot about the tax when it was implemented.

Soda is now 21 cents more at the restaurant than it used to be because of the tax, he said.

“People feel the county is gouging them and the restaurant is gouging them, and they’re getting robbed,” he said. “They don’t understand the cost that we face because of this. People are absolutely not ordering as much soda now.”

For right now, Dengeos is keeping its free refill policy and “eating the extra cost” from the increased tax, he said.

Sparky’s, an east-side-of-Skokie fixture for more than 30 years, is also selling less soda than it used to because of the tax, said owner Gus Hotis. “People want more water now. People don’t buy any soda anymore.”

Perry Johnson of Chicago, who works near Sparky’s, said he will continue to buy soda regularly even if it is more expensive.

“I drink Coke a lot,” he said. “I don’t like that it costs more, but a few cents won’t stop me from drinking it. And I’m not going to Turn to Tax, Page 13
Tax has consumers howling

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drive 10 miles to get it for cheaper. The gas money alone wipes out the savings.

The new tax has caused Nano’s Pizza in Morton Grove to charge for refills for the first time, said owner Pete Karamanikas.

“I had to start charging for refills just because of the tax,” he said. “I had no real choice.”

Although his prices for sodas have not yet gone up, Karamanikas said they will eventually — if fountain drinks are still around at all.

“I’m debating whether to get rid of the fountain drinks and just have cans,” he said. “It’s not worth it. People think twice about getting the refill now. They don’t want to pay for it.”

Morton Grove Food Mart is not only selling less soda now, said owner Kaushik Patel, but it lost its long-time soda distributor because of the Cook County tax.

A letter the food mart received from the non-alcoholic division of Joseph Mullarkey Distributors, Inc. informed the owners that it would not be delivering non-alcoholic drinks anymore because of “changing conditions in our trade area.”

Patel said the salesman who has delivered the beverages to the store for a long time recently told him he has been laid off because of the county tax.

A 12-pack of soda at Morton Grove Food Mart costs $6.49 when it used to cost just under $5, he said.

“Everybody is complaining,” Patel said. “A lot of people are saying that it’s getting easier to buy beer than it is to get pop. I have a south side store and sometimes beer is cheaper there now.”

In Lincolnwood, accountant Katie Klein, with the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said she personally was upset that “they say they’re taxing us to help us. If I want a pop I’ll have a freaking soda pop.”

At the chamber level, Klein said, “Oh my goodness. What have I not heard. Some of our clients call us on a daily basis just to complain about it.”

It’s the mom-and-pop stores that seem to be taking it the hardest, Klein said, as prices go up for soda, and demand potentially falls off.

At Koi Fine Asian Cuisine and Lounge in Evanston, though, manager Shiming Chen gave a different story.

While Koi did raise the price for a soda from $1 to $1.26, Chen said the restaurant still offers free refills. He hasn’t noticed a drop in demand.

“If people want soda, they’re still going to drink soda,” Chen said.

At L. Woods Tap and Pine Lodge in Lincolnwood, hostess Samantha Patzold said she couldn’t speak for the restaurant, but personally noticed her favorite VitaminWater brand of flavored water had jumped in price from $2.20 to $2.75 per bottle at the store where she shops.

“That’s pretty expensive for one drink,” Patzold said. Is she still consuming the same amount of Vitamin-Water as before?

“Yes. Definitely,” Patzold said.

Arun Shamra, owner of a 7-Eleven on Main Street in Skokie, waits on a customer Aug. 29. Shamra said his soda sales have declined since the Cook County sugary beverage tax went into effect last month and he has been ordering less product.

“Nobody is complaining,” Shamra said. “A lot of people are saying that it’s getting easier to buy beer than it is to get pop. I have a south side store and sometimes beer is cheaper there now.”

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Niles Township libraries log more summer readers

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

If results from summer library programs across Niles Township are any indication, many children returning to school this month will not have to reacquaint themselves with the practice of reading.

Library officials report that participation in summer reading programs in 2017 was significantly up.

Reading programs have taken a more creative shape in recent years, librarians say. Many are no longer restricted to just reading books - other engagement activities are offered - although reading remains the heart. The programs are often family-themed and come with incentive prizes - although each library program has its own flavor.

The Skokie Public Library called its summer reading program Camp Imagine. When children and adults completed books or other activities, they could report to the Camp Imagine desk in the lobby to earn badges. They also were able to express their feelings about the books by writing letters.

"You've inspired me so much since I've read the first book," a Skokie fourth-grader wrote to book characters she loves. "I trust you so much that I should tell you about myself." Kathy Sexton, Skokie Public Library readers services librarian, said more than 3,700 children and adults registered for Camp Imagine, which finished in the middle of August.

About 65 percent of participants earned at least one of 15 badges, and 61 people earned all 15 of the available badges, officials said.

"Every year was a different summer reading theme until last year, which was our first camp theme," Sexton said. "Last year, it was called Camp Curiosity. We really like it, and patrons seem to really love it, too. It gives a lot of leeway in the program for them to create it the way they want it to be."

Mike Antwi-Nsiah, 19, volunteered this summer, handing out badges from behind the Camp Imagine desk.

"It did it last summer, and it was really cool so I decided to come back and do it again," he said. "I see how little buttons can make kids so happy. You don't have to buy them really expensive toys. You give them a button and they're super happy about that. I'm like Santa."

Camp Imagine was only one way in which the library encouraged and promoted reading this summer. Its Booking With a Buddy program, which celebrated its 20th year, teams older children to seniors with children entering first to third grades to encourage reading.

Kristina Nickels said her daughter, Kassidy, 6, participated in the program for the first time this summer.

"I thought it would be a nice thing for her to do over the summer to just keep in the habit," Nickels said. "She really likes to come in and pick out a bunch of books. I was kind of nervous she might not like it, but it's been good."

Mariam Ghouri has a child who has been in the program for two years and another who participated the first time this summer.

"I think this really gives them a good opportunity to read and share their thoughts and ideas with other students that are not their age," she said.

Niles' West High School sophomore Saeeda Noor volunteered as a "big buddy" for the first time this summer. She was paired with an 8-year-old boy, she said.

"We've been reading a chapter book together," Noor said. "Every day we get through at least 20 pages. I read to him some, and he also reads to me."

Like Skokie, the smaller Lincolnwood Public Library offered a successful all-family reading program this summer, said library Head of Youth Services Sharon Levine.

"We've been doing summer reading programs for years, but this is the second year we've done it with a punch card," she said. "People who participate love it."

According to library head of marketing Chris Renkoski, the program drew approximately 150 participants.

"We've seen some exciting activity since the completion of our renovation earlier this year, and this summer's been one of the busiest for us on record, proving that folks are doing a large amount of reading and learning this summer," he said.

The two-month summer reading programs at the Morton Grove and Niles-Maine District public libraries also showed a healthy participation increase from last year, their librarians say.

Morton Grove's program offered three divisions - for children, teens and adults. Participants submitted entries after reading books or engaging in other activities for the chance to win prizes, said adult reference librarian Megan Rosol.

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According to Rosol, the library received 1,810 entries for adults - although that number included some multiple entries from the same participants.

"We absolutely didn't expect as big of a response as we got," she said. "We were pleasantly surprised."

Courtney Schroeder, head of youth services at Morton Grove's library, said the children's and teen's programs were also successful. The 907 participating children were about 200 more than last year, she said, and there were 720 older children registered for the teen program. "We had to buy more prizes before the program was over," she said.

Niles-Maine District Public Library Youth Services Assistant Program Supervisor Sarah Muskivitch said 1,389 people participated in the library's reading program - about 200 more than last year.

The Niles-Maine program allowed participants to earn tokens for reading books and other activities and to try to win prizes.

"The numbers were really big this summer," Muskivitch said. "It didn't matter which age group. Our numbers were up across the board."

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Are elite youth sports programs spoiling the point of youth sports?

RANDY BLASER

There's a story about Joe DiMaggio that I like. It's in the late innings of a game near the end of the season and DiMaggio hits an easy single that he legs out for a double going in hard to second base. After the game, a reporter asked the great slugger why he went so hard in a meaningless game near the end of the year.

Joe answered that there might be someone in the stands that day who never saw him play before. Joe wanted to make sure that one fan understood how he played baseball.

In all things, DiMaggio left little doubt in the minds of all who saw him play that he was the best. How did he get to be the best? How did he become Joltin' Joe DiMaggio, the Yankee Clipper?

Parents of aspiring young ballplayers all across the country are searching for such an answer and think they found it in the latest craze to hit youth sports - travel teams.

The impact of these elite sports programs - starting for some kids as young as 9 years old - are a lot less than turning a child into the next Joe DiMaggio or Mike Trout.

Time magazine in a report last week chronicled the impact elite travel teams are having on youth sports, and it is hardly positive.

Statistics don't bear that out. Of the 7 million high school athletes in the United States, only 2 percent even play at a top-level college, according to the Time magazine piece.

The idea is that when a kid plays more baseball, the better he'll get. And playing against better athletes will make him or her better still.

At that rate, a family could easily save enough to finance a college education.

Baseballs sit in the well during the Championship Game of the Little League World Series between Japan and the Southwest Team from Texas at Lamade Stadium on Aug. 27 in South Williamsport, Pa.

That's not all. There's been an increase in repetitive injuries, burnout and depression among kids who are focusing on one sport all the time.

There is a social cost, too, as the term "elite" just doesn't refer to talented athletes. Family income required for travel teams make it more and more of an exclusive club, with lower-income families being shut out.

It raises the question: What's the point of a kid playing baseball, or any sport for that matter? The chance to become a big leaguer? There are only about 750 of them in a country of 323 million. As I used to tell the kids I coached who got distraught over an error or strikeout, "Nothing that happens on the field today will determine whether you make the Big Leagues."

It should be fun, fun like turning a sure single into a double by going hard into second base, even when the game isn't on the line.

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Kindness, generosity provide antidote to poisonous presidential behavior

I need an antidote. My system has been poisoned by what I see, hear and read of the actions of our president, from his praise of white supremacists, to his attempts to deny health care to millions of Americans to his attack on the very air we breathe.

As a lifelong journalist, I always eagerly picked up the paper and turned on the news every day to learn what was happening.

Now, though, I approach the paper with trepidation. And instead of turning on the news I often find myself opting for "Modern Family" re-runs.

So, I need an antidote. I need to know there still is kindness and generosity. And I have found some of both.

That, according to the anti-hunger group Feeding America, 29.1 million Americans live in food insecure households is more poison in our system.

But the growing response of individual Americans isn’t.

Little Free Pantries are springing up all over the country. The first appeared in May of last year in Fayetteville, Ark. The pantries are a variation of the Little Free Library idea in which individuals fill a freestanding box usually in the front yard with books. Passersby are invited to take what they would like to read and perhaps leave a book of their own.

Little Free Pantries do the same, except with food and personal-use items.

Nobody owns Little Free Pantry. It is a nonprofit effort of kind and generous individuals. There are more than 1,000 Little Free Pantries scattered across the United States. And there are pantries in Canada and New Zealand.

Little Free Pantry has a website at which pantry creators share information and their experiences. The website even has sample plans for making the pantry containers, called Blessing Boxes.

You can see more for yourself at www.littlefreepantry.org. The website discusses the best items with which to fill the Blessing Boxes (nothing sharp, nothing perishable). And since food is involved, would-be pantry makers are urged to consult local laws and codes relating to distributing food.

On that website, pantry makers share how rewarding the effort is.

What is their reward? The satisfaction of helping people who need help. The motto of Little Free Pantry is “Take what you need. Give what you can.”

So, I found some of the generosity and kindness I longed for. Too bad for America I couldn’t find them at the White House.

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Raise a stein to Oktoberfest

Celebrate the taste of the season at one of these area festivals

BY VERONICA HINKE
Pioneer Press

Ein Prosit! You'll be hearing that beloved German phrase soon as Oktoberfest season sets in. From dachshund parades to keg tappings to those perennial beer-barrel polkas, it's time to put on your best lederhosen. Here's a list of places where you can raise a stein.

**Chicago German-American Oktoberfest**
*Lincoln Square, Lincoln and Leland avenues, Chicago*

It's one of the biggest, best street parties in Chicago, and it's right off the Western stop on the Brown Line. The annual Chicago German-American Oktoberfest will take place 5 to 11 p.m. Sept. 8, noon to 11 p.m. Sept. 9 and noon to 10 p.m. Sept. 10. There will be a special German Mass at 11 a.m. Sept. 10. There will be live music, authentic food and drinks, entertainment and shopping. The annual parade is at 2 p.m. Sept. 9 from Lincoln Avenue and Irving Park Road. See www.germanday.com/oktoberfest.

**Oak Park's Oaktoberfest**
*Marion Street and North Boulevard, downtown Oak Park*

Oak Park's Oaktoberfest takes place 4:30-10 p.m. Sept. 15 and from noon to 10 p.m. Sept. 16. The event features food, craft beer, live music and even a root beer garden for kids, open noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 16. The root beer garden will feature zucchini races, a ninja obstacle course, root beer floats and games. For adults, there will be a variety of craft beers. Three live bands will play on Sept. 15; four bands will play on Sept. 16. Admission is free. See www.oaktoberfest.net.

**Hofbrauhaus Oktoberfest**
*Hofbrauhaus, 5500 Park Place, Rosemont*

At Hofbrauhaus in Rosemont, Oktoberfest isn't just one day or a weekend, it stretches out six weeks. Oktoberfest festivities will start at Hofbrauhaus on Sept. 15 and run until Oct. 29. There will be live German music, games and fun competitions throughout the six weeks. Check the website for the schedule of German dancers and bands. See www.hofbrauhauschicago.com/events.

**Oktoberfest at St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church**
*St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church, 1429 W. Wellington Ave., Chicago*

Oktoberfest Chicago, a long-standing tradition, will take place at St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church from 5-10 p.m. Sept. 29, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 30 and 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sept. 31 at the corner of Lincoln, Wellington and Southport in Chicago. Activities will include craft beer tastings Sept. 29 and 30, German food and beer, live music throughout the weekend and games and activities for kids. The craft beer tasting sessions will be held in a spirited German beer hall within St. Alphonsus church. Kinderfest will take place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. There will be activities for kids, including polka lessons. See www.oktoberfestchicago.org.

**Revolution Brewing Oktoberfest Party**
*Revolution Brewing, 2323 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago*

Revolution Brewing will host its annual Oktoberfest celebration on Milwaukee Avenue outside the brewpub. The event takes place noon to 10 p.m. Sept. 29 and all day on Sept. 30. Admission includes a half-liter stein of beer, which you can buy tickets to refill with any of eight beers on tap (including Rev's Oktoberfest, of course). There will be live music, and tickets can be used to buy food and merchandise. See www.revbrew.com/events.

**Center of Concern Oktoberfest**
*Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge*

The Center of Concern will host its annual Oktoberfest celebration from 6 to 11 p.m. on Sept. 30 at the Park Ridge Country Club.

*Turn to Oktoberfest, Page 20*
The Die-Musikmeisters are one of the hardest working oompah bands during Oktoberfest season, appearing at multiple festivals.

Oktoberfest, from Page 19

The lederhosen-bedazzled festival will benefit the Center of Concern, which is a local social services agency dedicated to helping people in need in the area. The event will feature a German beer garden, live music, games, auctions and a German buffet dinner with complimentary wine. Tickets are $60 in advance and $75 at the door. See www.CenterOfConcern.org/oktoberfest or call 847-823-0453.

Evanston Oktoberfest Craft Beer Festival
1818 Maple Ave., Evanston
The third annual Evanston Oktoberfest takes place from 1-6 p.m. Oct. 15 in the parking lot behind the Hilton Garden Inn, 1818 Maple Ave. The fest will feature craft beer, food, live music and fun. Participating restaurants and breweries include Smylie Brothers, Peckish Pig, Yeero Revolution, Bangers & Lace and La Cocinita. The War and Treaty duo will provide live music. Evanston Oktoberfest is a fundraiser for Downtown Evanston, a nonprofit organization that manages and markets the downtown Evanston business district. See www.downtownevanston.org/oktoberfest.

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Oktoberfest at Hodges Park
Hodges Park, 101 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge
The Park Ridge Park District is teaming up with local eateries Holt’s and Ay Carumba for an Oktoberfest celebration noon-9 p.m. Oct. 21 in Hodges Park. A DJ will play from noon to 5 p.m., and live bands will perform from 5-9 p.m. Kids activities will take place from noon to 5 p.m. The event will include food and beer. Admission is free, but a $5 wristband will get you access to balloon twisting, face painting, games and bounce houses. See www.prrparks.org.

Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association Fall Festival/Oktoberfest
Emerson Street and Busse Avenue, Mount Prospect
The Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association will host its annual Fall Festival and Oktoberfest from 4-11 p.m. Oct. 13 and 1-11 p.m. Oct. 14. The kids program will be held from 1-4 p.m. Oct. 14. Highlights include hay rides, pumpkin decorating, and a trick-or-treat candy line. From 4-11 p.m. Oct. 14 there will be authentic German music and food. The popular German band Phenix will play from 6-11 p.m. See www.MPDowntown.com/events.

Cabaret
Oct. 5 - 15
"What good is sitting alone in your room? Come hear the music play." These upbeat lyrics, hide a dark secret. There is a storm of cruelty and political upheaval brewing in 1930s Germany. Sally and the other performers at the Kit Kat Klub choose to live in carefree ignorance believing that politics have no place in their lives of freedom and fun.

Jazz Lounge
Oct. 20, 8 p.m.
This popular event transforms the Performing Arts Center into a cool jazz lounge featuring the Oakton Jazz Band under the direction of Robert Evans.

A poetic, whimsical and tender story about a man who spends his life studying dying languages but is unable to use his own words to express himself to those he loves. With moments of magical realism, the play provokes the imagination like the works of Gabriel Garcia Marquez or Sarah Ruhl.

Jazz Invasion
Dec. 8, 8 p.m.
The Oakton Jazz Band wraps up the semester with an exhilarating evening under the direction of Robert Evans. Come for the special celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of jazz pianist, Thelonius Monk.

Guitar and Strings Recital
Dec. 4, 8 p.m.
Enjoy an evening featuring the Oakton String Ensemble led by noted violist Daniel Golden, and the Guitar Ensemble under the direction of Yale School of Music trained Tom Clippert.
Mom entrepreneurs turn their problems into money-making opportunities

We can't rush our kids' brains to learn more, learn faster or learn in the style of miniaturized grown-ups.

The early work of playtime

Commentary: Academic preschools may harm children in the long term
Great idea!

Mom entrepreneurs who took ‘aha’ moments to marketplace

Julie Lincoln teamed up with natural food scientist Josh Young to start Vegy Vida, a GMO-free dressing. End of 2017.

“My best advice to other entrepreneurs is be willing to fail,” Lincoln said. “You will encounter failure at every turn, so you need to be able to accept the failure, learn from it and move on. You will have to make tough choices and take risks but in the end, it will make you stronger and better.”

Making dinnertime less stressful

“When my kids were younger, dinnertime was my biggest worry,” said Meg Barnhart, co-founder of Zen of Slow Cooking (thezenosfslowcooking.com). “My husband was constantly traveling and my three kids were going in three different directions. Getting a healthy meal on the table was virtually impossible.”

When a friend suggested Barnhart purchase a slow cooker, she recalled, “It sounds silly, but using a slow cooker really changed my life. I was able to restore peace and calm in my home by focusing my attention on my kids, while dinner slowly came together.”

Barnhart’s kitchen epiphany soon led to the creation of her company, which she co-founded with culinary expert Jane McKay. Together they created a line of gourmet-inspired spice blends and recipes while employees at PAC do the labeling and packaging.

“The goal is to relieve last-minute panic with the knowledge that a meal is quietly blooming away,” Barnhart said.

As the company grew and orders started to roll in, Barnhart and McKay set their sights on phase two of their business plan: making a positive impact on the lives of others, specifically those people with learning challenges. The company partnered with Planet Access Company which provides training and employment for adults with developmental disabilities.

Working with PAC lets Barnhart and McKay focus on growing their business and creating new spice blends and recipes while employees at PAC do the labeling and packaging. The company currently sells blends in a number of stores including Sunset Foods, select Whole Foods stores and on Amazon.com.

They have also partnered with Peapod to create slow cooker meal kits that make cooking dinner even easier.

Barnhart’s advice for aspiring entrepreneurs is simple and heartfelt: “Develop a list of core values and guiding principles. Find a partner who you love and be prepared for a lot of hard work, seven days a week, and don’t be afraid to ask for advice from those who may be a step ahead of you.”

Finding a healthier sports drink

Though a busy attorney and mother of four athletic kids, Sarah Hardgrove-Koleno was confused. She couldn’t find a truly healthy sports drink. “Whenever my kids were playing sports, there was tons of Gatorade on the sidelines and it was a staple for the team snack. I couldn’t believe it. That drink is bright blue or green and has tons of sugar and artificial dyes, not exactly what you want to put in your kids’ bodies,” she said.

Hardgrove-Koleno didn’t find any good options. All the healthier drinks tasted terrible. Seeing this void as an opportunity, Hardgrove-Koleno and a former law school classmate, Dan Trainer, discussed the possibility of creating their own organic sports drink. Along with Annie Hesser, Hardgrove-Koleno’s tennis partner at the time, they created KRa (drinkkra.com).

It’s an organic sports drink similar to major brands, but with less sugar, fewer calories, and no artificial dyes or chemicals. In less than three years KRa is quickly becoming a favorite of athletes of all sports, including professionals like Glenn Robinson III, who recently won the NBA Slam Dunk Contest.

The company also gives back to the community through their KRa for Play program, providing equipment and support for sports programs in underserved areas. “It’s amazing to watch our kids grow and to also see the great things we have been able to do for the community,” said Hardgrove-Koleno.

Thinking about starting your own business? Hardgrove-Koleno offers this advice: “I’ll take a line from the Life is Good brand — ‘Do what you like, like what you do.’ If you are able to inspire others with the positive energy you have for what you do, you will find great success in life.”
The early work of playtime

Academic preschools may harm children in long term

By Jessica Smock
The Washington Post

Standing at the creek's edge, my son carefully drops his wooden boat into the water. He follows his classmates along the banks, guiding their boats with the attached knitted string, a small parade of colorful sails and bright rubber boots.

The children occasionally look behind them and smile proudly at their parents. It's Regatta Day at my son's preschool, and the teachers, parents and children have hiked into the woods behind the school to launch the little boats. It's a special day to celebrate the children's weeks of hard work on this project.

They've built the boats out of pieces of wood. They've knitted the boat's string. They've painted and sewed the sails.

They've learned about creating and following patterns, about using patience and self-regulation to persevere through mistakes and challenges, about understanding numbers through counting and sequencing, about asking for help when assistance is needed. They've strengthened their control over their little hands and fingers.

All without a work sheet, a flashcard or a vocabulary lesson at a tiny desk. If you ask my son what he did at school on any given day, he will say, "Play!"

And he is right. He plays and does hands-on activities all day, but that doesn't mean he isn't engaged in serious learning. I chose a school for him that understands that play, as Fred Rogers famously said, is "the work of childhood." Children learn by running, building, imagining, climbing, storytelling, exploring, pretending and singing. It's how they build the foundation for the academic skills that are so critical later on.

Increasingly as a society, we are in danger of forgetting that the chance to engage in unscripted, playful learning is one of the primary things that young children deserve from adults, as early childhood educator Erika Christakis writes in "The Importance of Being Little: What Preschoolers Really Need From Grownups." "Play is the foundational building block of human cognition, emotional health, and social behavior," Christakis writes. "Play improves memory and helps children learn mathematical problems in their heads, take turns, regulate their impulses, and speak with greater complexity."

Researchers have documented how kindergarten has become the first grade (or even second), how recess has disappeared from too many American elementary schools and how preschools are increasingly places where children are expected to spend large amounts of time "working" at their desks. As reported in The New York Times, a recent study has gotten a lot of attention for suggesting that this more "rigorous" academic approach to children's education might be better for kids. The study found that at the end of kindergarten, kids who had experienced at least one year of academic preschool outperformed those who attended play-based preschools by an equivalent of two-and-a-half months of instruction.

To me, this is hardly surprising, and no parent should conclude from this single study that their child would be better off attending a "rigorously" academic preschool. If children are given direct instruction in literacy, numbers and math concepts, they will do better on assessments than kids who haven't been exposed to those skills yet. The study, however, only examined the short-term impact of a type of program; it did not measure whether those gains stretch beyond kindergarten.

Other studies have found that early exposure to teacher-directed academic instruction can be harmful to kids' long-term development. For instance, one study comparing students who had attended "academic" preschools with those who had attended "child-initiated," play-based preschools over several years concluded that "children's long-term progress may be slowed by overly academic preschool experiences that introduce formalized learning experiences too early for most children's developmental status. Pushing children too soon may actually backfire when children move into the later elementary school grades and are required to think more independently and take on greater responsibility for their own learning process."

Another study in Tennessee found that kids who attended academic preschools were more prepared for kindergarten than their peers who hadn't attended preschool. However, by second grade, the students who hadn't gone to these preschools were performing better. The preschool-attending children by this point had more negative attitudes toward school and worse work habits. Were they simply "burned out?"

We live in a fast-paced world full of global competition. Parents are busy and always looking for timesavers, "hacks" and quick fixes. We don't want our kids to get left behind. But child development doesn't work like that. We can't rush our kids' brains to learn more, learn faster or learn in the style of miniaturized grown-ups.

Early childhood trainer and advocate Amanda Morgan, who blogs at Not Just Cute, compares the early work of play to the foundation of a house. Morgan writes, "Learning foundations are built through play and experience. And we can't afford to skip that. A pushdown curriculum isn't helping kids to get ahead, it's simply ignoring the critical role of the foundation."

Preschoolers should not spend their days at desks, filling out work sheets and learning sight words. Childhood is too important for that.

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Separating cats easier when young

Felines can form strong bonds despite solitary stereotype

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
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Q: My son, a second-year veterinary student, and I adopted two cats. They are brothers about 13 weeks now. We adopted them three weeks ago. My son is returning to school with one of the cats. I work full time. Will the cats be OK once separated? Is there anything we can do to make the separation easier? — Donna G., Oceanside, NY

A: It's great you are thinking about how your cats might react to this life change and trying to prepare them for it. If your two cats were older, I would have concerns about separating them. Cats can form very tight feline friendships, and a bonded pair can be difficult to separate. Bonded cats that have been together for many years may suffer depression or behavior issues when separated. That's why animal shelters that receive a pair of bonded cats work hard to place them together. People often think cats enjoy solitude, but they often enjoy being part of a pride and can develop very deep friendships with other feline companions.

As for your cats, however, I don't think you will see depression or behavior issues; they are still very young and should adapt more easily to their new living conditions. Cats this age are often adopted separately at shelters. There is nothing you can do to prepare them, but just know they may look a little lost without the other at first. You may also hear more meowing during this transition, which is how cats communicate with humans, not other cats. The increased meowing may be them questioning their new situation or them merely looking to you for comfort.

If you do see behavior changes, the best thing you and your son can do is provide them with plenty of love and attention until they adapt to their new living situation.

I am assuming your son is taking a cat to college for companionship, so the cats will be reunited on holidays and breaks. Cats who love each other can be a little testy initially during reunions. Even taking a cat to the vet can result in a little hissing between friendly cats since the returning cat will suddenly smell different to the other cat. So, be sure to also give them time to adjust when they are brought back together.

Q: It made me sad to read Robert N.'s letter about euthanizing his pets. My heart goes out to him. When we lost our last kitty, I was so thankful God took her in his timeline. For me, the guilt feelings of deciding when the "right" time to euthanize her were overwhelming. I pray I never need to make that decision again. — Donna B. Tampa, FL

A: If you have pets, then you will likely have to make the euthanasia decision at some point during their lives. It is part of the grand bargain we make when we agree to share our homes with animals that we outlive by decades. The best we can hope for is that our pets either die of natural causes, as with your kitty, or live to a ripe old age and don't develop health problems that force us to make a euthanasia decision earlier in their lives.

You are not alone in this feeling. Regardless of when this decision is made, it's always a difficult one for pet parents to make. Sadly, some people swear off adopting future pets as a result, saying it's just too painful to think about. Eventually, most people adopt again when memories of the happy times spent with their pets eclipse the grief, and they suddenly long for that friendship again. Anyone who has ever had a companion animal can relate to your feelings.

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I would like your help with an unsolicited charge on my credit card.

I saw an ad for a weight-loss pill online called Garcinia at 4KHealth.com. It said the bottle was free and I would only have to pay shipping and handling of $4.96.

I received the bottle and started using the supplement. On my next credit card statement, I noticed a charge for $89.73. Not recognizing the charge, I called and was told the bottle of Garcinia was a trial and that if not canceled within 18 days I would be automatically charged this amount and would continue to get more without my ordering the product. I told 4K Health there was no mention of a trial period on the form I filled out, only that the bottle was free to try.

4K Health offered to split the $90 charge. I rejected this. I was told to take the issue up with my credit card company, which I did but to no avail. I was then sent and charged for another bottle that I did not order.

The company credited me for one bottle but I am still charged for the other. I am not looking for something for nothing. I will return the partial and full, unopened bottles if they want to rectify this problem.

Thanks for your help,

Ben, Lincolnwood

When I went to 4K Health’s website, I looked for a link to the company’s terms and conditions. I found it at the bottom of the company’s home page. Though the document was lengthy, it did state that purchasers have 18 days to contact 4K Health to opt out of receiving a Garcinia refill at a cost of $89.73 every 30 days. For professional input on the situation, I turned to attorney Beverly A. Berneman of Chicago law firm Golan Christie Taglia LLP. Berneman specializes in trademark, copyright and internet law, and drafts website terms and conditions for companies.

“If you’re ordering from an online company for the first time, what you don’t know can cost you more than you anticipated. Especially considering that the company has your credit card information and will not hesitate to charge it,” Berneman said.

She told me that online terms and conditions have recently come under scrutiny by the courts and many have determined that terms and conditions are enforceable when the user has to do something affirmative to agree to the terms and the terms and conditions are readily accessible for review before the user agrees.

She pointed out that the terms and conditions appear on every page of 4K Health’s site. Additionally, under “Acceptance and Availability of Terms,” it states “By ordering a Product from this website, you consent that this Agreement was provided to you electronically and was electronically signed by you.” Though 4K Health appears to be on legally solid ground, Ben felt he had been duped. “Hidden in an addendum is not what I consider fair and open selling of this product. It seems the ad is set up to catch the unsuspecting user into a deal they have no willingness to participate in.”

When I contacted 4K Health by phone for comment, I was advised to send an email to an address that bounced back as a “Failure Notice.” I then sent the same email to 4K Health’s general customer support address but received no reply.

Berneman suggests online consumers do the following to protect themselves:

- Research the company to see what other people say about their experiences.
- Read the terms and conditions. If you’re confused, weigh the benefit of purchase with the risk of paying the price if you don’t like the service or product.
- When reading terms and conditions, make sure there are no pre-checked boxes.
- Mark your calendar with deadlines for returns and cancellations.
- Check your credit card statements to make sure you’re not being charged after you’ve processed a cancellation.

Send your questions to HelpSquad@pioneerlocal.com.

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Hear this, book lovers: 5 podcasts you’ll want to check out

By John Warner
Chicago Tribune

Checking the Biblioracles, I see it's been over three years since I recommended book-related podcasts. With the way they're proliferating, I should do it annually or maybe even monthly.

In addition to recommending a couple of my enduring favorites — Michael Silverblatt’s "Bookworm" and "Other crap, With Brad Listi" — these are some of the book programs I listen to when I want quality book conversation in my ears.

"The Book Review"
This weekly podcast hosted by New York Times Book Review editor Pamela Paul benefits from the institutional weight of its sponsor; drawing many prominent figures — recently including Amy Schumer, David Sedaris and Al Franken — to talk about their books. But for my money, the key is Paul, who showed the depth of her book passions in "My Life With Bob: Flawed Heroine Keeps Book of Books, Plot Ensues." (Bob is the name Paul gives the journal in which she records her reading experiences.) In addition to the celebrities, Paul brings in editors and reviewers to add depth and color to the Book Review content.

"So Many Damn Books"
Hosted by extreme book enthusiasts Christopher Hermalin and Drew Broussard out of a New York apartment, this podcast features a combination of recommendations, book chat and guest interviews (including Francine Prose, Jonathan Lee, Elif Batuman, and, in the interest of full disclosure, me). Each episode also highlights a book- or guest-inspired cocktail to be imbibed while listening. Above all, it's clear the hosts are having fun. Invariably the guest authors are suckled in, too, and next thing you know, you're eavesdropping on a book-related party. I'm often smiling while listening to this one.

"Lit Up"
Hosted by journalist Angela Ledgerwood, "Lit Up" is more polished than "So Many Damn Books," but the discussion with a featured author each week still ranges widely, from writing to life itself. Primarily oriented around fiction (Tom Perrotta, J. Courtney Sullivan, Jenny Zhang), with a smattering of nonfiction memoir/essayists (Samantha Irby, Dani Shapiro), the show works both if you know and love the work, or if you're just being introduced to a new author.

"The New Yorker: Fiction"
This one is only monthly, but it offers content no other show can match. In each episode, New Yorker fiction editor Deborah Treisman invites a prominent author to read and discuss a short story by someone else that originally appeared in The New Yorker. We hear Mary Gaitskill read John Cheever, Junot Díaz read Edwidge Danticat and Allan Gurganus read Grace Paley. Steeped in the long legacy of New Yorker fiction, the stories themselves are often (though not always) great, but it is the conversation afterward that I find most edifying. It's a glimpse at how writers think about fiction and storytelling, as drawn out by Treisman, who has been the gatekeeper at the institution for 15 years.

"Book Fight"
You'll find a different kind of conversation at "Book Fight," hosted by Tom McAllister and Mike Ingram, two writers and graduates of the Iowa Writers' Workshop. Essentially it's two buddies, both of them funny, arguing about books, essays or stories. They have well over 200 episodes banked, so if you don't like one fight, there's always another.

If you have a favorite book podcast I'm missing, hit me up on email at books@chicagotribune.com. I'm always looking for more.

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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. "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah
2. "All The Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr
3. "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles
4. "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak
5. "The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto" by Mitch Albom
— Denise C., Lincolnwood

I'm feeling Charles Baxter's "The Feast of Love" as the right read for Denise.

1. "Between Shades of Gray" by Ruta Sepetys
2. "The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America" by Erik Larson
3. "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins
4. "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr
5. "Just One Evil Act" by Elizabeth George
— Carol R., Crestwood

For Carol, I'm going with Lori Rader-Day's latest, "The Day I Died," a tidy little work of suspense.

1. "The Waterworks" by E. L. Doctorow
2. "Italian Shoes" by Henning Mankell
3. "The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story" by Diane Ackerman
4. "Ragtime" by E. L. Doctorow
5. "Northanger Abbey" by Jane Austen
— Rosalie B., Oak Forest

Need something with a historical angle, which leads me to "Pym" by Mat Johnson.

Get a reading from the Biblioracle!

Send a list of the last five books you've read to books@chicagotribune.com. Write "Biblioracle" in the subject line.
ALL IN THE GAME:
Get set to solve

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ACROSS
1 Navigational reference
6 Accomplishment
10 Lift with effort
14 Conversation subject
19 Roast beef specification
20 Composer
21 Figure skating leap
22 Author Jong
23 Very, very well
25 Marriage agent
27 Cloth goods
28 Actress Watson
29 Most fitting
30 Grate on
31 Sites for outdoor Christmas lights
33 Arbor Day planting
34 Map in a map
37 Croquet implement
39 Many profs.' degrees
40 Passing fancy
41 Active one
44 Romantic role
46 "Honest" prez
47 Miscalculate or...
48 Tailor's supply
49 Days of... (long ago)
50 Tex-Mex dip
51 Off-road transport, for short
52 Puccini genre
53 Carpentry tool
55 "One more thing..."
56 Glistens
58 At that time
59 Sparkle
61 Cedar Rapids college

DOWN
1 Fling a fishing line
2 Actor Cronyn
3 Iliad warrior
4 More out of practice
5 Casual top
6 "Whatever makes you happy"
7 Brunch fare
8 You've got mail
9 Have a taste of
10 Sam Spade creator
11 Academic hurdles
12 Crumbly salad topper
13 Pampering treatment, for short
14 Violent weather
15 Speak from a lectern
16 Long-nosed fish
17 Puts frosting on
18 E-tail icon
19 Category
20 Sounds of shock
21 E-tail icon
22 First name (Spanish stew)
23 Yonder
24 Creative flashes
25 "...to the Future" (Alaska's motto)
26 Interpretative adj.
27 Contemporary
28 Not at all eager
29 Paid players
30 Nitpicker
31 Toughed down
32 Touched down
33 On your feet
34 The Iliad warrior
35 "...to the Future"
36 Asterisk
37 Layers of light
38 Not at all eager
39 Paid players
40 Nitpicker
41 Knock down some
42 Interior design
44 Relaxed gait
45 Examining
46 Philadelphia-area sandwich
47 Iliad warrior
48 Juliet's guy
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50 Sounds of shock
53 Flout the rules
54 Anointed successor
57 American artist/inventor
58 Puny poker pair
59 Nitpicker
60 App clientele
63 Country singer
77 People
78 Medicinal fluids
79 Tattered and torn
83 Day-care handful
86 Microsoft's virtual assistant
87 Country club crowd
88 Chalet backdrop
89 Pita filling
93 Be unable to decide
94 The Zoo Story playwright
95 All fired up
96 Cultivation, in brand names
97 Work assignment
98 Audible repetition
99 Impolite look
100 Molten matter
101 Much of the time
102 Hardships
103 Comic Rudner
104 Shamrock land
105 Mail away
107 Female rabbit
108 Tea holder
109 Leave speechless
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. Proclamation place  38 56 116 94 103 27 184 2
B. Browse by browser  60 66 98 151 13 7 44 158 133
C. U.S. Olympic decathlon champ  26 142 61 261 117 168
D. Sung by Sting, Pat Boone, Elvis: 2 wds.  143 57 43 162 91
E. Heavy music competition  68 149 31 111 104 31 141 153 18
F. Persistence  51 42 132 66 92 112 24 150 80
G. Tidying tool  72 23 127 49 160 134
H. Clinch  77 114 41 97 146 163
I. Aquatic cow  85 16 71 124 6 93 110

Across
1. Speak out
5. Explorer Johnson
8. Crustacean
12. Talks wildly
14. Ad —
15. Ice skate part
16. Daughter of Cercyon
17. Greek letter
18. Beer
19. Be understood
22. Proper
23. Organic soil
27. Accomplice
29. Rooster
33. First man
35. Incursion
38. Water wheel
40. Show aloofness
43. Old-womanish
44. Chief
45. Window part
46. Be in accord
48. Discuss
50. Color
51. Drink excessively
54. Obtain

56. Maintain secrecy
64. Greek marketplace
65. Numero —
66. Carnival show
67. Rose part
68. Girl of song
69. Flowering shrub
70. Viewed
71. Vane dir.
72. Becomes listless

Down
1. Boast
2. French composer
3. Own
4. Warm
5. Spread
6. Exercise
7. Subside
8. Earth
9. Cereal grass
10. Yemen seaport
11. Austrian composer
13. Establish
15. Clamorous
20. Core of anything
21. Algonquin
24. Space agcy.
First Things First

BY DON GAGLIARDO AND C.C. BURNIKEL
EDITED BY RICH NORRIS AND JOYCE NICHOLS LEWIS

Across
1 Pocket for falafel
5 Crossing sign?
9 Some old notebooks
13 Came up short
17 USNA part: Abbr.
18 Snuck
19 Eponymous store founder
20 Gulf State native
21 Willie Mays
24 Brake components
25 “More!”
26 Left hanging
27 John Wayne types
28 In the offing
30 “99 Luftballons” singer
31 Org. created in a 1949 sports merger
33 Lyft offer
34 German exclamation
37 Pitt of “The Big Short”
39 “Mad Men” actress
42 Glasgow’s river
44 Vineyard grape
46 Decorative metalwork
47 “And there you have it!”
48 “No worries”
49 Kept out of sight
50 Brewery named for a Dutch river
53 Stonehenge worshiper
55 Brahms’ “Variations on a... of Paganini”
57 Putin’s former org.
58 Wish Tree artist
59 Canada’s most populous province
61 Pot growth from overwatering
64 Sonata finale, perhaps
66 “I... differ”
68 Certain group leader
70 Hunter with a belt
71 Von Trapp girl who sings “Sixteen Going on Seventeen” with Rolf
72 Eye twinkle
73 Enable
75 Subject for Keats
76 “... Kapital”
78 Capri or Elba, locally
80 Jack in the deck

Down
1 Printer output
2 Tapped image
3 It’s 1 on the Mohs scale
4 Accessory
5 Exper
6 Big name in denim
7 Home to the first collegiate business sch.
8 Groan elicitor
9 1967 Spencer Davis Group hit
10 Stingering rebuke
11 Pioneering fast food name
12 Part of TBS: Abbr.
13 Fraternity O’s
14 “Rip Van Winkle” author
15 Protect from hackers, hopefully
16 Insults
18 Golf-friendly forecast
19EFDILY
22 Diving bird
23 Succeed in

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 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

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Music does something beyond entertainment

I still remember how I felt back in 1985, the first time I heard the song, "We Are The World." I was in college at the time, and I couldn't believe so many well-known, incredible singers got together for one night to produce a really beautiful song to bring attention to hunger in Africa.

Written by Lionel Richie and Michael Jackson, "We Are The World," which won numerous awards, including three Grammys, touched me deeply. It would become one of my all-time favorite songs, and throughout my life, during times I felt like I needed to be inspired or I just wanted to feel better, I watched the video.

So last weekend, when Lionel Richie began singing "We Are The World" during his concert at the United Center, I was instantly overcome with emotion. Tears sprung to my eyes after he sang the first line, as wonderful memories came flooding back to that sweet, innocent time in my life that was filled with curiosity, college fun and the excitement and hope that a young person carries for a bright future.

After the first verse, I realized I was not alone in the strong feelings the song was bringing out in me. The entire audience seemed temporarily transported back to the 80s. This was evident when Richie pointed the mic at the massive crowd and every person was singing the chorus. And every person knew every single word.

What is it about hearing an old song that makes people feel so deeply? How can a melody and some words bring out such sentimental feelings, to the point where they smile or laugh or cry? Why do couples choose songs that they call "our song?" And why did I feel overjoyed and warm and happy for the entire two-hour show that included hits like "Truly," "All Night Long," "Say You Say Me," "Hello," "Sail On" and "Three Times a Lady?"

For answers to these questions, I reached out to Meredith Colby, a North Shore-based voice development expert and song-writer, who has been a musician for 30 years. Colby said there is actually scientific research that shows listening to songs we know those songs and we're anticipating your feelings about them. Those feelings are tied to increased levels of dopamine and they're why we seek out the songs we love.

Colby said songs beyond making people feel good, create a common, shared experience.

"How many weddings have you been to where the first dance was a song that was part of an early memory for the couple? They shared a meaningful experience and for whatever reason, there was a song attached to that experience," Colby said.

"Most parents had a song or two that we sang to our children when they were little, and singing that song reminds us of when they were helpless and cute, which makes us feel warm and fuzzy."

I asked Colby the question: How do songwriters come up with these absolutely beautiful and sometimes tragic lyrics?

"I went to a songwriting workshop years ago in which one of the clinicians told us that the more intimate we could make our lyrics, the more universal their appeal," she said. "What he was trying to say is that great songs tap into the human condition: how we feel about the highs and lows of living our lives. Every one of us has fallen in love and nearly all of us have experienced profound loss at one time or another. Songwriters are people who have both the need and the ability to articulate those feelings within the framework of music."

I left the Lionel Richie concert smiling from ear to ear. I've felt great ever since.

Here's the thing about music: Everyone is unique in his or her taste, and actually, some people reading this might not appreciate the songs of Lionel Richie. But I guarantee, every person has a certain sound or voice or lyrics to which they feel a connection. That connection might get them through a bad day. It might calm them during a stressful time. It could inspire and motivate them, or it might help someone cope with a hard situation.

Music might bring back a joyful memory. It might make someone think of a person they love. Or, it could just make someone happy. What a gift music is. Thank you for a great night, Lionel!

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Hip fractures not uncommon among elderly population

By Dr. Robert Ashley

Dear Doctor: I know of several older women who have died within a year after a hip fracture. But why? Is this due to a cause and effect of a bone fracture, or something else entirely?

Dear Reader: Hip fractures are common as we get older. The lifetime risk of a hip fracture in a woman is 17.5 percent; for men, it’s 6 percent. Women have greater rates of osteoporosis than men and thus the greater risk of fractures. Now let’s look at why hip fractures increase the risk of death.

Let’s start with the most common reason for an older person to get a fracture—a fall. Such a fall doesn’t usually occur from hiking mountainous terrain, but rather from a misstep or a loss of balance within the home. In fact, 90 percent of hip fractures in the elderly occur because of a fall from a standing position. The loss of balance that precipitates a fall occurs because of weakness in hip girdle muscles, and/or generalized weakness due to illness, medication and/or a prior stroke. To put it simply, the more debility one has, the greater their chance of falling. The hip fracture is often the consequence of that debility. So this debility, in itself, can be a major reason for the increased death rates seen among people with hip fractures.

Next, the majority of displaced hip fractures will require surgery to repair. The surgery can be either a total hip replacement or a surgery to bring the misaligned pieces of bone together using metal screws, rods and plates. Surgeries are fraught with possible complications, leading to a greater risk of debility and even death. Complications include blood loss, cardiac arrest, stroke, problems with anesthesia, infection and blood clots.

However, waiting too long to have a surgery for a hip fracture can also lead to prolonged bedrest, resulting in an increased chance of blood clots in the legs, bed sores, urinary tract infections, pneumonia and, again, death.

Another problem, before and after surgery for a hip fracture, is that elderly patients are especially likely to become delirious. One study found that 61 percent of elderly patients with a hip fracture had an acute state of confusion. This confusion leads to greater agitation, an inability to eat and limited ability to recover from a hip fracture. In addition, confusion can lead to medications to sedate an agitated patient, further delaying recovery.

For some, recovery from a hip fracture can take months. Long hospital and rehabilitation facility stays lead to an even greater risk of complications.

When you add pre-fracture problems to post-fracture problems, it’s no surprise that the mortality rates are so high. A 2017 European study found that, in people older than 60, 15.1 percent of 463 patients died within one year of a hip fracture. A 2010 American study of the same age group found that 21.2 percent of 758 patients died within one year of a hip fracture.

So prevention is crucial. Regular exercise, use of calcium and maintaining good vitamin D levels are absolutely necessary. So is good overall health. Encourage it in yourself, and do what you can for those you love.

Robert Ashley, M.D., is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles.

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Licorice consumption could be root cause of potassium depletion

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon

Supplements of licorice root can deplete the body of potassium.


Your method of applying capsaicin is unusual, though. Some people utilize a store product such as Capsazin-HP or Zostrix, used to ease the pain of arthritis, muscle strain or shingles.

The hot oil you found in the Asian market is toasted sesame oil infused with hot peppers. We’ve never heard before of anyone using it for the itch of psoriasis. Your caution to use a swab is well-taken. Capsaicin on sensitive tissues such as eyes can burn for a long time.

Q: I take metformin to control blood sugar because I have Type 2 diabetes. Unfortunately, it produces an alarming amount of gas, bloating and bellyaches. Sometimes I have diarrhea, and other times severe constipation. I am at my wits’ end. Do you have any remedies that might work?

A: People often attribute their flatulence to dietary factors, but many medications also can lead to unpleasant problems with gas. Metformin is one of these.

Many people report success against gas with fennel, probiotics like Lactobacillus rhamnosus GG, ginger or peppermint. Coconut may help against diarrhea.

Q: My wife was a closet alcoholic, drinking mouthwash. After I got wise to that, she switched to hand sanitizer. It honestly never occurred to me that anyone would drink that stuff.

A: A lot of turmoil. I gave her an ultimatum that she had to go to Alcoholics Anonymous. Much to my surprise, she agreed.

We have been going to open meetings together for two weeks. She now has a sponsor and is working through the steps. This is the first time since I realized why the mouthwash was disappearing so rapidly that I have real hope that we are moving on a different path. Your thoughts?

A: Some mouthwash contains as much as 27 percent alcohol. That’s more than beer or wine. The ethyl alcohol in mouthwash or hand sanitizer is not intended for drinking; however. In addition, there are other ingredients in such products that could make people ill.

We’re glad you realized that there was a problem and that your wife is getting help with her alcohol dependence.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.
Tweaks save home from teardown fate

Addition fills bill for needed space in just-right ranch

By Deborah K. Dietsch
The Washington Post

Across the Washington area, modest Cape Cods and Colonials are routinely demolished to make way for supersized houses. But there are exceptions to this market trend. On a property adjoining one of the McMansions in Arlington, Va., Daniela and Chris Sicuranza, both 40, chose to expand and renovate, rather than replace, their 1955 brick ranch house.

"We didn't want to tear down and start over," said Daniela Sicuranza, a freelance TV news producer. "The house was solid and in great condition. We just felt it needed some tweaks to suit our needs."

Their biggest change was to build a 745-square-foot rear addition, large enough for a dining room, a master bedroom and a screened porch on the main level.

"For us, it was just the right amount of space we needed," said Chris Sicuranza, a risk and compliance consultant for consumer banks.

The three new spaces are contained within a cedar-clad rectangular structure that makes a bold statement in the backyard but can't be seen from the street.

"It's our little secret," Chris said.

Drawn to clean lines and simple shapes, the homeowners insisted on a modern design for the addition.

"When we were exploring inspiration," Daniela said, "the homes we liked the most were all in California. We hoped to bring a little of that feeling to our home."

Rather than looking like an add-on, the porch is treated as a room well blended into the new wing of the house. Screened openings are sized to match the large windows of the adjacent dining room. Cedar siding and an overhanging roof line extend from the protected outdoor space to the rest of the addition.

"Maximizing outdoor space and preserving landscape was key, so integrating the screened porch into the addition served to reduce its footprint," said architect Jon Hensley, who led the design and renovation.

"We had a lot of ideas at the beginning of the project," Hensley said. "We looked at adding to the front and back of the house and going up. The biggest challenge was matching the ideas with the budget."

The Sicuranzas were as particular in choosing the original ranch home to buy as adding onto it.

"It took us three years to find the right house," Chris said.

He and his wife purchased the home in 2009 for $725,000 based on its cul-de-sac location, remodeled kitchen and proximity to public schools.

"The lot is huge and private in the back, so that was the icing on the cake," Daniela said.

After moving into the home, the couple became parents to two daughters, Gabriela and Lucia, now 7 and 5, respectively. In 2015, they decided to add the essential spaces missing from the home and renovate the interiors to improve family life. They declined to say how much they spent on the remodeling project.

The original dining room had disappeared when the previous homeowners incorporated it into their kitchen renovation.

"We really needed a place to have meals with the kids and family," Chris said. "Our only place to have dinner was at the kitchen island."

For Thanksgiving, we rented long plastic tables and put them in the living room. It wasn't ideal.

The addition centers on a dining room off the kitchen, which features handblown glass pendant lights and a niche for displaying family photos. French doors on one side open to the screened porch to increase the flow between the two spaces.

At the opposite end of the house, the existing master bedroom lacked an adjoining bathroom and closets large enough to store clothes and belongings.

By building a new bedroom as part of the addition, the Sicuranzas gained more space and his-and-her walk-in closets. The original master bedroom was turned into a master bathroom, a linen closet and a hallway leading to the new bedroom.

Of all the spaces in the home, the new screened porch next to the dining room has come to be the most used. More than a bug-free perch to admire the backyard, the multifunctional retreat serves as a recreation space, a playroom, a second living room, an entertaining area and a place to enjoy meals and conversation.

"We are out here all the time," Daniela said. "When it's cold, we'll come out and wrap ourselves in blankets."

Inside the porch, the walls are clad in stained cedar like the exterior of the addition, and floors are made of durable ipe. The ceiling is painted in Benjamin Moore's Black Bean Soup to match the dark brown exterior trim, garage door and frames of the new windows throughout the house. Fiberglass screening is super-fine to provide more transparency than metal mesh.

The entire yard is being refreshed according to a design by Arlington, Va., landscape architect Scott Brinitzer.

Along the side of house, diseased and dying hemlock trees were removed and replaced with cryptomeria trees. The evergreens play an essential role in the landscape design, screening the view of the McMansion next door.

Deborah K. Dietsch is a freelancer.
Farm-like house in Hinsdale: $2.2 million

ADDRESS: 415 S. Park Ave. in Hinsdale
ASKING PRICE: $2,195,000
Listed on Aug. 31, 2017
Architectural details include soaring ceilings, rich hardwood floors and formal spaces. The back stairway leads to the gourmet kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances, wet bar and breakfast area which opens to the family room with custom built-ins and a fireplace. The library has French doors, coffered ceiling and custom built-ins. Master suite with fireplace, tray ceiling and balcony. Patio with built-in fireplace overlooking the grounds dotted with mature trees and a pool.
Agent: Erin McLaughlin of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices KoenigRubloff Realty Group, 630-263-8755

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At press time, this home was still for sale.

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A motion for relief is hereby filed pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered in the above cause on July 25, 2017, an order of the Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidders for cash, the subject property, 716668.

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Central Street Bridge Project

Notice of Unincorporated Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing on the matters set forth in the Notice of Unincorporated Public Hearing will be held by the City of Evanston on September 6, 2017.

The City of Evanston (City) will hold a Public Hearing (Open House) on Thursday, September 7, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and a formal Public Hearing (Open House) on Saturday, September 9, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 1705 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

The purpose of this project is to reconstruct the Central Street Bridge over the North Shore Channel. Originally constructed in 1926, the existing structure is reaching the end of its service life and is in need of replacement.

The proposed replacement of the Central Street Bridge will consist of constructing a new bridge with two lanes of traffic, two shoulders, and a bike path. The new bridge will be constructed using a segmented structure to minimize traffic disruption during construction.

The proposed improvements will be displayed for viewing during the entire time.

The City is seeking public comments on the feasibility of the proposed replacement of the Central Street Bridge and will consider any additional relief that may be necessary.

The City of Evanston, in accordance with the Illinois Compiled Statutes, has determined that the proposed replacement of the Central Street Bridge will not adversely affect the features, facilities, and amenities of the Central Street Bridge.

The proposed replacement of the Central Street Bridge will not exceed the Overall permitted development as required by the City of Evanston. The proposed replacement of the Central Street Bridge will be in accordance with the requirements of the City of Evanston.

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MOVIES

Pickwick Classic Film Series breaks out the big guns for its fifth season

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Pioneer Press

To celebrate the start of his big fifth season, Pickwick Theatre Classic Film Series founder and host Matthew Hoffman has announced that he’s going for the money.

Yep. He’s finally decided to go for the dough, the shekels, the greenbacks, the moolah, the loot — beginning Sept. 14 with one of Alfred Hitchcock’s biggest commercial successes, “Rear Window.”

Only not really and anyway he’s doing it for a good cause.

You’ve heard of the movie “2001: A Space Odyssey,” perhaps? Well, it’s one of Hoffman’s faves and he’d like to do a 50th anniversary screening in May as the last film of the fifth season. And he’d also like the star of the film, Keir Dullea, to appear as a special guest. “(2001) would be the biggest show I’ve ever done by far,” said Hoffman, acknowledging that any number of things could still go wrong — although Dullea is committed. The studio, for example, could decide to withhold “2001” during its 50th or send it out on tour. Hoffman doesn’t expect that to happen, but if it does, he’s prepared to swap a 50th anniversary screening of “The Planet of the Apes” and wait until season six to open with “2001” and Dullea.

“This is a show I really feel strongly about,” Hoffman said. “I saw ’2001’ at the Music Box in 70mm and it looked fantastic, but to have a star from the film on stage? I’ve heard (Keir Dullea) is just a fantastic guest and I really want Park Ridge to have that kind of experience.”

Which brings us full circle back to Hoffman’s decision to program this season with movies he knows people really want to see — not necessarily the ones he thinks are best for them. Though, the dirty little secret is, he’s managed, in most if not all cases, to have it both ways.

Take “Rear Window,” for example. Sure, it’s one of Hitchcock’s biggest hits, but it’s also a bone fide classic, a favorite of film critics everywhere and one heck of a suspenseful movie.

“Rear Window is the first Hitchcock film I saw in a theater,” Hoffman said. “I was 8 years old when I saw the re-release in 1983. I can still feel the suspense of Grace Kelly going into the murderer’s apartment while Stewart watches her.”

Hoffman says he’s figured out by now how to fill the theater every time if he wishes — just by choosing a popular film with name recognition. Fortunately for him, he’s not even close to running out of classic films that meet that criterion and still satisfy his own requirements. Which is why he’s confident he can ring the box office gong this season with “Young Frankenstein” for Halloween in October, “The Wizard of Oz” around Thanksgiving in November, “White Christmas” for the holidays in December, “The Godfather” (a frequent audience request) in January, “Some Like it Hot” in February, an 85th-anniversary screening of Hoffman’s personal favorite, the original “King Kong” in March, something yet to be named (possibly a big musical or a Bond film) in April, and then either “2001: A Space Odyssey” or “The Planet of the Apes” for the season finale in May.

Regardless of how it plays out, Hoffman’s conscience is clear.

“My overarching goal is to expose younger generations to these great films,” he said. “That’s what this has always been about. It’s nice to have this opportunity to see these classic films they way they were meant to be seen.”
Main Street in Evanston will be open for walking, biking and other kinds of fun during Streets Alive! Sept. 10.

**FAMILY FRIENDLY**

**Play day on Main Street**

**BY MYRNA PETLICKI**

Pioneer Press

You and your children will be able to walk, bike and play on a mile of Evanston's Main Street, between Chicago Ave. and Robert Crown Park, during Streets Alive! 1-5 p.m. Sept. 10. This year's theme, "Share the Road!" encourages safe use of roads by drivers, bikers and pedestrians.

Activities will include yoga, martial arts demonstrations, exercise classes, interactive art, outdoor games, bike decorating and more. Indigo, a contemporary pop and R&B band will perform. Evanston Green Living Festival will run simultaneously.

For details, call 847-448-0650 or see www.mundeleinparks.org.

**Library hosts author of 'Ghost'**

Fans are invited to Meet the Author: Jason Reynolds, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Reynolds, who has authored many award-winning books for children, is on a national book tour for "Patina," the sequel to his National Book Award finalist, "Ghost."

Books will be available for purchase and autographing.

For details, call 847-673-7774 or see www.skokielibrary.info.

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For details, call 847-905-1500 or see www.musicinst.org.

**Come and play**

...at Family Field Day, 10 a.m.-noon Sept. 9 at Falcon Park Recreation Center, 2195 N. Hicks Road, Palatine. The annual event, sponsored by the Palatine Jaycees as part of its Healthy Family Initiative, will offer clinics on soccer, hockey, yoga and basketball. The Bike Palatine Club will provide a bike rodeo and offer safety tips. There will be giveaways and prizes.

The free event is targeted for children ages 6-12.

For details, call 847-604-0288 or see www.palatinejaycees.org.
Dinner heralds Kohl Museum’s Oct. 14 gala

Event: Gala Kick-off Dinner
Launching: “An Evening to Imagine,” annual gala to benefit the Kohl Children’s Museum, Glenview, set for Oct. 14 at Venue One North Shore, Deerfield
Hosted by: Carl and Carolyn Rutstein of Glencoe
Special vocal performance: 2016 American’s Got Talent finalist Laura Bretan of Northbrook
Date: June 10
Information: 847-832-6906; www.kohlchildrensmuseum.org

GALA RAISES $50,000 FOR CHICAGO MASTER SINGERS

Connie Wojtowicz, from left, and Chicago Master Singers member David Wojtowicz, both from Park Ridge, and Donald Newsom, CMS member from Bolingbrook, were among 138 guests at the CMS Benefit Gala held at the Grove Country Club in Long Grove on May 13. The evening raised $50,000 for programs and mission of the choral group. Chicago Master Singers perform Handel’s “Messiah” at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3 and 7 p.m. Nov. 4 at Techny Auditorium, 2001 Waukegan Road, Techny. See www.chicagomastersingers.org.

BENEFIT RAISES $500,000 FOR SGA SERVICES

Paul Weinewuth of Naperville, from left, John Cultra of La Grange, Ray Grady of Chicago, Karen Weinewuth of Naperville, Beth Grady of Chicago, Victoria Cultra of La Grange, Matthew Schmeltz, SGA board of directors, and Christine Schmeltz, both of Park Ridge were among 300 guests at a Benefit Dinner supporting SGA Youth & Family Services, which is committed to transforming challenged neighborhoods in the Chicago area. Held at the Four Seasons Chicago May 4, the event also announced a grant from the Joseph Pedott Family Fund. All new and increased gifts made before May 4, 2018, are eligible for a dollar-for-dollar match. The dinner raised $500,000 for SGA services. See www.sga-youth.org.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Sept. 7

Robert Randolph and The Family Band: With Israel Nash. 8 p.m. Thursday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $35-$76, 847-492-8860

Hidden Features on Your iPhone and iPad: Registration is required for Apple users new and old. Bring your Apple device and login information and discover the hidden features, quick tricks and other tips. 2 p.m. Thursday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

SAIC Art Exhibition at Fashion Outlets of Chicago: Fashion Outlets of Chicago is featuring the work of three Master of Design graduate students from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), as part of The Collection: Where Art Meets Fashion. The three winning students, Alexia Roach, Nick Mashie and Shaly Guo, entered a series of exhibitions that shaped what women chose, and sometimes didn't choose, to wear. 1 p.m. Saturday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $22-$46, 847-492-8860

NFL Season Kickoff Party at Kings Lounge and Sports: 5505 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-233-0099

Shabbat B'Yachad Service and Dinner: Join in for a healthy nosh at 5:45 p.m., family-friendly services at 6 p.m. for ages birth to 2nd grade and 3rd to 6th grade and then leave the cooking to them; stay for dinner at 6:45 p.m. RSVP to Matt for dinner at mishsion@bethshalommb.org or call Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250

Pinched, Pulled, and Puffed: 2000 Years of Fashion: Enjoy a romp through the history of undergarments and fashion trends that resulted in bizarre shapes and unwieldy heights. From the Greeks and Romans to today's "Free the Nipple" movement, marvel at the sources of inspiration and creativity that shaped what women chose, and sometimes didn't choose, to wear. 1 p.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $12-$17, 847-784-0630

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. Friday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

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 will try to stop them before a new 24th emerges. 1 p.m. Friday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood

Friday Fun and Games: This is for all adults to come and play familiar games, learn new games, make friends, and challenge their brain power. Drop by the North Suburban YMCA every Friday morning from 10:15 to 11:15 for an hour of board, card or word games. Bring your own favorites, or just show up and play what's on the table. Free coffee and tea available while you play. For more information, contact Karen Brownlee, kbrownlee@nysyc.org, 10:15 a.m. Friday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250

Meet the Artists Reception at YMCA Community Gallery: The North Suburban YMCA welcomes local painters Kitte Yoho, Shirley Hutchison, Peggy Kullman, Pam Lee, Cheryl Sachs, Nicole Patke, Shteh Cohen and Wanda Arrelando for a group exhibit entitled Seven Chicks and a Duck, running through September in the Y's Community Gallery. Meet the artists and tour the show at a free public reception from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250

Saturday, Sept. 9

Nate Stanforth: 8 p.m. Saturday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $12-$22, 847-492-8860

Glenview Farmers Market: 8 a.m. Saturday, Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

Painting with Robots for Ages 4 and up with Adult: As a family, use the Library's Sphere SPRK+ robots to create an original work of art to take home. Please register for only one session, as space is limited. Register at glenvillepl.org/register or call 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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 glenvillepl.org/register or by calling 1 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

MGPL on the Go: The Morton Grove Public Library has representatives at the Morton Grove Farmer's Market for a chat about upcoming events at the library, books and e-books, movies, mobile devices and much more. They will answer questions about the library and even register you for a library card if needed. 8 a.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Farmer's Market, 6210 Dempster St., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Mrs. Thinster's Back-to-School Supply Drive: Mrs. Thinster's Back-to-School Supply Drive supports local families at the Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana Ronald McDonald House. Come from noon to 4 p.m. on Sept. 9 and sample Mrs. Thinster's deliciously crunchy, non-GMO cookie thins and donate school supplies to children in need. Noon Saturday, Northbrook Court, 2171 Northbrook Court, Northbrook, free, 847-498-8161

Day of Service Honoring Sept. 11 Heroes: Honor 9/11 victims, survivors, and those who rose up to serve in response to the attacks with a day of remembrance and community service at the North Suburban YMCA. American Legion Auxiliary military veterans, USO Illinois, and Y staff members will participate in a flag raising salute and beautification projects at the Y. Community volunteers are welcome. Contact Heather Castle for more information at, hcastle@nysyc.org. See Facebook. 9:30 a.m. Saturday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road, Northbrook, free, 847-727-7250

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

Second Saturday Family Storytime & Craft: Enjoy stories and crafts for the whole family. 10 a.m. Saturday, 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 instruments class. 1 p.m. Saturday, St. Lambert Education Center, 8141 Kedvale Ave., Skokie, see website, 847-763-3640

Preserving Survivor Stories: Ask Holocaust Survivor Pinchas Gutter any question you would like, and "natural

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Northfield Farmers' Market: 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Northfield Farmers' Market, 6 Happ Road, Winnetka, free, 847-446-4451

Smartypants Celebration at The Book Stall: The Book Stall celebrates author Ruth Spiro's "Baby Loves Science" series for babies, toddlers and pre-kindergarten children. Participants ages 1-4 soar, sing and flap their wings at this unique story time, where observation, imagination and participation are encouraged. Ruth also signs copies of her two new books, "Baby Loves Thermodynamics!" and "Baby Loves Quantum Physics!" 11 a.m. Saturday, The Book Stall at Chestnut Court, 511 Elm St., Winnetka, free, 847-446-8880

Sunday, Sept. 10

Michelle Malone Band: 7 p.m. Sunday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $15-$27, 847-492-8860

Live Jazz with Chad Willets Trio: On Sundays they have their full brunch menu with live jazz and the Chad Willets Trio from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Peckish Pig, 623 Howard St., Evanston, free, 847-491-6778

John Williams' Sunday music session: 3 p.m. Sunday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Street Alive and Evanston Green Living Festiva: 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 webpages. 1 p.m. Sunday, Chicago Avenue and Main Street, 900 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8256

"The Lost City of Z": This PG-13 rated movie is a riveting, heartfelt portrayal in a lush jungle setting. A true-life drama centering on British explorer Colonel Percy Fawcett, who disappeared while searching for a mysterious city in the Amazon in the 1920s. Just drop in. 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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. Sunday, 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. Sunday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Morton Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Saint Martha Church Celtic Art Silent Auction: Silent Auction featuring the art work of Celtic Artist Courtney Davis. Sale also includes the works of other artists and a selection of collectible dolls. Complimentary glass of champagne and appetizers are served. Noon Sunday, St. Martha Church, 8523 Georgiana Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-0262

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

Blood Drive: This blood drive takes place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. To schedule an appointment, visit www.lifesource.org and use code NBO5. All healthy adults over 17 who weight at least 110 pounds may donate blood. Appointment requirements are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. 8 a.m. Sunday, Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, free, 847-498-4100

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 Oaks Green Park in Northbrook. This marks the anniversary of the church, located at the corner of Sanders and Dundee in Northbrook. During the celebration, items of historical interest will be on display, 10 a.m. Sunday, North Northfield United Methodist Church, 797 Sanders Road, Northbrook, free, 847-727-2250

The Jazz Community Big Band: This is Sunday worship with a Big Band and all are welcome. Jazz Community is an 18-piece big band playing the music of Count Basie, Stan Kenton, Thad Jones, Duke Ellington and many others. 10 a.m. Sunday, Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-3164

Bake Sale and Cookie Walk: Visit our terrific cookie walk and purchase these mouth-watering goodies by the pound. Also for purchase: berry pies, apple pies, chocolate cakes, bundt cakes, rugalach and more. Nut free and gluten free options. Community welcome. For more information call 847-675-0951 or visit http://www.thisskokie.org. 9 a.m. Sunday, Temple Beth Israel, 360 W. Dempster St., Skokie, free, 847-675-0951

Monday, Sept. II

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! 6:30 p.m. Monday, Mariano's Des Plaines, 10 E Golf Road, Des Plaines, $20

The Mudflapps live every Monday: The Mudflapps sing and play their hearts out every Monday in the pub from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m. Food and drink will be served late. 8 p.m. Monday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Page Turners: Just drop in for "A Spool of Blue Thread" by Anne Tyler. This is the true story of the top-secret World War II town of Oak Ridge, Tenn. and the young women who unwittingly played a crucial role. 1 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Returning to the Bible Jesus Used: Dr. Michael Rydelnik, professor, author, and host of Open Line on Moody Radio addresses the topic of textual criticism, particularly as it relates to messianic prophecy in the Hebrew Scriptures. He also answers your questions about the Bible. 7 p.m. Monday, Willow Creek North Shore, 2200 Shermer Road, Glenview, free

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. Monday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free

Knitting Roundtable for Adults: Ronnie Rand, 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. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6440 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Ballroom Dance Classes: A basic ballroom dance class starts at 6:45 p.m., and an intermediate class is at 7:45 p.m. 6:45 p.m. Monday, Bernard Weinger JCC, 300 Revere Drive, Northbrook, $10 per person per class, 847-757-2227

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 recommended because of a painful condition. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $10 member; $15 non member, 847-784-6030

Music of the American - War Between the States: Nineteenth century America was a country trying to discover itself. Greg Athnos traces the folk traditions, the music leading up to the "Brothers War," the music of slavery and the hope for the future. Stephen Foster and Abraham Lincoln are just two of the important figures included in this presentation. 10 a.m. Monday, 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 reminis- cence, trivia games, Pictionary, 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. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $59 member; $69 non member, 847-784-6030

Sit and Get Fit: Move your feet and get fit while seated. This multi-level class is suitable for those with limitations who are seeking to improve muscle tone, strength and stamina. Standing exercises that improve lower body strength and balance are incorporated for those participants willing and able. 11 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, $59 member; $69 non member, 847-784-6030

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Skokie Concert Choir Open Rehearsals: Those who love to sing may join the Skokie Concert Choir at its fall open rehearsal from 7-9 p.m. Interested singers are invited for all voice parts. Tomos 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. Monday, 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 Maynard's book from them. 5:30 p.m. Monday, The Book Stall at Chestnut Court, 211 Elm St., Winnetka, free, 847-446-8880

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Erlin McKeown: With Haroula Rose. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $15-$25, 847-492-8860

Carrie Mae Weems: Ritual and 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. Tuesday and 10 a.m. Wednesday, Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, 40 Arts Cir Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000

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 Glenview Library card. Register at glenviewpl.org/register or 847-729-7500. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 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 resources available to homeschoolers. 10 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

History in the Making: Glenview 1917: In 1917, with a population less than 700 and the world at war, the Village of Glenview welcomed the Bear that would become its symbol for all future generations. Beverly Dawson, Glenview history expert and author, takes the audience back to a time when Glenview was positioning itself to becoming the dynamic village we know today. Register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Spark Park for Kindergarten to Grade 2: Tiny Teslas and Curious Curies needed for hands-on STEAM exploration. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 4 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

ISAC Financial Aid Presentation: All teens ages 12-18 are welcome! The Illinois Student Assistance 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 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. Tuesday, 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 Nicolas Cage and Michael Pena. 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 read 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. Tuesday, Lubavitch Chabad of Northbrook, 2095 Landwehr Road, Northbrook, $99, 847-564-8770

The Adoption Process From A to Z: Sally Wildman, 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. Tuesday, New Trier Township High School, 7 Hopp 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. Tuesday, 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. 9:30 a.m. Tuesday and 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, 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. Siblings are welcome. 10:15 a.m. Tuesday and 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Dave Alvino: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, $32-$48, 847-492-8860

Live Music Wednesdays with the Josh Rzapka Trio: Hear the music of Dizzy Gillespie, Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk and other classics of the era played by the Josh Rzapka Bebop trio. Reservations can be made online or by calling. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Found Kitchen & Social House, 1631 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-868-8945

Your iPad: Getting Started: Explore settings, browse the web, and download apps in this interactive workshop. Your iPad must be charged and in working order. Must know your Apple ID and password. Register with your Glenview Library card at glenviewpl.org/register or call 2 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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 artists. Bring your own knitting supplies. 11 a.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

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Hayes intent on leading Hawks to title

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

Maine South senior wide receiver and linebacker Rory Hayes is extra motivated to help the Hawks defend their state title.

The 6-foot-3, 200-pound Hayes contributed at receiver and linebacker as a junior, but he broke his right leg while playing on defense in a Week 7 loss to New Trier and missed the rest of the season.

Hayes watched from the sidelines with his leg in a cast, and for a few weeks wheeled around on a scooter, as the Hawks bounced back and won seven straight games en route to a Class 8A state championship.

Hayes was a presence on the sidelines and in the locker room for the entire postseason and said he was thrilled to be a part of it. However, he admitted he may not have fully experienced the playoff run as a non-playing member of the team. That’s why Hayes said he’s determined to help lead the Hawks back to the summit again this season.

“Just makes me want this year to be even better and for us to win state again, because (last year) I was a part of it, but at the same time, I wasn’t a part of it. Just motivates me,” said Hayes, a Park Ridge resident who said he unsuccessfully tried to convince Hawks coach Dave Inserra to let him play in the title game versus Loyola.

Hayes caught eight passes for 154 yards and four touchdowns. His 61-yard, third-quarter touchdown reception — a short pass over the middle that he took to the end zone — came on the first play from scrimmage after the visiting Griffins had opened up a 28-13 lead. Four of Hayes’ other catches were third-down grabs that picked up a first down.

“(Hayes) is just always the best athlete on the field, whenever he’s on the field,” said O’Sullivan, who lives in Park Ridge. “He has that big-play ability. You see it whenever he gets the ball in his hands and makes big plays when we need him.”

Hayes, who also played outside linebacker, made his presence felt on the defensive side of the ball as well. He was part of a team that was one of the biggest factors in Maine South’s postseason success a year ago.

Maine South’s Rory Hayes (8) picks up yards after the catch against Lincoln-Way East on Friday in Park Ridge. Hayes made several big plays on offense and defense in the Hawks’ 28-26 loss.

“Throughout the (2016) playoffs, a bunch of kids stepped up as captains and helped out everybody,” Hayes said. “That really helped us (as a team).”

Dan Shalin is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

WEEK 2 FOOTBALL RESULTS

Friday’s scores

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WEEK 2 FOOTBALL: RIDGEWOOD 35, MAINE EAST 6

In his first two games as a starter, Ridgewood quarterback James Chalabi has thrown a total of seven touchdown passes.

After losing starting job, Chalabi now thriving

BY STEVE REAVEN
Pioneer Press

The wait is over.

For James Chalabi, that means he is finally the No. 1 quarterback on Ridgewood’s depth chart.

After a successful 2015 sophomore season leading the Rebels’ JV squad and with seemingly no one on the roster to challenge for the starting position, Chalabi thought his time had arrived last summer.

Those aspirations took a dramatic turn, though, when highly-touted senior Richie Zacharias transferred from Guerin to Ridgewood, shortly before the start of press season workouts.

Zacharias took over Chalabi, leading to a season of watching from the sidelines for Chalabi.

And waiting.

“THERE WERE PLenty OF TIMES I WANTED TO BE ON THE FIELD, BUT IT WAS HIS TURN,” Chalabi said. “BACKING HIM UP PUSHED ME TO GET BETTER AND IT WAS BEST FOR THE TEAM.”

Having Chalabi at the helm has been very good for the Rebels in 2017.

The Norridge resident has completed 22-of-29 passes for 478 yards and seven touchdowns in his first two varsity starts.

All four of his touchdown tosses in Ridgewood’s 41-6 season-opening win over Chicago Noble/Pritzker went to senior Marco Vitale, the 2016 Metro Suburban Red Offensive Player of the Year. Chalabi then went 12-for-14 for 183 yards and three touchdowns in a 35-6 home victory over Maine East on Friday.

“I give a huge amount of credit to the O-line,” Chalabi said. “The first game no one even got near me. That allowed me to stay relaxed in the pocket and focus downfield.”

Passing over Chalabi wasn’t something that coach Don Gelsomino, who was in his first year at the helm last season, took lightly. Gelsomino was impressed, though, with how Chalabi handled the setback and has a strong sense that the extra year of tutelage was beneficial in the long run.

“He never complained about what happened and he’s made himself a team leader,” Gelsomino said. “A lot goes on the quarterback’s shoulders and he’s embraced doing all the little things. Now this is his year.”

Helping make the year easier to navigate is a solid stable of offensive threats.

Senior Jason Kenny, who reeled in a 30-yard touchdown grab versus Maine East, is a beneficiary of the extra attention Vitale receives. Kenny also scored two defensive touchdowns.

“I feel like the offense is clicking very well,” Chalabi said. “All of our receivers are capable of catching anything I throw to them. I’ve got a lot of confidence in them.”

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Maine East sophomore Baltazar Cabrales carries the ball for a touchdown, his fourth rushing touchdown of the season, against Ridgewood on Friday in Norridge.

Under brother’s watchful eye, Cabrales shines

BY STEVE REAVEN
Pioneer Press

As a workhorse running back, Julio Cabrales likes when his number is called.

This fall, however, the prospect of losing some carries doesn’t bother the Maine East senior at all.

The main reason for Cabrales’ selflessness? His new backfield mate is his younger brother, Baltazar, who has emerged as a viable alternative in the Blue Demons’ run game.

“I told coach (Scott Smith) that I’m looking forward to him running the ball a lot,” Julio Cabrales said of his sophomore brother. “It’s a good adrenaline rush for me.”

Although Julio Cabrales has long admired his brother’s athletic ability, even he has been surprised at how seamless Baltazar Cabrales’ transition has been from JV quarterback to starting varsity running back.

Julio Cabrales has been impressed since the Blue Demons’ first offensive possession of the year. And it wasn’t because of anything Baltazar Cabrales did with the ball.

With Maine East running a “32-trap” from its customary Wing-T formation, a Schurz linebacker blitzed directly into a gap in the offensive line on Aug. 25 in Park Ridge.

Without hesitation – or previous preparation – Baltazar Cabrales moved into the path of the oncoming defender.

Instead of a big loss, the play yielded a nice run for senior fullback Chris Moreno and immediate admiration from big brother.

“That was a real eye-opener,” Julio Cabrales said. “I tried to tell him what to expect and so far he looks like he’s been playing varsity football since he came out of the womb.”

The brothers, who reside in Park Ridge, each eclipsed the 100-yard mark in the Blue Demons’ 48-18 season-opening win over Schurz and combined for five touchdowns. Their production subsided in Maine East’s 35-6 road loss to Ridgewood on Friday when a big early deficit forced the Blue Demons to largely abandon the run.

However, Baltazar Cabrales managed to add his fourth rushing touchdown of the year.

While Baltazar Cabrales has made a splashy entrance onto the scene, Julio Cabrales has been a two-way starter since his sophomore year.

And as valuable as he’s been on the field, Julio Cabrales’ leadership as one of four team captains can’t be underestimated.

“He’s helped me out so much. Anything I ever have questions about, I ask him,” said Baltazar Cabrales, who also starts at safety. “Since it’s his senior year, I really want us to do something special.”

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Windy City Diving helps mold state's top talent

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

Windy City Diving club has an Accomplishments page on its website, which lists an Olympian, numerous individual and team successes at national, regional and state meets and nine IHSA state champions, including both the boys and girls champion during the 2016-17 school year.

A new entry on the page is the program’s highest-ever finish at the USA Diving National Championships, which occurred this past summer. Windy City finished 16th overall in the event held at Ohio State, which took place July 29-Aug. 12. Windy City’s previous best finish occurred in 2016 when the program came in 20th in the combined senior and junior results.

“I’m super stoked about (the team finish),” said Maxim Royzen, a freshman at Minnesota. “I’ve watched Windy City grow and it’s been tremendous to see those accomplishments.”

Competing for Windy City at nationals, Royzen reached the finals (top 12) in the 1-meter (10th, 479.35) and 3-meter (11th, 517.40) in the 16-18 boys division.

Royzen, who was the IHSA state champion in 2017 as a senior at Niles North, was one of five Windy City divers to reach finals at nationals.

That list also includes Michigan freshman Christopher Canning, a Loyola graduate who came in 12th (506.70) on 3-meter in the 16-18 boys division, and New Trier junior Jessie Creed, who finished ninth (415.90) on 1-meter, ninth (431.65) on 3-meter and eighth (397.90) on platform in the 16-18 girls division. Creed was the IHSA girls state diving champion in 2016.

Windy City diver Heath Ogawa, a Lake Forest College junior and Deerfield native, also competed at nationals.

Canning, a Wilmette native, said the successes of Windy City divers is due to the club’s coaches, a group led by co-founders and co-head coaches Susan Bromberg and Donna O’Brien.

“We’re led by such phenomenal coaches, who do an amazing job of physically preparing us for diving — the training on dry land and board work,” Canning said. “They also do such a great job with the mental aspect. We do a lot of visualization for the big meets. They do a phenomenal job with that stuff and it’s reflected in the performances we have had.

Bromberg, also the head men’s and women’s diving coach at Illinois-Chicago, and O’Brien started Windy City Diving in 1997, and the program was initially based at Stevenson. Today, Windy City holds training sessions at Illinois-Chicago as well as in Palatine and Arlington Heights, the latter at the Olympic Indoor Swim Center.

The program has grown steadily in numbers, according to Bromberg. After starting with 25 divers, Windy City had 200 registered divers this year.

Bromberg said she believes one of the keys to the club’s success has been a commitment to long-term improvement rather than immediate results.

“If you look at the evolution of a diver throughout their career, they should be at their best when they are in their 20s, not when they are 11 or 16 or 18 years old,” said Bromberg, who dove at Illinois and now lives in Deerfield. “By the time they are 18, their bodies have matured and they are mentally maturing and can understand the corrections we’ve giving them.

Bromberg continued: “We want to create a solid base of fundamentals, and have them learning the harder dives as they are getting stronger.”

Royzen, who lives in Skokie, said this approach has not only helped him have success at the high-school level, but set him up to succeed in college.

“Susan is good at making sure you have a good base,” said Royzen, who joined the program as a high school sophomore. “If you don’t have fundamentals, when you start doing the harder dives, at some point you’ll (figuratively) hit a wall. (This method) helps you have greater success in the long run and helps in preventing injuries.”

Maxim Royzen, the 2017 IHSA boys diving state champion and a Minnesota freshman, began training with Windy City Diving as a Niles North sophomore.

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Carmel grad Minor enjoys playing in U.S. Open

BY SAM BRIEF
Pioneer Press

Carmel alumna Brienne Minor, the reigning NCAA Division I women’s tennis singles champion, made her debut at the U.S. Open, one of the sport’s grandest stages.

Minor suffered a 6-1, 7-5 loss to Tunisia’s Ons Jabeur, the 99th-ranked player in the world, in the first round on Aug. 30. The Michigan junior was playing at the year’s final Grand Slam thanks to a wild-card berth into the main draw.

“This was an amazing first experience,” Minor was quoted as saying in an article on theundefeated.com. During her time at the U.S. Open, Minor also passed Roger Federer in a hallway and got to say, “Hi” to Venus Williams, according to a New York Times story.

Minor, a Mundelein native, played her match on Court 10 at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. She was not all that far from Arthur Ashe Stadium, the tournament’s main court.

Ashe won the NCAA Division I men’s singles title in 1965 as a UCLA student-athlete and went on to win three Grand Slam singles titles. He was the most recent African-American to win an NCAA Division I singles title until Minor defeated Florida’s Belinda Woolcock in May.

Minor became the first black woman to win the NCAA Division I singles title.

Minor is coached by Mark Bey, who serves as the high performance coordinator at the Glenview Tennis Club and also coaches the pro doubles team of Mike and Bob Bryan.

McCoy catches fire to start season

Kayla McCoy, who graduated from Christian Heritage Academy in Northfield, is off to a strong start for the Duke women’s soccer team this year.

McCoy, a junior forward from Lincolnwood, racked up two goals and an assist in Duke’s first four games. Duke (4-1-0) is ranked No. 13 in the country in the United Soccer Coaches poll released Aug. 29.

McCoy scored in wins over Xavier and Old Dominion. She has started all five of her team’s games.

Last season, Duke reached the quarterfinal round of the NCAA tournament.

McCoy scored a team-high eight goals as a sophomore.

Sommers relishing role as setter

Buffalo Grove graduate Katelyn Sommers, a junior setter on the Trinity International women’s volleyball team, has orchestrated the Trojans’ attack in her first season with the squad.

Through Trinity International’s first seven matches, Sommers led the way with 109 assists, including a season-high 28 against Indiana Northwest on Aug. 25. The Trojans won that match 25-19, 25-14, 25-16 in Gary.

Sommers played the past two seasons at Harper College before transferring to the Deerfield school, which is a member of the NAIA.

Trinity International (5-5) was scheduled to begin play in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference on Tuesday at home against Roosevelt.

Area athletes help Colgate football win opener

The Colgate football team, which competes at the FCS level, started off its season with an upset win on the road, beating Cal Poly 20-14 on Aug. 26 in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

The Mustangs were ranked No. 23 in the nation in the preseason coaches poll.

A few Chicagoland natives played a role in the win. Hinsdale Central graduate Max Hartzman, a starting senior center, helped Colgate gain 156 yards rushing. Hartzman is one of the team’s four captains.

Hinsdale Central graduate Thomas Ives, a junior wideout, caught two passes for 21 yards.

Senior linebacker Trent Williams, a Lake Forest native, pitched in with five total tackles. Junior Owen Buscaglia, a Loyola alumnus, also recorded a tackle.

Loyola graduate and Wilmette native Jack Badovinac, a freshman offensive lineman, also played for Colgate.

After a week off, the Raiders (1-0) figure to have another tough game this week when they play host to Richmond on Saturday. The Spiders were ranked No. 7 in the preseason poll.

Have a suggestion for College Notes? Email Sam Brief at briefsam@gmail.com.

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Donald looks back on helping Conway Farms

BY STEVE SADIN
Pioneer Press

A member of Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest played a key role in bringing the BMW Championship to the North Shore for three of the last five years.

But this was no ordinary member.

Luke Donald, who spent close to a year atop the Official World Golf Ranking, is a dues-paying member at Conway Farms and helped his home course secure the penultimate event of the FedEx Cup Playoffs.

Donald, however, won’t be in the field this year. The BMW Championship, which runs from Sept. 14-17 at Conway Farms, is limited to the top 70 members on the PGA Tour as determined by the tour standings entering the week. Donald did not make the cut.

Donald was first introduced to Conway Farms during his freshman season on the Northwestern men’s golf team in 1997. Todd Marsh, the club’s general manager, said the Wildcats practiced there once a week.

When Donald decided to turn pro and was ready to graduate in 2001, he called Marsh.

“He said he was staying in the area and wanted to become a member of the club,” Marsh said.

Lake Forest mayor Rob Lansing, who is a charter member of the club, said he was impressed with the fact that Donald, who has a home in Northfield as well as Florida, insisted on being a paid member.

“He could have joined anywhere,” Lansing said. “He wanted to become a member here and he wanted to pay.”

When Conway Farms was founded in 1991, Lansing said it made a commitment to become a venue for amateur golf competitions.

Luke Donald signs autographs after practicing at the BMW Championship on Sept. 10, 2013, at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest.

After hosting the NCAA Division I men’s golf tournament in 1997, the U.S. Junior Am in 1998, U.S. Open qualifying rounds in 2007 and 2008 and the Western Amateur in 2009, Marsh said the club started thinking about a PGA Tour event.

Marsh called Donald, and the timing was right. Donald said he started talking to PGA officials and offered Marsh and others at Conway Farms ideas about how best to approach the PGA.

“The tour was looking to move an event somewhere in the Chicago area,” Donald said. “I told them the North Shore was an opportune place to do it. I suggested they have a look at Conway.”

While Donald was talking to his fellow professionals, club officials were working with both the PGA Tour and the Western Golf Association to bring the event to Conway Farms.

“He showed us the ropes,” Marsh said. “He told us how to get the course ready and keep it ready for a tournament. He told us what the players like and what they think is important.”

Conway Farms was awarded the 2013 BMW Championship, which was formerly called the Western Open, ending Cog Hill’s run as the host in the Chicagoland area.

When the PGA Tour came to Lake Forest in September 2013, Donald made the most of his homecoming. He shot an 11-under 273 to finish in a four-way tie for fourth.

Jim Furyk also felt at home that week, shooting a course-record 59 in the second round and besting Donald’s old mark by two strokes. It was just the sixth 59 in the history of the PGA Tour. However, Furyk had to settle for third as Zach Johnson won the tournament with a 16-under 268.

“I felt very proud and was happy for the club,” Donald said. “It was great to have my peers get the experience to come out and play here.”

Though Donald will not be competing in the tournament this year, he will be playing a round at Conway Farms with Sergio Garcia and others as he hosts a golf outing and dinner for The First Tee of Greater Chicago, an organization that introduces golf to young people.

After hosting the BMW Championship in 2013, Conway Farms was awarded the event in 2015 and again this year. Donald didn’t play in the 2015 edition either, which was won by Jason Day.

The BMW Championship will be held in Pennsylvania next year and moves to Medinah Country Club in 2019. The site of the 2020 tournament has not been announced.

Marsh said Donald’s help was critical all along the way:

“Had we not had 41,000 people there,” Marsh said, “BMW would have been happy with that. We got the tournament in ’15 and ’17.”

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